



# District 5690 News



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## Message from District Governor

### Dean Kennedy



Dear Dream Team,

**THANK YOU!!!**

Cheryl and I appreciate the many, many kindnesses that were extended to us this past

year. We truly were able to see our great District 5690 with a fantastic Dream Team serving humanity. The projects completed throughout the district make each of our communities a special place to live with very dedicated Rotarians. Rotary is truly people of action in action. Together we can build, create, inspire, eradicate, connect, and celebrate! Keep up the great work serving your communities and the world. Thank you!

#### **Dean Kennedy**

*District Governor 5690  
2016-17*

*Rotary Club of Winfield*



#### **Thoughts and memories of the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta**

*Below are thoughts from some of the District 5690 Rotarians who attended the recent RI Convention.*

#### **Rotary: People of Action by DG Dean**

Cheryl & I had the pleasure of attending our second Rotary International Convention in Atlanta. The theme of Rotary: People of Action was evident everywhere. Where else can you go and eat lunch with people from Germany, England, Africa, Australia, and every other country of the world hearing about projects that we have never dreamed would even be needed. Then you add the general sessions with speakers like Bill Gates, Andrew Young, Jack Nicklaus, and so many others telling about how Rotary has touched their lives. And finally you attend the many breakout sessions on the vast number of projects around the world from speakers from around the world. It is truly impossible not to be proud you are a Rotarian after the first few hours.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

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

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

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

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

**Thank you DG Dean  
for a great year!**

## DeAnn Sullivan Participates in India Polio NID



**DeAnn Sullivan (Rotary Club of West Wichita)** recently visited India as part of an End Polio Now immunization campaign. She has a terrific presentation about polio and her trip to share with clubs who invite her.

*Editor's Intro—DeAnn's first donation to the Rotary Foundation was for Polio Plus in honor of her cousin, Connie. Being a part of the Polio Plus project was on her "bucket list". So, for her milestone birthday this year, she gave herself the gift of a trip with other Rotarians for the Polio NID (National Immunization Days) in India. She shares what she learned there about this incredible Rotary project in her presentation and recaps her experience below.*



Twice yearly every child in India under the age of 5 receives the polio vaccine at the National Immunization Days (NID). That's 170 million children vaccinated within a 5 day window. The Indian government leads the work through a network of health care workers using an amazing set of detailed plans. DeAnn Sullivan from the Rotary Club of West Wichita joined 30 other Rotarians from 4 countries for India's NID on April 1-4.

The 10-day trip organized by Howard Tours included seeing some of the special sights of Delhi, Agra and Jaipur such as the Taj Mahal and Ghandi's museum. The group was clearly focused on Rotary, though, attending 5 Rotary meetings and visiting local service projects. The group participated in the first 3 days of the NID. The first day included a parade through the area where they'd be providing the vaccine. Camels led the way followed by marching bands, drums, men on stilts, students – and Rotarians. This was to create awareness and encourage families to participate. On the second day small groups were assigned to nurses who

brought their children under 5. Day 3 the small groups went door to door with the nurses to locate children who hadn't been brought to the booths. Both days Rotarians helped with administering the vaccine and painting the children's pinky finger purple (to prove they had received the vaccine).

In 1988 polio was endemic in 125 countries. In 2006, seventeen years later, Rotary's efforts had helped reduce that to 4 countries. It took 8 more years to get it to 3 – in 2014 India was finally declared polio free! The work required to make that happen – and to keep it that way – is extraordinary. With one of the remaining countries with endemic polio on its border (Pakistan), they must be diligent about maintaining their status. The work is difficult and the logistics are overwhelming. It would be easy – and dangerous – to become complacent. Having Rotarians from the US and other countries help out energizes the local workers. The visiting Rotarians are an attraction that helps bring out the local families to the booths and during the door to door exercise. They also appreciate that these Rotarians are spending their own time and money to come help – even though the US hasn't had a case of polio since 1979. And yet we can't become complacent either. Polio is just a plane ride away! But we are "This Close"!



