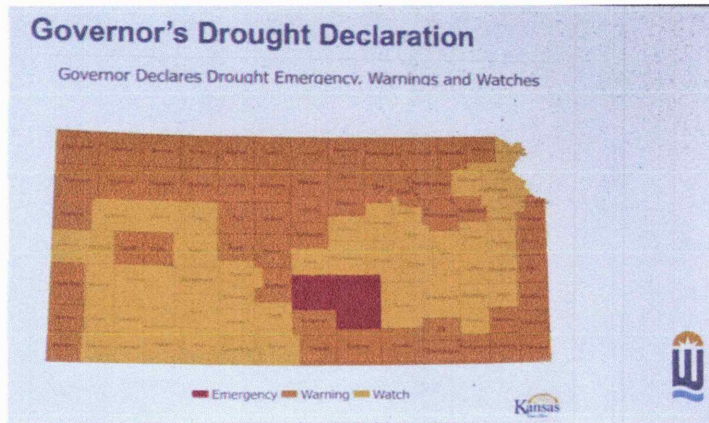


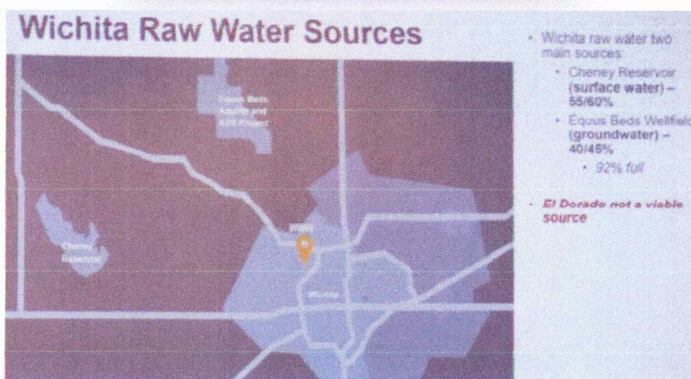
Week of April 16, 2025

## ROTARY NOTARY



Thanks Gary Janzen, Director of Public Works and Utilities for the City of Wichita for being our guest speaker this week. The in-depth look at the water issues facing our community and the efforts to address those issues was timely and well received. Water shortages, especially at our primary water source of Cheney Lake, is of concern to individuals and businesses. Gary talked about the stages of drought response and informed us that we are currently in Stage 2. All residents are required to water lawns/flower beds only once a week and he stressed that vegetable and fruit gardens are currently exempt from this water savings effort.

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### LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL 18	SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE	SEE MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE
APRIL 30	ALL-CLUB SOCIAL	HOPPING GNOME BREWERY (5:30 p.m. — ???)
MAY 7	LT. GOV DAVID TOLAND	OUR GUEST SPEAKER—INVITE FRIENDS
MAY 27-30	RYLA CAMP	APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 11

Take a look at our club's website for upcoming programs and other news.



# MORE FROM OUR WEEKLY MEETING

## The Path Forward to Water Resiliency – Changing our Culture

- Stage 2 watering restrictions remain in place, expected through 2025
- Additional ASR improvements completed in 2025
- WWW fully operational in 2025
- Water recycle initial report and recommendations end of 2025
- Continue discussions with WABA via smaller working group
- Develop revised conservation recommendations for implementation now



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Gary talked about adding the new water plant to the city's infrastructure and the benefits of this project. He thanked the city council for its long-range thinking and supporting this one in a generation project. Gary also informed us that about 50% of our current water supply comes from the Equus Beds Aquifer and that the aquifer is currently not in danger of going dry. His final part of the presentation was about the plan to look at recycling water and the vast benefits that will be. This will be a major focus of his office over the next few years.

Our members were encouraged to do whatever we can to conserve water and to support future efforts of his department in finding ways to reduce and recycle water, a valuable resource for life.

