



# District 5690 News

## 2016 District Conference

**Congratulations to DG Dean Kennedy & the Rotary Club of Winfield  
on a terrific District Conference Oct. 14-15, 2016**

**District Governor Dean Kennedy** promised that the 2016 conference would address **bridges serving humanity** through Rotary in a fun atmosphere. We were not disappointed!

We enjoyed great speakers, wonderful fellowship and had lots of fun while experiencing Rotary in Service.

This newsletter is a pictorial recollection of the conference. Thanks to District Photographer, Bob Obee and District Trainer Fred Heismeyer for most all of the photos here.

*Geri Appel, District Newsletter Editor*



*A note from the RI President's  
Representative to our District  
Conference*

Date: 20 October 2016

To: PDG Geri Appel  
Editor, District 5690 Newsletter

From: Martin Limbird  
Endowments/Major Gifts Advisor  
Rotary Zone 27 (including District 5690)



**Martin Limbird**

I want to again express my congratulations to District Governor Dean Kennedy and his district conference committee for hosting such an outstanding event in Winfield October 14-15, 2016.

It was an honor for Mary Catherine and me to represent Rotary International President John Germ at your conference.

Governor Dean's theme of "Bridges" effectively built on Cowley County's unique history, encouraging Rotarians to build bridges in their community and in the world through Rotary service. The conference schedule was paced well, including interactive programming that gave a chance for all to be involved.

As we continue to celebrate the centennial of The Rotary Foundation, I join Governor Dean in his appeal to every Rotarian in District 5690 - make that additional \$26.50 gift to support the Annual Fund or our Polio Eradication campaign.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Atlanta June 10-14, 2016!

# Friday—October 14, 2016

Rotary Dinner was well attended.



Lucy Herlocker,  
Conference Chair



DG Dean Kennedy and  
Keynote Speaker Leslie  
Schweitzer



Keynote Speaker Leslie  
Schweitzer is the Chairman,  
Founder & President of Friends of  
American University of  
Afghanistan



Members of the Derby club  
were on hand throughout  
the conference. Their club  
will host next year's  
conference in Derby on  
October 20-21, 2017



The Representative of RI  
President John Germ was  
PDG Martin Limbird. He  
welcomed the group at  
Dinner

## Putting or Painting

# Fun after Dinner



She gave it a good try  
but couldn't beat Toby  
Kehn (Hugoton) at the  
Putting Contest.  
Sorry no photo of  
Toby but this is  
Donna Meier Pfeifer  
(Pratt)



**It was a Painting  
Party! Nice work!**



**Saturday - October 15, 2016**

**CLUB BRIDGES**

**1. Managing Change - Is Rotary Relevant? How do we handle change? (See description at the side)**



**Choosing Sides**



*We'd rather take a selfie!  
And we did!*

**Our Agenda / What we Did:**

1. "Managing Change" - Cheryl Rude from Southwestern College had us moving from one side of the room to the other with our answers to questions about how we personally handle change. It was FUN!
2. We Discussed Membership and Changes and if/how the Council on Legislation changes have benefitted our clubs.
3. District Trainer Fred Heismeyer and PDG Sue Pearce shared the results of the Survey recently conducted and Strategic Planning
4. We heard an informative talk by RI President Rep Martin Limbird on The Rotary Foundation
5. We ALL participated in preparing the parts for shoes to be assembled in Uganda—saving children from "jiggers."
6. We heard from members of the Interact Club of Winfield and PDG Rod Kreie talked to them and the audience about the value of Rotary Youth Exchange
7. PDG David Yoder presented 2015-16 District Awards
8. Closing Dinner with Jude Tom Webb (Sublette) sharing his personal story
9. Entertainment by "The Trebles"



**Would you rather—**

- A. Use a Groupon OR
- B. Use a newspaper coupon
- A. Try a new restaurant for dinner OR
- B. Return to a favorite restaurant for dinner
- A. Call Customer Service OR
- B. Use a Customer Service Live Chat box
- A. Pay for an Amazon Prime Subscription OR
- B. Use regular shipping methods
- A. Take selfie photos OR
- B. Take scenery photos
- A. Call to make restaurant reservations OR
- B. Use Open Table to make reservations
- A. Pay back your friends with a check OR
- B. Pay back your friends with Venmo
- A. Call for a taxi OR
- B. Cal for an Uber
- A. Subscribe to Netflix OR
- B. Subscribe to Cable TV
- A. Give regularly to your chosen charities OR
- B. Give spontaneously when presented with a compelling story of need





**Saturday - October 15, 2016**

**2. What changes has the Council on Legislation changes had on your club's meeting time or location or membership recruitment? A roundtable discussion.**