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## Additional District Scholarships Awarded

UPDATE: Because not all of the money allocated for RYLA Scholarships was not used, we were able to issue 6 more scholarships in addition to the 12 previously awarded (see the March newsletter). The recipients are listed below

Name	Hometown	Where Planning to Study
Kaleigh Black	Cheney	Wichita State University
Keith Callison	Wichita	Wichita Area Technical College
Erin Flahive	Andover	Kansas State University
Anthony Finley	Hutchinson	Hutchinson Community College
Emma Staats	El Dorado	Washburn University
Tanner Tieben	Dodge City	Dodge City Community College

## Thoughts and Recollections of the 2017 RI Convention in Atlanta (cont'd)

(continued from page 1) It is difficult not to be so very proud of our progress with eradicating polio but in reality . . . this is just a very small part of what Rotary does worldwide. Rotary is now partnering with Habitat For Humanity, Shelter Box, and so many other organizations to help humanity. When I meet the individual Rotarians and talk with them, I understand: Together, we can Inspire, build, eradicate, feed, clothe, and do whatever needs to be done worldwide without regard to race, religion, or politics.

The transfer of Rotary Leadership from RI President John Germ to RI President-Elect Ian Riseley was made from "Rotary Serving Humanity" to "Rotary, Making A Difference" and Rotary continues to do good in our world. Join the other 1.2+ million Rotarians in making a difference worldwide!

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### Ray & Dena Purdy – RC Garden City

Dena and I enjoyed the RI Convention and all of the meetings that we could attend. Great speakers, especially Bill Gates and Ambassador Young. We also enjoyed the House of Friendship and all of the exhibits of so many world clubs and RI booths with Rotarians from around world. It was a great place to meet other Rotarians from different cultures and locations to discuss projects that they were working on and needed other clubs and districts to work together on Global Grants. Atlanta was a good hosting city with many activities outside the actual convention.

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### Jim & Marvis Gaddie—RC Winfield

What a positive experience the RI Convention was for Marvis and I. Marvis has had some health issues lately and it was pretty "iffy" whether we were going to be able to go or not. I'm so glad that we were able to go.

I don't know which I enjoyed more, the General Sessions, or the House of Friendship. What speakers we had, Bill Gates, Andrew Young, and Jack Nicholas ( I had no idea he is a Polio survivor). In the H O F, I enjoyed the booths with displays regarding the projects from clubs all over the world. What great things we do in addition to the "Big Deals" (Polio, Literacy, Water & Sanitation, etc.) How inspiring it is to be in the presence of 40,000 people, many who don't look, or dress like us and most who don't talk like us, but we communicate with a smile and/or a nod of the head.

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### Jeff Van Sickle—RC Wichita 2017-18 President

The people I met and talked with will form the best memories of my first Rotary International Convention. A presi-

dent-elect from Vancouver, a stainless steel manufacturer from India preparing for his tenure as District Governor, numerous members of the Russia-United States Inter-Country Committee, an architect from Gambia, a civil engineer from Ecuador, and a Serbian medical doctor and Rotary Peace Fellow were just a sampling. Rotary is truly a leader in world peacemaking!

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### Tammy Allen—RC Wichita 2016-17 President

My experiences with Rotary have been very local and club-focused, so even hearing about the international scope of Rotary's work at the District conferences did not bring home to me how global the reach is. My first steps into the convention center brought that home to me instantly. In front of the giant Rotary signs greeting us, a multinational, multilingual crowd patiently communicated with gestures, expressions and the occasional common language to take photos of each other gathered in front of the sign. I found myself included in a photo with Rotarians from Bulgaria, Kenya, and Nigeria while others from the UK, Japan, China, Russia, and many other countries crowded around. A Korean tried unsuccessfully to converse in Korean with me (I speak only English). Of course, Bill Gates' appearance at the convention to personally pledge a two-to-one match for up to \$150 million to continue the fight to end polio was inspiring. But in the end, seeing Rotarians from literally around the globe working together was the most meaningful symbol that, as Rotarians, we are a powerful force for good in the world.

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### Joyce Heismeyer—RC East Wichita

This was my first Rotary International convention. My first impression was that it was amazing to see approximately 40,000 Rotarians together from all over the world. I attended a break out session that high lighted young professionals who had been youth exchange students when they were in high school. They were all so grateful for the experience and attributed much of their professional success from having had the international experience. It was wonderful to see the long term impact Rotary had on our exchange students.

