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Message from District Governor

Dean Kennedy



Dear Dream Team,

Spring is here and with Spring unfortunately comes disasters. Within District 5690 we have had a major disaster with the fires in many locations of Kansas and Oklahoma. Rotarians in many of our communities have seen the loss of home, business, and possessions for those in their communities. I would encourage each club in the District to discuss this disaster and determine how their club can best assist using our "Service Above Self" motto. So many times we think about doing good in the world that we overlook that we can do that good right at home. It is my understanding from Jade in Hutchinson that financial assistance to rebuild is what is needed now. The United Way of Reno County is assisting with this and Ashland Community Foundation is working in Clark County as well as many others that you might find.

We have several important events coming up with PETS in WICHITA, District Assembly in Dodge City, and Rotary/Southwestern RYLA Leadership Camp in Winfield. All of the dates and information are listed in this newsletter. I encourage each of you to get involved in these events. Each Rotary Club has a scholarship to send one student to



Rotary/Southwestern Leadership Camp so all you have to do is find the student who can be a Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior in High School and get them to camp. Now is the time to act on each of these events.

Rotary bylaws require the RI Board to complete a comprehensive review of the 34 Rotary zones no less often than every eight years to ensure that each zone has an approximately equal number of Rotarians. The Board's previous review of the zones occurred in 2008 so it is again time for that review. It is almost certain that we will see a change of zones in the United States during this time based on our decline in membership. This will also be a time that they will look at Districts. Many Districts in the world currently have 3 times the number of clubs and members compared to District 5690. As RI President John Germ has stated before, "we have to keep Rotary relevant" which means we need to change with the times and change is coming.

In the membership report for February 28, 2017 District 5690 was the only district of the 15 districts in our region that did not show a decline in membership. Wait, before we celebrate it is important to note that we

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mar. 23-25, 2017
PETS
Wichita Marriott

June 10-14, 2017
Rotary Intl. Convention
Atlanta, Georgia USA

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

May 30-June 3, 2017
RYLA
Winfield, KS

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



Message from District Governor Dean Kennedy (cont'd)

didn't show an increase either. We were even at 1546 members which is where we started. This is progress and I am hearing that several clubs are using the changes to attract new members. Keep up the great work and let's show a plus in members by June 30.

Dean Kennedy

District Governor 5690

2016-17

Rotary Club of Winfield



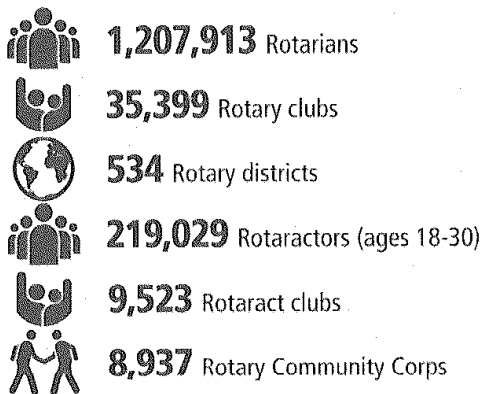
Service Above Self Corner

By DG Dean Kennedy

I had requested Rotarians to fill this space each month and decided that I should probably lead by example since I am not always the greatest at saying, "Thank you". So hear it goes. This month's service above self goes to Donna Pfeifer who spends countless time and effort helping all of you with the District Grants. She is, has been, and continues to be a resource beyond compare. Thank you, Donna.

This is Rotary

Who we are



Figures as of 1 July 2016

How we help

494 District grants funded small-scale, short-term, district-sponsored activities that Rotarians used to address local or international needs

\$25.5M

1,165 Global grants supported large international activities that had sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus

\$76M

10.6% more global grants than last year



How we are meeting our goals

Support and strengthen clubs

The original Rotary club began as a way for Rotarians to build friendships, support one another in business, and give back to the community. More than a century later, this philosophy inspired the member benefit program Rotary Global Rewards, launched 1 July 2015. In addition to receiving special offers on a variety of products and services, members can offer discounts from their own businesses, giving Rotarians an opportunity to save money, while supporting fellow Rotarians locally and globally.

