



District 5690 News



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Message from District Governor Sterling Hall



Dear District Rotarians,

How do you see the health of your local Rotary Club? One measurement by Rotary International is to look at a club's membership. Are you losing members, are you gaining members, are you retaining the membership you have currently? Rotary International and our District leadership are here to help your club with membership needs. We have many tools in Rotary that will help us with all our needs at the local club level.

Rotary International has videos to help train you or teach your new members what it means to be a member of a Rotary Club. They also have media information which can be printed for your club. They have written training materials to use or share. The web address for these materials is: <https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/membership>. We also have a District Membership Chairman who is Mike Andrusak: Cell 620-290-7488, email mandrusak@adamsjones.com. Some clubs have a Membership Chair which can also help.

Currently here is where your District stands with its membership. The District has lost 27 members total as of the end of February. 10 Clubs have a gain in membership. 10 Clubs have no change in membership



to date. 11 Clubs have losses this year in their membership.

Membership is the life blood of the Rotary Club. Everything we do is dependent on having members and then those members being active in their Club. Look around your community and you will find someone that would make a great member of your Club. Invite them and see where it will go. You can make a difference in your Club. Clubs with gains—great job. Clubs with no change—get a new member. Clubs with losses—work toward getting back to the plus side.

Make Rotary a great experience for someone you know. **You are the Inspiration!**

Yours in Rotary,

Sterling Hall

2018-19 District Governor 5690
Rotary Club of Sublette

Reminder: Each club has been asked to contribute at least \$1,500 toward Polio-Plus. Has your club met that challenge?

Remember that for every dollar contributed by Rotarians, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match it 2 to 1. That's a deal we shouldn't pass up!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 29-June 2, 2019

RYLA—Southwestern College
Winfield, KS

June 1-5, 2019

Rotary Intl. Convention
Hamburg, Germany

Sept. 24-29, 2019

Zone Institute
Overland Park, KS

Oct. 11-13, 2019

D5680 District Conference
Wichita, KS



Message from 5670 District Governor Andrea Krauss



It's almost spring, and you know what that means.... RYLA Camp is right around the corner.

Now is the time for your club to be selecting the students it wants to send to RYLA Camp. This year's camp will be held May 29 –June 2 at Southwestern College in Winfield. To be eligible, students must have just completed their

Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior year in high school. The cost is only \$300 per student and includes housing and meals. Now, that's a deal!

At RYLA Camp, students will learn the about the concepts of servant leadership. They will discover that they cannot truly be a leader without first being a servant. Students will learn about the importance of motivation and teamwork by participating in a group service project. They will set goals to help make a difference in their schools. They will learn about what Rotarians and Rotary Clubs are doing to make their communities a better place to live. And, of course, there will plenty of time for fun activities like dodge ball, a cookout, a movie, swimming, and ice cream!

RYLA Camp falls during the same week as several other statewide youth leadership events, which may preclude your club from sending some of the more visible youth leaders in your community. However, I would argue that those students generally already have ample access to leadership training. This should be viewed as an opportunity to identify students in your school who have leadership potential that just hasn't yet been unleashed. This is your club's chance to have a huge impact on the future of one or two students in your community.

The link to register students is <https://www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/leadership/rotary-camp>. Where else can your club provide top-notch leadership training to the youth of your community at such a low cost? Your club

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS!

DOES YOUR CLUB SPONSOR AN INTERACT CLUB?

The Winfield Interact Club would like to hold an Interact Conference in conjunction with the upcoming District Conference October 11-13, 2019 at the Wichita Marriott.

If your club has an Interact Club, please contact DG Kurt Harper so we can include that club in planning the Interact Conference!

DOES YOUR CLUB SPONSOR A ROTARACT CLUB?

We are aware of only one Rotaract Club in our new district 5680 (McPherson). If your club sponsors a Rotaract Club, please contact DGE Kurt Harper and let him know.

Kurt Harper, District 5680 Governor 2019-20

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should not miss out on this opportunity to shape the future leaders of Rotary and your community.

