



ROTARY:  
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# District 5690 News



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## Message from District Governor Robert Mendoza



Hello Rotarians,

Helen Keller said "Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible."

It is 2018, a new year that for many brings new goals, new dreams, new hopes and wishes and maybe even a resolution or two. For me, this new year is the halfway point of my term as Rotary Governor. I heard Dr. Rick Rigsby use this Helen Keller quote in a speech and was struck by the idea that achievement first comes from a desire, a hope for something.... different.

A little secret about me, I am often more than a little melancholy at the turning of each New Year. I tend to focus on what I failed to accomplish, instead of remembering the victories. I often look ahead and see the heavy load of all that is to come instead of seeing the opportunities that are undoubtedly coming my way. I have to remind myself that every day is a step closer, a step that has brought education, partnerships, possibilities, new direction, and new vision to whatever issue I am pursuing. I have to take a moment to remember that I have been so blessed because of the many opportunities my career and Rotary have brought my way.

In Rotary and because of people like you, there are impossible tasks being accomplished everyday across this world. Rotary has been defined as an organization that brings leaders together to exchange ideas and take action. It is leaders like you that are making the world better for generations to come. It is your hope in better health, better education, better relationships and peace that have allowed the impossible to face the mighty force of Rotary and become achievable.

I do have hope that we will make a lasting difference in this world. I hope that 2018 will be the year that Polio is beaten, that children receive the health care they need to thrive, that peace can reign in a weary world. I know it is possible, because we can do it together.

Best wishes for a wonderful and hopeful 2018.

**Robert Mendoza**

*District Governor 5690 2017-18  
Rotary Club of Derby*



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Feb. 22-24, 2018**

**PETS (Presidents-elect training)  
Wichita, KS**

**June 23-27, 2018**

**Rotary Intl. Convention  
Toronto, Canada**

**May 29—June 2, 2018**

**RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership  
Camp) - Winfield**





**ALL PRESIDENT-ELECTS  
YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE 2018  
PRESIDENT-ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR**

**February 22 – 24, 2018**

Wichita, Kansas

Marriott Wichita Hotel

9100 E Corporate Hills Dr, Wichita, KS 67207-1317

*YOU'RE INVITED TO  
JOIN FELLOW ROTARY LEADERS FROM ACROSS THREE DISTRICTS  
FOR*

**SERVICE** to your Club  
**FELLOWSHIP** with fellow Rotarians  
**LEARNING** more about our organization

Registration details and hotel reservations can be found at  
<http://www.heartlandpets.org/>  
and you may reserve your room by going to  
[Book your group rate for Rotary Heartland PETS Conference 2018](#)

Time is running short – so don't delay – register today!

We look forward to seeing you.  
District 5690 Governor-Elect Sterling Hall



## 2018-2019 Rotary Theme Unveiled



District governors-elect got their first look at the 2018-19 presidential theme ***Be the Inspiration*** Sunday at the International Assembly, an annual training event for incoming district leaders. RI President-elect **Barry Rassin** urged the audience to build a stronger organization by inspiring a younger generation and by getting the word out to the community at large about the work Rotary does. "I will ask you to inspire with your words and with your deeds: doing what we need to do today, to build a Rotary that will be stronger tomorrow; stronger when we leave it, than it was when we came." District 5690 Governor-elect Sterling Hall (Sublette) and his wife are attending the training.



Read more at <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-international-president-rassin-theme-2018>

## 2018-19 Presidents-elect Have you registered for PETS—February 23-24?

### Free Club Program . . . Read on!



*By Ken Solow, past governor of District 7620*

Have you ever wondered how Rotary became involved with polio eradication in the first place? I did. I used to use polio eradication as an example of poor goal setting in my presidents-elect training seminar classes. It was up there right next to world peace. I mean ... really?

It turns out that one of the true giants in our story was a past governor in my district (7620). His name is Dr. John Sever. While you've probably never heard of him, I think when you learn his story you will be amazed. You will also learn about many other Rotary leaders who have been a part of the incredible story of how Rotary got started on our journey to eradicate polio.

