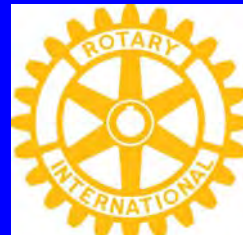




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# District 5690 News



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## Message from District Governor Robert Mendoza



Hello Rotarians,

My time as Governor of this wonderful district has begun with a flurry of visits, both local and across the state. I have had the joy of meeting many, many Rotarians. All in all, I am about half way through the visit schedule and I look forward to meeting all of you.

Grow Bolder, not older! I heard this recently and thought that it should be my new motto. There are so many things we can change in our life, but growing older isn't one of them. You know what? You can choose to be bold. Webster's defines boldness as "the willingness to take risks and act innovatively; confidence or courage." Isn't that the basic definition of Rotary? I see those character qualities in many of the Rotarians I meet.

As I think about the goals of Rotary and the projects and goals of this district, I find one commonality, Success Comes from Boldness. Without it, you would never begin. It is the boldness to step out, to share an idea, to raise your hand and especially the boldness to accept your leadership role that will make a difference.

Every good thing in Rotary comes from people bold enough to share their vision. It is not some distant machine, it is you and I working together on meaningful, personal projects and programs that change this world for the better.

As I share my own vision for our district I hope you see my boldness to stand up for what I know we can accomplish, boldness to speak about the important issues that face us today and the boldness to act so we can affect real change in people's lives. I want to hear your story. I am ready to listen to your vision and I am ready to partner with you to do great and wonderful things. Will you be bold enough to step up to the task?

My Rotary friends, let us all grow bolder and not just older. Let's work together to dream big dreams and do wonderful things.

Thank you for allowing me to serve with you.

**Robert Mendoza**  
District Governor 5690 2017-18  
Rotary Club of Derby

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

**Oct. 24, 2017**  
World Polio Day

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

**Feb. 23-25, 2018**  
PETS (Presidents-elect training)  
Wichita, KS



## Rotary Citation and Service Above Self Award

Rotary clubs that achieve goals related to increased membership, sustainable service projects, Rotary Foundation giving, and building awareness of Rotary may earn the **2017-18 Rotary Citation**. You can track your progress toward the citation on the [reports page](#) on Rotary.org. You can also view updated membership information and Foundation giving in [Rotary Club Central](#). Check out the new citation tab, which is an easy way to submit self-reported goals.

Rotary's Service Above Self Award honors Rotarians who demonstrate their commitment to helping others by volunteering their time and talents. District governors and RI directors may [nominate](#) one candidate from their districts to receive this award in the 2017-18 Rotary year. Nominations are due 1 November.

If you have questions, email [riawards@rotary.org](mailto:riawards@rotary.org).

## Focus on Our District Committees—YOUR Resource for Help

### How do we translate our Rotary Motto "Service above Self" into actions that make a difference??

District Governor Robert Mendoza believes that making more Rotarians aware of resources that are available to them in our District may inspire others to get involved. My name is Dave Abbott, immediate past president of the Rotary Club of West Sedgwick County Sunrise. I have been a member of a Rotary Club since 1990 and a committed Rotarian since 2000. That is when I attended my first District Conference, where I learned about the great work Rotarians do throughout the world and how the **Global Grant** process takes our donations and helps create projects that make a difference.

These projects are created from Rotarian Visions of how our world should be. Once a vision is created, we need to find the resources/teammates to take the actions to make it happen.

The best way to explain this is to take you down the path that I walked. It started with a phone call to help at the 2010 District Conference. I was assigned to show the



Waterman (a Rotarian committed to provide clean water for all) around at the Conference. As I took him to the airport, he challenged me to do a Water Project. With his help and guidance, our club did one. Then at the 2012 District Conference we did a "District Governor Walk for Water" which generated \$10,000 in donations. With the Waterman's help we generated 12 more water/sanitation projects for a total of \$287,938.

Our latest project was a medical device for a hospital in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Enough about the past -what does the future hold? It is up to **you**. Some projects currently being worked on in our own district are a swimming pool in Oklahoma, and a special designed merry-go-round which is wheelchair accessible in the Sunrise Playscape in Wichita.

If you have a vision for a project and you want some assistance, give me a call

Dave Abbott  
316-305-8052  
[Wabbott5@cox.net](mailto:Wabbott5@cox.net)

## Rotary Project Fair in Ecuador—looking for a travel partner

DG Gustavo Perez, District 4400-Ecuador, sent an invitation to all clubs inviting the clubs and members to attend our XIII Rotary Project Fair to be held in Guayaquil at the Hotel Oro Verde on **Friday-Sunday November 17-19, 2017**.

