



District 5690 News



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Message from District Governor

Dean Kennedy



Dear Dream Team,

This year I have had the privilege of traveling throughout the district and world meeting Rotarians. It has been a wonderful experience of meeting all types, sizes, and shapes of Rotarians. In this article I will try to share the various types of Rotarians throughout the world and also in District 5690.

have an inspirational quote for any occasion.

1. The Humanitarian—This Rotarian will travel anywhere in the world to cure a disease, provide clean water, feed the starving, or do anything for humanity.
2. The Rotary Cheerleader—This Rotarian has a perfect elevator speech and will push every button in the elevator so all will hear about Rotary. They will always be wearing their Rotary pin and probably have a Rotary tattoo if you check. (Is that true, Mike?)
3. The Leader—This person is always willing to lead any Rotary or community project. They love conducting training seminars and working with Rotary Youth Exchange. They will always
4. The Teacher—This person loves teaching all Rotarians and especially our youth through RYLA, Interact, and Rotaract. They know all the facts and history about Rotary. If you have Rotary questions during your meeting, this Rotarian will get every question correct and give the history behind the Rotary event.
5. The Giver—This person is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and is always the first to give money to a project. They enjoy giving money or gifts and normally don't really want any recognition for doing it. Writing a check gives them satisfaction.
6. The Party Animal—This Rotarian knows how to have a great time. They don't miss many Rotarian meetings unless they are boring and NEVER miss a Rotary social. They always have great, fun ideas for social events and will help provide food and drink.
7. The Worker—This Rotarian is at every

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 29, 2017
District Training Assembly
C.L.U.B. Experience
****CANCELLED****

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

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

May 30-June 3, 2017
RYLA
Winfield, KS

July. 21-22, 2017
Zone District Leadership
Institute—Denver, CO

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

Aug. 11-12, 2017
Multi-District Training
Austin, TX



Message from District Governor Dean Kennedy (cont'd)

project working. They volunteer for every Rotary and community event and handle every task assigned to them plus more. Normally this Rotarian is very busy but has great time management skills to get the job done. They don't like spending time in endless meetings that don't accomplish anything.

8. The Uninvolved—This is the Rotarian that is just waiting to be asked to do something. They have lots of potential but have not been asked to use it yet.

Which type of Rotarian are you?

As a leader of your Rotary club, do you know your Rotary members well enough to know which one they are? Are your Rotary members engaged in the area that they like? Do you have any #8 Rotarians? It takes all of these Rotarians working together to make a great Rotary Club. I would encourage you to honestly explore your club and engage your members using their special talents.

Dean Kennedy
 District Governor 5690
 2016-17
 Rotary Club of Winfield



Twentieth Annual Heartland PETS: A Very Special Event



DGEs Gary Norris, (5670) Robert Mendoza (5690) and Adam Ehlert (5710) hosted the event in Wichita

by Larry Dimmitt, Rotary International Director-Elect

The Heartland President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) took place March 23-25 at the Marriott Hotel in Wichita, KS. The Heartland PETS trains Presidents-elect from Districts 5670, 5690 and 5710 and is attended by numerous Rotary leaders from clubs throughout Kansas. District Governors Elect Robert Mendoza (Wichita), Adam Ehlert (Kansas City) and Gary Norris (Salina) presided at the event. The star-studded cast of speakers included Rotary Co-



Zone 27 Rotary Coordinator Kelly Atkinson, D5720 DGN Blanch Parks, and RI Director Nominee 2018-20 Larry Dimmitt

ordinator Kelly Atkinson; international motivational speaker Dr. Fred Heismeyer; Joe Dino, special Rotary representative to the UN; TV Newscaster Lilly Wu and RI Director Nominee, Larry Dimmitt (Topeka/D5710).

See page 7 for more photos from PETS.

April is Maternal & Child Health Month

Throughout the month of April—Rotary Maternal and Child Health Month—take action to support mothers and children.