Focus and increase humanitarian service

More than 35,000 active projects were posted to Rotary Showcase, an online site that allows Rotarians and Rotaractors to share stories of their clubs' successful projects. This reflects Rotarian contributions of more than 12 million volunteer hours, over \$380 million in cash donations, and almost \$265 million in in-kind donations that fuel our efforts to improve the quality of life in communities worldwide.

Enhance public image and awareness

Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio received coverage from major media outlets, including the BBC, People magazine, and The New York Times. Pope Francis even recognized our efforts during a Jubilee audience in April. By showcasing Rotary on global platforms, we share our story with the public and make our causes even more visible.

Clubs and districts now have resources to effectively tell the stories of their projects and achievements. The Rotary Brand Center offers the templates and tools needed to prepare visual and digital materials, with many new resources to come.

Found in the RI and Rotary Foundation Annual Report 2015-16

RYLA—Rotary Youth Leadership Camp Coming SOON!



Some people may define a leader as one who is in charge of a group or activity. However, a true leader is a servant first. Rotary Leadership Camp offers an opportunity to discuss the possibilities and responsibilities of being a servant leader, and highlights what Rotary is doing in different communities!



Throughout the camp students will learn about themselves and others, and about motivation and teamwork. The students will discover that he or she cannot be a leader without being a servant first. To find out more information on how you or a high school student you know can be a part of Rotary Leadership Camp go to this link: <http://www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/leadership/rotary-camp/>

Remember that EVERY club in District 5690 will be provided a grant to cover the cost of one student to attend RYLA. All you have to do is recruit the student and get them to RYLA (Rotary/Southwestern Youth Leadership Camp) which will be held **May 30 to June 3, 2017 at Southwestern College in Winfield.**

Change in Club Leadership Resources

Source: Rotary Training Talk, March 2017

In response to survey results, RI has been working to improve the learning experience for club leaders. First, the September mailing of club officer manuals to district governors-elect will move to July this year. The manual *Lead Your Club: President* will be the only club resource mailed. Other resources will be emailed or appear online.

Second, club officers responded in surveys that they're not always aware of the resources available as they take office (see graphic below), and that they would prefer taking an online course to help begin their year.

Publication	Percentage Using the Manual
Lead Your Club: President	73%
Lead Your Club: Secretary	45%
Lead Your Club: Committee	43%
Lead Your District: Committee	36%
Lead Your Club: Treasurer	35%

To assist club officers, online courses for each role will debut in the [Learning Center](#) in July. The courses will include specific manuals and additional resources for their role. We hope these courses will provide support whenever your club officers want it.

Also, this change will improve club officers' access to key information. An online course allows us to post the latest information as it becomes available.

Please update your training calendars to reflect the earlier mailing date for club resources, and look for the new club officer courses.

Lessons from our dogs

My wife and I are both Rotarians and both dog lovers. We have two dogs, a Sheltie and a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. Over the years of being pet parents, we have learned that each of our pups have their own personality, their own way of relating to us, and their own way of being special.

So is it true for fellow Rotarians; we have fellow Rotarians who have different personalities – some being extroverts and others introverts. We have fellow Rotarians who relate to others and their world around them through facts and those who relate through relationships. We have fellow Rotarians who find their way of making Rotary special in their lives by being a champion for a specific project or cause. While other Rotarians make Rotary special through being involved with everything the club is doing



and being part of its formal leadership.

As leaders in our clubs we need to remember that all Rotarians have something to give – we just need to identify their passions are tap into those passions. We are talking about engagement! So, as the annual Heartland PETS takes place and our 2017-18 leadership gather to learn, plan and engage; let us remember that Rotary is about all of us who make up Rotary, with our differences and our little quirks. Finally, let's learn from our canine friends and see how we can incorporate the lesson below in our work with Rotary and in our club operations.

*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,
District 5690 Trainer*

18 Things We Can Learn from a Dog

Good Lessons to Live By! John A. Valdivia, II

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

When loved-ones come home, always run to greet them.

When it is in your best interest, practice obedience.

Let others know when they've invaded your territory.

Take naps and stretch before rising.

Run, romp, and play daily.

Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.

Be loyal

Never pretend to be something you're not.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent,
sit close by and nuzzle him or her gently.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout...
run right back and make friends.