Be the Inspiration!

Andrea Krug Krauss,

2018-19 DG 5670

Rotary Club of Russell



Recruit Students for RYLA Camp—May 29-June 2, 2019

Have you recruited your students for RYLA camp yet? It is time. Rotary/Southwestern Leadership Camp will be Wednesday, May 29 to Sunday, June 2, 2019 at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. This camp is for current high school Freshmen, Sophomores, or Juniors that each Rotary Club selects.

All the forms to register your students can be found at <https://www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/leadership/rotary-camp> OR visit www.rotary5690.org. Registration form is at: <https://form.jotform.com/SouthwesternCollege/>



[leadership-rotary-camp](https://www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/leadership/rotary-camp)

Make sure and register early to assure a spot for your students. Registration deadline is May 11, 2019. Payment should be sent to Dean Kennedy, P. O. Box 637, Winfield, KS

67156. Rotary and your students can make a difference for our communities!

Students from District 5670 have been invited to attend this year. Rotary and your students can make a difference for our communities!

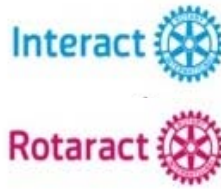
Calling All Interact Sponsors, Rotaract supporters (and everyone else interested in the future of Rotary)!



At our joint district conference last fall, I learned that the Interactors in Winfield would like to organize a meeting in conjunction with our district conference this coming October. If your club sponsors an **Interact** club—and we know of several in both “legacy” 5670 and 5690,

please have your club liaison, or the Interact officers, contact me so the district can be sure they get information as we put together a plan. My email is at the end of this article.

Interact is one of the ways Rotary seeks to build Rotarian values in our youth. It is an organization for high school students, and provides a means for members to connect, do service projects together, and otherwise participate in the activities that are at the heart of Rotary. Having a good presence of Interactors—and interested Rotarians—at the District Conference is a great way to build the relationships between clubs; and it is another way that Rotary Connects the World!



And speaking of building Rotary—one of the areas of emphasis of RI President Elect Mark Maloney is **Rotaract**, the organization for 18-30 year-olds. There is a Rotaract club at McPherson College. It has been in existence for a number of years, and it has recently gotten a new faculty adviser. I will have an

opportunity to meet with its incoming officers and the new adviser in late March, so we can explore enhancing the club's contact with our expanded district. The longevity of their club will give those of us from legacy 5690 a better concept of how to build, and sustain, healthy Rotaract clubs, and increase the opportunities for the Rotaractors to engage in Rotary projects and to interact with Rotarians.

This opportunity to bring our Interactors and Rotaractors into closer contact with our clubs and our district is just one of the benefits we will be able to realize from merging the two districts. We are all excited about the growth this represents!

Kurt Harper
2019-20 District 5680 Governor
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Rotary Club of Washington Rotary Radio Days 2019

Washington Radio Days goes to the Dogs (& PolioPlus)



Washington Rotary Radio Day, one of our club's biggest money makers, happened again on March 22, 6 to 10 pm.

During those times, Washington Rotary Club members take over KCLY radio station as disc jockeys. During the live broadcast they play music, named our sponsors and read ads written by Rotarians. In the weeks leading up to the event, Rotarians sell sponsorships and ads. Also during the on-air time, other Rotarians host a silent auction at the Washington Bowl. Rotarians called in to the station during the evening and reported on the auction progress and bids on items donated.

This was our 33rd year to host the Washington Rotary Radio Day. This year, we are going to the dogs and fighting polio.

We sold \$1,155 in ads and raised \$7,500 from our auction.

The three areas we are funding from proceeds are:

1. KSDS (Service Dog training facility located in Washington)
2. Washington Dog Park (planned fenced park for dogs to run free without a leash)
3. PolioPlus (Rotary)



*Thanks to Larry Stoppel, RC Washington
for submitting article and photos.*

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



Fred Heismeyer (East Wichita) Elected to serve as District Governor

The District Nominating Committee for new District 5680 has selected **Fred Heismeyer** to be the District Governor for 2021-2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022). Fred is a member of the **Rotary Club of East Wichita** and has been a Rotarian for 21 years. He has been very active in Rotary, serving as District 5690 Trainer and other various positions. His occupation involves career leadership training, and he is well-known for getting people on their feet and promoting team building and relationship building through Rotary.