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### Fred Heismeyer—RC East Wichita 2016-17 President

While large gatherings, notable speakers, breakout sessions and colorful native dress all highlighted my Rotary convention experience; I believe the best was getting to see friends and fellow Rotarians from around the world. Friendships are the greatest gift Rotary can give us.

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## Thoughts and Recollections of the 2017 RI Convention in Atlanta (cont'd)

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### Sue Pearce—RC Wichita

This was my 8th international convention. I am humbled each time by the presentation of the flags where Rotary is alive and active. I always think . . . We all work together to make this world a better place. If everyone were a Rotarian, there would be no wars.

### DeAnn Sullivan—RC West Wichita

The speakers at the general sessions were outstanding! Hearing Bill Gates tell about the realization that what worked to get down to only 4 countries in 2005 would not work to get to zero and how they shifted their strategy. I gave me greater hope that we really will get to zero. I loved how Andrew Young described the role Rotary plays in these global projects connecting and facilitating the efforts of government and business, i.e. able to go where neither of them can. I had no idea Ashton Kutcher was so actively supporting the fight against sex trafficking and hearing the others on the panel talk about how helpful his work has been. It made me want to better understand how we can help.

Best of all was sharing it with some of the special Rotary people in my life: Gaby Pattacini, a RITE teacher I hosted in 2009, and 3 of my fellow travelers to Russia, Joyce and Fred Heismeyer and Geri Appel. They joined me and some of my family that live in the Atlanta area for the candlelight vigil for Sex Trafficking awareness on my birthday

the night before the convention officially opened. It's a birthday I won't forget.

### Jeanette Seatvet—RC Dodge City

I found there are a lot of Rotarians in the world and I got my picture taken with 2016-17 RI President John Germ. It was inspiring and we are registered to attend the 2018 Toronto Convention.



### Geri Appel—RC Wichita

As a dedicated RI Convention-Goer, I am always impressed and amazed at the enormity of Rotary and the huge impact we make in our world. Every convention features great speakers, but this year's was at the top of the best list for me. Bill Gates, Ambassador Andrew Young, and even Ashton Kutcher were tremendous presenters. I have a totally new attitude about Ashton Kutcher who is committed and financially invested in the fight to end slavery worldwide, but specifically child sex trafficking.

As mentioned by others, it's hard to choose between the general sessions and being in the House of Friendship where I get to see so many of my friends from around the world and share a hug, a story and maybe even a beer.

I especially enjoyed "sharing" the convention with so many other District 5690 Rotarians this year. Next year's convention is in Toronto, Canada. It will be another outstanding meeting and every Rotarian should experience an RI Convention at least once. I hope to see you there!

## Rotary Foundation Named World's Outstanding Foundation



The Association of Fundraising Professionals recognized The Rotary Foundation with its annual Award for Outstanding Foundation at its 2017 conference in San Francisco. The award honors organizations that show philanthropic commitment and leadership through financial support, innovation, encouragement of others, and involvement in public affairs. Some of the boldest names in American giving—Kellogg, Komen, and MacArthur, among others—are past honorees.

The announcement came on November 15, known as National Philanthropy Day, and was presented on May 2, 2017. Rotary Foundation Chair-elect Paul Netzel accepted the award on Rotary's behalf, saying "In our Centennial year, we are deeply honored to receive this recognition from the Association of Fundraising Professionals."

## Working to ensure the Rotary Foundation's future



We've had a wonderful time celebrating all the extraordinary achievements of The Rotary Foundation's first 100 years. As we approach the end of this centennial year, it's time to turn our attention to the Foundation's future. **What can we do right now to ensure that the Foundation will reach even greater heights in the next 100 years?**

**First**, we must finish our work to [eradicate polio](#). If we fail, we risk a global return of the disease – up to 200,000 new cases every year, within 10 years. But if we succeed, the world would enjoy a savings as high as \$50 billion by 2035. There really is no choice: We must succeed.

What can you do? Raise money, advocate for government support, and share the inspirational story of Rotary's steadfast commitment to a polio-free world.