According to the World Health Organization, nearly 830 women die every day from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. 99% of maternal deaths occur in developing countries where nearly half of all mothers and newborns do not receive care during and after birth. The leading causes of death for children under 5 are birth complications, pneumonia, birth asphyxia, diarrhea and malaria. These deaths can be prevented and treated with access to healthcare services.*

Rotary members are working diligently towards this goal through projects that provide education, immunizations, birth kits, mobile health clinics, and much more. 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 at www.rotaryservice.wordpress.com/tag/maternal-and-child-health/

RYLE—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.**

Service Above Self Corner—by DG Dean Kennedy

This month's service above self person is no stranger to any of us. She has been coordinating the District Newsletter FOREVER and then must remind each of us to submit articles. PDG **Geri Appel** serves as Secretary for the Executive Committee and is always there to lend a hand while being gracious and kind. Geri is a go-to person that is well known in District 5690 and outside District 5690. It is impossible to list all of her accomplishments with Rotary in this short space. Thank you Geri for all that you do for District 5690!

Send YOUR nomination for Service Above Self Corner to DG Dean Kennedy at Dean.Kennedy@communitynational.net

News for Club Leaders—Staying up-to-date with what's happening

As your newsletter editor, I subscribe to many of the newsletters from Rotary International. If you read the newsletter regularly, you see many short articles from those newsletters. As a club leader, or even as a Rotarian who wishes to be informed on the newest and latest in Rotary, you should consider receiving the newsletters of particular interest to you and your club.

One of the best newsletters for club members and leaders is the bi-monthly **Rotary Leader**.

Subscribe to any of the RI Newsletters for free at www.rotary.org/newsletters

Drive Membership with new Club Brochure

A great first impression increases clubs' chances of getting new members. How about using a club brochure to promote your club?

Go to the [Brand Center](#) to find the [new club brochure template](#). Clubs can showcase their uniqueness by giving prospective members a customized brochure. The template makes it easy for clubs to personalize contact information, annual events, and images. For example, include [customizable inserts for Rotary's programs for young leaders](#) in the brochure, to show how your club engages and empowers young leaders in your community. Use it together with the [Impact Begins With You](#) prospective member pamphlet to explain what sets Rotary apart from other organizations.



Source: RI Learning & Development Newsletter—April 2017

A Healthy Club



Jim Laub is an expert in and has conducted research in organizational leadership. Early on, his research was partially based on the concept of Servant Leadership and he identified key functional areas (in bold below and the diamonds on the graphic) that an organization must use to fully support Servant Leadership. His model was called Servant Organizations, evolving into what Laub now identifies as The Healthy Organization.

So, is your Club a Healthy Organization? Assess your club by asking **“Does my club...”**

