



District 5690 News



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Message from District Governor

David Yoder



Dear 5690 Rotarians,

Our Rotary year together is officially winding down. Just like the inevitable and unmistakable signs of Spring arriving: flowers blooming, grass turning green (time for mowing season!), leaves forming on the trees, robins and other migratory birds returning, so too the unmistakable signs of a new Rotary year arrive: designation of all the incoming club presidents and officers, PETS, the District Training Assembly, semi-annual District membership dues going out to the clubs, panicked incoming District Governor-Elect wondering just what he's gotten into (I know this part very well, Dean, having been there myself at this time last year).

Speaking of PETS, it's now time for our annual President-Elect Training Seminar. For you new incoming PE's, and anyone else interested in club leadership, this is a serious (but also very fun) opportunity to learn what the wonderful world of Rotary is all about, learn how to lead your club, and make your community a better place for having served. This March 31- April 2, PE's from all three Kansas Districts (and our great friends in the Oklahoma panhandle)

will converge upon Manhattan for some outstanding training, great speakers, good food, some lively entertainment, and opportunities to meet the movers and shakers in our other clubs throughout our region. You will make lifelong friends and con-

tacts, I guarantee.

My Rotary moment began with PETS. Before attending PETS, my vision of Rotary was a gathering of business-minded folks in my community for a dinner (My home club, Newton, meets in the evening), a speaker, and some fellowship. I had a dim vision of Rotary outside my community. That all changed with PETS. When I agreed to serve as club president, I was informed I had to go to this thing called PETS. At first I wondered what learning about my dogs had to do with Rotary, never having heard of PETS prior to this. But I was a dutiful incoming president and attended as instructed. That, my friends, is when I truly became a Rotarian. That's when I discovered the incredible world that is Rotary, and the amazing accomplishments of this organization throughout the world.

I returned home a changed man, and as my wife will tell you, I came back with a fire in

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mar. 31-Apr. 2, 2016
PETS
Manhattan, KS

May 25-28, 2016
RYLA
Winfield, KS

Oct 14-15, 2016
District Conference
Winfield, KS

April 29-30, 2016
District Training Assembly
Greensburg, KS

May 28—June 1 2016
Rotary Intl. Convention
Seoul Korea

Message from District Governor David Yoder (cont'd)

my belly for Rotary that has never died out. In fact, the more involved I've become the more passionate I am about all things Rotarian.

I sincerely hope that all of you incoming presidents have a similar "eureka" moment when you attend this year's edition of PETS. There are a lot of Rotarians, such as I, who continue to attend PETS nearly every year and are not PE's. There is a very good reason for this. PETS is an ideal forum to re-ignite that fire and passion for Rotary, to hear all the latest goings-on in the world of Rotary, and to meet again with good friends made in years past through PETS.

After PETS, we will be having the District Training Assembly (DTA) in Greensburg on Saturday, April 30. Please plan to attend, as it will NOT be a repeat of PETS. The

DTA is more of a nuts-and-bolts, hands-on training within our District for our own PE's, club officers, future leaders, and all others interested in Rotary at the District level and how we can help serve your clubs. Plan on attending, you won't be disappointed. DGE Dean Kennedy has planned a very good Assembly. More on that next month.

See you at PETS.

David Yoder

*District Governor 2015-16
Rotary Club of Newton*



Sterling Hall (Sublette) to serve as District Governor 2018-19

To All My Dedicated Rotarians and Friends:

It is with the most sincere honor and excitement that I can formally announce that District 5690 has selected Sterling Hall as our District Governor for 2018-2019. The deadline for filing objections or for nominating another candidate having passed, I can now make it official. Beginning July 1, Sterling will formally step in as our District Governor Nominee. Sterling hails from the Sublette Rotary club and has served in Rotary for 28 years.

Thank you, Sterling, for stepping up to the DG mantle. You will make a fine District Governor.

