



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

District 5690 News



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Message from District Governor Robert Mendoza



Hello Rotarians,

I have finished my race. 365 days of putting Rotary at the forefront of my life. It is truly a rewarding experience.

For the many Rotarians who joined this leadership team, thank you for your efforts, for your counsel, for your friendship and for your service. I can't begin to describe how important your efforts are to the District and how much value you add to our ideas and plans.

To our club presidents who took the theme of making a difference to heart and found ways to increase your service, thank you. Thank you for giving of yourself and accepting this leadership role. You do make all the difference in how our members engage with the club experience and the bigger world of Rotary International.

To our new Rotarians, our mature members and everyone in between, thank you. Thank you for serving on the hundreds of committees, programs and projects here at home and abroad that continue to change people's lives. Thank you for your creativity, your ingenuity, your imagination and your commitment to do something to help someone else. I am in awe at the vast opportunities you have created to meet the

needs of people.

I am reminded with each conversation, each presentation and meeting I attend, that we are all working toward the same goals. We are only different because of our locations, but we are one in our desire to serve. Oh, sure it looks a little different everywhere you go, but it is the same desire that drives each of us to make this world a better place. Each of you play a part, never forget that you do make a difference.

Kelly and I wish to thank you for your trust in us to lead this organization. We thank you for your friendship, your generosity and your support. It is so important and it has made a difference in our lives. To the City of Derby, my staff and others who sacrificed and stood in the gap while I spent time away from the office on the Rotary road, thank you for your faith in me. I have worked to ensure your investment will bear fruit in the lives on people across this planet. Your support has been amazing.

I write to you as a Rotarian who had the great opportunity to see deeper into our organization, to learn more about our dealings and to see our reach throughout the world. I have grown more grateful than *continued on page 3*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

June 23-27, 2018
Rotary Intl. Convention
Toronto, Canada

Oct. 19-20, 2018
District Conference
Russell, KS

Sept. 4-9, 2018
Zone Institute—Boise, ID

Feb. 28-March 2, 2019
PETS
Wichita Marriott



RYLA a huge hit—Be A Superhero!



Super Heroes really can fly.



Climbing high and then zip-ping down the zipline.



The blind leading the blind.

Rotary/Southwestern Leadership Youth Camp (RYLA) began on May 29 with 34 ordinary students from Kansas and Oklahoma. The **Rotary Club of Winfield** hosted a dinner that night and Judge Tom Webb (RC Hugoton) entertained and educated them. All of the Rotarians attending the dinner had Rotary Super Hero capes thanks to the District Conference in Derby. This set the tone for Super Hero Camp.

The students breezed through the low and high ropes course. They also learned servant leadership by painting 5 buildings and doing other cleanup work around Winfield. The students spent class time learning about leadership and developing their leadership skills. The Southwestern Leadership team challenged them to learn, work, make new friends, and go home to make a difference.



After painting in the heat, the pool was a huge hit especially when followed by home-made Rotarian ice cream.

All tied up? Now what do we do?



Super heroes are ordinary people that chose to be extraordinary (like most Rotarians). Each community that sent a student now has a super hero that will make a difference in your community. Grab your capes and help them!



Super heroes at Rotary dinner at RYLA

Thank you DG Robert for a great year!

Message from District Governor Robert Mendoza (cont'd)

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ever before for the relationships and friendships found in my local Derby Rotary Club. I have missed you.

My very best wishes to Sterling and to all our future leaders. We have a great path ahead of us and I am excited to join you as we move forward to our new beginnings.

Thank you for your service and thank you for being a Rotarian.

I am forever grateful.

Yours in Rotary,

Robert Mendoza

2017-18 District Governor 5690
Rotary Club of Derby



Notes from our incoming District Governor, Sterling Hall



Here is the OR scan for my contact information



- July 1 is the beginning of our new year. Incoming governor, Sterling, was moved by the following video titled "**Compelled to Act.**" Sterling says, "You are all part of Rotary's Humanitarian effort throughout the world. Watch the video and then go out to inspire your community. Be Compelled to Act." <http://video.rotary.org/8JHa/compelled-to-act/> or use the OR code above.



11 Habits of Ridiculously Likable People (and clubs)

As we reflect on the 2017-18 Rotary year and anticipate the new 2018-19 year, we transition leadership, we develop new goals, we transform our culture. My own reflection and anticipation lead me to think about how one person can have a positive impact on a Rotary club's culture and how that impact can lead to increased fun and success. My question then is what can one person do?

One answer came from an article I read in the online newsletter, *Training Wheels*. Dr. Travis Bradberry focuses on people and the use of Emotional Intelligence in a June 5, 2016 article; where he gives the reader a list of 11 habits (see below) of ridiculously likable people.