Clubs in both Districts 5670 and 5690 were officially notified of the nomination committee selection and have until March 1, 2019 to "challenge" the nomination committee's selection.

If there are no challenges by the end of the business day on March 1, Fred Heismeyer will be declared the District 5680 Governor for 2021-22.

Congratulations, Fred!

Meet Fred Heismeyer District 5680 Governor 2021-2022



An active Rotarian, Fred is a member in the East Wichita Club, serving as President in 2016-17 and is currently the District 5690 Trainer. Fred has been honored with the District "Service Above Self" award and EWR Club's "Service Above Self" and "Rotarian of the Year" awards. Fred and his wife, Joyce, have been active Rotarians at the club and district levels for many years. The couple has been active in hosting international exchange programs participants from Europe, South America and Asia. Beginning his Rotary career in 1997 with the Springdale (Arkansas) club, Fred served as a board member and after moving in 2008 to the Iola (Kansas) he served the Iola Club as President-Elect before the couple's move to Wichita in 2012. Fred has been a presenter in Districts 6110 and 5690.

Professionally, Fred is a Global Human Performance Coach/Owner of Career Dimensions and focuses on team/leadership training. Over the past 25 years he has worked with education, business, industry, banking, health care and not-for-profit organizations worldwide. He has taught in China and Ghana; as well as facilitated team and leadership training in Poland through the USAID program.

Fred is an adjunct faculty member with Webster, Baker and Friends Universities. He holds a doctorate degree in Higher Education Administration from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, a master's degree from Emporia State University and a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University.

Fred is past president of the Northwest Arkansas Chapter of the American Society of Training and Development chapter and former board member of the NWA Society of Human Resource Management and the Arkansas College Personnel Association. He has been a faculty member with Allen Community College and Director of Education with Champions for Kids – a support center for non-profit youth organizations. Fred worked for 15 years as a university student affair professional in a variety of capacities.

Joyce and Fred are committed to community service. Fred is a Past National President of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, served as Vice President of the Board of Governors of the Up with People International Alumni Association and a past president of Springdale, Arkansas Habitat for Humanity chapter. Fred and Joyce have been married for 38 years. Joyce is the Chief Operating Officer and Administrator of Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita.

Remembering Past District Governor Peter Marcus (D5670)



Past District Governor (5670) Peter E. Marcus, 77, passed away on January 17, 2019 in Ness City, Kansas.

He was an elementary school teacher in the Beeler and Ness City schools and a financial planner for Waddell and Reed.

He was very active in the Lions Club and he served as the President of the Ness City Rotary Club as well as Rotary District Governor in 2010-11. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Ness City where he served on

many boards including lay speaking. Pete was a US Army Veteran serving as a Chaplain's Assistant.

His wife, Coline, survives.

Memorial Service has been held. Memorial contributions may be given to the United Methodist Church, Ness City Rotary Club, or the Ness City Library.

Memories and words of support may be left for the family by writing in the guest book.

<https://www.fitzgeraldfuneral.com/obituary/peter-marcus>

4 Dynamite Ways to Find New Members

By Rob Tidd, District 5060 membership chair and member of the Rotary Club of Wenatchee Confluence, Wenatchee, Washington, USA

In January, we had 61 members in our club, an increase of about 40 percent from the beginning of the Rotary year in July, when we had 43. Our success has been based on two ingredients: encouraging friendships and promoting fun in Rotary.