Yours in Rotary,

-DG David Yoder



Voting Delegate at RI Convention in Seoul

If your club is needing a Club Voting Delegate at the RI Convention in Seoul (May 28-June 1), PDG Geri Appel will be attending and will serve in that capacity if you send her the signed Voting Delegate form. Mail to 1668 N Sagebrush, Wichita, KS 67230

Rotary's Council on Legislation

The Council on Legislation, an essential part of Rotary's governance, will meet April 10-15, 2016 in Chicago where they will consider changes to the policies that guide Rotary International and its member clubs. Every three years, representatives from all Rotary districts across the globe gather to review and vote on proposed legislation.

District 5690 Representative is PDG **Curtis Dick**. Our alternate, PDG **Rod Kreie** will also attend as an observer.

Live updates and vote totals from the Council on Legislation will be found on www.rotary.org beginning April 11.

You can [read more here](#).

NEWS - For 2016-2017 Club Leadership Team

DGE Dean Kennedy's 2016-17 "Dream Team"



Incoming District Dean Kennedy is fired up and preparing for his year as District Governor of 5690. In fact, this weekend the 2016-17 "Dream Team" presidents are preparing for their year at PETS in Manhattan! Dean wrote to the incoming club presidents the following:

Congratulations on your selection to be president of your club for 2016-17. You are now part of the DREAM TEAM for 2016-17. This is truly a great time to be a member of Rotary and president of your club.

I love thoughts for the day and my favorite is "Nothing Happens Unless the First Dream." I hope that you will have lots of dreams for this coming year leading your club.

At International Assembly 2016-17 RI President John Germ announced the theme for the year—"Rotary **Serving Humanity**"—and isn't that exactly what we do not only in our community, but also worldwide? I have therefore proclaimed that each of you are a member of the "Dream Team" for 2016-17 serving humanity.

So welcome to the Dream Team! I look forward to helping and working with you in 2016-17—a great time for Rotary Serving Humanity!



Mark Your Calendar for District Training Assembly

2016-17 Presidents, Secretaries, Committee Chairs and club members: District Training Assembly will be held **April 29-30** in Greensburg, Kansas. I am calling this "Return to Greensburg," so we can enjoy the great example they have shown after the tornado destroyed the town. Thank you to the Rotary Club of Greensburg for hosting this celebration. This meeting is designed for all Rotarians, especially those chairing committees in their clubs.

Mark Your Calendar for District Conference

Our annual District Conference will be in Winfield, **October 14-15**. We are planning a fun time and you never know what we might do, so come join the fun! Our Rotary Foundation will celebrate its 100 year anniversary, so we will have a birthday party for the Rotary Foundation along with great speakers, entertainment and fun.

RYLA May 25-May 28, 2016—Register Your Students Now

Have you recruited your students for RYLA camp yet? It is time to do so!

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) camp will be Wednesday, May 25 to Saturday, May 28, 2016 at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. The surprising theme for this year is, Be A Gift to the World. All the forms to register your students can be found at www.sckans.edu/leadership. Click "Service Outreach/Rotary Camp." Be sure to register early to assure a spot for your students. They will thank you for this great opportunity to be a gift to the world.



The Social Change Model—An effective leadership process for Rotary

Leadership can be defined in many ways. The Kansas Leadership Center defines leadership as an activity. Emory University's campus leadership program seeks to develop ethical leadership and "... view the "leader" basically as a **change agent**, i.e., "one who fosters change." Leaders, then, are not necessarily those who merely hold formal "leadership" positions; on the contrary, all people are potential leaders. Furthermore, since the concepts of "leadership" and "leader" imply that there are other people involved, leadership is, by definition, a collective or group **process**". Many include in a definition of leadership the concept of influencing others and working toward a common goal. Rotary, as a community of leaders, focuses on what this unique and engaged group of leaders can do locally and globally. Regardless of the definition, most would agree that CHANGE is what leaders create.

So how can our Clubs in District 5690 create an environment of action, change and engagement? The Social Change Model is one way to think about the connection between individual and club. In part, we create positive change through individual awareness and organizational efforts. Below is a brief explanation of the Social Change Model.

