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# District 5690 News



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## Message from District Governor

### Robert Mendoza



Dear Rotarians,

It is my honor to serve with you and as your 2017/2018 District 5690 Governor. Joining Rotary in 2007, I never imagined I would be here today. I have learned that Rotary is a path that provides opportunities, resources and relationships that can truly change the world. The only thing necessary is a desire and vision to do so.

This year I will be asking you what your vision for Rotary is. As a municipal manager, I see partnerships bred out of necessity. Rotary is no different. It is an amazing organization that can partner with us in a thousand different ways. Rotary is unique in the diversity of our members experience, expertise, education, location, availability and passion. What Rotary requires are individuals willing to work to see their vision become a reality. Have you thought about what you can accomplish with the full force of a global entity such as Rotary as your partner? I encourage you learn more about Rotary, share your vision and let's work together to create something that will help people.

I look forward to seeing all of you this year. I



know you are dedicated to your club, to your community and to Rotary and I appreciate so much the time and energy you freely give to make us all successful. I do want to encourage you to think about your Rotary

path. Where will you be in 10 years? What do you want to accomplish? What are you willing to do to get it? Think about volunteering for District Leadership positions, either serving on committees like Membership or the Foundation or participating in some of the big programs that are available through Rotary such as Youth Exchange. You can serve where your interests lie. The great thing about it is you will find friends at every turn and you don't have to do it alone.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Thank you for being a Rotarian.

**Robert Mendoza**

*District Governor 5690*

*2017-18*

*Rotary Club of Derby*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Aug. 11-12, 2017**  
**Multi-District Training**  
**Austin, TX**

**Sept. 14-17, 2017**  
**Zone Institute**  
**Houston, TX**

**Oct. 20-21, 2017**  
**District Conference**  
**Derby, KS**

**Feb. 23-25, 2018**  
**PETS (Presidents-elect training)**  
**Wichita, KS**



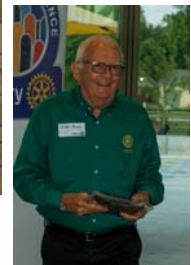
## Transition to new leadership in D5690

In a double Passing of the Gavel event in Derby on June 29, Rotarians from not only the Rotary Club of Derby but also from around the state enjoyed a wonderful evening of fun and introductions. The event celebrated the transition of leadership for both the RC Derby and District 5690. District leadership including many Assistant Governors and spouses/partners attended.

2016-17 Club President Ken Mulinax emceed the evening during which he presented 2017-18 club president Dana Quigley with the gavel and president's pin. All enjoyed hearing the club's past accomplishments and goals for next year. The club will be hosting the district conference on October 20-21 and that will keep them very busy!

2016-17 District Governor Dean Kennedy (Winfield) passed the gavel to 2017-18 DG Robert Mendoza. Both gave wonderful talks about the past, present and future activities in the district. One of the traditions is that the DG presents his/her DG pin to the incoming DG (Dean to Robert) and the DGE (Robert) presents his pin to the DGN (Sterling Hall-Sublette).

Enjoy the photos from the event!



*More Photos on Page 7*



## Rotary's Public Image: Unveiling People of Action



RI introduced a new public image campaign, People of Action, at the international convention in Atlanta last month.

This campaign is an important next step in promoting awareness and understanding of Rotary, as well as the impact Rotarians make around the world.

Watch the video about the new campaign here:

<http://video.rotary.org/EgFi/ia17-people-of-action-public-image-campaign-launch-joe-otin/>

Watch the Rotary Video: People of Action on You Tube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZbmAyB1HD4>

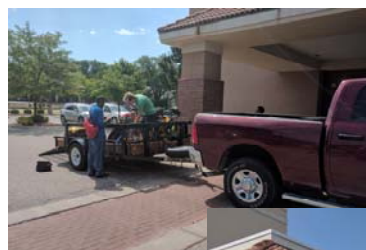
## People of Action—Rotary Club of Wichita to the rescue

On Tuesday, July 18, 2017, the RC Wichita office received a call from Carol Pandak, who directs Polio Plus for Rotary International from Geneva, Switzerland. She recently rode her bike with 4 friends through Kansas as part of a 10-year memorial ride across America in memory of Bob Keagan. Please see visit <https://www.cdc.gov/globalhealth/immunization/worldimmunization/bobkeegan.htm> to learn more about Bob, who passed away from cancer in 2012. As Bob did 10 years ago, the group began in Oregon and hopes to end the ride in Virginia. They are raising funds to support the eradication of polio and honor the work that Bob did to stamp out the disease.