Of course, our work to end polio isn't the only compelling story we have to tell. Your club's [district and global grant projects](#) are successes that you should share with your local community and media. Tell them about the scholars you are sponsoring, the vocational training team that is

visiting or traveling from your district, and the causes the Foundation supports.

After you've impressed people with the Foundation's many accomplishments, [ask them to join us](#) – as members, supporters, or volunteers. I believe that every Rotarian should make an annual contribution to the Foundation, because it is our Foundation, and we are ultimately responsible for its success – yet that doesn't mean that we shouldn't also encourage others to contribute. **Telling others about our work providing clean water and basic education, fighting disease, and promoting peace helps drive interest in our Foundation and clubs.**

Even though you and I won't be around to celebrate the Foundation's 200th anniversary in 2117, we begin to set the stage now. Working together, we can continue the Foundation's long tradition of good work and give future Rotarians even more reasons to celebrate.

Kalyan Banerjee, Trustee Chair 2016-17

## Boundless Playscape in Fundraising Mode



Campaign for the Sunrise Boundless Playscape

The Sunrise Boundless Playscape today is the result of a community service project of the Rotary Club of West Sedgwick County – Sunrise. The Rotary club began a six-year capital campaign raising \$1.75 million dollars in cash and in-kind donations to build this children's innovative, inclusive playscape for children of all abilities. In 2005 Sedgwick County donated land in Sedgwick County Park for the Playscape. The 1.5 acre Sunrise Rotary Boundless Playscape, which exceeds ADA guidelines with 70% accessibility, was opened in 2008.

Since its opening, The Sedgwick County Park's visitor count rose from approximately 500,000 visitors each year to one million annually. County officials credit much of that increase to the Boundless Playscape.

Eight years into heavy play, the Sunrise Boundless Playscape is showing wear and tear and will require special funding to sustain its premiere status. As good stewards, West Sedgwick County Sunrise Rotary Club with the support of an adjunct committee, the **Friends of the Sunrise Boundless Playscape**, have launched the **Play It Forward campaign**, a three-year \$1-million fundraising campaign which create exciting new areas of play. For more information contact: [info@sunriseplayscapewichita.com](mailto:info@sunriseplayscapewichita.com).

**What's next?** The master plan created by Ruggles & Bohm includes addressing seven areas in the Playscape, including enhancement of existing areas and creation of new ones. The Amazin' Maze is scheduled for Fall 2017. The maze will be wheelchair accessible and nature friendly.

Visit the website at <http://www.sunriserotarywichita.com/sunriseboundlessplayscape/>

See additional stories about the Playscape in "Club News".



**Congratulations and Thank You to the W. Sedgwick County Sunrise Club for this amazing project!**

## Rotarians Being Servant Leaders—compelling reasons

Adapted from the article: **Why Your Company Should Celebrate More** *By John*

*Coleman*

Found at: <https://>

[www.fastcompany.com/3000101/why-your-company-should-celebrate-more](https://www.fastcompany.com/3000101/why-your-company-should-celebrate-more)



together. Lead a cheer at your meeting. Say thank you and congratulations often. Camaraderie within the club leads to higher member morale and ensures that your most valued Rotarians stick around.

**Serving others isn't always a good time. That's why we've got to celebrate when we can. You may "woohoo" at your own discretion.**

It's critical to take time to celebrate the accomplishments—both big and small—within your club. I know that pressures of the transfer of leadership, funding the next service project, increasing - or at least maintaining - membership and deadlines don't make this as simple as we would like, but it is nonetheless imperative. If your club has a culture that understands how to celebrate its successes, people will remain motivated, achievements will be valued more completely, and deeper relationships will be forged within the ranks of Rotary. Plus, it beats the hell out of complaining!

Re-imagining the process and ideation of celebration is also essential. If you have a fellow Rotarian who has achieved something important in their life, a celebration can be as simple as mentioning the success at a club meeting. Celebration can also lead to establishing rituals that help to simply make it through a tough week—such as when your club is facing challenges or spending hours serving during a major project. But sometimes, a celebration mandates an all-out throw-down. Don't necessarily formally schedule the celebration with your club's president or social chairperson, but instead, organize a party that allows everyone to let their hair down and be *human*

Committee meetings, social get-togethers, regular weekly meetings themselves can become a celebration for all that we as people of action have done. We should laugh together, we should look back over the week/month/quarter/year together and we could collectively set our eyes on tomorrow – all through the lens of a celebration. Each of these things (and more) can add a certain spring to every-one Rotarians step.