A member of the **Rotary Club of Newton**, **Dana Stahl**, is planning to attend the Ecuador Rotary Project Fair in November. She is looking for travel companion(s), as she would be more comfortable if she wasn't traveling to Ecuador alone. Would you or a club member like to travel with Dana to Ecuador? If so, please contact her here: Dana Stahl—231-878-7999 [gorounda-cre@gmail.com](mailto:gorounda-cre@gmail.com)

Dana can send you much more information about the Project Fair and you can click here for more: <http://www.rotaryecuador.org/xiii-ecuador-rotary-project-fair/>

## Youth Exchange



**Rino Akae**, a Japanese Youth Exchange student, will be a member of the **Rotary Club of Hutchinson** for the 2017-2018 school year.

Her name is pronounced like "Reno." While here, she will attend Hutchinson High School for the entire school year, and live three months each with Wendy & Ted Hobart, Angie & Joe Ontjes, and Trish Rose & Jim Davis.

We hosted a Come and Go Welcome Reception for her at her first Host Parents' home on August 15. **Welcome to Hutchinson, Kansas, Rino!**



## 2017-18 District Grants Awarded

### District 5690 FY2018 District Grant Applications - DG1856735 \$37,256

| Club                 | Project Name  | Contact Name         | Email  | District \$36,290   |
|----------------------|---|----------------------|--|---------------------|
| Arkansas City        | Middle School Literature for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) | Dr. Dennis C. Rittle | <a href="mailto:dennis.rittle@cowley.edu">dennis.rittle@cowley.edu</a>       | \$ 1,500.00         |
| Boise City #1        | Pool Lighting   | Alisha Griffith      | <a href="mailto:alishagriffith@gmail.com">alishagriffith@gmail.com</a>       | \$ 536.00           |
| Joint - Texhoma w/BC | Pool Lighting   | Rowdy Slavin         | <a href="mailto:rowdys@anchordbank.com">rowdys@anchordbank.com</a>           | \$ 200.00           |
| Joint - Guymon w/BC  | Pool Lighting   | Diane Roberts        | <a href="mailto:rkrobkee810@gmail.com">rkrobkee810@gmail.com</a>             | \$ 250.00           |
| Boise City #2        | Portable Lifeguard Chair  | Alisha Griffith      | <a href="mailto:alishagriffith@gmail.com">alishagriffith@gmail.com</a>       | \$ 800.00           |
| Boise City #3        | Permanent Lifeguard Chair   | Alisha Griffith      | <a href="mailto:alishagriffith@gmail.com">alishagriffith@gmail.com</a>       | \$ 1,460.00         |
| Boise City #4        | Safety Equipment & Specified Provisions by Oklahoma Health Dept.            | Alisha Griffith      | <a href="mailto:alishagriffith@gmail.com">alishagriffith@gmail.com</a>       | \$ 1,068.00         |
| El Dorado            | Park Benches & Trash Receptacles  | Jason Patty          | <a href="mailto:jpatty@eldoks.com">jpatty@eldoks.com</a>                     | \$ 1,500.00         |
| Hugoton              | Heritage Christian Academy, Science Supplies                                | Scott Schechter      | <a href="mailto:sschechter74@gmail.com">sschechter74@gmail.com</a>           | \$ 1,000.00         |
| Kingman              | 2017 Foster Care Christmas Party  | Greg Graffman        | <a href="mailto:greggraffman@hotmail.com">greggraffman@hotmail.com</a>       | \$ 1,500.00         |
| Liberal              | Diabetic Screening for Residents of Liberal                                 | Ivanhose Love Jr.    | <a href="mailto:ilovejr@windjammercable.net">ilovejr@windjammercable.net</a> | \$ 1,500.00         |
| Newton               | Outdoor Classroom for Burrton, KS   | Rod Kreie            | <a href="mailto:rkreie@gpbiosciences.com">rkreie@gpbiosciences.com</a>       | \$ 1,500.00         |
| Joint Hutchinson     | Outdoor Classroom for Burrton, KS   | Dawn Johnson         | <a href="mailto:djohnson@usdks.org">djohnson@usdks.org</a>                   | \$ 1,500.00         |
| Old Town Wichtia     | Hair Loss Support Kit (Backpack)  | Rebecca Gates        | <a href="mailto:rg@sptarchitecture.com">rg@sptarchitecture.com</a>           | \$ 1,500.00         |
| Pratt                | 2018 Kansas Archery in the Schools State Tournament                         | Mark Graber          | <a href="mailto:graberstang@gmail.com">graberstang@gmail.com</a>             | \$ 1,500.00         |
| Ulysses              | Construction of a Rest Shelter and Plant Trees                              | Erica Oglevie        | <a href="mailto:erica.oglevie@pioncomm.net">erica.oglevie@pioncomm.net</a>   | \$ 1,500.00         |
|                      |   |                      |  | <b>\$ 18,442.00</b> |