But just as important to our growth has been a systematic and continuous follow up with potential new members. Too often a potential new member is approached once and then forgotten. Every club needs a champion or champions willing to take the extra time to stay in communication with *every potential new member*. I am often asked where I find all these potential new members. Our sources grow as we come up with new ideas. Below are some of the practical ways we have found members:

Follow up on RI membership leads:

Prior to my year as District 5060 membership chair, I discovered that [some of the membership leads sent to us by RI](https://my.rotary.org/en/document/connect-membership-leads) (<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/connect-membership-leads>) were never contacted. I decided to work my way back in time through the leads, going as far back as several years, to see if any of these individuals were still interested in Rotary.

One gentleman in particular had never been contacted and was enthusiastic to be invited as my guest. Not only did he join, but he asked if his business partner could also be considered for membership. Of course my answer was "yes" and now both are members. These are people who took the time and made the effort to contact Rotary International.

Get referrals from other clubs:

I have found that sometimes a member of another club crosses paths with a co-worker who they think would be a good Rotarian, but because they are co-workers, or they have a boss-employee relationship, they don't want to invite them to be a member of their club. If something were to happen at work, it could create awkward situations in the club.

Yet that person might be a great fit for another Rotary club. So I routinely go through the membership lists for the other clubs in my area and ask for referrals. I know this works because we have Kyle as a member of our club who was referred to us by a member of another club.

Find leads in your local newspaper:

I get excited every day to see who I might find as a potential member in my daily newspaper. Our newspaper includes information about the movers and shakers in our community, the recently retired, new home purchasers, and new businesses. The list is endless. I craft specific letters and follow up in 30 days. Often it is not even necessary to follow up because the recipient is touched by the letter and accepts the invitation for lunch at my club. I know this works because we have Jeff in our club because he responded to my letter.

Keep organized with a spreadsheet:

I created a spreadsheet with a list of potential new members, and set up a schedule to follow up with these people. My list includes recommendations from club members in my club, people who have given presentations at my club, former Rotarians who left other Rotary clubs in my area due to dissatisfaction or lack of engagement with their former Rotary club, and recipients of the letters I mentioned above. Systematic and continuous follow up is so important. This list helps me stay on track to make sure no one is forgotten.

I hope you find this information helpful. May you also be successful in your quest for new members.

Source: Rotary Voices, 3/4/19



The Wenatchee Confluence Rotary Club's new members class of October 2018. Membership chair Rob Tidd says do something to make new members feel special, like framing their certificates and interviewing them during their induction.

April is Maternal & Child Health Month

Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease. Learn more here: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/saving-mothers-and-children>



Rotary Teaming: Bonding, Building or Development?

Rotarians gather and meet, serve, and fellowship; but why do we do this? We do this to bond as Rotarians, to network as professionals and to meet a need in our community as caring citizens. What we are doing is teaming; coming together as a group of people to reach a common goal. However, teaming really has three levels according to Michelle Cummings of Training Wheels. Ms. Cummings identifies three levels of teaming as:

- **Team Bonding** refers to fun, recreational programs that may involve some networking and rapport building.
- **Team Building** offers teams the opportunity for growth, reflection, and potential ongoing learning.
- **Team Development** is ongoing 'deep-dive' work that focuses on behavior change and team performance.

All three serve a useful purpose, but it's important to know what each level entails.

Team Bonding

- Is designed around a simpler goal or outcome of having a good time.
- May follow a specific schedule but is not catered to an end goal.
- Typically, does not require reflection time.
- Can act as a stand-alone event.

Team Building

- Is designed around a goal or outcome as identified by Rotary or your community.
- Has intentionality.
- Is designed and/or facilitated by trained facilitator with skills in facilitation techniques.
- Allows for built-in reflection time where Rotarians reflect on their experience.



- May include follow-up work.

Team Development

- Is designed around long-term, targeted organizational goals.
- Has a multi-phase curriculum including behavioral assessments.
- Includes a minimum of one program a quarter and ongoing coaching for team members.
- Is facilitated by an experienced facilitator who works closely with the club and perhaps Rotary International.
- Outcomes include behavioral and organizational change.

