



District 5690 News



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Message from District Governor

David Yoder



Dear 5690 Rotarians,

This is a very exciting time for District 5690! I am extremely happy to announce that the **Rotary Club of Howard**, Kansas has officially joined our District! As of July 1, the Howard Rotary Club will be our newest club, bringing our District to 32 clubs overall. Earlier this month, Rotary International approved the request of the Howard Club to join with us, moving over from District 5710. We now have Elk County as part of our District.

I have had the pleasure to visit the fine folks in the Howard Club a couple of times this year, and can say without reservation that they will be a great addition to our District. This is an enthusiastic bunch of dedicated Rotarians, and we look forward to a long and satisfying relationship with this club. This is truly a win-win situation, as not only do we get a group of Rotarians that surely will be an asset to our District, but we are able to provide them with a much closer, geographically speaking, group of clubs

with which they can interact.

Many thanks to the other dedicated Rotarians in our District who worked with me to make this happen. Kudos especially to DGE Dean Kennedy and the fine folks in the Winfield club that helped pave the path for this to happen.

This is what a District can accomplish when it works in unison and camaraderie with other districts. By working closely with District 5710 DG John Donovan over the past few years, and sharing a “doing what’s best for our clubs and for Rotary” mentality, I have personally seen how great changes can be made by teamwork and cooperation. Thanks, John, for partnering so well with this effort.

But that’s not all! I had the great pleasure to be invited to attend and participate in the chartering of the brand-new **Interact Club of Winfield**. Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Winfield for their successful launch of our District’s newest Interact Club. This was a long

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 29-30, 2016
District Training Assembly
Greensburg, KS

May 28—June 1 2016
Rotary Intl. Convention
Seoul Korea

May 25-28, 2016
RYLA
Winfield, KS

Oct 14-15, 2016
District Conference
Winfield, KS



Message from District Governor David Yoder (cont'd)

time in coming, and after years of working toward this, the Winfield Club got it going. Great job, folks.

This is a District moving in the right direction, and these are just two recent examples of why this is such a great place to be a Rotarian.

David Yoder

District Governor 2015-16
Rotary Club of Newton



Send your club news to newsletter editor
Geri Appel at appelg@kenlerman.com

District awards are partially based on contributions
To this newsletter.

If you post something on Facebook about your club,. PLEASE
email to me so I can go there to get your news & photos. Thanks!

Have you Registered to attend District Training Assembly?

The time is **now** and the place is **Greensburg!** Come learn about the Strategic Planning for District 5690, about the Grants program, about leadership, about RYLA, about RYE, and so much more. District 5690 was very involved with Greensburg and now we can see the results. We need you there to provide us input for the 2016-17 year while having a lot of fun with other Rotarians.

President-elects: Attend this meeting and bring your club members! See you in Greensburg.- - - *DGE Dean Kennedy*

Saturday, April 30th, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Kiowa Co. Senior Center, 431 Main St., Greensburg

Register today!

Brochure and registration information
Attached at end of newsletter

RYLA May 25-May 28, 2016—Register Your Students Now

Have you recruited your students for RYLA camp yet? It is time to do so!

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) camp will be Wednesday, May 25 to Saturday, May 28, 2016 at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. The surprising theme for this year is, Be A Gift to the World. All the forms to register your students can be found at www.sckans.edu/leadership. Click "Service Outreach/Rotary Camp." Be sure to register early to assure a spot for your students. They will thank you for this great opportunity to be a gift to the world.



3 Easy Ways to Create Your Rotary Legacy

Legacy gifts ensure that Rotary's programs will continue to benefit people around the world for generations. Here are 3 easy ways:

Provide for a Bequest in a will or estate plan. Donors may choose to include a gift of a specific dollar amount, a percentage of what is left after providing for relatives or even a particular asset. If they already have a will they may add a bequest through a simple codicil, or amendment.