Upon returning to Geneva, Carol learned that one of the riders, Bob's wife Gloria, had been hit by a car near Newton. She was taken to Wesley's ER, treated and released. Her bike has been repaired and, although she is a bit shaken (as they all are), she wants to finish the trip. In order to get back on schedule, **they need transportation to Pittsburg, KS**, where they will pick up the trail. This includes 4 people, 4 bikes and some gear. Carol reached out to us here in the Rotary office, hoping she would find some support for this band of bikers.

The call for action went out at 9:57am via mass email to club members. At 3:17pm a message was sent with this message:

***Thanks to Rotarian Eric Eakins, the bikers will be leaving for Pittsburg within the hour. Kudos to Scott Walker, Tom Martin and Clay Bastian for being willing to help as well! What an amazing response - a true testimony to what Rotarians can accomplish.***



## New! Club Officer Courses ready in the Learning Center

Custom courses are available to support club presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and committee chairs throughout the year. To find a course in the [Learning Center](http://learn.rotary.org/Pages/Catalog/CourseCatalog.aspx) (<http://learn.rotary.org/Pages/Catalog/CourseCatalog.aspx>), select the category "Your Role," or enter "club" in the catalog search line. Then scroll down to the appropriate course.

## Set Goals for the New Year!

Your Rotary, [Rotaract](#), or [Interact](#) club can earn a [Rotary Citation](#) for achieving goals that strengthen Rotary and your clubs. Grow your membership, develop sustainable service projects, support The Rotary Foundation, and build awareness of Rotary in your community and get recognized for being a part of *Rotary Making a Difference*. Get started now and track your progress starting in August.

Click here for information on each Citation type <https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/rotary-citation>

## August is Membership & Club Development Month

Want to give something to new members when they join? The new [Rotary Basics](#) offers an overview of all things Rotary. It includes information for all Rotarians, especially new members who are interested in our history and values, plus a Rotary glossary. If you need ideas for getting new Rotarians involved and giving them a meaningful experience, look to [Introducing New Members to Rotary: An Orientation Guide](#). Search both booklets at [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)—they are excellent!

## Human Trafficking—Ashton Kutcher & Rotary address the issue

*Excerpts from an article on [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)...*

### Ashton Kutcher and Rotary address the global scourge of human trafficking

*By Sallyann Price*



Actor and philanthropist Ashton Kutcher took the stage at the **Rotary International Convention** in Atlanta, Georgia, (*last month*) to address a major human rights issue: human trafficking and modern-day slavery.

Kutcher, who rose to fame in the early 2000s with a series of hit film and television roles, is co-founder of **Thorn: Digital Defenders of Children**, an organization that combats human trafficking and the conditions that enable it. Trafficking in humans takes many forms but includes forced labor and sex slavery. It is among the world's largest illicit trades, with many of the transactions happening online.

"As a young man coming up in the public school system in the United States, I thought slavery was done, a thing of the past," Kutcher said. "When I realized this was happening – happening even right here in Atlanta, a hotbed for trafficking as a travel hub – I was floored, and set out to learn as much as I could about it."

....More than 34,000 people, including Rotary members, partners, and friends from 175 countries and territories, .. gathered in Atlanta... to exchange ideas on how they can work together to improve lives in their communities.

....Recognizing the role that vast global networks like Rotary play in sustainable social change, Kutcher encouraged attendees to join the fight.

"There's an inbound pipeline to trafficking," Kutcher said, "and that is vulnerability and poverty," two issues that Rotary addresses through humanitarian projects and partnerships. Kutcher cited the example of the foster care system in the U.S. "Kids going into this system don't have someone in their lives that loves them, which makes them vulnerable to someone who reaches out and shows them that attention. That's how traffickers get in."

Gary Haugen, CEO of **International Justice Mission**, a nonprofit that aims to strengthen local law enforcement and support survivors of trafficking, pointed out that Rotary is already connecting with vulnerable groups, building relationships, and improving lives. "Educate, serve survivors, and encourage local law enforcement, and Rotary can change this in our lifetimes."

*Thanks to Diane Walker, Editor, W. Sedgwick County Sunrise Club for this article*

### 3 Dimensions of Purpose

It's common for purpose to be clear in the Rotarian leader's mind, but not (yet) be articulated and communicated to the other members of the Club/District leadership team or the general membership of Rotary.

When purpose is shared, it's practiced. Only you, the key Rotary leadership, can communicate purpose for being in Rotary, dedicating time to serving others and growing our impact at all levels of Rotary. It's up to you to demonstrate that purpose through your club's or district culture — your character values in action.