Positive Change

Change, as the hub and ultimate goal of the model, gives meaning and purpose to the other C's (Consciousness of self, Congruence, Commitment, Collaboration, Common Purpose, Controversy with Civility and Citizenship). Change means improving the status quo, creating a better world, and demonstrating a comfort with transition and ambiguity in the change process.

Individual Values

Consciousness of self means being aware of the beliefs, values, attitudes, and emotions that motivate one to take action.

Congruence refers to thinking, feeling, and behaving with consistency, genuineness, authenticity, and honesty towards others. Congruent persons are those whose actions are consistent with their most deeply-held beliefs and convictions. Clearly, personal congruence and consciousness of self are interdependent.

Commitment is the psychic energy that motivates the individual to serve and that drives the collective effort. Commitment implies passion, intensity, and duration. It is directed towards



both the group activity as well as its intended outcomes. Without commitment, knowledge of self is of little value. And without adequate knowledge of self, commitment is easily misdirected. Congruence, in turn, is most readily achieved when the person acts with commitment and knowledge of self.

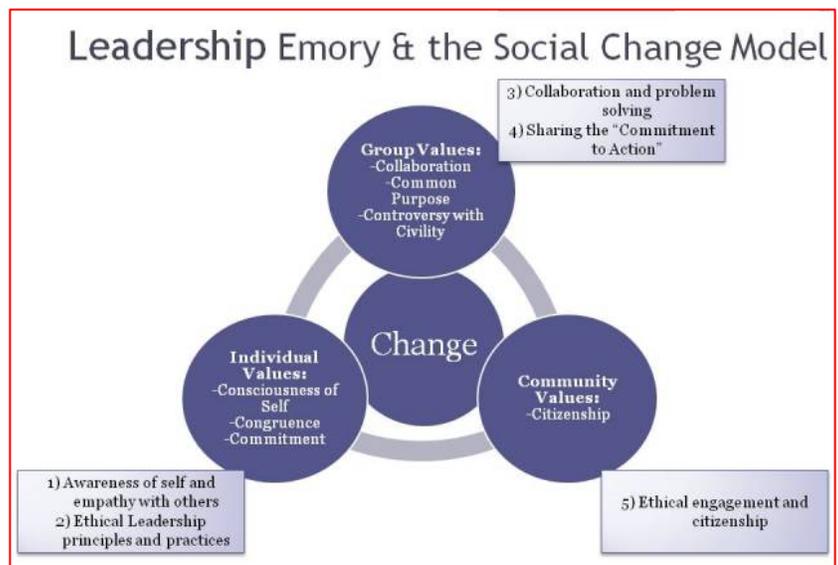
Group Values

Collaboration is to work with others in a common effort. It constitutes the cornerstone value of the group leadership effort because it empowers self and others through trust. Collaboration multiplies group effectiveness by capitalizing on the multiple talents and perspectives of each group member and on the power of that diversity to generate creative solutions and actions. Collaboration empowers each individual best when there is a clear-cut "division of labor."

Common Purpose means to work with shared aims and values. It facilitates the group's ability to engage in collective analysis of the issues at hand and the task to be undertaken. Common purpose is best achieved when all of the members in the group share in the vision and participate actively in articulating the purpose and goals of the leadership development activity. Recognizing the common purpose and mission of the group helps to generate the high level of trust that any successful collaboration requires.

Controversy with Civility recognizes two fundamental realities of any creative group effort: that differences in viewpoint are inevitable, and that such difference must be aired openly but with civility. Civility implies respect for others, a willingness to hear each other's views, and the

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The Social Change Model—An effective leadership process for Rotary (cont'd)

exercise of restraint in criticizing the views and actions of others. This is best achieved in a collaborative framework and when a common purpose has been identified. Controversy (conflict, confrontation) can often lead to new, creative solutions to problems, especially when it occurs in an atmosphere of civility, collaboration, and common purpose.