Make The Rotary Foundation the Beneficiary of a Retirement Plan. Tell prospective supporters to simplify matters for their loved ones by directing all or a portion of what remains in their retirement accounts to charity and

leaving more tax-favored assets to heirs. They may designate The Rotary Foundation as beneficiary of an IRA or 401(k) without changing their will. The plan manager can provide the forms needed to change the beneficiary.

Turn Unneeded Life Insurance into a Charitable Gift. It is easy to name The Rotary Foundation the beneficiary of a life insurance policy without changing a will or other estate plan. As financial and family circumstances change over the years, donors may have policies that are no longer needed for their original purposes.

The Planned Giving Team at The Rotary Foundation is eager to assist you. Contact them at (847) 866-3100 or planned.giving@rotary.org.

NEWS - For 2016-2017 Club Leadership Team

DGE Dean Kennedy's 2016-17 "Dream Team" at PETS 2016



What a great PETS 2016! It was impossible to leave without lots of great ideas and unbelievable excitement for Rotary. The sessions were divided by topic, by club size, by district, and then combined sessions for main speakers and meals. Everyone had the opportunity to meet and network with all of the other President-Elects from the 3 Districts, PEs from Texas and Mexico, AGs, PDGs and even the DGs, DGEs and DGNs. By the end of the PETS training everyone was thinking in letters rather than titles and even understood each one.

Each of the club Presidents were challenged to continue the planning process for the coming year. I encouraged each President to the following:

1. Learn all you can
2. Meet all you can
3. Do all you can
4. Be Rotary Serving Humanity

This is truly an exciting time to be a Rotarian and to be a Rotarian in District 5690. I firmly believe that we will see more changes and recognition for Rotary over the next 5 years than we have seen over the past 25 years that I have been a member. I encourage the Rotarians in District 5690 to be a part of that.

Your thought for the day is from Mother Teresa: "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." If the Dream Team combines those small things with great love, it will be great things.



D5690s Leadership Team
2015-16 DG David Yoder
2016-17 DG Dean Kennedy
2017-18 DG Robert Mendoza

We're in good hands!



2016-2017 Rotary Theme



DGE Dean Kennedy's 2016-17 "Dream Team"



More PETS Fun

2016-2017 Leaders — Big Ideas, Bold Action and FUN!



*2016-17 DG
Dean Kennedy
leads his team*

District 5690 President-Elects, President-Nominees and District Leadership participated in a weekend full of ROTARY! The annual **Heartland PETS Conference** met its goal of preparing incoming presidents with the information, tools and resources to make their year in club leadership a success as we dreamed, thought, planned and laughed.

As has been our practice for several years, our district partnered with two other districts covering Kansas (5710 and 5670) in the “Little Apple” (Manhattan) to learn from and interact with Rotary International’s top leadership and our respective districts’ leadership. We heard from incoming **RI President John Germ** about his vision for Rotary, we learned about the work of the RI board to rebrand and redesign Rotary from **RI Vice President Greg Podd**, we heard pearls of wisdom from guest speakers on “small talk” and “ethics” and Governor Brownback encouraged us to continue our goal of serving.

We also had the great

*Past RI Director
Larry Lunsford*



*RI Director
Greg Podd*



pleasure to hear from our own District leadership discussing the value of Youth Exchange, RYLA and District Grants. Our District Rotarians cheered, laughed and together worked hard to develop a strong foundation for success in the next Rotary year.



*Fun & Team
Building at
PETS*

Finally, a **STANDING OVATION** and a big **THANK YOU** to all Rotarians who served our districts in planning and executing this year’s PETS experience. Many Rotarians from each of the three districts did a great job in coordinating efforts to ensure rooms were prepared, meals were ready on-time, a meaningful schedule was arranged and speakers were booked. It was truly an honor and pleasure to be part of this year’s PETS and to continue our collective commitment to “SERVICE ABOVE SELF”. We look forward to our annual District Assembly (April 30) in Greensburg; giving us an opportunity to interact with and learn from more District Rotarians.

*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,
District 5690 Trainer*



District Training Assembly—Register Today!