I wanted to tell this tale so that more members would have an awareness of our Rotary history. And it turns out to be a very entertaining story full of good guys and bad guys, conflicts and roadblocks, as our Rotary heroes put Rotary on the road to polio eradication. Many of the original polio eradication pioneers are still alive to tell their story on film so we get to learn about it in their own words.

Based on the book by Sarah Gibbard Cook, "Rotary and the Gift of a Polio-Free World, Vol. 1," a recommended read, we made a new documentary called "Dare to Dream, How Rotary Became the Heart and Soul of Polio

Eradication." The movie is 56-minutes long, and is both highly entertaining and motivational in encouraging support for our polio eradication efforts.



The District 7620 Project Trust Fund owns the film, and it is our purpose that you can use it to inspire your members, introduce new members to your club, and educate your community about the work Rotary does.

The first 19 minutes of the movie are available for free as a club program. Once you show it to your club the excerpt becomes a teaser to buy the full-length movie where you learn more of the story AND make a contribution to PolioPlus. Approximately \$20 of your \$25 purchase becomes a tax deductible contribution to PolioPlus.

**I've given you a FREE club program ... you provide the popcorn!**

[Download the free excerpt—https://daretodreamfilm.com/](https://daretodreamfilm.com/)

Find [Sarah Gibbard Cook's book on shop.rotary.org—https://shop.rotary.org/rotary-and-the-gift-of-a-polio-free-world-volume-1-making-the-promise-taschenbuchausgabe](https://shop.rotary.org/rotary-and-the-gift-of-a-polio-free-world-volume-1-making-the-promise-taschenbuchausgabe)

Learn more ways to [help Rotary end polio—https://www.endpolio.org/](https://www.endpolio.org/)



## RITE (Rotary Intercountry Teacher Exchange)

The RITE (Rotary Inter-country Teacher Exchange) program is sponsored by our two west-side Rotary clubs and organized by Shelli Kadel and Dalia Hale (Sunrise Club). We have a total of six teachers this year, three from Argentina and three from Panama, who arrived mid-January and will be here through mid-February. During their 4 week stay, they will experience our culture through home hosting and their involvement at our area schools. Our thanks to Shelli & Dalia, as well as all those who are serving as home hosts!



**Ms. Eliana (Eli) Lopez**  
**Lives in Boulogne, Buenos Aires Province, AR**

Teacher of English at the primary level since 2010. Eli has traveled to Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, and Cuba.

Eli loves her family and spends a lot of time with them. She has worked with children at various ages at Leonardo Da Vinci School since 2011. Her principal says, Eliana is hardworking, dedicated, organized and caring, who develops inspiring relationships with her students". Eli strives to bring out the best in her students as she wants them to be successful. She hopes to acquire new strategies that can be implemented in her school and to keep in contact with teachers she meets while in Wichita in order to exchange ideas and share materials. Eli is an active member of her church "Ministerio Internacional Majestad" International Ministry Majesty which keeps her very active and involved in helping others with a special interest in the teenagers at her church.



**Ms. Eliana (Eli) Trotta**  
**Lives in Rojas, Buenos Aires Province, AR**

Teacher of English since 2016 and has been helping youth since 2013. Eli knows Portuguese along with her Spanish and English. As a RITE teacher, Eliana wants to broaden her international understanding,

share cultural aspects of Argentina when she

can as well as explore teaching English in the US context. Eli wants to establish an understanding while going through a full USA cultural experience in order to help all of her students learn including her adult learners. Eliana currently is a very busy Teacher of English. She has six different jobs teaching English to young children, intermediate children, adolescents/teens, and adults. She works at Studio Saint George, Institute of English where students are a cross-section of all ages. Eli also works in other areas and levels including high school, middle school, private tutoring, teaching English for a company to adults in a business setting.