It's important for Rotary leaders to clearly define club goals for each activity. This then will drive the level of teaming your leadership will use. Remember, there's nothing worse than a Rotarian, community partner, or prospective member expecting one thing and your Club delivering another. And the flip side of that, Rotarians, community partners and perspective members can sometimes expect your Club to deliver something outside its capabilities. Establishing what is realistic with your fellow Rotarians, discussing outcomes with a community partner or in your club's orientation can help all have a positive Rotary experience. These three teaming categories are easy for your club's leadership to incorporate into its planning and goal setting process.

Adapted from: [Michelle Cummings, Training Wheels](#) - online newsletter, December 5, 2018

NOTE: Next month we will elaborate on the three levels of teaming with examples of how Rotary utilizes Team Bonding, Team Building and Team Development.

*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,
District 5690 Trainer*

Welcome New Members with Rotary Basics

Are you unsure where to start with your new member orientation? Have members learn more about Rotary and even test their knowledge with the new Rotary Basics course in the Learning Center. They'll read about Rotarians from around the world, learn about our values and causes, and deepen their understanding of Rotary through this interactive course.

The [Rotary Basics](#) course was designed for new Rotarians, but it's also a great refresher for other members —

and even nonmembers — who want to know more about Rotary. It just takes 15 minutes to complete the course.

To take or recommend the class, use the link below. Anyone who isn't signed in to My Rotary will be prompted to do so before going to the Learning Center.

Learn more here: <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/course/internal/view/elearning/524/rotary-basics>

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Liberal: We shared our local Pancake Day festivities with DG Sterling Hall. Photo taken after the Shrivng Service at the First United Methodist Church, with the 2019 International Pancake Day Race Winner Maggie Lapinski. L-R: AG Mike Brack, John Engel, Maggie, Leslie Bissel, and John Engel.



Rotary Club : This year we purchased these coins for speaker gifts and to give to prospective members as an invitation to join us for a free breakfast.



Rotary Club Andover: We were pleased to host several Wichita-area presidents at our club meeting recently.



L-R: Doug Stark (PE Downtown); Brian Goudy (W Wichita); Vern Klassen (PE W Wichita); Shelly Prichard (Wichita); Alison Couey (Andover); Eric Gustafson (Derby).

Rotary Club Guymon: Our community service was with Loaves & Fishes replacing our weekly meeting. We helped put together groceries for our community and organized grocery donations to the group. Rotarian Eric Johnson assisted.



Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise: President Steve exchanged club banners with several of our RITE teachers then presented them each with a Wichita Flag at our meeting. Pictured with the RITE teachers: Shelli Kadel (WW Rotarian) Dalia Hale, Steve Fischer & Armida Hight.



Rotary Club W Wichita: David Weber Extra Effort Awards were presented to 3rd grade students from Benton Elementary at a recent club meeting (shown with their teachers).



Rotary Club Dodge City: We gave dictionaries to all Ford County third graders this month. Photo at Soule Elementary School.



Rotary Club W Wichita: President Brian Goudie presented Sharon West with a Rotary International Directors Award for "Membership Club Growth 2017-18" achieved during Sharon's year as club President.



SUNRISE ROTARY 18th Annual Golf Tournament Chaired by: MATT BYRUM



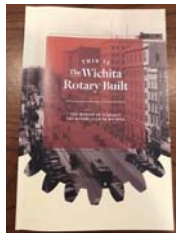
Monday, May 13, 2019
Reflection Ridge Golf Course
Registration and lunch starts at 11:00 a.m.

Shotgun start at 12:00 noon
Proceeds to benefit the CHARITABLE PROJECTS of the
Rotary Club of WSC - Sunrise



It's time to spread the word about our upcoming Annual Golf Tournament! Please encourage business associates, friends, neighbors, family to enter a team or provide a sponsorship or a nice auction item. Matt Byrum is taking the lead in organizing our tournament again this year (thanks Matt!) but this is an **ALL CLUB** event so we need **everyone** helping out!