1. They are genuine
2. They ask thoughtful questions
3. They don't pass judgment
4. They don't seek attention
5. They are consistent
6. They use positive body language
7. They leave a strong first impression
8. They greet people by name
9. They smile
10. They know who to touch (and they touch them)
11. They balance passion and fun



This list of habits provides Rotarians provable actions that will drive Rotary to have clubs of action, to be an organization in which others want to be associate and to help ensure that our clubs remain relevant in our communities. Bradberry says "Being likeable" (individually and as a club) is under your control, and it's a matter of emotional intelligence. Unlike innate, fixed characteristics, such as your intelligence (IQ), EQ is a flexible skill that you can improve with effort." According to one dictionary definition, Emotional Intelligence is the capacity to be aware of, control, and express one's emotions, and to handle interpersonal relationships judiciously and empathetically." Further, "emotional intelligence is the key to both personal and professional success."

Bradberry concludes his article by stating that "likeable people are invaluable and unique. They network with ease, promote harmony in the workplace (and in Rotary), bring out the best in everyone around them, and generally seem to have the most fun." Bradberry suggests that the reader "add these skills to his/her repertoire and watch your likeability soar!"

So, Rotarians as you reflect and anticipate this worldwide change of Rotary, commit to using the 11 habits to what you do in Rotary and watch you and your club have more fun, grow and be an inspiration.

Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,
District 5690 Trainer

Paul Harris and Planting Trees at his home "Comely Bank"

It is no accident the 2017-18 Rotary International President Ian Riseley has asked that a tree be planted for every Rotarian worldwide. Our founder, Paul P. Harris began the Rotary tradition over 100 years ago.

"Having no children of our own, Jean and I have adopted Rotary International. While our cup of joy at 'Comely Bank' has consistently overflowed, we have also had our share of sorrows. For instance: The city fathers established arc lights on Longwood drive. No longer need God pin the curtain of night back with his stars; no longer need the harvest moon shine; no longer need the commuters of our community grope their way back through the darkness, to the warmth and good cheer of their firesides. The city fathers take care of all such matters. Night has, in fact, been banished forever." Page 274, *My Road to Rotary by Paul Harris*

My wife and I have tried to make the best possible use of 'Comely Bank.' We have entertained scores of Rotarians from all parts of the world, sometimes seating at our table guests from as many as eight different countries at one time. In honor of our guests, we have planted many trees in our friendship garden, and, in many instances, guests so honored have passed to the Great Beyond, but the trees still stand, as memorials to our friendship." by Paul Harris, Page 274

"Upon several occasions, Boards of Rotary International have extended to us invitations to visit the Rotary clubs of

other counties; such invitations we have, as a rule, accepted and we have tried to make ourselves ambassadors of good-will. With the cooperation of Rotarians and local governments, I have planted friendship trees in the parks and playgrounds on all the five continents of the world and even on some of the major islands of the seas. Our trees stood as symbols of international understanding and good-will. National and municipal governments have participated in the ceremonies incident to such plantings and monuments bearing bronze plates with appropriate inscriptions, have, in several instances, been erected. Our tree plantings are merely gestures of good-will but they are intelligible to all the citizens of the various countries whatever language they speak." Paul P. Harris page 275

"Rotary was born of the spirit of tolerance, goodwill and service, all qualities which characterized New England folks of my boyhood days, and I have tried to interpret, so far as lies within me, that faith to other men." Paul Harris from page 278

Page references are to *My Road to Rotary by Rotary's Founder Paul P. Harris*. Read it here: <https://www.rghfhome.org/harris/library/myroad/>

Article courtesy of Rotary Global History Fellowship's monthly e-newsletter "What Paul Harris Said"
www.rghfhome.org

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

There are 78 Rotary Fellowships that offer opportunities to make friends around the world for Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni who share a common passion. These groups help expand skills, foster vocational development, and enhance the Rotary experience by exploring interests while developing connections around the world. Learn more here:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>

Polio Update @ 6/12/18

This year: Total wild polio cases for 2018: **11**.

Last year: Total wild polio cases in 2017: **22**

AFGHANISTAN: Three new cases of type 1 (WPV1) have been confirmed the past month. The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Afghanistan in 2018 is 8.

PAKISTAN: Two new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) have been confirmed. The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Pakistan in 2018 is 3.

NIGERIA and THE LAKE CHAD BASIN:
No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1)

More details at <http://www.polioeradication.org>

Cliff Dochterman Remembers—How Rotary got involved in Polio Eradication



Many Rotarians have no idea of how Rotary ever became involved in eradicating polio in the world. So, let me recall the story.

In the 1950s, 60s, and 70s, virtually every person knew someone in their family or circle of friends who had polio. In the early 1950s, there were annually over 55,000 cases of polio in the United States.

