



# District 5690 News



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## Message from District Governor

### David Yoder



Dear 5690 Rotarians,

For those of you who made it, the District Training Assembly last month in Greensburg was another great training event for incoming club presidents, future leaders, current district leaders, and future district leadership. DGE Dean Kennedy and District Trainer Fred Heismeyer put on a first-rate, thought-provoking, interactive, and informative look at how Rotary operates in our District. Thanks, guys, for a great training program.

For anyone interested in a little historical perspective, the District Training Assembly (DTA) used to be a regular annual training event earmarked to give Presidents-elect some hands-on training that isn't generally covered by PETS. I remember going to the District Assembly (which it was called back then before RI formally changed the title to the District Training Assembly) in Dodge City in my PE year, 2008, under the supervision of DGE Rod Kreie. Dodge City was the annual host location of the DA. There were very few of us in attendance in 2008, I seem to recall about 12-15 attending, and that included the trainers. This was no reflection on DGE Rod, as he put on a



very informative Assembly. Unfortunately, for various reasons, the DA had suffered declining attendance for years. Thus, due to the ever-decreasing attendance and increasing costs, the District finally decided the attendance didn't warrant the expense, and the District Assembly was discontinued.

That changed three years ago, when in 2014 DGE Martin Bauer decided to convene a DTA in Pratt, due in large part to address a proposal for a major change in the District Conference Assessment Fund. That story has its own legs and most of you already know that history, so I won't repeat it here. If you don't know that story and want the scoop, contact me and I'll be glad to share it, as it was a wild ride. Anyway, our first DTA (for by now the name had formally been changed by RI from DA to DTA) was well-attended and started us back on the path.

I wanted to get the DTA back up and running in our District, and especially to be viable to the clubs and PE's, so I decided in 2015 as DGE to return to Dodge City and schedule some District-specific training to cover matters in more detail than could be

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**May 25-28, 2016**  
**RYLA**  
**Winfield, KS**

**Oct 14-15, 2016**  
**District Conference**  
**Winfield, KS**

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



## Message from District Governor David Yoder (cont'd)

addressed at PETS. We had a great turnout – thanks again for all you great people who attended and made it so special. And with first-year District Trainer Fred Heismeyer in tow, he very effectively helped me keep my promise to make the DTA a lively and interactive event.

DGE Dean Kennedy is keeping the DTA alive and effective, and it looks like we are back in the DTA business in the District. I am sure incoming DGE Robert Mendoza has some great ideas in mind for the DTA next year.

On another note (yes, please, Yoder, change the subject already!), on May 6-7 Lori and I had the honor of attending the District Conference in McPherson held by our friends to the north of us in District 5670. With the help of Dave Thomas and Wayne Unruh from the Hutch Club, we made a presentation on our joint Kansas State Fair project, which was well-received. Looks like we're really getting some legs on this project. More on this in a later Newsletter. I've made really good friends with some of the folks in D5670, and by working closely with DG Mike Mills, and with DG John Donovan in 5710, we have gotten some great teamwork established with the other two Districts. DGE Dean Kennedy has likewise formed a close working relationship with his compatriots, DGE Randy Krug in

5670, and DGE Chris Ford in 5710. So much so that the other two Districts have gone "all in" on the State Fair project, and we now have a full 3-District partnership going forward. Very exciting.

PDG Rod Kreie was to give a presentation on Youth Exchange to the 5670 DC, but his plane flight back was cancelled due to heavy weather on the East coast, and he was stranded in Washington, DC. He emailed me his power-point presentation, so I made a very valiant but lame effort to give his presentation for him. To add to it, the laptop locked up as I started to present it, leaving me to sweat through a reading of the slides to them. Not my most banner presentation, but I think I muddled through it without embarrassing our District too much. At least the folks in 5670 are still talking to me.

Have a great rest of your May, and I'll be back in June to wrap up our very successful year. As always, Be a Gift to the World.

