

Week of May 28, 2025

ROTARY NOTARY

NO MEETING THIS WEEK, BUT NEWS NEVER STOPS

We are approaching the last month in the Rotary year and it is with gratitude that we have great leadership that directs our club. This final month gives us the opportunity to thank our current leaders and look forward to our incoming leaders. Each new year brings excitement for continuing traditions and experiencing new opportunities. Starting of UNITE FOR GOOD. Each EW becoming a little more in-

more important, our program Please take time to find a way projects and events outside of our District Conference in October. around the district or outside

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Rotary 

July 1, we focus on the message Rotarian is asked to commit to volved in our meetings and of service to unite for good. to engage in local service pro-club. Plan to participate in the Consider visiting other clubs the US to experience their clubs'

culture. Work to bring in friends and colleagues into Rotary. Remember, being a Rotarian is an honor that has many benefits. Your role in helping to continue to keep Rotary as the premier worldwide service club is important and needed. Enjoy your week and remember, we do not have a meeting next week.

LOOKING AHEAD

June 4	NO MEETING	BE SURE TO ATTEND THE SUMMER SOCIAL
June 4 8:00—10:00 a.m	SERVICE PROJECT	RONALD McDONALD HOUSE
JUNE 7, 11:30—2:30	SUMMER FAMILY SOCIAL	COME FOR THE FUN BRING YOUR FAMILY
July 9	CHANGING OF THE GUARD	COME AND CELEBRATE OUR 24-25 YEAR

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

ROTARY CLUBS UNITE FOR EPIC DAY OF SERVICE

Brianna Sherman, Rotary Club of Denver Metro South, Colorado, May 15, 2025

from Rotary 360, the official blog of Rotary International

"This is the best thing our club has done in a long time!"

I got several calls like that after the 2024 EPIC Day of Service, and every single one made me smile. As the outreach chair for EPIC, I get to hear the stories – of joy, teamwork, and transformation. Clubs were energized by how many members showed up, how much fun they had, and the real good they achieved together.

EPIC started in 2022 as a grassroots idea. District governors Jeff Krause and Joanne Alfieri from Connecticut and Massachusetts answered then Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's call for a global day of service. They expected a one-time event. But clubs responded with such enthusiasm that they demanded it continue. It was clear to us that EPIC wasn't just an event – it was a movement.

That movement is now international. Clubs across the U.S., Canada, Australia, Netherlands, and the UK are joining in, creating projects that reflect the needs of their own communities. That's what makes EPIC so powerful: every project is unique, but we're all united in purpose.

One of my favorite moments was watching a video of the Southington Club in Connecticut, USA. Dozens of Rotary members were packing meals at long tables, music playing in the background. Then the Neil Diamond song "Sweet Caroline" came on. The room was buzzing, but when the chorus hit – "Sweet Caroline... Da... Da... Da!" – everyone paused to belt it out together before going right back to work. That's the kind of joyful spirit EPIC brings.

The vision is bold: for every Rotary club, in every community, in every country, to serve together on one EPIC Day. Imagine the impact of thousands of projects happening at once, all driven by Rotary's core mission to create lasting change.

It's easy to get involved. The 2025 EPIC Day of Service is on 17 May. Club presidents can simply designate an EPIC Champion to lead a local project and register it at www.epicdayofservice.org. Once listed, it appears on our interactive map where Rotary members – even non-members – can sign up to help. It's an incredible way to connect with your community and show what Rotary is all about.

There's also huge potential to raise funds for future service. One club, Denver Southeast, raised nearly \$100,000 through a combination of member donations, friends, family, and sponsorships. That one day supports their service all year long. Another club, Parker Cherry Creek Valley, raised over \$13,000 by hosting a free electronics recycling event and encouraging donations at drop-off.

EPIC also boosts public image and brings in new members. When people see Rotary in action – doing something visible, meaningful, and fun – they want to be part of it. We've seen it time and again: service opens doors.

To me, EPIC is Rotary at its best. It reminds us why we joined: to serve, to lead, to connect. Whether you're planting trees, hosting a food drive, or packing hygiene kits, you're part of something much bigger. You're part of a global wave of good.