**Ms. Constanza Ludueña**  
**Lives in Buenos Aires, AR**

Constanza ("Coti") has traveled to Canada as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student, Spain, Germany, Brazil, Uruguay and the USA. She has been teaching English since 2017 and is still currently

working on her teaching credentials. Prior to 2017, Coti has been a teacher and had also taken a special

interest in interpretation and translations since 2012. She was a substitute teacher 2013 and 2014. Coti sees her RITE experience as a way to improve her English and meet people from other cultures along with a better understanding of the cultural aspects of the US. She wants to get to know other teaching approaches and strategies which she can apply to her own teaching methodologies. The principal says, "Coti is able to develop inspiring relationships with her students. Her ability to connect with her students and her talent at teaching simple concepts, as well as more advanced ones, are both worth mentioning. She also has a great initiative and a positive attitude". Coti exudes a strong level of knowledge and confidence in her use of English and Spanish. She easily transitions from one language and to the other with ease and fluency.



**Mr. Roberto Gonzalez Arauz**  
**Lives in San Pablo Viejo in David, Chiriqui Province**

Teacher of English since 2008 and a Teacher Assistant from 2004-2007.

Robert traveled to the United Kingdom for two months as part of the Panamá

Bilingüe Program in January 2016. Robert is a kind person and enjoys

meeting new people. He is a planner and likes to help others. Robert is currently teaching high school students in the Comarca, working with the indigenous students. He has also worked with elementary and middle level indigenous students. Robert sees his experience as a RITE teacher as life changing. He wants to gain new abilities and knowledge so that his English language skills are improved. He hopes his new learning benefits his students and his teaching-learning process with particular attention to classroom strategies, classroom management, teacher-student interactions. He would like to assist RITE teachers to Panama during future RITE seminars in the Boquete area. The principal Cerro Otoe School that Robert is an excellent professor who has demonstrated that he is always willing to give his best which ultimately will benefit Panamanian education.

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## RITE (Rotary Intercountry Teacher Exchange) continued . . .



**Raúl Caballero Miranda**  
Lives in David, Chiriquí, Panama  
Teacher of English since 2008.

Raúl came to Wichita leaving his wife and three children (ages 15, 12 and 10) to be without him for four weeks. He plans to fully embrace his time in the US by looking for opportunities to get to know a different culture and different

places. His goals while in the US is to learn different strategies and techniques that can be useful in the classroom for students to acquire the second language. He is always looking for tips that can make learning English easier for students. Raúl has also worked with indigenous students in the Comarca. Raúl wants to show the best of the Panamanian culture through his behavior in the US; to exchange teaching experiences with Kansans; and learn how to improve his teaching skills. He loves music, movies and cars and enjoys playing baseball and volleyball. His English skills have been enhanced through watching music videos, movies, baseball and US football games, going to the movie theater, and listening to music.

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**Mr. Pablo Santos Castillo**  
Lives in Quiteño, Las Lomas, near David, Chiriquí, Panama  
Teacher of English since 2011.

Pablo visited United States (Washington DC) for 2 months as part of the Panamá Bilingüe Program. Pablo loves life. He wants to learn and observe teaching

methodologies and strategies that he can use to improve his own English skills. He strives to be creative and an action-oriented teacher of English. Pablo is a cultural visionary for all people, with particular attention to his students. He plans to use a combination of his varied talents so his students become fully bilingual, bicultural and biliterate. He wants his students to become fluent English speakers. He cares deeply about the success of his students. He plans to be deliberate with his practice by using strategies, activities, and ideas he learns while in Kansas into his teaching life as well as daily life. He plans to share with colleagues, friends and his followers through his social media accounts. Pablo also wants to promote a good relationship between Panama and the US, enrich his knowledge and to build long term relationships in hopes to keep in touch with people he meets through his Wichita experiences. Pablo is a gifted photographer, storyteller, native Panamanian dancer. He is also an event dancer with special talents in a variety of dances e.g. Charleston, salsa, merengue, reggae and various others.

### RITE Teachers Present at Area Clubs

*L-R: Dalia Hale (WSCSRC), Roberto, Raul, Pablo, Sharon West (W Wichita), Eliana Trotta, Eliana Lopez, Shelli Kadel (W. Wichita), and Armida Hight (WSCSRC - founder of RITE)*



## Shoes for Interact Panama Trip



A group from the **Interact Club of W. Sedgwick County** (7 girls, 7 boys + 3 adult sponsors) will be heading to Panama over Spring Break. They typically take flip flops to provide footwear for needy children but found a better solution this year!