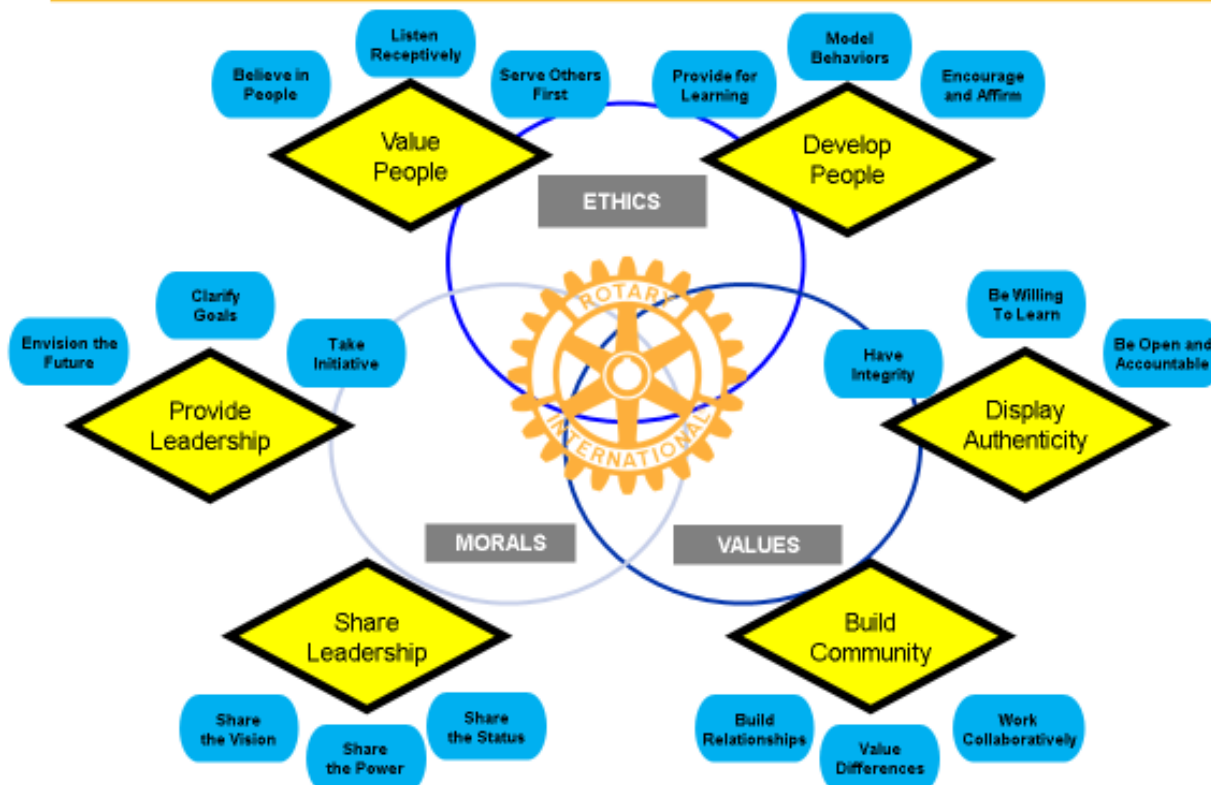
- **Display Authenticity** – by being open and accountable, by a willingness to learn from others and by maintaining integrity and trust.
- **Value People** – by believing in and trusting in people, by serving other’s needs first and by receptive and non-judgmental listening.
- **Develop People** – by providing opportunities for learning, by modeling appropriate behavior and by building up others through encouragement and affirmation.

- **Build Community** – by building strong relationships, by working collaboratively and by valuing the differences of others.
- **Provide Leadership** – by envisioning the future, by taking initiative and by mobilizing others to act.
- **Share Leadership** – by facilitating a shared vision, by sharing power and releasing control and by sharing status and promoting others.

As we transition into a new Rotary year, your Club’s leadership challenge is to focus on being a healthy club which will lead to increased membership engagement, developing club leadership and better serving our community. For more information on this concept, look on the District website.

*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,
District 5690 Trainer*

Healthy Club



The Rotary Foundation—Your Gift from Start to Finish

Be sure to take a look at the article in the May 2017 issue of *The Rotarian* by the name of this column. In it, you will learn how your money to The Rotary Foundation is used and why Our Rotary Foundation continues to be recognized as one of the best charities in the world by any measure.

“In 2016, The Rotary Foundation received the highest possible score from Charity Navigator—100 of 100 points—for its strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. It was the ninth straight year the Foundation earned a four-star rating from the independent evaluator of charities across the U.S., a distinction only 1 percent of charities have attained. The Association of Fundraising Professionals likewise named the Foundation the **World’s Outstanding Foundation for 2016**, an award previously given to other familiar names such as Kellogg and MacArthur. These organization agree: **When you donate to The Rotary Foundation, you’re investing wisely.**”

Source: *The Rotarian*, May 2017

Why Rotary is investing in zero and beyond



When was polio last in Europe? If you guessed 2002, the year the region was certified polio-free, you’re wrong. The last time polio affected a child in Europe was 2015. Outbreaks like the one that occurred in Ukraine that year are why, although we are so close to eradicating polio, we still need \$1.5 billion more to finish the job. Learn about the steps needed to ensure polio is truly gone forever. Read more here: <https://www.rotary.org/en/why-zero-matters-polio-eradication>