**David Yoder**

*District Governor 2015-16  
Rotary Club of Newton*



## Buy a Commemorative Brick and support the Sunrise Boundless Playscape located in Sedgwick County Park!



The Sunrise Boundless Playscape, a community service project of the **Rotary Club of West Sedgwick County~Sunrise**, is a \$1.5 million interactive playground for children of all abilities and disabilities that was opened in 2009.

With the ongoing popularity of the playscape (*1,000,000 visitors estimated per year!*) we are entering a new phase of development with plans to replace, update and expand the play areas through fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Sunrise Boundless Playscape. You can be a part of this endeavor and permanently recognize your friends, family or business associates by ordering a commemorative brick, available in 3 sizes:

- 4" x 8" red brick with black engraving - \$50
- 8" x 8" red brick with black engraving - \$100

- 12" x 12" gray concrete block with black engraving - \$250

The bricks will be installed in the entry of the playscape along with existing engraved bricks. If you're struggling to get the guy who has everything something different, this would be a great way to honor Dad on Father's Day! It's also a great way to acknowledge other family members, special occasions, memory of a loved one, recognize your business or organization...the possibilities are endless!

E-mail Diane Walker: [dwalker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwalker@sbcglobal.net) for an order form or if you have any questions.

*The Friends of the Sunrise Boundless Playscape is a group of area volunteers dedicated to preserving the long-term sustainability of this specialty playground located in Sedgwick County Park.*



## NEWS - For 2016-2017 Club Leadership Team

### Message from DGE Dean Kennedy to the 2016-17 "Dream Team"

Dear Dream Team:

Thank you to all that attended District Training Assembly (DTA) in Greensburg. We had a great time in returning to Greensburg. Here are some of my dreams from DTA.

1. Develop your Rotary passion. Own this coming year.
2. Have Fun. If you aren't having fun, then you are doing it wrong.
3. Brag about Rotary. We have been quietly changing the world and it is time to be more vocal. Take pride in being a Rotarian!
4. Send at least 1 student to RYLA. My dream is to have every club in the district send at least one student.
5. Increase net membership by one member per 50 members. Target young members or women or retirees: Partner members: Widows of members.
6. Support the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rotary foundation by having EACH member increase their giving to the Foundation by \$26.50 which is the amount of the original contribution to the Rotary Foundation 100 years ago.
7. Each club can decide how to do it. Maybe do a birthday party for the Rotary Foundation?
8. Apply for the District Grants—This is free money coming back to you.
9. Work smarter not harder. Combine and partner with anyone and everyone including your other Rotary Clubs. We need more of our clubs working together on projects.
10. Attend the District Conference on October 14 & 15, 2016 in Winfield. It will be fun!
11. Make a difference!

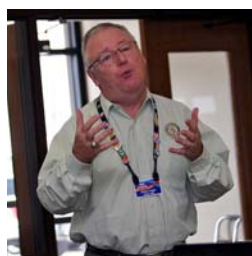


Go and share your passion and make your dreams come true by *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

### Photos from DTA in Greensburg



*DTA attendees participated in an interactive exercise to show how different people in a team have perception differences and how shared leadership helps a team succeed.*



*District Trainer Fred Heismeyer (E. Wichita) always brings fun and new ideas to Rotary meetings!*



*Attendees enjoyed great fellowship*



*Edith Waugh (El Dorado) Talked about Club Central*



*Goal Setting—a favorite topic of DGE Dean Kennedy's!*



*District Public Relations Chair Bill Gardner (Wichita DT) led a session on PR*





## Greensburg or BUST!



*District Governor Leadership Team: (L-R) Sterling Hall, Robert Mendoza, Dean Kennedy, David Yoder*