They plan to purchase sturdy shoes (\$16 per pair) that "grow" with the child so they can wear them for a long time. The shoes will be delivered to a school they will be visiting that has 100-150 students. If you would like to make a donation to help purchase these shoes, please make a check payable to the Sunrise Charitable Fund, Inc. and write "shoes" on the memo line.

### Message from "The Shoe That Grows" website:

"Without shoes, children are especially vulnerable to soil-transmitted diseases and parasites that can cause illness and even death. Children who get sick miss school, can't help their families, and suffer needlessly. And since children's feet grow so quickly, they often outgrow donated shoes within a year, leaving them once again exposed to illness and disease."

**Interact Dodgeball Tournament Update:** We raised right around \$2,500 from our Dodgeball tournament on December 27th. Thanks to our sponsors and all the teams that came out!

## Polio National Immunization Day in India—Opportunity



Howard Tours has scheduled a trip to India for National Immunization Days March 2—March 12, 2018. Cities included in the itinerary are Delhi, Agra and Jaipur, India. India Rotary Leadership indicates that relatively soon, volunteers will no longer be able to administer the Polio vaccine. If you have always wanted to participate in an NID in India, this may be your last opportunity.

This experience will combine participation in India's National Polio Immunization activities, interaction with local Rotarians and their projects while visiting some of India's most extraordinary sights. *"You will never be the same after you have looked into the appreciative eyes of someone whose life you have changed."*

For those of you who heard DeAnn Sullivan's presentation on her experience on this very same trip earlier this year and were interested in the opportunity—this is it.

Visit <http://www.howardtours.net/polio-immunizations-in-india.html> and [http://www.howardtours.net/uploads/2/1/5/6/21566342/2018\\_india\\_tour\\_information.pdf](http://www.howardtours.net/uploads/2/1/5/6/21566342/2018_india_tour_information.pdf) for details.

**2018-19 Presidents-elect**  
**Have you registered for PETS—February 23-24?**

## Youth Exchange—SCRYE Winter Conference

*Article submitted by PDG Rod Kreie*

January 26-27th, **PDG Rod Kreie** and **District Youth Exchange Committee Member Aubrey Patterson** represented our district at the **SCRYE Winter Conference**.

SCRYE stands for **South Central Rotary Youth Exchange**. It consists of 37 Districts from 18 states and is licensed through the Department of State to administer 250 inbound Rotary Exchanges every year. SCRYE stretches from Alabama to Arizona and from Louisiana into Canada.

At the conference, Rod and Aubrey attended classes that allowed them to maintain district certification for youth exchange. PDG Kreie was also a trainer at the conference and led the sessions for District Governor Nominees. He also sits on the board of directors for SCRYE and had been the treasurer for the last several years.

District 5690 always sends their inbound youth exchange kids to this conference, which ends with a banquet on Saturday evening with the exchange students participating in a talent contest.

Our student from Japan, **Rino Akae** - hosted by the Hutchinson Rotary Club, was selected to perform a Japanese dance that displayed her culture through music and interpretative dance. There's no way to measure the value



*Rino Akae performing a Traditional Japanese Dance at the SCRYE Winter Conference*

of having exchange students proudly share their culture with each other. It plants the seeds of peace and understanding that Rotary deeply promotes at an international level.

While I know there are many reasons and excuses people use to talk themselves out of being a host club or host family, I know if more people saw what Rotary can do in accomplishing our goal of world peace with their own eyes, they would line up to participate in this very important part of what Rotary does over 8,000 times every year around the world.

For those of you that have read this far into this heartfelt narrative on youth exchange, I hope that you will **take just a moment of your time to think of people you feel might be even remotely interested in youth exchange and hook them up with me**. We're ready to crank it up a notch - we just need a few more people to turn the handle.

*A note from Aubrey Patterson who also attended meeting:*

Geri, I wish that every Rotarian in our district could meet and hear from our exchange students. Rotary Youth Exchange has broadened my view of the world and helped me better understand, and appreciate, Rotary's role in promoting world peace. This experience as a youth exchange officer has added value to my Rotary membership and makes me want to do more and get more involved.