Come to Celebrate ~ Come for Fun ~ Come to Learn!

District #5690 – District Training Assembly

Saturday, April 30th, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Kiowa Co. Senior Center, 431 Main St., Greensburg, KS

Who should attend? ALL ROTARIANS

Why should you attend? To strengthen your leadership capacity;
help your club sustain & grow your membership;
gain knowledge of Rotary; and to share successful ideas with other clubs!

Registration Fee: \$25 **Due: April 20th**

Engaged Rotarians Leads to Strong Clubs

We just completed this year's PETS where club leaders gathered to dream, plan and develop strategies for leading our district's clubs for the coming year. One common challenge stated by participants of this year's PETS was "how do we get our membership excited and engaged?" This month's Ovation Factor column gives you a new way of thinking about Rotarian engagement.

Over the past several years, the business literature has been full of articles, books and strategies on how to engage employees. The Gallup Organization, through the research of Marcus Buckingham and others, has found that getting employees engaged requires focusing on strengths, not weaknesses; finding the right fit for employees and having great managers. So can Rotary clubs learn from the Buckingham findings? The answer certainly is YES!

Our leadership challenge is how to help Rotarians and perspective members **focus on the strengths** they bring, or would bring, to our clubs. As leaders in our clubs, we need to **find the right fit** for Rotarians to use their strengths, and we need to be **great leaders**; providing guidance, empowering decision-making, encouraging action and celebrating others' success.

Buckingham's research (*First, Break all the Rules*, by Marcus Buckingham and Curt Coffman) found engaged employees can answer 12 questions with "YES". Perhaps we can ask the same 12 questions of fellow Rotarians.

1. Do I know what is expected of me at work (**ROTARY**)?
2. Do I have the materials and equipment I need to do my work (**VOLUNTEERING WITH ROTARY**) right?



3. Do I have the materials and equipment I need to do my work (**VOLUNTEERING WITH ROTARY**) right?

4. At work (**ROTARY**), do I have the opportunity to do what I do best every day?

5. In the last seven days, have I received recognition or praise for good work (**WHILE VOLUNTEERING**)?
6. Does my supervisor (**CLUB LEADERSHIP**), or someone at work (**ROTARY**), seem to care about me as a person?
7. Is there someone at work (**ROTARY**) who encourages my development?
8. At work (**ROTARY**), do my opinions seem to count?
9. Does the mission/purpose of my company (**CLUB**) make me feel like my work is important?
10. Are my co-workers (**FELLOW ROTARIANS**) committed to doing quality work?
11. Do I have a best friend at work (**ROTARY**)?
12. In the last six months, have I talked with someone about my progress (**DESIRES/INTEREST IN SERVING THROUGH ROTARY**)?
13. At work (**ROTARY**), have I had the opportunities to learn and grow?

As we plan for the new Rotary year, let's focus on getting our fellow Rotarians to answer "YES" to the above questions. **Engaged Rotarians are your best recruiters, your best volunteers and your best supporters.**

*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,
District 5690 Trainer*

Rotary Women Paint Playground Map

On Saturday, April 16, Rotary Women from four Rotary clubs in the Wichita area gathered to paint a playground map at Enterprise Elementary in Wichita.

RC East Wichita: Tammie Rhea

RC West Wichita: Ann Wellborn, Jamie Anderson, DeAnn Sullivan

RC Old Town Wichita: Misty Miller

RC Wichita Downtown: Gayle Goetz, Geri Appel

Special thanks to Paul Blissett (RC W. Wichita) for adding to the fun and for all his hard work! And taking the photos!



Club News from around the District



Rotary Club East Wichita: Many members volunteered at Buckner Elementary recently. What a blast!! This is a semi-annual community service project for our Club and we will look forward to doing it again next school year!

Rotary Club East Wichita: DG David Yoder presented our 2014-15 Rotary Foundation "Every Rotarian Every Year" banner recently. We were only one of four clubs in D5690 that achieved the goal of every member contributing *something* to The Rotary Foundation and our club achieving \$100 or more *per capita*. Congratulations, East Wichita!