## News from Rotary International



Registration is now open for **Rotary Day at the United Nations** in Geneva, Switzerland on November 10-11, 2017. *Peace: Making a Difference* <http://rotarydaygeneva.com/en/>

### Rotary Finds a New Partner for Peace

Rotary is forming a new strategic partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, a leader in the study of peace and conflict. Together, we will create new learning opportunities for members. Rotary will work with the institute to create an online learning platform, with webinars and interactive tools, that members and Rotary Peace Fellows can use to build on their expertise. Contact Area of Focus Manager [Rebecca Crall](#) for additional details

### Mark Your Calendars for World Polio Day

Celebrate World Polio Day on October 24 by hosting an event in your community. Register your event, and download resources to help you plan, promote and execute your event including sample press releases, social media graphics and templates for invites.

<https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day>



### Rotary Partners with International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness

Rotary signed a partnership agreement with the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness on August 7. Their amazing work to eliminate the causes of preventable blindness will now be amplified by the network of 1.2 million Rotary members.

Did you know that about 80% Of the world's 285 million visually impaired people have treatable eye diseases? Under the 1 year agreement, Rotary clubs can partner with IAPB member agencies to provide access to continuous eye care and blindness prevention services such as eye exams, cataract screenings and treatment, and diabetic eye examinations and follow-up services. Read more here <http://bit.ly/2vIMLvO>

## August is Membership Month

### How can I become a member?

Clubs accept new members by invitation.

### Who can join?

People who want to give back to their communities.

### What are the benefits?

Becoming a Rotary member connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back. Through regular meetings and events, you'll:

- Discuss your community's needs and develop creative ways to meet them
- Connect with other leaders who are changing the world
- Expand your leadership and professional skills

Other [benefits of membership](#) include:

- [Rotary Global Rewards](#), our member benefits program, which offers discounts on products and services. It's Rotary's way of helping our members spend less so they can do more.

- The [Rotary International Convention](#) is our biggest event of the year. Rotary members from more than 130 countries meet at the convention each year to celebrate our successes and make plans for the future.
- [Rotary Fellowships](#) give members the chance to join a group of people who share similar interests, hobbies, or vocations. Some groups use their fellowship to make a positive difference.
- [Rotarian Action Groups](#) unite Rotary members, family members, program participants and alumni who share their expertise in particular fields by collaborating with clubs and districts on projects.

### What's expected of me?

As a club member, you will be asked to:

- Pay club dues
- Attend meetings and events
- Use your professional skills and talents to make a difference

# Club News from around the District

**Rotary Club Hutchinson:** We are hosting an Open World delegation of 7 members from Ukraine October 13-21, 2017.

**Rotary Club E Wichita:** We will be painting another school map at the Independent School on August 26.



**Rotary Club Newton:** We were honored to host DG Robert Mendoza this month. He was introduced by Assistant Governor Jade Piros de Carvalho and Athena!



**Rotary Club Old Town:** Several of us are volunteering for the August 26 "Crawl for Cancer in Old Town" benefiting Camp Hope and Make-A-Wish.



**Rotary Club E Wichita:** Kevin Rathert, president of the East Wichita Rotary Foundation, presented a "Service Above Self" award plaque to Scott Jensen, past president of the EWR Foundation.



**Rotary Club E Wichita:** Kevin Rathert, president of the East Wichita Rotary

**Rotary Club E Wichita:** We have been enjoying seeing our East Wichita Rotary Scholarship students at recent meetings.

**Rotary Club Ulysses:** We have set Friday, September 29 as the date for our annual Duck Race.



**Rotary Club Newton:** We had a float in the Harvey County Free Fair parade this month.

**Rotary Club Arkansas City:** Four local high school students each received \$500 scholarships from the Arkansas Rotary Club to attend college this year.