## Drought Response Plan

### Stage 1 Activated in January 2023

Triggered when the 12-month moving average is between 70% and 85%

- Voluntary water conservation measures
- Incentives or rebates to encourage indoor and outdoor water conservation
- City of Wichita Internal Conservation Plan enacted

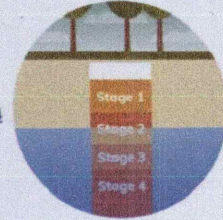
### Stage 2 Activated on August 5, 2024

Triggered when the 12-month moving average is between 50% and 69%

- Mandatory water conservation:
  - Restricting outdoor water usage to one day per week
  - Prohibiting all customers from using outdoor water from 3:00am-8pm
- Some exemptions apply

### Stage 2 Penalties/Fines

- 1st violation written warning
- 2nd violation \$500 administrative fee
- Subsequent violation \$100 per violation



### Stage 3

Triggered when the 12-month moving average is between 35% and 50%

- No usage of outdoor water permitted
- Some exemptions apply

### Stage 3 Penalties/Fines

- 1st violation written warning
- 2nd violation \$250 administrative fee
- Subsequent violation \$500 per violation

### Stage 4

Triggered when the 12-month moving average is between 0% and 34%

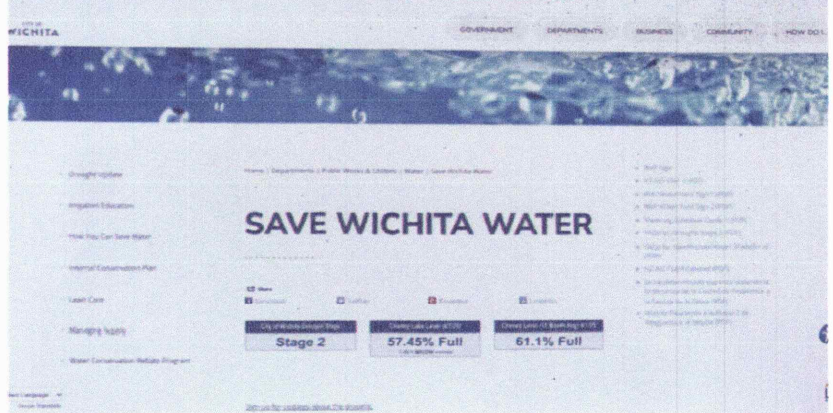
- Mandatory water conservation measures for all customers, including prohibition of usage of outdoor water. No exemptions.
- All customers are required to reduce their water usage by 15% from their Average Water Consumption
- Some exemptions apply

### Stage 4 Penalties/Fines

- 1st violation written warning
- 2nd violation \$250 administrative fee
- Subsequent violation \$500 per violation and installation of a water flow restrictor

IT IS ALL OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONSERVE WATER!

## Resources – [savewichitawater.com](https://www.savewichitawater.com)



## MENTAL WELLNESS BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

76%

of people who volunteer say that volunteering has made them feel healthier

94%

of people who volunteer say that volunteering improves their mood

25%

of volunteers say that volunteering has helped them manage chronic illnesses such as depression



## ROTARY'S ACTION PLAN IN MOTION:

### Clean water in Darien, Panama

*By Alexei Oduber, Rotary Club of Panamá Nordeste, Panama — April 10, 2025*  
from Rotary 360, the official blog of Rotary International

As a past president of my club and district Rotary Foundation chair, I have seen and participated in many successful Rotary projects. A recent water sanitation project has shown me that, even after nearly 30 years, there are still new ways to take action with Rotary.

The project focused on improving lives in Panama's Darién province, home to several indigenous communities. Accessible only by canoe and small boat, the region is cut off from many of the resources that keep Panamanians healthy and safe, from roads and electricity to clean water and advanced medical care. As families rely on untreated river water for bathing and drinking, deadly illnesses endanger learning, lives, and livelihoods.

With the support of a [global grant](#), a partner club in Roswell, Georgia, USA, and the non-governmental organization Solea Water, my club embarked on an initiative to strengthen Darién communities via access to clean water.

[Rotary's Action Plan](#) lays out Rotary's priorities for increasing impact, expanding reach, enhancing engagement, and increasing our ability to adapt. The plan has helped me reflect on the water project's initial wins and identify key takeaways to enhance future efforts.

### Breaking barriers to expand Rotary's reach

The Darién region is more than 300 kilometers (about 185 miles) away from my Panama City club, and without road or utility access, we had to get creative to meet community needs. At the suggestion of our partner club in Roswell, we formed a new relationship with Solea Water, which specializes in water access. Because Solea Water already had connections and expertise in the Darién region, they helped us identify innovative solutions. By building solar panels, for example, we worked together to find a way to operate water treatment machinery in an area without access to an electrical grid.