Rotary Club W. Wichita: We provided 6 families groceries for Easter meals. Members and families enjoy doing the shopping!

Rotary Club W. Sedgwick Co. Sunrise: We will be volunteering at the Wichita Riverfest on June 7. We will sell Food Court tickets.



Rotary Club Dodge City: We put together a bowling team for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters "Bowl 4 Kids Sake." (Back L-R: Jerad Busch, Dan Love, Nathan Haskell. Front L-R Sean Brown, Andrea Grantz, Jeannette Seatvet & Linda Burke.)



Rotary Club Wichita: Our club was recognized by USD 259 with a Good Apple Award for the District-wide Partner category. We were recognized for our contributions for RIF (Reading is Fundamental), dictionaries, Junior Achievement and Career Day.

Rotary Club Kinsley: President Barry Boggs honored Paige Hermann, our "Rotary Student of the Month," at a recent meeting.



Rotary Club Derby: We enjoyed a program by Gary Scott, a mountaineer and guide when he spoke about his "Life on the Road." We learned that the Italian Dolomites are the place Gary most loves to be. He also spoke to the Andover, Wichita, West Wichita, Newton and East Wichita clubs during his visit.



Rotary Club W. Wichita: Brian Goudie was awarded our club's Service Above Self recipient. Brian is a Paul Harris Fellow and has actively served our club for the past 17 years with the Open World visitors, building bookshelves, and more. Congratulations!

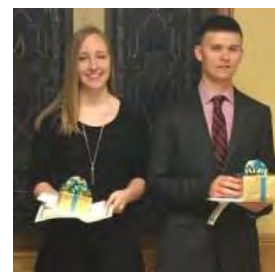


Rotary Club Andover: We've completed 2 recent international service projects supporting schools in the Chiredzi River basin in Zimbabwe. 1) Installation of a generator at the Ruware school (600 students) providing a consistent supply of clean, fresh water, and 2) Funded the local construction of desks and seats for the Zvidosvevanhu school (170 students) supporting the local economy and providing appropriate workstations for the students



Rotary Club E. Wichita: We will be baking with the residents at Gerard House (young mothers and children) on May 7. In addition we are hosting a "Diaper Drive" to assist the residents. Members will collect diapers, other paper products, healthy snack and crackers, cereal and fresh fruit for the drive.

Rotary Club Wellington: The Wellington Rotary club held its annual scholarship banquet in March honoring 8th graders and Seniors whose GPA placed them in the top 20 of their class in Wellington, Kansas. The students and their parents were treated to a wonderful dinner prior to listening to Jan Korte, local CPA provide the keynote address. Each student was recognized with a certificate and two senior students were awarded scholarships named for previous long time members of the club. Pictured are Peyton Witham, Roscoe "Pat" Riley scholarship awardee and Dylan Jones, Robert H. Cobean scholarship awardee.



District 5690	MEMBERSHIP REPORT as of March 31, 2016			
	7/1/2015	3/31/2015	NET GAIN	Goal
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2015-2016	
Andover	23	30	7	28
Arkansas City	61	63	2	75
Beaver	24	22	-2	
Boise City	15	18	3	15
Cimarron	26	25	-1	27
Derby	65	63	-2	
Dodge City	34	32	-2	44
East Wichita	122	117	-5	
El Dorado	49	51	2	56
Garden City	42	42	0	
Greensburg	11	7	-4	
Guymon	27	27	0	
Hugoton	22	23	1	24
Hutchinson	120	113	-7	
Johnson	16	18	2	20
Kingman	32	32	0	37
Kinsley	14	13	-1	
Larned	19	18	-1	
Liberal	44	44	0	47
Newton	53	57	4	62
Pratt	60	54	-6	
Sublette	14	14	0	
Syracuse	15	15	0	
Texhoma	19	19	0	
Ulysses	38	38	0	42
Wellington	19	19	0	
W. Sedgwick Co	44	43	-1	
West Wichita	63	64	1	70
Wichita-DT	384	381	-3	425
Wichita-Old Town	13	13	0	
Winfield	88	87	-1	
TOTALS	1576	1562	-14	

Thank you for entering your goals on Rotary Club Central!