*165 students from 37 Different Countries attended the SCRYE Winter Lock-In*



## Area of Focus: Water and Sanitation

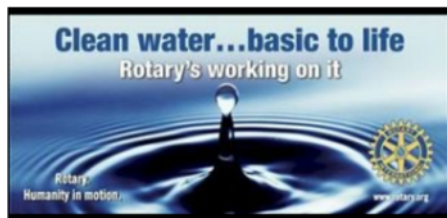


Clean water and hygiene have been a central focus of Rotarians since 1907, when the first Rotary club initiated its first public service project: the construction of public toilets in Chicago.

Since then, Rotary service projects have been addressing water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) needs for more than a quarter of a century.

Concern for clean water and sanitation has now risen to be one of Rotary's six "Areas of Focus." Since the launch of Global Grants, Rotary has invested in nearly 500 water and sanitation projects, making this area of focus the second largest in terms of global grant activity and dollars spent from 2013 to 2015.

Perhaps the most active WASH interest in Zone 27 is located in Colorado's District 5450. Under the leadership of DG Abbas Rajabi and workshop co-chairs Bruce Halloran and Steve Werner, a WASH Symposium was held in Denver on October 15, 2017. Under the title "Building WASH: building capacity and sustainability in water, sanitation and hygiene", two key objectives were addressed: 1) strengthening WASH education, WASH in schools and capacities for sustainability, and 2) building successful business models that bring functional and sustainable WASH solutions to



areas in need.

Under the leadership of Chairman Paul Netzel and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, committees of Rotarians have been established to raise major gifts in support of our six areas of focus.

A goal of \$25 million has been set to support water and sanitation projects, and as of December 31, 2017, over \$10.5 million has already been raised toward that goal. Among the twelve members of the water and sanitation major gifts initiative committee (WAS\*MGI) is PDG Martin Limbird, who belongs to the Rotary Club of Fort Collins, CO (D5440). Among his duties on the WAS\*MGI committee is consultation with Rotarians to identify individuals and firms interested in joining in supporting Rotary's efforts in this important area of focus.

R. I. President Ian Riseley has set forth a strong emphasis on the relationship of world peace and Rotary's six areas of focus by initiating six small conferences throughout the world during his term. Limbird will attend the peace/water and sanitation symposium to be held in Beirut, Lebanon in February 2018. "On returning to Zone 27 after the Beirut conference, I intend to organize small group events in our zone to further major gift development in support of WASH", said Limbird. (Article submitted by M. Limbird)

### Cards, cards—we get cards!



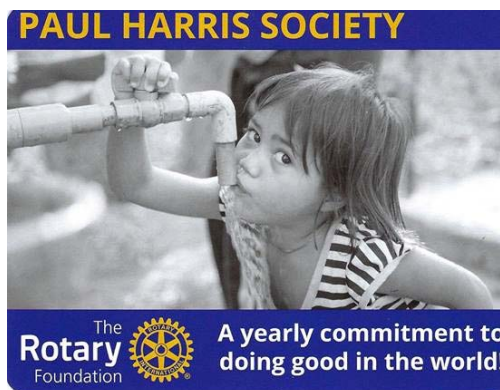
**Rotary Club of W. Sedgwick Co. Sunrise:** The messages below were in cards sent to our club from our Christmas families. Thanks to all of our members who helped make the holidays special for these families!

*"Thank you for providing food at our table during the holiday season. This has been a great gift in our family. We are happy to receive this blessing. Thank you again for everything."*

*"Thank you so much for helping to provide a great and memorable Christmas for (my children). They are very special little girls that have been through so much and deserve to have this joy. Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of our hearts."*



Cards received by W. Wichita Rotary Club



### PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

**A YEARLY COMMITMENT TO DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD!**

When you join The Rotary Foundation's Paul Harris Society, you will join a special group of Rotarians that make a \$1,000 or more yearly commitment to help change lives around the world. The Paul Harris Society member's ongoing donations are vital for The Rotary Foundation to continue to *do good in the world!*

Go to the Paul Harris Society page [www.rotary.org/paulharrissociety](http://www.rotary.org/paulharrissociety) and choose Join Today.

Interested in joining the Paul Harris Society of District 5690?