And finally, don't forget to celebrate the successes of those *outside* of your club. Clubs in our district/zone are microcosms that inevitably involve a lot of horizontal movement from one club to another. Creating a fun sense of camaraderie where friendly competition among clubs makes our opportunity for leadership, our collective focus on the goals of Rotary and most importantly our passion for serving others something that's engaging and for which every successful Rotarian should be striving.

**CELEBRATE!**

**GIVE A STANDING OVATION TO YOUR FELLOW ROTARIANS!**

**CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CELEBRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!**

*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,  
District 5690 Trainer*

### Looking for a program for your Rotary meeting?

Go to [video.rotary.org](http://video.rotary.org) for a wide assortment of videos to choose from!



**Plan to attend our 5th Annual Wine Event  
Friday, July 14**

Join the **Rotary Club of West Wichita** at an amazing evening at Venue 3130 for great food, distinctive wines and fabulous auction items to benefit the charitable works of the RC W Wichita. Enjoy the music, food and fellowship at our "Taste of Spain" wine event. Full details are here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/5th-annual-wine-dinner-for-rotary-club-of-west-wichita-tickets-33506810773>

### Videos to Watch

- Andrew Young address to RI Convention—<http://video.rotary.org/9i7G/andrew-young/>
- TRF Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee—<http://video.rotary.org/4k4/kalyan-banerjee-trf-trustee-chair/>
- Bill Gates Keynote Address at RI Convention—<http://video.rotary.org/n8gj/keynote-address-bill-gates/>
- Interview with Jack Nicklaus—<http://video.rotary.org/FRUYj/interview-with-jack-nicklaus/>
- Bernice A. King, CEO of The King Center—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXIF5nFxDO4&feature=youtu.be>

## Highlights of the RI Convention in Atlanta

### Human Rights Issue: Human Trafficking & Modern-day Slavery



*The three philanthropists who took the Atlanta Convention stage on June 12 (L-R) Ashton Kutcher, Bill Gates and John Cena*

Actor and philanthropist **Ashton Kutcher** took the stage at the [Rotary International Convention](#) in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, to address a major human rights issue: human trafficking and modern-day slavery.

Kutcher, who rose to fame in the early 2000s with a series of hit film and television roles, is co-founder of [Thorn: Digital Defenders of Children](#), an organization that combats human trafficking and the conditions that enable it. Trafficking in humans takes many forms but includes forced labor and sex slavery. It is among the world's largest illicit trades, with many of the transactions happening online.

Kutcher joined other prominent voices for a panel discussion on trafficking and how communities can combat it. Gary Haugen spoke about his work as CEO of [International Justice Mission](#), a nonprofit that aims to strengthen local law enforcement and support survivors of trafficking.

Also at the panel, U.S. Senator Bob Corker of Tennessee discussed the legislative framework that allows traffickers to thrive in plain sight, and survivor [Rebecca Bender](#) offered moving testimony about the abuse she endured in the United States.

Recognizing the role that vast global networks like Rotary play in sustainable social change, Kutcher encouraged attendees to join the fight.

### Polio: Global Commitments to End Polio

At the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, global leaders and key donors affirmed their commitment to ending polio. The historic pledges of new funds will go toward drastically shrinking the \$1.5 billion gap in the funding that is needed to reduce cases to zero. Total new pledges announced totaled \$1.2 billion. Click here to see the pledges <https://www.rotary.org/en/polio-pledges-2017-convention>



Rotary polio ambassador and WWE superstar **John Cena** hosted a historic day at the convention with world governments renewing the commitments to polio eradication. Minda Dentler, polio survivor and Ironman athlete, shared her story of personal triumph over the disease.

**Bill Gates**, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation strengthened his foundation's commitment to Rotary with the exciting announcement that it will expand its match agreement with Rotary. Contributions to Rotary for polio eradication will now be matched 2-1 up to \$50 million per year through the next 3 years.