Rotary Club Wichita: We celebrated our club's rich 108-year history and the introduction of our history book, "This is the Wichita Rotary Built" recently. We experienced a historical meal and learned of the incredible events and moments what changed Wichita's destiny forever—because of our Rotary Club. (See more on page 9)



FOCUS ON: Rotary Club of Colby

Rotary Club of Colby After School Program—A Community Project

The After School Program has been in existence a number of years and was started with grant funds the school received. The Colby Public Schools, USD #315 coordinates the After School Program. It is held Monday-Thursday for students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. The program is open from after school until 5:30 p.m. Fall 2018 enrollment for the program was 165 students.

After the original grant funds were depleted and school funding was so tight, it was questionable whether the program could continue. Area businesses and organizations, including Colby Rotary Club, rallied and donated funds to ensure this valuable community program would continue. The program is free to students who qualify for free lunch status. There is also a reduced fee (\$20 per month) for students who qualify for reduced lunches. The regular monthly cost is \$45.00 per student. These fees help offset the cost of the program.

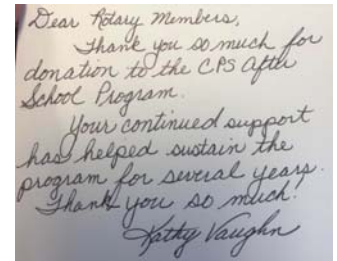
There is a program coordinator and multiple school staff members who rotate each week and assist each day at the program. The goal of the program is to provide students with a structured environment while their parents are still at work. Many students would not have a place to go until their parents get off work. The program saves valuable time for the parents as well, not having to leave their job to pick their child up immediately after school as

they can remain at work and pick their child up after the end of their regular work day.

The students that attend have a snack, do a structured activity and also receive help with homework. The Colby Community College men's basketball team members have been regular visitors which is a highlight for the students.

The students have an annual spaghetti supper and craft sale to help raise funds to sustain the program. The K-State Research and Extension organization helps with this annually. Colby Rotary Club and the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce partner each year on a golf tournament as a fund-raiser for both organizations. As part of the registration for the tournament, a community organization is selected annually to be the recipient of a donation each golf team has the option of contributing to. In 2018, the After School Program was the designated recipient for these donations.

Several years ago, Colby Rotary Club also presented the 'Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure' books to the After School Program. The books are a Rotary Literacy Project and promote the ideals of the 4-way test.



Rotary Club of Colby 2018-19 Service Project

WHO IS...?WHO WAS...? Book Series is a new project introduced to our club this year. The books are a series of biographies on a variety of inspirational people such as presidents, entrepreneurs, leaders, and other well-known present day and historical figures. The project is timely as this year's Rotary International theme is "Be the Inspiration." The books arrived recently at Pioneer Memorial Library and our goal to provide the full set of 150 books for the whole community has been reached.

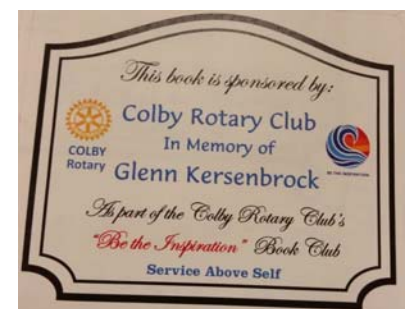
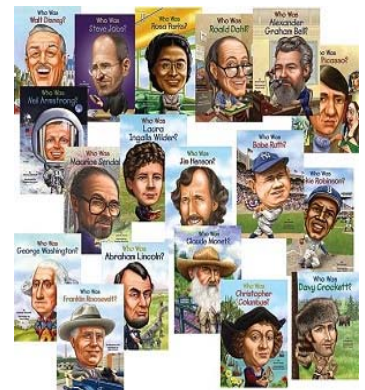
. The club purchased a display stand and there is a sign with the display that reads: "Be the Inspiration—Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Colby."

Club members had the opportunity to sponsor a specific book or multiple books in the series at a cost of \$10.00 per book. Each sponsored book has a nameplate showing the sponsorship (below right).

Visit <http://www.whowasbookseries.com/books/> to learn more about this interesting project..