Contact  
Geri Appel  
316-841-2592  
or  
[geri@kenlerman.com](mailto:geri@kenlerman.com)

# Club News from around the District

**Rotary Club Wichita:** Our club enjoyed an update on McConnell Air Force Base from Col. Bruce Heseltine with the 22nd Air Refueling Wing, Col. David Weishaar with the 184th Intelligence Wing and Col. Eric Vitosh with the 931st Air Refueling Wing. We are grateful for these individuals and the organizations they lead. They are wonderful community partners.



**Rotary Club W. Wichita:** The bookshelves built by our members last November were delivered to Lawrence & Benton Elementary schools recently. Thanks to the members who helped with this project!



**Rotary Club W. Sedgwick Co. Sunrise:** We received a \$10,000 contribution to the **Sunrise Boundless Playscape** from Wesley Children's Foundation! Their contribution will allow us to complete the wheelchair accessible maze. The panels for the maze have been fabricated, powder coated and are now ready for assembly. Club members will do assembly work at JR Custom Metals (Rtn. Jorge Martinez) and will also help with installation and planting the planter boxes in the spring.



**Rotary Club E Wichita:** Callie Hobkirk is an E. Wichita Rotary Foundation scholarship recipient who graduated from Washburn University last month. She drove from Topeka to Wichita just to thank our club members for supporting her with scholarship funds. Callie begins her new job at Stormont Vail Health in Topeka this month!



**Rotary Club W. Wichita:** Rotary Foundation Chair John Mosley presented Paul Harris Fellow +6 pins to Bob and Rosalie Goebel in recognition of their continued contributions to TRF.



**Rotary Club Wichita:** Our member, Ann Fox, executive director of Habitat for Humanity and Habitat home recipient, Kaye Dixon shared the joy of moving the Dixon family into their new home just in time for the Christmas holidays. Our club assisted in building and funding the Dixon's new home.

**Rotary Club Garden City:** Garden City Rotary Club was entertained by the Modern Show Choir from the high school with Christmas songs at their last meeting before Christmas.



**Rotary Club Wichita:** More than 300 Rotarians and guests enjoyed a wonderful evening at Botanica's Illuminations the evening of December 18. Thanks to Botanica Director and Rotarian Marty Miller and his team for making this event affordable and so enjoyable.

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## Top Ten Reasons to Love Rotary

*Found on the internet . . .*

- #10: Because our future is bright!
- #9: Because science says Rotarians are happier and healthier!
- #8: Because Rotary's scholarships help the best and brightest achieve their goals!
- #7: Because our work to support peace and end conflict is making the world a better place – one person at a time!
- #6: Because membership just became a lot more flexible!
- #5: Because the good you do really does come back to you!
- #4: Because we know all about social networking!
- #3: Because our Foundation is 100 years strong!
- #2: Because you are connected to people who take action!
- #1: Because we are about to eradicate a disease, and you can be part of it!



## Walking with the Rotary Float

By PDG Sue Pearce (RC Wichita)



I was fortunate enough to be invited as an out-walker in the Rose Parade this year.

It is such an incredible experience. It started with a dinner party celebrating the Rotary committee and participants. I found myself at table 1 with International President Ian Riseley and his lovely wife — the start to a great weekend.

We gathered on Dec 30 at the Phoenix Design house for judging. There were 18 of us, 6 on the float and 12 walking.

If you ever have the chance to be a walker DO NOT turn this down!

The committee picked us up at 4:30 AM on Jan 1. We were taken to the parade lineup route. Floats are on one street in Pasadena, equestrian on another and marching bands on another side street, all in Pasadena neighborhoods. Our float was about mid-parade. We could wander until 7:30 am and at 8am the parade started.

When you turn the corner on Colorado Blvd and see the thousands of people the adventure begins.

We walkers were about 2 feet from the spectators. Someone described the Rose Parade as “a very intimate” parade, and that it is. You can high five the kids, make them smile or talk a minute. I lost my place a couple of times because I got caught up talking to the children. On HGTV, you can see me running to catch up as we turned the corner.