Watch Bill Gates' speech at the convention: <http://video.rotary.org/n8gj/keynote-address-bill-gates/>

### Public Relations: Unveiling People of Action

A new public image campaign, People of Action, was introduced at this year's Rotary International Convention. Convention attendees were greeted by new People of Action advertisements on billboards at the airport and around the city of Atlanta. John Smarge, Chair of the RI Communications Committee, showed the campaign video and talked about this campaign in an exciting presentation. Watch it here: <http://video.rotary.org/LBjH/john-smarge-people-of-action-campaign/>

Start planning NOW for how your club will use the People of Action campaign ad to promote Rotary in your community!



# Club News from around the District

## Rotary Club Johnson:

Johnson Rotarian presented scholarships certificates at the Stanton County High School awards ceremony. Winners are Rebecca Avelar and Wes Wilkerson (both club scholarship winners) and Jesus Molina, club and Rotary District winner).



## Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise:

Our 16th annual golf tournament was a success! KPTS provided two prize packages and many other items were auctioned resulting in a fun and worthwhile day for Rotary.

## Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise:

We are testing publicity for our Boundless Playscape with KPTS with 30-second spots over 12 days. We've been busy at the park this past month. We installed our newest piece of equipment: an "Expressions Swing" that allows a child and adult to swing together, thanks to a D5690 grant.



We also installed the new order of commemorative bricks and topped that off

with our semi-annual Playscape Clean-up. Member sof both the City Council and County Commissioner stopped by to see our progress (at our invitation).

**Rotary Club Andover:** We participated in another successful Concert in the Park with county singer Clint Black, despite the inclement weather.



The Rotary Club enjoyed working the beer truck for the event, helping our club generate more funds to support good works!

The Concerts are a great fund raiser for us. As Ron Kutter aptly put it, all we have to do is show up and work; no planning, no soliciting auction items, no buying stuff, no finding a venue, no advertising, no ticket selling. We had a number of people at the Concert thank us for our work!

**Rotary Club Old Town Wichita:** We are small and mighty! We finished our Geranium Sales fund-raiser last

month with good results. Using our District Grant Funds, we finished the Hair Fairy do her magic making life a little better for the little victims of cancer. AND we heard from the Rotarians who visited Russia tell their "FABLES" and we hosted 15 Wichita-area club leaders at Aero Plains Brewing for a tour.

## Rotary Club El Dorado:

El Dorado Rotary president Jason Patty recognized members who have belonged to Rotary ten or more years as Legacy Members. Each member was featured at a meeting and shared their life accomplishments and what they remembered about Rotary when they first joined. They were presented with a Rotary pen and pencil set. Pictured left to right: David Coryell, John Prigmore, Larry McCully, Curt Shipley, Marv Loucks, Reed Campbell and president Jason Patty.



**Rotary Club Garden City:** Ray Purdy gives instructions to Roxy Ferretti, this year's winner of the Garden City Rotary Club's Grocery Grab. Roxy had 5 minutes to fill her cart as full as she could! The club raised enough money to also give away over 20, \$100 grocery gift certificates.



## Rotary Club Hutchinson:

When devastating wildfires hit Hutchinson in March, the Kansas National Guard was instrumental in fighting the damage by dumping water from Black Hawk helicopters on the fires. Commander of the unit who helped combat the fires, Lieutenant Colonel Todd Loughney, spoke to the Club in May. He brought one of the Black Hawk helicopters used in the fires and several members of the unit who helped Hutchinson. Club members enjoyed both his presentation and the opportunity to explore the copter.



**Rotary Club W Wichita and W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise:** Dalia Hale, Shelli Kadel and Armida Hight were at the airport to send off our 3 outbound RITE teachers (pictured). Carol Furrow, Barbara Hermocillo

# More Club News

and Isabela Nickel are being hosted by the Boquete and David Rotary Clubs and will return in July.



**Rotary Club Wichita:** Club members supported 200 underserved youth who wouldn't otherwise get the opportunity to learn how to play basketball at

Next Level Hoops Academy. The coaches were Xavier McDaniel, Aubrey Sherrod, Jeff Hill and Cheese Johnson, all former WSU players. Club support consisted of financial assistance and many volunteers keeping score, time clock, serving lunch and packing backpacks.