Societal/Community Values

Citizenship is the process whereby the individual and the collaborative group become responsibly connected to the community and the society through the leadership development activity. To be a good citizen is to work for positive change on behalf of others and the community. Citizen-

ship thus acknowledges the interdependence of all who are involved in or affected by these efforts. It recognizes that the common purpose of the group must incorporate a sense of concern for the rights and welfare of all those who might be affected by the group's efforts. Good citizenship thus recognizes that effective democracy involves individual responsibility as well as individual rights.

*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,
District 5690 Trainer*

*This article was sourced from: A Social Change Model for Leadership
Development Higher Education Research Institute,
University of California, Los Angeles*

Jade Piros de Carvalho Speaks to Texas Rotarians



Jade Piros de Carvalho, President-elect of the Rotary Club of Hutchinson, gave a Plenary address to 800 Rotarians at the LoneStar PETS in Dallas last month. The presentation offered insights into getting young professionals involved in Rotary and effectively engaging them in your club once they join.

Jade presented with a young Rotarian from Chicago and one from Killeen, TX. Together the three of them are planning a Rotary Young Professionals Summit that will take place in conjunction with the Zone Institute in Salt Lake City this October. The goal of the Summit is to bring together Rotarians under the age of 40 who want to make a difference in their clubs, districts and communities. Please be on the lookout for more information about this exciting event as details unfold!

Greensburg Club donates to YFC-SCK



Club president Lisa Waters (left front) presents check to Deborah Factor, YFC-SCK. L-R—Rotarians Tom Corns, Carmen Renfro, Greg Waters and Cathy McFall of Circles.

Excerpted from article in Greensburg newspaper

The Greensburg Rotary Club has donated \$800 to the Youth for Christ-South Central Kansas (YFC-SCK) Circles Program whose mission is to inspire and equip families and communities to resolve poverty and thrive.

Rotarian Tom Corns, president, Greensburg State Bank, stated that the Rotary Club was "very pleased to assist the Circles Program which is very beneficial and helps a lot of people in the community elevate themselves economically."

"We are very grateful to the Greensburg Rotary for this donation," said Joel Williamson, YFC-SCK Executive Director. "This type of strong community support will enable us to help more people in the Kiowa County take charge of their destinies and be provided the right tools and support to achieve economic stability."

YFC-SCK Development Director Deborah Factor said the donation will be used for honorariums for the upcoming Circles class at the end of their 20-week program. The next Circles training class is scheduled to start in April.

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Dodge City: We distributed 533 dictionaries to 3rd graders in Ford County. Our President, Nathan Haskell, was proud to have his 3rd grade son, Aiden, receive a dictionary this year!



Rotary Club Old Town Wichita: We are taking orders for geraniums again this year. Go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13CJr1o6MzPaH0Hk-CAJI73RQIoFvd26qhVTHbL21WyU/viewform> for more info and to place your order! Download the paper order form here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8MxZVRyoRGJeG5OMTB1RIFWSE0/view>



Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise: We are hosting our 15th annual Golf Tournament at Reflection Ridge Golf Course on Monday, May 9. Proceeds benefit the Rotary

Club of WSC-Sunrise charitable projects such as the renovation and expansion of the Boundless Playscape, RITE program, sponsoring high school students to leadership camp, providing groceries for the needs, international water projects, exchange programs and more.

Rotary Club W. Wichita & Sunrise:

Twenty-one Interactors and six Rotarians left for Panama Sunday March 13 and returned March 20. They visited and delivered donated supplies to schools and to the Girl's Home in Panama City. The trip was featured in an article in *The Clarion*



Rotary Club Hutchinson: Lara Simian, Youth Exchange student from Argentina, presented at our club about the cultural differences between our countries that she has observed on her short-term exchange here. Three Rotarian families had the pleasure of hosting her were: Sid & Emily Arpin, Mimi & Greg Meredith and Josie Thompson & David Planthold.



Rotary Club Old Town Wichita: We had a great service night helping ICTSOS assemble Fresh Start Bags!