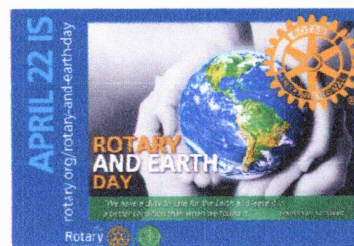
The project's success also hinged on empowering local leaders, who received specialized training to oversee the installation and maintenance of a solar-powered water treatment facility. These leaders helped to build trust and bridge language barriers between Rotarians in Panama City, and locals in Darién. And now, with local expertise in place to conduct vital maintenance and repairs, Darién communities will have lasting and consistent clean water access.

### Involving communities

By expanding its reach into the Darién region, the Panama Nordeste Rotary Club has made a profound positive lasting change. To date, the initiative has provided hundreds of families with safe, clean water.

The benefits extend far beyond physical health. Children go to school because they don't have stomach issues anymore. Teachers say, "It's amazing I can see my students, when before my classroom was often empty."

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And while students are participating more fully in school, adults have found they have increased time and energy to work and support their families. The community can continue to farm and do other things because they don't have to go to the river and strain their bodies to get water.

Darién residents have grown to trust and see Rotary and Solea Water as true partners in improving their communities. They have begun to speak up about other sanitation needs, from latrines to additional maintenance training. My club hopes to continue partnering with organizations like Solea Water to support communities in the region.

## Working with Rotary's next generation

Looking ahead, I am confident we can take on more large-scale projects. It pays off to get a little uncomfortable. While we were initially concerned about the level of commitment of a global grant and a project this size, what we've found is that it has really excited and engaged members.

I believe this is particularly true for newer, younger members – and for any member looking to balance Rotary's incredible social connections with opportunities for large-scale, meaningful impact.

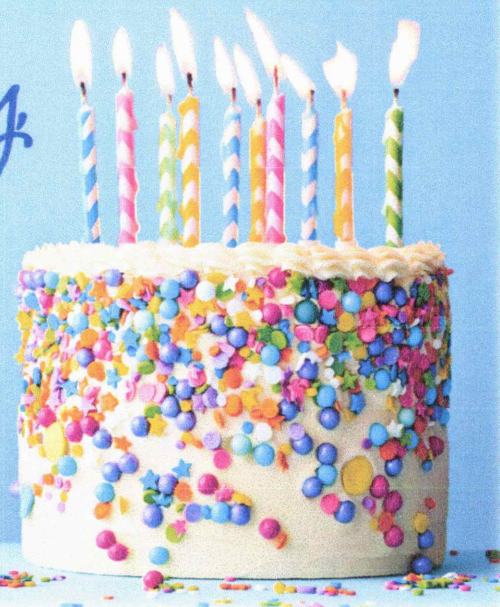
We need to make Rotary exciting and relevant. Bigger, bolder projects like these not only address critical needs but also inspire a new wave of Rotarians dedicated to making a difference.

*Alexei Oduber is a past president of the Rotary Club of Panamá Nordeste and the 2024-27 district Rotary Foundation chair in District 4240*

*Rotary founder Paul Harris was born on 19 April 1868 in Racine, Wisconsin, USA. Thanks to his extraordinary vision, to this day, Rotary members around the world remain united by a shared sense of purpose and dedicated to serving their communities.*