Source: *Rotary Weekly Newsletter*, April 14, 2017

Rotary’s Polio Efforts Praised by Bill and Melinda Gates

Every year, Bill and Melinda Gates publish an annual letter to broaden awareness and interest in key global health and development programs. This year’s [Annual Letter](#)



Rotary International. They were leading this fight long before we joined it, and they’ve just kept moving forward.”

mentioned polio among their foundation’s ongoing efforts to fight disease and inequality, specifically, the incredible progress that’s been made towards polio eradication. Melinda Gates offers these kind words to reaffirm the important role Rotary has had leading the way to a polio-free world:

“We’re awed by the teams of vaccinators who take risks to reach each child. And we’re inspired by the infinite persistence of

She goes on to say, “They know going from 350,000 cases to 37 is amazing, but success is zero.” Even though a handful of polio cases have been reported this year, there is a chance these are the last cases of polio in history. This June, Bill Gates will speak at the [Rotary International Convention](#) in Atlanta, Georgia, USA to discuss how we can — and will — end polio together.

Source: *RI PolioPlus Newsletter* 4/20/17



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 E Wichita:

Enjoy the pageantry and spectacle of the Kentucky Derby without leaving town! Join us at our "Run For the Roses" Kentucky Derby party/fundraiser to benefit Starkey, Inc.; EmberHope; and Heartspring!



We'll enjoy appetizers, adult beverages (including mint juleps) and live coverage of the event. There will also be a silent and live auction of some fabulous items, including a week's stay at a condo in downtown Breckenridge and two tickets to the Symphony in the Flint Hills on June 10.

This one-of-a-kind event will take place at The Lux in downtown Wichita on Saturday, May 6 from 3:00—6:30 pm. Tickets are \$50/guest.

All are welcome to attend. Meanwhile, start brushing up on your Derby Day traditions for this fun, new EWR event. We'll take care of the fun—all you have to do is be there!



Our club also painted a map at Buckner Performing Arts Magnet Elementary School on April 8.

Rotary Club W. Wichita:

On behalf of our club, Mark Hansen and his parents, Sharon West, Brian Goudie and Vern Klassen purchased and delivered groceries for Easter last Saturday for selected needy families from Lawrence Elementary.



Rotary Club Hutchinson:

Our club presented \$20,000 in grants to thirteen local non-profits during its April 3rd meeting. The club awards grants annually to non-profits that have programs focusing on healthy youth development and education.

The organizations receiving grants this year were:

- Altrusa International of Hutchinson – Youth Literacy Program
- American Legion Boys' State – Youth Leadership Development

- American Legion Auxiliary – Girls State - Youth Leadership Development
- Boys and Girls Club – Youth Leadership Development
- Community Agricultural Site (CAS) – Youth Health Education
- Early Education Center – Youth Health Education
- Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland – Youth Leadership Development
- Horizons Child Advocacy Center – Youth Safety Program
- Hutchinson Community College Endowment Association Scholarships – Youth Education
- Reno County 4-H Foundation – Youth Leadership Development
- Reno County Communities That Care – Youth Literacy Program
- Ulster Project of Greater Hutchinson – Youth Leadership Development
- United Way of Reno County – Youth Literacy Program

Rotary Club Ulysses: The Connect Nature Trail meanders through a grassland south to Frazier Park. The trail is still highly navigable, clear and easy to follow. The trail ends at the entrance to Frazier. The trail is .675 miles one way. A round trip plus a lap around Barb Dye Park is 2.2 miles.



The Connect Nature Trail is a new long-term project of the Rotary Club of Ulysses as an organized effort to:

1. Repair all existing trail and sidewalk loops
2. Design and construct new sidewalk and trail loops
3. Mark the loops with trail maps, markers and mileages.
4. Build a comprehensive public relations campaign that includes websites and mobile applications.
5. Organize and implement a comprehensive trail maintenance program.



Rotary Club W. Wichita: These 1st graders, pictured with their teachers, from Lawrence Elementary were recognized at a recent meeting.



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 Juleps, of course), live auction

Watch for your formal invitation coming soon!