District Scholarships Awarded

More than 100 applications for the twelve (12) \$1,000 Rotary District Scholarships were received and the Scholarship Committee has selected the winners. Funds were made available from the 2016-17 District Grant funds through The Rotary Foundation.. And the winners are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Where Planning to Study</u>
Jordi Almeida	Guymon	Texas State University
Audrie Bailey	Winfield	Fort Hays State University
Jamie Black	El Dorado	Butler County Community College
Calista Case	Howard	Coffeyville Community College
Richard Cook	Hutchinson	Hutchinson Community College
Peter Huynh	Wichita	Wichita State University
Julie Kutz	Rose Hill	Butler County Community College
Jose Mendoza	Johnson	Emporia State University
Jesus Molina	Johnson	West Texas A&M University
Rylee Raschke	Wellington	Pittsburg State University
Rachel Watson	Wichita	University of Kansas
Faith Weber	Howard	Waiting—between school choices

Bill Gates to speak at RI Convention



I am thrilled to announce that Bill Gates will be speaking this June at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta. Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have been working together on

polio eradication for a long time, and our strong partnership will continue through the final years of the effort.

Bill and his wife, Melinda, in their much-anticipated Annual Letter, released today, offer a glimpse of their appreciation for Rotary and the incredible progress we've made toward polio eradication through our joint effort with national governments, UNI-

CEF, the World Health Organization, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

With the most effective resources in place, it's possible that we have seen, or soon will see, the last case of polio in history. At the convention, Bill will say more about how we can — and will — end polio together.

I hope you will join me and Bill at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 10-14 June. This is one speaker you're not going to want to miss. Register now.

John F. Germ
2016-17 RI President

**Attend the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta June 10-14, 2017
REGISTER TODAY FOR LAST AVAILABLE DISCOUNT!**



10 June – 14 June 2017

Join Fellow Rotarians in Atlanta for the 2017 Rotary Convention and the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation.

Important deadlines

31 March 2017: Last day for preregistration discount (\$415 Rotarians/\$100 Rotaractors)

14 June 2017: Last day for online registration (\$490 Rotarians/\$130 Rotaractors)

<http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta>

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Sunrise: We purchased and delivered deodorant for the 4th graders at Kensler Elementary and various sized underwear to have available in the school office. Several staff members sent a note of gratitude.



Our club will also help make dinner for the Midtown Ronald McDonald House in March.



Rotary Club Wichita: Recently retired Sedgwick County Zoo Director Mark Reed kept our members on the edge of their seats as he told how the amazing story of "Elephants can Fly" from Swazi-

land to the United States.

Rotary Club Johnson:

Recently our Johnson City Rotary Club renovated our "Johnson City, KS" welcome sign located on the north end of main street. After much thought and discussion, Rotary members decided to use the old sign, but update it with our high school colors which would make the sign more visible as people drive into town. We included wheat on the sign since it has helped with growth and sustenance for our community over the years. Our high school wood's class and instructor, Merle



Seeger, cut out the letters and wheat with their new plasma cutter machine. Our Rotary members were hard at work throughout the process.



Rotary Club W. Wichita: Looks like the "fight" in the Melodrama on a recent Friday evening must have stirred up the audience when **East** Wichita Rotary Club President Fred Heismeyer was caught squaring off with our **West** Wichita Rotary Club President Cindy Hand! The title of the show was "East Side—West Side."



Rotary Club W. Wichita: David Weber "Extra Effort" awards were presented to 2nd graders at Lawrence Elementary. The award is named after a deceased long-time member of our club.



Rotary Club Newton: To celebrate our club's 100th anniversary, our joined Caring Hands Humane Society in the building of the Centennial Dog Park in conjunction with the City of Newton, we partnered with Newton City staff, Caring Hands, and a grant from our District to create a dog park in the City of Newton. The park was opened in September 2016, and we recently received a letter from the City of Newton thanking us for our involvement.



This is an ongoing project for the club and Caring Hands. Funds are still being raised for the several amenities to be added for the dogs and pet owners. Recently our club voted to purchase the paving bricks which contributors will be able to have their name engraved. Club members will be asked to assist City staff in laying of these bricks as well.