## IT'S STATE FAIR TIME!

*Message from Dave Thomas, District Chair (RC Hutchinson)*

It's that time of the year again, we are working on the schedule for the Rotary booth at the State Fair. This year, our District 5690 is responsible for coverage of the booth on the odd numbered days. District 5670, the District we are merging with located to the north of us, will schedule coverage on the even numbered days.

The Fair starts on September 9th and runs for 10 days ending on September 17th. The shifts are 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 1:00-4:00 p.m. and 4:00-7:00 p.m. We need 2 per shift except for Saturdays and the first Sunday, we need 3 per shift.

We will provide 2 tickets for each person that works so you can bring a family member or friend to visit the fair while you work. We would like each person working to wear a Rotary shirt and khaki bottoms.

Lori Webb is coordinating the coverage.

You can contact her at 620-899-5382 or [lori@feeinsurance.com](mailto:lori@feeinsurance.com) This is a fun thing to do and a truly great Rotary project.

We will have training available at the start of each shift. If you have questions, Dave Thomas, RC Hutchinson at 620-665-1027.



Clubs are asked to promote Rotary Global Rewards, RI's member benefits program that offers discounts on products and services from local and global merchants, along with opportunities to give back to Rotary.

Over 33,000 members have signed in to use Rotary Global Rewards. To raise awareness of the program:

Recommend Rotary Global Rewards to all club members. They can visit [www.rotary.org/globalrewards](http://www.rotary.org/globalrewards) from a computer or download the [Rotary Club Locator App](#) to use the program on mobile devices.

Post a "Rewards" link to [www.rotary.org/globalrewards](http://www.rotary.org/globalrewards) on your club and district websites. This gives members easier access to Rotary Global Rewards.

Visit [www.rotary.org/globalrewards](http://www.rotary.org/globalrewards) for more information.

District 5690 Membership Report As Of July 31, 2017

| Club             | 7/1/2017    | 7/31/2017   | NET GAIN  |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|                  | MEMBERSHIP  | MEMBERSHIP  | 2017-2018 |
| Andover          | 31          | 31          | 0         |
| Arkansas City    | 60          | 61          | 1         |
| Beaver           | 21          | 21          | 0         |
| Boise City       | 17          | 16          | -1        |
| Cimarron         | 22          | 22          | 0         |
| Derby            | 59          | 62          | 3         |
| Dodge City       | 32          | 32          | 0         |
| East Wichita     | 99          | 101         | 2         |
| El Dorado        | 46          | 46          | 0         |
| Garden City      | 48          | 49          | 1         |
| Guymon           | 24          | 24          | 0         |
| Howard           | 16          | 17          | 1         |
| Hugoton          | 19          | 19          | 0         |
| Hutchinson       | 113         | 114         | 1         |
| Johnson          | 16          | 16          | 0         |
| Kingman          | 32          | 32          | 0         |
| Kinsley          | 15          | 15          | 0         |
| Larned           | 18          | 18          | 0         |
| Liberal          | 45          | 47          | 2         |
| Newton           | 60          | 59          | -1        |
| Pratt            | 59          | 59          | 0         |
| Sublette         | 15          | 15          | 0         |
| Syracuse         | 18          | 19          | 1         |
| Texhoma          | 12          | 12          | 0         |
| Ulysses          | 32          | 33          | 1         |
| Wellington       | 18          | 18          | 0         |
| W. Sedgwick Co   | 41          | 42          | 1         |
| West Wichita     | 60          | 60          | 0         |
| Wichita-DT       | 395         | 399         | 4         |
| Wichita-Old Town | 8           | 8           | 0         |
| Winfield         | 90          | 90          | 0         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>    | <b>1541</b> | <b>1557</b> | <b>16</b> |

**Find Inspiration in Toronto**

A world of opportunity waits for you at the 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada 23-27 June. Register now and take advantage of the early registration discount. Click here:

<http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto/register>



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2017-18 RI President  
Ian Riseley  
Australia



Join Fellow Rotarians June 20-14, 2018 in Toronto for the 2018 Rotary Convention!

**Important deadlines**

**15 December 2017:** Last day to register at \$345/Rotarians; \$70 Rotaractors..

**March 31 2018:** Last day for preregistration discount \$420 for Rotarians; \$100 for Rotaractors)

**April 1 2018:** Registration is \$495-Rotarians; \$130 for Rotaractors

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