Assistant PML Director, Wynn Duffey, displays some of the **Who Is....?/Who Was...?** Books that recently arrived at the library. The books are in the process of being cataloged for check out.



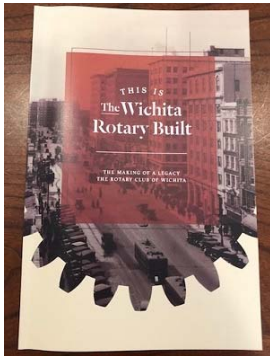
Global Grant in Colombia for Hospital

Both Districts 5690 and 5670 have committed \$2,500 from their District Designated Funds (DDF) to support a \$63,000 grant assisting the Cucuta, Colombia Erasmo Meoz Hospital. Partner clubs are RC San Jose de Cucuta in Colombia and RC Houston Baytown.

The hospital serves areas in both Colombians and Venezuelans "living" in Cucuta due to its location on the border. The absence of pediatric medical equipment requires immediate assistance due to the number of Venezuelans requiring hospitalization and surgical and emergency care not available in Venezuela.



Rotary Club of Wichita Launches History Book



The Rotary Club of Wichita celebrated the launch of its just released history book of our club. It is titled "This Is the Wichita Rotary Built: The Making of a Legacy!"

Members of the Rotary Club of Wichita have written a book about the influence the chapter has had in the city's history.

"This is the Wichita Rotary Built: The Making of a Legacy!" a 55-page book, was given to members at Monday's Rotary Club meeting at Botanica. It was written by Bob Hamrick with contributions by the club's History Committee. Those members, in addition to Hamrick, are Clark Bastian, Eric Cale, Bill Gardner, Arlen Honts, Jan Luth and Eric Melgren.



Clark Bastian

Bastian, past club president (2009-10), catalogued more than 24,000 pages of information on the club and its contributions to Wichita.

"Wichita Rotary began like a social arm of the Chamber of Commerce," Bastian said in a statement. "But it

quickly became a movement of movers and shakers, determined to help Wichita develop economically and culturally. It was a special privilege to combine historical images from Rotary files with the stories about the club's dedication to improving Wichita literally changing the dynamics of this community."

The RC Wichita has more than 400 members and was the 30th Rotary club chartered in 1911. Additional copies will be provided to public libraries.



Club Members rang the original bell as they entered the meeting.



Club History Committee: Arlen Honts, Bill Gardner, Clark Bastian (Chair), Eric Melgren, Jan Luth and Eric Cale

Rotary Club of Howard—Donates to Medical Supplies Network



For the second time in the recent past, the Howard Rotary Club donated medical supplies to Medical Supplies Network, Inc. (MSNI) in Tulsa, OK. The Howard Club donated four exam tables, medical

books and supplies to the organization, which is sponsored by Rotary District 6110 in Tulsa, OK. Shirley Black, Howard Rotary Club member and her daughter, Katie, drove a truck carrying the donated items to Tulsa and helped unload and sort supplies, as well as toured the large warehouse facility.

Network Rotarians and community volunteers meet every Saturday to sort and package items, then send to needy

areas, both locally and internationally, at no cost. They have distributed thousands of pounds of medical supplies to local individuals, supported local free clinics, and shipped over 235 sea containers to 40 countries worldwide. Our donations allow MSNI to ship a sea container of medical equipment and supplies to a developing nation somewhere in the world each month.

If you would like to help people with medical needs locally and throughout the world as an MSNI financial sponsor by becoming an Ambassador Society Member, you may call 918-639-1492 or go to www.MSNI.org. If you have local medical supplies to donate, please contact the Howard Rotary Club and we will help with your donation.

2019 PETS a success—What's Next?

Hello to all 2019-20 President-Elects in Rotary District 5680,

We know ... you thought you were done receiving emails from us. But communication never stops and there are many opportunities throughout the year for you, your leadership and your general club membership to join in leadership and fellowship events. **So, please don't stop reading -**

Most important, we enjoyed being with many of the President-Elects of District 5680 during this year's PETS.