The dog park is a project the City of Newton has had in their long range goals for several years and has proven to be a very worth while investment for our club to make in the community. There probably isn't a day goes by that someone isn't enjoying the use of the facilities.

Rotary Club Derby: The Rotary Club of Derby, through a District Matching Grant, is funding and Rotarians are serving twelve meals this year for Derby Area Circles. The Circles program is new to Derby with two Rotarians and other volunteers serving as the organizing team. Circles is a relational program that matches people living in poverty with financially stable people who offer support and encouragement as the "Circles Leaders".



The Derby Area Circles serves individuals and families in the Derby School District and surrounding area. Community support is vital to Circles – through financial support and by affirming the efforts of the families who are seeking a better life. Derby Rotary led with way with their financial support as well as the hands-on participation of fourteen members of the club.

More Club News

Rotary Club Hutchinson: The Rotary Club of Hutchinson sponsored a mingle with the Young Professionals of Reno County (YP) in order to help introduce the under-40 crowd to Rotary. Held at the offices of Fee Insurance, the mingle brought together nearly 100 YPs and Rotarians to network and learn more about their respective clubs.



Rotary Club E. Wichita: We will be painting a map at Buckner Elementary. Club members have been reading to students at Buckner during the past two years. Both the students and their teachers greatly appreciate our involvement and support of their school. They've already selected the area where the map will go and are looking forward to its completion this spring.



We now have 10 associate members due to our YP partnership, and we picked up at least one more at the Mingle we sponsored. The partnership is helping us expand our regular membership.

Rotary Club W. Wichita: *RAPID FIRE QUESTIONS* President Cindy has started "Rapid Fire Questions" at our weekly meetings where she calls on a member to tell about themselves and their line of business. This provides our members with the opportunity to promote their business plus it's a fun way to get to know each other better.



Our club also received this packet of thank you notes from the first grade students at Benton Elementary thanking our club for the bookshelves, books & stickers.

Our club participated in a map-making event last fall at Jackson Elementary and those who were there agreed that it was both a worthwhile and enjoyable project, plus a great excuse to consume coffee and donuts on a cool morning.

Rotary Club E. Wichita: In observance of International Service Week, EWR will host a "laundry supplies" drive to benefit Gerard House. Members have been asked to bring their in-kind donation of laundry detergent, fabric softener and dryer sheets (these 3 items only but any brand!) to our meetings the next 2 weeks.



**SUNRISE ROTARY
16th ANNUAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT**
Monday, May 15, 2017
Reflection Ridge Golf Course





SAVE THE DATE
for a *"Run for the Roses"*
Rotary Club of East Wichita
will be hosting a
Kentucky Derby Party/Fundraiser



On Saturday, May 6, 3:00 PM at The Lux, 120 E. 1st St., Wichita
Appetizers, drinks (including Mint Julips, of course), live auction
Watch for your formal invitation coming soon!

District 5690 Membership Report As Of February 28, 2017

Club	7/1/2016 MEMBERSHIP	2/28/2017 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2016-2017
Andover	27	31	4
Arkansas City	61	54	-7
Beaver	22	22	0
Boise City	18	17	-1
Cimarron	23	22	-1
Derby	61	56	-5
Dodge City	32	36	4
East Wichita	115	106	-9
El Dorado	50	47	-3
Garden City	41	43	2
Guymon	27	27	0
Howard	16	16	0
Hugoton	22	19	-3
Hutchinson	114	109	-5
Johnson	18	16	-2
Kingman	32	32	0
Kinsley	15	15	0
Larned	18	18	0
Liberal	45	46	1
Newton	56	61	5
Pratt	54	60	6
Sublette	14	15	1
Syracuse	15	21	6
Texhoma	19	19	0
Ulysses	36	33	-3
Wellington	20	17	-3
W. Sedgwick Co	43	42	-1
West Wichita	65	61	-4
Wichita-DT	372	385	13
Wichita-Old Town	10	10	0
Winfield	85	90	5
TOTALS	1546	1546	0

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2016-2017 RI Theme
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Jean-Michel Cousteau

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Save the Date!

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Conference

The Venue

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