Worldwide there were per-haps 500,000 cases of polio. Of that number 50,000 children a year would die from polio and thousands more would be crippled, paralyzed or suffer lifelong disabilities.

So that was the backdrop of our story. In 1978, Rotary had a committee, appointed by R.I. President Clem Renouf, to design a new direction for Rotary. It was called the Health, Hunger and Humanity Committee. This was a small committee to design a program for Rotary International to undertake projects far greater than any club or district could do. Rotary had never undertaken a corporate or worldwide project – just club programs. I happened to be co-chairman of that 3-H Committee. We knew that if we didn't have an immediate success, the Rotary world would probably scrap the program the next year.

So we looked for an “immediate success” project. We had about 16 projects proposed from around the world. One proposal was from the Philippines. Dr. Benny Santos wrote that if Rotary could provide the vaccine, they would mobilize all the Rotarians in the entire Philippines and immunize all the children.

So, that was it. We approved the project; and if I recall correctly, some 6 million children were immunized against polio. It was a huge success. Pharmaceutical companies had other types of vaccine – for measles, tetanus, chicken

pox and other vaccines which were donated for Rotarians to distribute in several areas of the world. Rotary proved that immunization was the kind of project Rotary volunteers could handle.

A couple years passed, and another Rotary committee was created in 1982 by R.I. President Stan McCaffrey called the New Horizons Committee. This group had the job of “looking into the future of Rotary to see what tasks or new directions Rotary could take on the future.” I happened to be chairman of this committee. We considered hundreds of ideas – some big ones and some rather frivolous. Finally, I suggested that we ought to be thinking 20 or 30 years into the future. Why not do something big for Rotary's 100th anniversary coming up in 2005? A letter from Rotarian John Sever suggested that we might provide polio vaccine for all the children in the world. The committee thought that was a good idea, so it was one of the 35 suggestions to the R.I. Board of Directors. So, in 1982 the Board of Rotary International approved the idea of giving polio vaccine to all the children in the world. The project was called “Polio 2005.”

Two or three years went by, and finally in 1985, Dr. Carlos Canseco, RI Pres. from Monterrey, Mexico said that if we were going to get the task done by 2005, we should get started. So, he called Dr. Albert Sabin to Evanston and we had a meeting of some of the world's most distinguished medical and public health leaders. Dr. Sabin said it would cost at least \$100 million dollars and we would have to immunize 500 million children.

Wow what a job!

Editor's Note: Cliff Dochterman served as RI President 1992-93. He visited the RC Wichita to celebrate the club's 85th Anniversary in 1996.

Thank you to Calum Thomson, End Polio Now Zone Coordinator for Zone 17..

Did You Know? Rotary International News

- **Rotary Citation Deadline: June 30**

All activities for the [Rotary Citation](#) need to be completed, reported, and reflected in Rotary's database by 30 June. View your club's citation dashboard by signing in to My Rotary and going to Manage, then Club & District Administration, then Reports. The Rotary Citation is in the Awards section. All citation certificates will be distributed in digital format in September.

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Rotary Fellowships consist of members who share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies or professions. These groups help expand skills, foster vocational development and enhance the Rotary experience by exploring interests while developing connections around the world. Find a Fellowship here: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Wichita DT: For the 3rd year our club is helping to sponsor the "Future All American Basketball Camp." The camp hosts about 200 boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 16 and caters to underserved youth. It teaches life skills as well as basketball. We serve as score keepers, lunch servers, back pack assemblers and helpers at the awards ceremony.



Rotary Club El Dorado: El Dorado Rotary members met at the Kansas Oil Museum recently to paint oil pumps. Before and after pictures show the improvement made by their hard work.



Before



After



Before



After



Rotary Club Old Town Wichita: We participated in the stock tank races at Wichita's River Festival!



Rotary Club Wichita: Our club's recipient of the 2018 Dale Gordon award is Wilbur Baird for his 24 years of dedicated service to Wichita elementary schools.



Rotary Clubs W Wichita and Sedgwick County Sunrise: Our outbound RITE teachers are now in Panama for 4 weeks. The teachers went well planned with materials for all participants.

Rotary Club W Wichita: Save the date for our Annual Wine Event: September 22 at the DoubleTree Hilton!



Rotary Clubs Ulysses and Newton: It's time for peaches! Orders are being taken by both clubs. Also your editor assists with the Newton fundraiser on behalf of Youth Exchange. Contact Geri if you are in the Wichita area and want peaches!

Clubs—Please send me your news!

Send email to geri@kenlerman.com with short story and a few pics. They will be included in the newsletter ONLY if you send an email! If you have a story and photos on Facebook, send email alerting me to that and I will go there to get your news. Thanks!