Consider how you can empower your Rotarian team, nurture the purpose connection of serving others, and improve your communications through these three dimensions of purpose:

**Purpose declares intent.** Clearly stating your purpose declares. "This is why we do what we do." When Rotarians understand how their values align with yours and with Rotary, they are powerfully motivated to serve sacrificially. When the community understands your purpose and you understand the community needs, it will be a clear indication that there is a good fit in the relationships, and nurture fierce, sustainable devotion to your cause.



**Purpose is strategic.** Purpose helps you decide between the best choices, not just good and better choices. When you clearly articulate your purpose to internal and external audiences, it keeps your club/

district focused on which causes to champion and which activities to pursue. It empowers your Rotary team to remind you to stay focused as you lead the Club/District.

**Purpose provides perspective.** Rotary's mission is a direct connection between purpose and vision. At the end of every day, no matter how good or bad it was, perspective will remind you why you work for something more significant than yourself, and why what you do matters.

Purpose, character and culture are the core of any organization. Begin with purpose, and you and your leadership team will find meaning and significance while you pursue positively impacting your community and making a difference in our world.

This article adapted from [Brian Sooy](#) on May 2nd, 2014

*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,  
District 5690 Trainer*

### 2018-19 RI President-elect dies



The Rotary World was deeply saddened and shocked that the President-elect of Rotary International, Sam Owori, died July 13, 2017.

President Ian Riseley announced the sad news: "Sam had undergone some surgery in Texas that he had been planning for some time, and there were post-operative complications from which he couldn't recover.

Sam was a special person in so many ways, and is a huge loss."

Owori was chief executive officer of the Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda. Earlier, he was executive director of the African Development Bank, managing director of Uganda Commercial Bank Ltd., and director of Uganda Development Bank. He has studied law, employment relations, business management, corporate resources management, microfinance, and marketing at institutions in England, Japan, Switzerland, Tanzania, and the United States, including Harvard Business School.

Since becoming a Rotarian in 1978, Owori has served Rotary as regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, regional RI membership coordinator, RI Representative to the United Nations Environment Program and UN-Habitat, and RI director. He has been a member or chair of several committees, including the International PolioPlus Committee, the Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, and the Audit Committee. Most recently, Owori served as Trustee of The Rotary Foundation, chair of The Rotary Foundation's Finance Committee, and a member of the Investment Committee. Owori is a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation, and he and his wife, Norah, are Major Donors and Paul Harris Fellows.

Sam was the first Ugandan and just the second Rotarian from Africa to be elected to the highest office of Rotary International.

Memorial contributions in honor of Sam can be directed to the Sam F. Owori Memorial Fund to polio here.

<https://map.rotary.org/en/selfservice/pages/SelectFundF.aspx?FUND=PP>



# Club News from around the District

## Rotary Club Old Town Wichita:

We had a great time at our annual family picnic and BBQ!



**Rotary Club Kinsley:** We welcomed our new president Sherri Brenner at our first club meeting in July.



## Rotary Club

**Old Town Wichita:** We enjoyed our tour of KPTS and learning the importance of public television with Downtown Rotarian and KPTS



President & CEO Victor Hogstrom. Thanks, KPTS!



## Rotary Club W Wichita:

Eighteen (18) of our club's past presidents "Passed

the Gavel" to new president Sharon West at our first meeting in July. Our club turned "30" on July 7 and we will celebrate this milestone in the Fall.

## Rotary Club Hutchinson:

Look who's a brand new Paul Harris Fellow! Athena Carvalho, 3-month-old daughter of Jade Piros de Carvalho and Alex Carvalho was named a PHF this month! Her mother, Jade received a PHF from the club to thank her serving as president and Jade honored her daughter by using the gift to name Athena a PHF.



## Rotary Club New-

**ton:** Two special recognitions were given at a recent meeting. Tim Marlar received the Distinguished Service Award and Dr. Richard



Siemens was recognized as the longest serving member.

**Rotary Club E. Wichita:** Kim Goodnight accepts the "Service Above Self Award" from 2016-17 President Fred Heismeyer. Kim created our new, unique FUN'd Raiser for deserving organizations at our Kentucky Derby party.



Also receiving a "Service Above Self Award" was Lynn Jeane.

We welcomed our new president Scott Holder and recognized many in our club for outstanding service.



**Rotary Club E. Wichita:** The purpose of our club's foundation is providing scholarships. This year we'll provide 14 students with scholarships of \$500 each semester. Fall scholarship recipients will be joining our club through the fall telling us about their plans and the future.