**Rotary Club Garden City:** Senator Jerry Moran, a Rotarian, attended the weekly meeting of the Garden City Rotary Club in conjunction with his Town Hall Meeting. Pictured with him are Lee Ann Schrader, President and Liz Scheopner, President – Elect. He spoke to a packed house and was very entertaining as well as informative.



**Rotary Club Ulysses:** Our annual golf tournament was a big success with 13 teams which was more than last year. Funds raised are used for scholarships.

**Rotary Club Wichita:** Steve Woods and Alicia Holloway presented the club's coveted Service Above Self award to Doug Stark (2nd from right) on Monday. As a long-time volunteer and contributor to Rotary and our community, Doug is most deserving of the award!



**Rotary Club El Dorado:** On Saturday, June 10 at 5:45 PM El Dorado Rotary members and guests met at Graham Park to commemorate the 1958 tornado that struck El Dorado.

In 2008 El Dorado Rotary created the memorial to commemorate the event and to honor the 13 people who lost their lives. This year the wind harp was taken down and has been restrung.

Pictured are Rotary members discussing the harp and also pictured is one of the plaques that is placed at the memorial. Next year will mark the 60th anniversary of El Dorado's "Wrong Way Tornado".



## Important Rotary dates for club membership figures

Received from RI Membership Minute newsletter, April 18, 2017—**Important!**

Please note this important change that affects your Rotary membership figures:

If you have new members you want counted in your membership achievements for the current Rotary year, they must now be reported to RI on or before 30 June.

- Members added with 1 July 2017 effective dates will no longer be included in your annual 1 July 2017 membership start number, but they will be billed on the 1 July 2017 club invoice and counted toward 2017-18 membership growth.
- Members terminated with effective dates on or before 1 July 2017 will reduce your club's 2016-17 membership achievement, reduce your 1 July 2017 membership start number, and will not be billed on the 1 July 2017 club invoice.

As a result, it is possible for your club's July 2017 annual membership start number to be lower than your July 2017 invoice if new members were added with a 1 July 2017 effective date.

In summary, beginning immediately with the 2016-17 Rotary year, new members added on or before 30 June will count toward the current Rotary year, while members added with 1 July effective dates will count toward the new Rotary year. We hope this simplifies your reporting and reflects your membership more accurately.

If you have any questions, write to [membershipdevelopment@rotary.org](mailto:membershipdevelopment@rotary.org).

## District 5690 Membership Report As Of May 31, 2017

Club	7/1/2016	5/31/2017	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	60	-1
Dodge City	32	37	5
East Wichita	115	107	-8
El Dorado	50	47	-3
Garden City	41	51	10
Guymon	27	27	0
Howard	16	16	0
Hugoton	22	19	-3
Hutchinson	114	112	-2
Johnson	18	16	-2
Kingman	32	32	0
Kinsley	15	15	0
Larned	18	18	0
Liberal	45	46	1
Newton	56	63	7
Pratt	54	61	7
Sublette	14	15	1
Syracuse	15	21	6
Texhoma	19	12	-7
Ulysses	36	32	-4
Wellington	20	17	-3
W. Sedgwick Co	43	43	0
West Wichita	65	62	-3
Wichita-DT	372	396	24
Wichita-Old Town	10	10	0
Winfield	85	88	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1546</b>	<b>1568</b>	<b>22</b>

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## Rotary Foundation 2017 Rotary Fiscal Year-end Deadlines

Please note the following for Rotary Foundation (TRF) Contributions:

- **Credit Cards:** Online via [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) – must be authorized prior to 30 June 2016, midnight (CST).  
**Fax: (+1-847-328-5260), phone (866-976-8279)**, or mail to RI Headquarters—must be received prior to close of business on 30 June 2017. For security purposes, do not send credit contributions electronically.
- **Checks:** must be *postmarked* on or before **Friday, June 30, 2017** and received by The Rotary Foundation by July 7, 2016. Checks must be *dated* no later than June 30, 2017.
- **Wire transfers:** Must be initiated prior to Friday, June 30, 2017 and received by Monday, July 3, 2017.

**Please do NOT send in checks for the 201-18 Rotary year until July 1, 2017. All checks received with June postmarks go toward 2016-17 contributions.**