Photos from PETS (Presidents-elect Training Seminar) March 24-25, 2017



Wichita Mayor and Rotarian Jeff Longwell welcomed us



Our bus ride to Fellowship at Aero Planes Brewing included a stop at Rotary Plaza

PDG Joe Dino (New Jersey) provided the passion



PDG Kelly Atkinson (Utah) enthused us on membership



Rotaractor & Ambassador Scholar Lily Wu



RI Director-elect Larry Dimmitt (Topeka) informed us



Rotarians from three districts in Kansas enjoyed great fellowship and gave themselves and our speakers an OVATION!

May is Youth Service Month



In May, Rotary celebrates Youth Service month! There are several ways your club can get involved. Share stories from the Rotary Voices Blog showcasing [Youth Leadership All-Star](#) stories to inspire your members. Showcase and celebrate exceptional Youth Leadership All-Stars in your clubs and districts at club meetings and on social media. Or plan a service project with young leaders in your community and make a difference together.

Source: RI Newsletter May—Youth Service, April 18, 2017

World Immunization Week April 24-30, 2017

World Immunization Week takes place this year 24-30 April. Thanks to global vaccination efforts, more than 2.5 billion children have been protected against polio since 1985, but there's still more work to be done. This World Immunization Week, here are three easy ways to support polio eradication:

1. Follow End Polio Now on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), and share or retweet Rotary and our partners' messages.
2. Check [endpolio.org](#) for [new blog](#) posts and [additional social media content](#) to share on your own channels.
3. Plan a fundraiser in your local community using End Polio Now- and Rotary-[branded materials](#).

Africa Hosts one of the largest vaccination campaigns



On 25 March, [more than 190,000 polio vaccinators](#) traveled by foot and bike to immunize [more than 116 million children](#) under the age of 5 throughout 13 countries in west and central Africa. The goal was to increase childhood immunity against polio and stop the disease for good. In August 2016, four children were paralyzed by polio in the Borno state of Nigeria, an area widely considered to be the last remaining stronghold of the disease on the continent. African public health ministers from five Lake Chad Basin countries declared the outbreak a regional public health emergency and have committed to multiple synchronized immunization campaigns.

District 5690 Membership Report As Of March 31, 2017

Club	7/1/2016	3/31/2017	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2016-2017
Andover	27	31	4
Arkansas City	61	54	-7
Beaver	22	21	-1
Boise City	18	17	-1
Cimarron	23	22	-1
Derby	61	59	-2
Dodge City	32	36	4
East Wichita	115	107	-8
El Dorado	50	47	-3
Garden City	41	43	2
Guymon	27	27	0
Howard	16	16	0
Hugoton	22	19	-3
Hutchinson	114	110	-4
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	61	7
Sublette	14	15	1
Syracuse	15	21	6
Texhoma	19	12	-7
Ulysses	36	33	-3
Wellington	20	17	-3
W. Sedgwick Co	43	43	0
West Wichita	65	61	-4
Wichita-DT	372	386	14
Wichita-Old Town	10	10	0
Winfield	85	91	6
TOTALS	1546	1547	1



District 5690



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John Germ
Tennessee USA

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HUMANITY



Service Above Self—West Wichita

Jamie Wise was recognized as our club's 2016-17 Service Above Self Award by 2017-18 president Brian Goudie.

Jamie has been a member of our club 8 ½ years and has served on the Board as our Public Relations Chair & Club President. She has been very active participating in club projects, such as building bookshelves, map paintings, made contacts and arrangements to put up a wrought iron fence at the new Maize Splash Park, HungerPlus chef, Salvation Army bell ringing, played on our club's team for the Interact Dodgeball tournament, Holiday grocery delivery and more. She participates in club socials, regularly attends our weekly club meetings; lends a hand when we need help with our club projector, computer issues, social media; helped set up our club website; put together our club brochure, sponsored a new member, served on our District's Membership Cadre and has secured Grants for our club projects. Outside of our club, she does volunteer work with the Kansas Rainbow girls. **Congratulations, Jamie!**