**3. Discussing Strategic Planning and the recent survey sent to clubs with District Trainer Fred Heismeyer and PDG Sue Pearce.**



District Trainer  
Dr. Fred Heismeyer



PDG Sue Pearce

*Survey results were interesting with the primary need of clubs who responded being help from the district on building membership and membership retention. A copy of the presentation was sent to clubs after conference.*

**Sharing Our Rotary Moments**

**Many conference attendees shared their "Rotary Moment" (that one thing that really turned them on to Rotary)**



Leslie Bissell (Liberal) spoke about her club's projects dealing with Suicide



Jade Piros de Carvalhos talks about the State Fair Booth at the Kansas State Fair



Ken Mulanax (Derby)



Mary Catherine Limbird spouse of Martin Limbird, RI President's Rep



Donna Meier Pfeifer (Pratt)



DeAnn Sullivan  
W. Wichita



D5670 PDG Marshall Stanton speaks about ShelterBox and encourages our getting involved with this Rotary founded project



Tammy Allen  
Wichita DT

# INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES: Service Project—Sole Hope [www.solehope.org](http://www.solehope.org)

Do you know what “jiggers” are? Those who attended District Conference sure do!

We ALL participated in preparing the parts for shoes to be assembled in Uganda—saving children there from “jiggers.” The project was initiated by the Interact Club of Winfield High School—and they spoke to us after the project. Conference attendees spent about an hour tracing on denim OR cutting the pieces OR preparing all the cut parts for shipment to Uganda where the parts will be assembled into shoes. Visit the above website for more information. It was a FUN project and we were building **International Bridges** to Uganda through this project.



## YOUTH BRIDGES: Interact—Youth Exchange—RYLA



*Kelle Thompson introduces Winfield High School Interact Members*



*Interact Club of Winfield Interactors speak to conference attendees*



*PDG Rod Kreie talks about Youth Exchange with Interact Members*





## 2015-2016 Awards

2015-2016 District Governor David Yoder presented District awards on Saturday

**Congratulations to all!**

### Service Above Self Award



Past District Governor **Phil Michel** (W. Wichita) received the District's **Service Above Self Award**. This is the highest award an individual can receive in the District.

L-R: PDG David Yoder and Phil Michel

### Outstanding Club



**The Rotary Club of West Wichita** received the **Outstanding Club of the Year** and this moving trophy to share with their club.

L-R: PDG David Yoder, DeAnn Sullivan, PDG Phil Michel and 2017-18 Club President, Sharon West

### International Service Award



**PDG Rod Kreie** (Winfield) received the **Ozzie Goering Memorial International Service Award** for his dedication to Youth Exchange and his work in India.

L-R: PDG David Yoder and Rod Kreie



## Special Awards

**District Governor Dean Kennedy** presented special awards to Cheryl Rude (Winfield) and Judge Tom Webb for their each devoting 20 years of service to RYLA in our District.



Each year (usually at the end of May), our district and Southwestern College in Winfield hold the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp (RYLA). Since the first year it was held both Judge Tom Webb (RC Sublette) and SW College Dr. Cheryl Rude, a professor of Leadership Studies and Academic Director of Leadership Southwestern, have been integral parts of this amazing camp. **Thank you & Congratulations!**



## Closing Dinner and Fun!



A Special guest at our closing Dinner was Annie Wyatt, spouse of PDG Dick Wyatt who passed away earlier this year .

L-R: Fred & Joyce Heismeyer, Annie & Susan Addington (E. Wichita)



Judge Tom Webb (RC Sublette) was the keynote speaker at our closing dinner. His talk was titled "You Can Make a Difference" and it was very moving!



Russian Travelers L-R: Fred & Joyce Heismeyer, DeAnn Sullivan & Geri Appel all visited Russian this year



Thank you PDG Marshall Stanton for having a Shelter Box for us to see!



Thank you Martin & Mary Catherine Limbird for representing RI President John Germ at our conference (with Toby Kehn)



Dave Abbott (Sunrise), DG Dean Kennedy and RI President's Rep Martin Limbird Celebrating The Rotary Foundation—with cake!



The KBA Treblemakers were amazing entertainment to end the conference. Kansas Kids making GREAT bluegrass music and winning competitions!



DG Dean honors and remembers Rotarians who left us this year



Thanks, Bob Obee, (Kinsley) for your years of service as District Photographer!



Promoting Attendance at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta June 10-14, 2017



Four PDGs—all in a row L-R: Rod Kreie (Newton), Mike Barnes, (Boise City), Don Drennan (Winfield), Gerald Greene (Newton)



Roger Lungren (Winfield) handed out great door prizes provided by clubs in attendance