More District Scholarship Winners

Additional funds became available for the \$1,000 Rotary District Scholarships! In addition to the 14 previously announced (see March 2018 newsletter), the following also received a Scholarship. Funds were made available from the 2017-18 District Grant funds through The Rotary Foundation. And the winners (name and hometown) are:

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| Kambrian Acevedo | Guymon, OK |
| Ashton McGinn | Sedgwick, KS |
| Bailey Osborn | Murdock, KS |
| Jazstyn Moyer | Ulysses, KS |
| Megan Isaac | Sublette, KS |

Congratulations to the winners and the clubs that nominated them!

District Governor Pin Passing Ceremony



*Passing of the DG Pin
2017-18 DG Robert Mendoza &
2018-19 DG Sterling Hall*

*From Haskell County
Monitor Chief, by Jen-
nifer Davis*

***It took two years of learning and commitment before Sterling Hall was ready to take over the position of Rotary District Governor for 5690. On Wednesday, June 13th, Rotary members (local and from other clubs) as

well as friends and family were all present to watch as Robert Mendoza, current Rotary District Governor, performed the "Pinning Ceremony" for Sterling Hall, new Rotary District Governor. The luncheon was held at the Pride of Life in Sublette and organized by Tom and Janie Welsh.

Current governor, Mr. Mendoza, explained the process of being elected. A person is elected by a committee to be considered for the position of District Governor. It is then a 2-year process of learning the workings of the position, studying, and classes just to prepare for the one year position that is held as District Governor, he said. "In this position, it is our job to go to our local clubs and see what they need to help them meet their projects goals. We are not here to take over the project, but to see what is needed and help with that need. Rotary is also international, which means it is all over the world helping communities with things like education or ongoing research such as with the disease Polio. Thirty years ago, Polio was widespread but with continual work and research it is now only present in the deepest, darkest corners of the world. Rotary has continued to work to fund and lead the way to rid the world of this disease."

Sterling Hall has been a lifelong supporter of helping others and volunteering in many organizations in the Haskell County area. Sterling along with his wife, Jackie, and family have spent many hours helping their communities. This carries on with the position of Rotary District Governor and the long standing ideas, purpose, and goals of Rotary International.

Rotary International formed in 1905 and has a membership of 1.22 million people. The stated purpose of Rotary International is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. *****

From your editor



A large group attended the pin passing ceremony including family and friends.

About forty Rotarians and friends joined at noon on June 13 to celebrate the end of DG Robert Mendoza's year of service to the district and welcome 2018-19 District Governor Sterling Hall as D5690s governor.

Rotarians from the Dodge City, Garden City, Winfield, Derby and Wichita clubs joined in the celebration.



Pin Passing to Sterling Hall



Sterling pins DG Robert

DG Robert recapped his year and gave DGE Sterling advice and encouragement for his upcoming year as district governor. Following Robert's remarks, he "pinned" Sterling with the DG pin that past governors have worn for decades. Sterling then presented Robert with his Past District Governor (PDG) pin.

A highlight of the meeting in addition to the delicious homemade food was the surprise visit of Sterling's daughter and family from Ames, Iowa. One of Sterling's sons was also in attendance along with many colleagues and friends.



DG Sterling has a special coffee can and story which he will be sharing with our clubs in the upcoming year. His focus will be The Rotary Foundation

of which he is a longtime supporter and contributor. Read more about that next month because he is leading by example!

The occasion was special, indeed.



DGE Sterling & Jackie Hall with DG Robert Mendoza

District 5690 Membership Report As Of May 31, 2018

Club	7/1/2017 MEMBERSHIP	5/31/2018 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2017-2018
Andover	31	31	0
Arkansas City	60	64	4
Beaver	21	19	-2
Boise City	17	18	1
Cimarron	22	22	0
Derby	59	66	7
Dodge City	32	42	10
East Wichita	99	104	5
El Dorado	46	42	-4
Garden City	48	50	2
Guymon	24	24	0
Howard	16	17	1
Hugoton	19	17	-2
Hutchinson	113	103	-10
Johnson	16	16	0
Kingman	32	33	1
Kinsley	15	12	-3
Larned	18	18	0
Liberal	45	46	1
Newton	60	61	1
Pratt	59	56	-3
Sublette	15	17	2
Syracuse	18	18	0
Texhoma	12	15	3
Ulysses	32	34	2
Wellington	18	19	1
W. Sedgwick Co	41	39	-2
West Wichita	60	63	3
Wichita-DT	395	401	6
Wichita-Old Town	8	9	1
Winfield	90	86	-4
TOTALS	1541	1562	21



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2017-18 RI President
Ian Riseley
Australia



Your Fellow Rotarians will be in Toronto June 20-24, 2018 for the 2018 Rotary Convention!

Rotary's Vision Statement

“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”



Let's tell the world we are
PEOPLE OF ACTION
GET STARTED TODAY!