Rotary Club Dodge City: The Dodge City Rotary Club recently provided "golf cart



shuttle service" at evening Community Concert in Dodge City. Normally held at our Civic Center, the concert agreed to be relocated to the DCHS auditorium, allowing Dodge City to host BOTH Class 1A State Basketball

Tournaments (Division 1 & 2). Knowing the parking & uphill climb at the new venue could create challenges for elderly/handicapped concert patrons, USD 443 called on the Rotary Club for help. In the end, it was a very busy/ impactful weekend for our community, and the DC Rotary Club was happy to be a part of making it work.

Rotary Club Winfield: We are sponsoring a new Interact Club at Winfield High School.



Rotary Club Wichita DT: We are participating in the annual downtown clean-up project on April 9.

Rotary Club Newton: Our Youth Exchange Student, Theo Soler, shared things about his family, city and country at a recent meeting. He's a cool guy—the club found him very entertaining!



Rotary Club Old Town Wichita: We are signed up to help at the Wichita Downtown Development Corporation Downtown Clean-Up on April 9. We will treat this as a



service activity and participate in lieu of our April 11 meeting. We will be helping with landscaping at A. Price Woodard Park.



Rotary Club Newton: We will help host the Paddle Battle on April 9 for the 2nd year. The event helps fund Rotary scholarships and Heart to Heart, a local charity.

MORE Club News from around the District



Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co Sunrise: Cody Wray presented Paul Harris Fellowships to Dana Schirer, Scott Dyer and Steve Cless as our past Super Bowl winners.

Rotary Club Kingman: Senator Jerry Moran made a stop at Kingman and joined us for our meeting. He was our program which also served as his town-hall meeting for the Kingman area. We were joined by VFW officers and members of the public for a Q&A session with the senator. It was an honor to host him!



Rotary Club Johnson: Johnson City Rotarian Kim Novack (photo), USD 452 School Superintendentt participated in Donkey Basketball school fundraiser. Three other Rotarians were riders Clint Floyd, Steve Brooks and David Rodriguez.



Rotary Club Johnson: We welcomed new member Charles Collins, Safety Director with Ag Services this month!

East Wichita sends note to all Brussels clubs—Thank you note received

Presidents and Friends.

As President of the Rotary Club Bruxelles, I would like to thank you very warmly for your messages. I also thank you for all those 1 minute of silence around the world. Those barbarian's behavior have shaken us and the world. It is not easy to overcome those events but we have to and we will. We stand together and must do all we can through Rotary to further our aim of a peaceful world.

It is my hope that the values of Rotary spread all over humanity.

Kind regards

Thérèse Kempeneers
President
Rotary Club Bruxelles

This note was sent to the RC East Wichita after the club sent a note to all the Rotary Clubs in Brussels, Belgium with prayers and condolences.

Interact Club of West Wichita Serves in Panama



The Interact Club of West Wichita is a service club for our area high school students founded in 2002 and sponsored by our two west side Rotary clubs. The club meets bimonthly throughout the school year and participates in various community service projects.

Every other year, the group travels to Panama as an international service project. The trip gives them the opportunity to provide Service Above Self to the very poor, learn firsthand about a culture outside the US, learn Spanish through an immersion experience, work alongside adult Rotarians in a meaningful work project and an opportunity to build long-lasting friendships with those who make the trip and those they meet.

This year, 21 Interact students, 1 former Interact member and 6 adult sponsors went to Panama during Spring break, March 13th – 20th. They did two work projects, met with two Interact clubs, visited three high schools, two elementary schools and a girl's home. They took nine containers of supplies to distribute. This trip was made possible in part through their fundraising efforts along with support from our two west side Rotary clubs.

Rotary Foundation News

Entering TRF Goals in Rotary Club Central just got easier

The Annual Fund Goal reporting has been simplified! Now, fundraising goals can be submitted as a lump sum goal. A simple “how to” guide is attached at the end of this newsletter. If you haven't already entered your Rotary Foundation goal for this year—and to enter your goal for next year, do it today! It's so easy now!