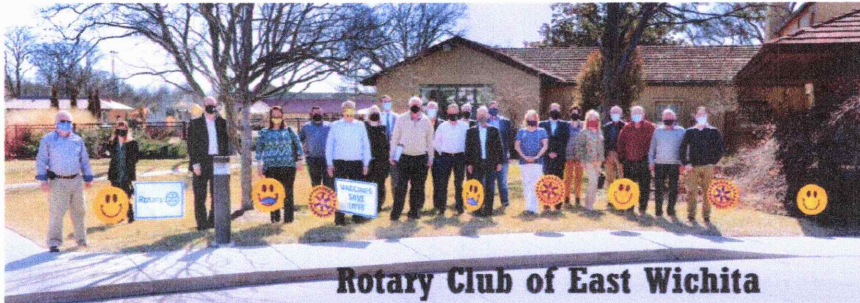
So whether you're a longtime Rotarian or just getting started, I hope you'll jump in. Make your next Rotary memory EPIC.

And if you happen to hear "Sweet Caroline" on 17 May ... you know what to do.

Brianna Sherman is the immediate past president and 2024-25 service chair of the Rotary Club of Denver Metro South. She is also the global expansion chair on the EPIC Day of Service board of trustees.

DISTRICT AND RI NEWS

Rotary PEOPLE of ACTION



Rotary Club of East Wichita

Do you remember our club participating in the district-wide Sharing Smiles campaign. We joined clubs from around the district in bring smiles to the community during a bleak time. This is what Rotary is about.

Rotary is a global volunteer network of people of action who create lasting change in their communities and around the world. Rotary's 45,000 clubs work together to develop and implement sustainable, community-driven projects that fight disease, promote peace, provide clean water, support education, help mothers and children, grow local economies, and protect the environment. Rotary's signature cause is to end polio worldwide.

It is with great sadness that we inform Rotarians of Past District Governor Phil Michel's passing. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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!

March 26-28, 2026

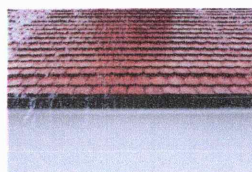
President-elect Leadership Seminar, Wichita, KS

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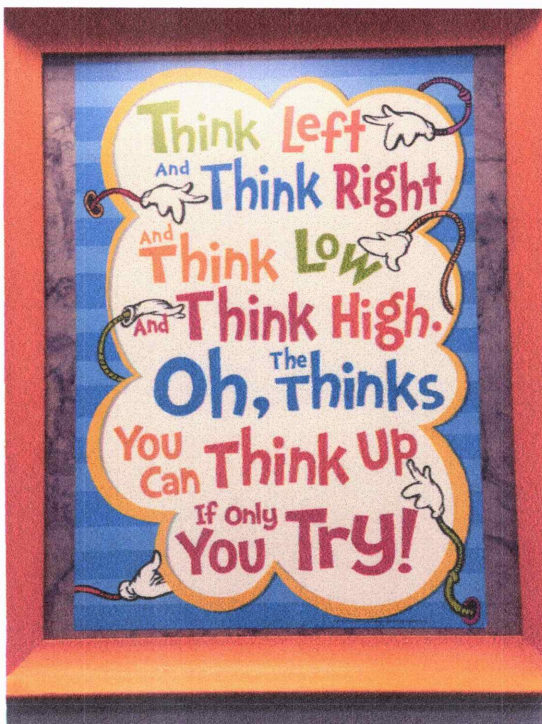
**PUT THESE DATES ON
YOUR CALENDAR!**

JOKES OF THE WEEK



What falls, but never needs
a bandage?

The Rain



Leadership Corner

This is the second of seven graphics that describe the seven habits of highly effective people. The seven habits are from the best selling book, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by author, Stephen R. Covey

2. Begin with the end in mind

Define your goals and purpose in life, and use them as a guide to make decisions and prioritize your actions.

"We are responsible for our own lives."

What a scary thought, huh? We're the ones responsible for how our lives turn out, we determine what we do and how we act, so why not make it more fun and exciting?