*Happy birthday,  
Paul Harris!*

The  
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Foundation

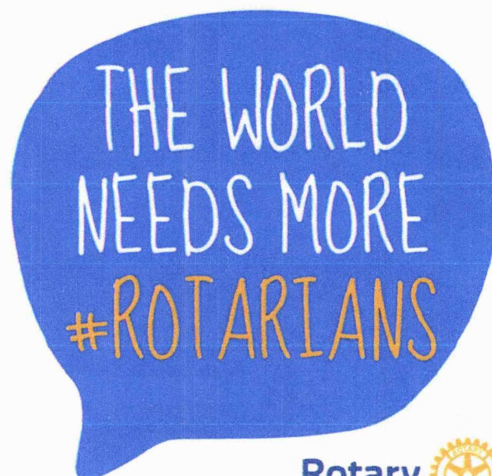




## EVEN MORE FROM OUR WEEKLY MEETING



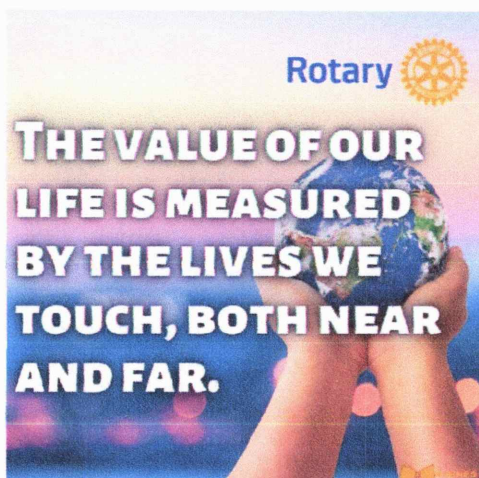
Darin Kater had the pleasure of introducing his long-time friend and previous co-worker as EWR's newest member.



Jessica Treadwell is our newest member and is working for the Wichita Foundation. Please take a moment and introduce yourself to Jessica and welcome her to our club.

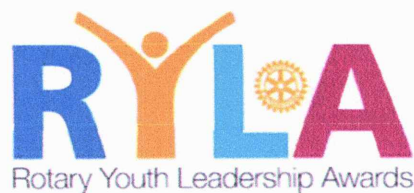


Dave Sproul did his usual great job in introducing this week's guest speaker. Thanks Dave for bringing Gary to our club.





2025 RYLA Camp  
Tuesday, May 27–Friday, May 30



Deadline Approaching

Now is the time for EWR to be recruiting students and getting them registered for RYLA. We have an exciting schedule for this year. Rumor has it that RYLA may be in Wichita for the workday and are on the schedule to meet with the Mayor. The students will hear about human trafficking and homelessness. Each EW Rotarian should help in identifying students to participate. Remember, Rotarians can pay for their child, grandchild, or other worthy student to attend. More information can be found at [www.rotary5680.org](http://www.rotary5680.org). Thanks for your help!



**PLEASE NOTE**

**OUR DISTRICT IS OFFERING EVERY CLUB**

**ONE \$100.00 SCHOLARSHIP**

**AS LONG AS WE REGISTER THE STUDENT BEFORE MAY 1.**

TALK WITH PRESIDENT TOM  
IF YOU KNOW OF A STUDENT  
WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN  
ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S RYLA CAMP!

SOMETIMES LATER  
BECOMES NEVER.  
DO IT NOW.

JOIN Rotary 

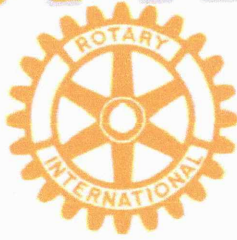
Rotarians have busy lives and cannot always engage in club service at a significant level....their voluntary, engaged membership is what we desire most!





# DISTRICT AND RI NEWS

Rotary



PEOPLE of ACTION

A graphic showing a woman holding a baby, a person in a blue shirt, and a person in a white shirt, all smiling. The background is purple with a grid pattern. Logos for Rotary and END POLIO NOW are in the top left and bottom right.

**I'M  
HELPING  
ERADICATE  
POLIO**

Rotary

**WORLD  
IMMUNIZATION  
WEEK** 24-30 APRIL

**BECOME A MEMBER OF THE POLIOPLUS SOCIETY**

*Talk with Dave Sproul, Tom Church, or Fred Heismeyer for more information.*

April 24-30, 2025	World Immunization Week
May 27—30, 2025	RYLA Summer Camp
June 13—14, 2025	Rotary Young Professionals Forum (Ensenada, Mexico)
June 21—25, 2025	RI Convention, Calgary, Canada
July 1, 2025	NEW ROTARY YEAR
October 17-19, 2025	District Conference, Hays, KS

ALL EWR ROTARIANS SHOULD PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR AND ATTEND!



**PUT THESE DATES ON  
YOUR CALENDAR!**

JOKES OF THE WEEK



Why did the tax form go to therapy?  
It had too many dependent issues.





## Leadership Corner

### 10 Qualities of a Good Leader

<b>L</b>	Leads by example	
<b>E</b>	Empowers others	
<b>A</b>	Acts with integrity	
<b>D</b>	Driven to succeed	
<b>E</b>	Engages in active listening	
<b>R</b>	Resilient in challenges	
<b>S</b>	Shows empathy	
<b>H</b>	Holds themselves accountable	
<b>I</b>	Inspires through vision	
<b>P</b>	Prioritizes team growth	