Thank you for your dedication to your club and Rotary.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend. And, **thank you** for your active participation during the event.

Now, as you continue with your planning, please remember that we heard loud and clear throughout this year's PETS about **engaging our membership in an active, vibrant program of serving others; networking with fellow leaders and impacting our communities.** Engag-

ing our membership must include developing and communicating clear goals, carrying forward with action plans and providing measurements enabling us to evaluate our actions.

We want to remind you that planning is important for a successful year. Two resources were sent via email to each club: 1) a two-and-a-half Rotary year cycle your club should implement to give presidents time to plan and learn, and 2) "A TYPICAL CLUB CALENDAR" which gives an overview of the things that should be done as you prepare for and serve as President of your club. The calendar can also give you a foundation for developing your individual Club's calendar.

July 1 fast approaches and we are here to assist in any way. Contact one of us if there is anything we can do to help.

Kurt Harper
2019-20 District Governor

Fred Heismeyer
District Trainer/DGND

2019 PETS Enjoyed by All



DGE Kurt Harper (5680) and Jason Lieb (5710) conducted the 2019 Rotary President-elect Training Seminar Feb. 28–March 1, 2019. Those in attendance agreed it was a success!



Large Crowd of 2019-20 Presidents-elect from D5710 and D5680 attended!



Current and Future District Leadership (L-R):

DG Sterling Hall (5690);
DG Andrea Krauss (5670)
DG 2018-19 Kurt Harper (5680)
DGE Dana Brewer (5680)
DGN Fred Heismeyer (5680)

Great Speakers!



Jeffrey Cadorette, RI Director brought humor and inspiration in the opening and banquet presentations



Past RI Vice President Anne Matthews brought The Rotary Foundation to life for us



Carol Pandak, RI PolioPlus Manager brought us up to date on Polio Eradication



Rotarian Cathy McClain brought everything into focus to close PETS



Vendor Russell Hampton's booth was always busy

District 5690 Membership Report As Of February 28, 2019

Club	7/1/2018 MEMBERSHIP	2/28/2019 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2018-2019
Andover	31	33	2
Arkansas City	65	66	1
Beaver	19	19	0
Boise City	18	18	0
Cimarron	22	22	0
Derby	66	70	4
Dodge City	38	40	2
East Wichita	96	102	6
El Dorado	41	42	1
Garden City	51	47	-4
Guymon	24	25	1
Howard	16	15	-1
Hugoton	16	16	0
Hutchinson	100	89	-11
Johnson	16	16	0
Kingman	33	26	-7
Kinsley	12	9	-3
Larned	18	18	0
Liberal	46	49	3
Newton	62	57	-5
Pratt	55	58	3
Sublette	18	18	0
Syracuse	18	18	0
Texhoma	15	15	0
Ulysses	34	29	-5
Wellington	19	15	-4
W. Sedgwick Co	39	41	2
West Wichita	62	57	-5
Wichita-IDT	404	400	-4
Wichita-Old Town	8	8	0
Winfield	86	83	-3
TOTALS	1548	1521	-27



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2018-19 RI President
Barry Rassin
Bahamas



Your Fellow Rotarians will be in
Hamburg, June 1-5, 2019 for the
2019 Rotary Convention!

Polio Update @ 3/20/19

This year: Total wild polio cases for 2019: **6**

Last year: Total wild polio cases in 2018: **33**

AFGHANISTAN: The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Afghanistan in 2019 is 2.

PAKISTAN: The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Pakistan in 2019 is 4.

NIGERIA and THE LAKE CHAD BASIN:

No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) since 21 August 2016.

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

April 12-14 is Global Youth Service Day

Young leaders from around the world will come together for the largest service event in the world, Global Youth Service Day. In addition to the service projects and celebration events, this year Global Youth Service Day encourages young people to become activists and advocates to address root causes of problems through policy change.

Get ideas for how you can take action on Global Youth Service Day here <https://leadasap.ysa.org/gysd/>