Watch and listen to a clip from HGTV about the Rotary float here: [https://www.facebook.com/RotaryRoseParadeFloatCommittee/?hc\\_ref=ARRvgaXHZm-m5zvSzMHs\\_g4T\\_ScFUF060jvIivQ1awWp1-KSMVHn6Fwu6hv54HZjZqk](https://www.facebook.com/RotaryRoseParadeFloatCommittee/?hc_ref=ARRvgaXHZm-m5zvSzMHs_g4T_ScFUF060jvIivQ1awWp1-KSMVHn6Fwu6hv54HZjZqk)

You get to hear comments like :

Rotary, you gave me a book  
Rotary, you helped my class at school  
Rotary, you do good in the world  
*And the best.....*

“Ma’am, thank you for putting service above yourself.” (That comment made my heart happy)

I walked 8.1 miles that morning, according to my Fitbit. I would do it again in a minute!

If you are unaware, Rotary won the Princess Award - “Best use of flowers on a float under 35 feet.”

Once again, proud to be a Rotarian.



“Planting the Seeds of Service”  
Rotary’s 2018 Rose Bowl Parade Float

## Did You Know?

### 5 Steps to Telling Your People of Action Story

The People of Action public image campaign helps you bring the Rotary story to life by showing Rotarians as the people of action we are. Telling our People of Action stories in a meaningful, coordinated way builds the public’s understanding of who we are and what we do. It highlights the impact we make in our communities and around the world. Here are five steps to creating your own People of Action story and an example.

Read more here: <http://www.rotaryleader-en.org/rotaryleader-en/en201801?pg=3#pg3>

### RI President Ian says . . .

“One of the new initiatives I’m most excited about in this Rotary year is the **Group Cultural Exchange program**, a type of [Rotary Friendship Exchange](#) that brings together international teams of Rotarians, non-Rotarians, and young professionals. [Contact](#) your district’s Rotary Friendship Exchange Committee Chair for more information about exchange opportunities through your district. If you have questions, or an experience you’d like to share, contact [rotary.service@rotary.org](mailto:rotary.service@rotary.org).

## District 5690 Membership Report As Of December 31, 2017

| Club             | 7/1/2017    | 12/31/2017  | NET GAIN  |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|                  | MEMBERSHIP  | MEMBERSHIP  | 2017-2018 |
| Andover          | 31          | 32          | 1         |
| Arkansas City    | 60          | 61          | 1         |
| Beaver           | 21          | 21          | 0         |
| Boise City       | 17          | 16          | -1        |
| Cimarron         | 22          | 22          | 0         |
| Derby            | 59          | 62          | 3         |
| Dodge City       | 32          | 32          | 0         |
| East Wichita     | 99          | 101         | 2         |
| El Dorado        | 46          | 45          | -1        |
| Garden City      | 48          | 48          | 0         |
| Guymon           | 24          | 24          | 0         |
| Howard           | 16          | 17          | 1         |
| Hugoton          | 19          | 19          | 0         |
| Hutchinson       | 113         | 115         | 2         |
| Johnson          | 16          | 16          | 0         |
| Kingman          | 32          | 32          | 0         |
| Kinsley          | 15          | 15          | 0         |
| Larned           | 18          | 18          | 0         |
| Liberal          | 45          | 46          | 1         |
| Newton           | 60          | 59          | -1        |
| Pratt            | 59          | 60          | 1         |
| Sublette         | 15          | 15          | 0         |
| Syracuse         | 18          | 19          | 1         |
| Texhoma          | 12          | 12          | 0         |
| Ulysses          | 32          | 33          | 1         |
| Wellington       | 18          | 18          | 0         |
| W. Sedgwick Co   | 41          | 42          | 1         |
| West Wichita     | 60          | 60          | 0         |
| Wichita-DT       | 395         | 391         | -4        |
| Wichita-Old Town | 8           | 8           | 0         |
| Winfield         | 90          | 90          | 0         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>    | <b>1541</b> | <b>1549</b> | <b>8</b>  |

### Condolences

We are sad to report that Marvis Gaddie, Executive Secretary, of the Rotary Club of Winfield passed away on December 16. Her husband, Jim, has been a RC Winfield member for many years and her brother, Ray Purdy, is our current District Foundation Chair.



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