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST SEDGWICK COUNTY

 **SUNRISE**

15th Annual Golf Tournament



Monday, May 9, 2016
Reflection Ridge Golf Course
 Registration and lunch start at 11:00 a.m.
 Shotgun start at 12:00 noon
 Silent Auction following the tournament

\$600 per team / \$150 single player
 Includes: 18 holes golf with cart, player girts, lunch & refreshments, team prizes
 A participation package will also be available for an additional \$25 per player

→ Sponsorship opportunities available
 Register on-line: www.sunrisegolf@wichita.com
 For questions, contact Brent Dome @ 253-2069

Proceeds to benefit the Rotary Club of WSC – Sunrise Charitable Projects
 Such as: the renovation and expansion of the Boundless Playscape, RITE program,
 sponsoring high school students to leadership camp, providing groceries for the needy,
 international water projects, exchange programs and more!



District 5690

www.rotary5690.org

This is your newsletter!
 Send your articles and club information to:

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appelg@kenlerman.com



Be a gift to the world

2015-2016 RI Theme
 K R (Ravi) Ravindran
 Sri Lanka

Rotary International
 Convention
 May 28-June 1, 2016
 Seoul Korea



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COME TO CELEBRATE,
COME FOR FUN,
COME TO LEARN!

District #5690 – District Training Assembly
Saturday, April 30, 2016

BIG IDEAS BOLD RESULTS

Registration at 8:00 a.m. – Assembly 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Kiowa Co. Senior Center
431 S. Main St. – Greensburg, KS 67054

Registration Fee: Only \$25 Due: April 20, 2016 (Registration Form & Details below)

Who Should Attend?

ALL ROTARIANS

- ◆ Club Presidents Elect
- ◆ Club Secretaries, Officers, & Board Members
- ◆ Club Committee Chairs
- ◆ District Committee Chairs
- ◆ Assistant Governors
- ◆ New Rotary Members
- ◆ Anyone wanting to learn more about Rotary, its projects and programs

Why Should You Attend?

To strengthen your leadership capacity
 To help your club sustain and/or grow your membership base
 To gain knowledge and understanding of Rotary
 To share successful ideas with other clubs in the district
 It's Fun!



***Rotarians,
 let's serve humanity
 through learning
 more about:***

- ◆ Youth Exchange
- ◆ The Rotary Foundation
- ◆ Interact/Rotaract
- ◆ RYLA
- ◆ District and Global Grants
- ◆ Membership Development & Retention
- ◆ Meet & Work With Your Assistant Governor
- ◆ Technology/Resources – My Rotary, Rotary Club Central, District Website
- ◆ AND MORE!

REGISTRATION FORM
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Registration at 8:00 a.m.
Kiowa Co. Senior Center
431 S. Main St. - Greensburg, KS 67054

Name _____ Club _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email: _____

I am the following:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Governor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> President Elect | <input type="checkbox"/> Past District Governor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member since _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Governor | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club Officer/Board Member (position) _____ | |

Registration fee of Only \$25 is enclosed for the District Training Assembly
Make check payable to: Rotary District 5690

District Training Assembly Registration \$25 x _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

<p>Mail with payment to: Rotary District 5690 Attn. Curtis Dick 613 Quail Nest Rd. Winfield, KS 67156</p>
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Motel Information:

Best Western Night Watchman
515 W Kansas Ave – Greensburg, KS 67054
Phone (620) 723-2244

Rooms are reserved for Friday, April 20, 2016

Rotary Rates: \$87.99 + Tax
King Room
Ask for Rotary Group Block



Rotarians,
Rotary Clubs,
District 5690,
and
Rotary Worldwide