## Rotary Club W Sedgewick Co.

**Sunrise:** Our past presidents participated in passing the gavel from Dave Abblott to new president Brett Andrews.



**Rotary Club Andover:** We had the pleasure of receiving a check in the amount of \$7,299 from the City of Andover for our involvement as beer servers at the Clint Black Summer Concert. The check was presented by Chief of Police, Mike Keller, who spoke to our club. The funds will be used to help support local organizations and projects in the Andover area. (Insert photo)

# More Club News

**Rotary Club Wichita:** Paul Longhofer (left) received our annual Dale Gordon Award from our Reading is Fundamental (RIF) coordinator Mark Koch for his past service to RIF. Paul has been a long-time RIF reader at multiple schools since 1993.



**More Photos of DG and Derby Gavel/ Pin Passing**



**DG Robert Mendoza's Family**



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From [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org):

In 2017-18, we'll answer the question "What is Rotary?" with RI President Ian H.S. Riseley's theme, *Rotary: Making a Difference*. "Whether we're building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people's lives — in ways large and small — for the better."

## Understanding the recent polio outbreaks

Outbreaks of vaccine-derived polio have been reported this month in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Syria, according to the World Health Organization. Why do these happen? Vaccine-derived cases are rare, and differ from polio cases caused by the virus living in the wild. Here is what you need to know about these outbreaks.

At least 24 cases were identified in Syria and at least four in Congo. In both countries, health officials are working with the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](http://www.rotary.org/en/global-polio-eradication-initiative) to respond immediately to the outbreaks with supplementary immunization activities and field investigations.

To prevent the virus from spreading further, investigations and immunizations are also being strengthened in neighboring countries, the World Health Organization said.

Despite the new cases, the push to eradicate polio is stronger than ever, with fewer cases reported so far this year than ever before. It also got a boost at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, where donors [pledged](http://www.rotary.org/en/pledged) \$1.2 billion for the effort.

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Read more here: <https://www.rotary.org/en/understanding-vaccine-derived-polio-outbreaks>





## District 5690 Membership Report As Of June 30, 2017

| Club             | 7/1/2016    | 6/30/2017   | NET GAIN  |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|                  | MEMBERSHIP  | MEMBERSHIP  | 2016-2017 |
| Andover          | 27          | 31          | 4         |
| Arkansas City    | 61          | 60          | -1        |
| Beaver           | 22          | 20          | -2        |
| Boise City       | 18          | 17          | -1        |
| Cimarron         | 23          | 22          | -1        |
| Derby            | 61          | 59          | -2        |
| Dodge City       | 32          | 32          | 0         |
| East Wichita     | 115         | 100         | -15       |
| El Dorado        | 50          | 46          | -4        |
| Garden City      | 41          | 48          | 7         |
| Guymon           | 27          | 24          | -3        |
| Howard           | 16          | 16          | 0         |
| Hugoton          | 22          | 19          | -3        |
| Hutchinson       | 114         | 113         | -1        |
| Johnson          | 18          | 16          | -2        |
| Kingman          | 32          | 32          | 0         |
| Kinsley          | 15          | 15          | 0         |
| Larned           | 18          | 18          | 0         |
| Liberal          | 45          | 45          | 0         |
| Newton           | 56          | 60          | 4         |
| Pratt            | 54          | 59          | 5         |
| Sublette         | 14          | 15          | 1         |
| Syracuse         | 15          | 21          | 6         |
| Texhoma          | 19          | 12          | -7        |
| Ulysses          | 36          | 32          | -4        |
| Wellington       | 20          | 18          | -2        |
| W. Sedgwick Co   | 43          | 42          | -1        |
| West Wichita     | 65          | 60          | -5        |
| Wichita-DT       | 372         | 395         | 23        |
| Wichita-Old Town | 10          | 8           | -2        |
| Winfield         | 85          | 90          | 5         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>    | <b>1546</b> | <b>1545</b> | <b>-1</b> |

## Find Inspiration in Toronto

A world of opportunity waits for you at the 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada 23-27 June. Register now and take advantage of the early registration discount. Click here:

<http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto/register>



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[www.rotary5690.org](http://www.rotary5690.org)

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Australia



Join Fellow Rotarians June 20-14, 2018 in Toronto for the 2018 Rotary Convention!

## Important deadlines

**15 December 2017:** Last day to register at \$345/Rotarians; \$70 Rotaractors..

**March 31 2018:** Last day for preregistration discount \$420 for Rotarians; \$100 for Rotaractors)

**April 1 2018:** Registration is \$495-Rotarians; \$130 for Rotaractors