Rotary Provides \$35 million in New Funding

Rotary has released \$35 million in new grants to support the global effort to eradicate polio. The funds will build on last year's historic achievement of stopping transmission of the wild polio virus in Nigeria and all of Africa. Just two countries reported wild polio cases in 2015: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotary's funds will go toward efforts to end the disease in tough countries and seven others. Read

more here: [http://www.endpolio.org/stories/posts/rotary-gives-us\\$35-million-to-end-polio-worldwide/](http://www.endpolio.org/stories/posts/rotary-gives-us$35-million-to-end-polio-worldwide/)

U.S. Approves \$228 million for 2016

The United States Congress [approved a total of \\$228 million](#) for the 2016 federal budget to support the global effort to eradicate polio. The funding represents a \$10 million increase over the level of funding approved in fiscal year 2015. Rotary's Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States leads our efforts to inform the U.S. government and other funding sources of the urgency and benefits of supporting the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#). Read more here: [http://www.endpolio.org/stories/posts/us-government-approves-\\$228-million-in-funds-for-polio-eradication/](http://www.endpolio.org/stories/posts/us-government-approves-$228-million-in-funds-for-polio-eradication/)



Rotary Peace Fellow Naing Ko Ko (UQ 2011-13) shares his personal testimony of forgiveness after having been arrested and tortured for two months in a Burmese, now Myanmar, interrogation camp for his involvement in student protests for democracy, human rights, and social justice. [Read more](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/what-its-go-jail-your-beliefs-and-forgive-your-captors) here: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/what-its-go-jail-your-beliefs-and-forgive-your-captors>



How to Get a Free Website for your Club

Two young Rotary members met at the 2014 Rotary Convention in Sydney and decided to use their digital marketing talents to benefit clubs everywhere. Project Doing Good is offering a home page website template to any Rotary club that requests one.

Read more about the offer at <http://blog.rotary.org/2016/03/24/how-to-get-a-free-website-for-your-rotary-club/>

Go to the Project Doing Good website at <http://doinggood.io/>

District 5690	MEMBERSHIP REPORT as of February 29, 2016			
	7/1/2015	2/29/2016	NET GAIN	Goal
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2015-2016	
Andover	23	30	7	28
Arkansas City	61	63	2	75
Beaver	24	22	-2	
Boise City	15	18	3	15
Cimarron	26	25	-1	27
Derby	65	64	-1	
Dodge City	34	33	-1	44
East Wichita	122	115	-7	
El Dorado	49	49	0	56
Garden City	42	42	0	
Greensburg	11	7	-4	
Guymon	27	27	0	
Hugoton	22	22	0	24
Hutchinson	120	113	-7	
Johnson	16	18	2	20
Kingman	32	32	0	37
Kinsley	14	15	1	
Larned	19	18	-1	
Liberal	44	44	0	47
Newton	53	57	4	62
Pratt	60	54	-6	
Sublette	14	14	0	
Syracuse	15	15	0	
Texhoma	19	19	0	
Ulysses	38	37	-1	42
Wellington	19	19	0	
W. Sedgwick Co	44	43	-1	
West Wichita	63	64	1	70
Wichita-DT	384	384	0	425
Wichita-Old Town	13	13	0	
Winfield	88	88	0	
TOTALS	1576	1564	-12	

Thank you for entering your goals on Rotary Club Central!

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST SEDGWICK COUNTY



15th Annual Golf Tournament



Monday, May 9, 2016
Reflection Ridge Golf Course
 Registration and lunch start at 11:00 a.m.
 Shotgun start at 12:00 noon
 Silent Auction following the tournament

\$600 per team / \$150 single player
 Includes: 18 holes golf with cart, player gifts, lunch & refreshments, team prizes
A participation package will also be available for an additional \$25 per player

→ Sponsorship opportunities available
 Register on-line: www.sunrisegolf@wichita.com
 For questions, contact Brent Dome @ 253-2069

Proceeds to benefit the Rotary Club of WSC – Sunrise Charitable Projects
Such as: the renovation and expansion of the Boundless Playscape, RITE program, sponsoring high school students to leadership camp, providing groceries for the needy, international water projects, exchange programs and more!



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What Paul Harris Said

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