Rotarians of District 5690 came together in Greensburg on Saturday, April 30 for the annual **District Training Assembly (DTA)** to learn, engage and have fun. Learning included information on Rotary's new branding, District Grants, RYLA, and our District's role in the State Fair. Engagement in joining together as a team

of Rotarians resulted in creating goals, sharing success stories and deeply thinking about our role as a leader in our clubs. Finally, fun was at the center of the DTA with time for laughter and celebrating successes with several standing ovations! Rotarians were warmly welcomed by the Mayor of Greensburg and heard a moving presentation on the recovery of the community since the devastating tornado that destroyed most of the town. Our day concluded with DG-Elect Dean Kennedy presenting his vision

and goals for the District; two of which were:

- Increasing our clubs' membership by one new Rotarian for every 50 members.
- Increasing individual Rotarian RI Foundation giving by \$26.50, the amount of the first foundation gift given 100 years ago by a Kansas City Club.

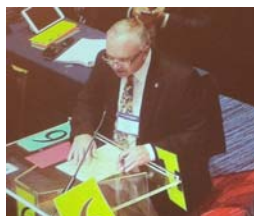
Club Service is one of the pillars of our overall service program. It is important that our Clubs and District leadership have the opportunity to gather, brainstorm, learn, engage with each other, share ideas and have fun. Our annual DTA is one of those opportunities and should be a priority for all current and incoming Club officers. Put next year's DTA, PETS and District Conference on your calendar and make these activities part of your club's annual expectations and planning process.

*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,  
District 5690 Trainer*

*More photos on pg. 3 & 6 of DTA!*

## PDG Curtis Dick Attends Council on Legislation

Dear Fellow Rotarians of District 5690,



*D5690 Representative Curtis Dick speaks to an amendment*

It was my honor to represent you at Rotary International's Council on Legislation (COL) in Chicago April 10-15. Council on Legislation, Rotary's "parliament," meets every three years to deliberate and act upon all proposed enactments and resolutions submitted by clubs, district conferences, the General Council and Conference of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland,

and the RI Board. The Council itself also makes proposals.

The Council on Legislation is an important part of Rotary's governance process. While the Board of Directors sets policies for Rotary International, the Council is where Rotary clubs have their say in the governance of the association. Every club and district is entitled to submit legislation to the Council, and some of Rotary's most important work has resulted from Council action. Each district in the world sends a representative to the Council, which reviews proposed legislation. This year, there were 530 voting delegates from every Rotary country and it was just a fantastic week as we carefully deliberated the future of Rotary.



*Delegates consider legislation*



*RI President Ravi Ravindran weighs in*

By any measure, the 2016 COL may well be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history. RI President Ravi Ravindran, in his closing remarks to the delegates stated "the effects of your decisions will ripple to

every corner of the world for years, decades, even centuries to come."

The Council granted clubs more freedom in determining their meeting schedule and membership, enabled Rotaractors to become members of Rotary clubs, eliminated the distinction between e-clubs and traditional clubs, and much more. Find more information on the 2016 COL [here](#).



I will issue a full report of the approved enactments, my comments, and how I voted to current and incoming club presidents and secretaries, as well as district officers. No later than June 15, RI will send a "Report of Action" of Council adopted legislation to the secretary of each club.

Again, please accept my heartfelt thanks for allowing me the opportunity to serve our district at 2016 COL. It was a week I will cherish forever!

In Service Above Self,

Curtis Dick  
District Governor 2005-2006

## Transitions—A Club's Challenge

**Leadership transitions are a fact of our organizational lives in Rotary. We change leadership each and every year. No wonder transitions of club leadership can be a challenge and progress slow. Following are some thoughts and hints on making your club's leadership transition successful.**

A successful leadership transition requires support for the new leaders as well as for their following Rotarians; along with a focus on trustworthy communication and clear decision-making processes. While times of club transition can be exciting and energizing, it can often prove difficult both for the leader, who has a new role, and for the club's membership who are experiencing changes in "their" club.

New leaders have a natural desire to make a unique contribution to the club and commonly feel the need to set them apart from a previous leader. As a result, the new leader often appears to take a critical stance toward current organizational processes and policies. The new leader might, through attempts to demonstrate an ability to contribute, offer a suggestion for every issue that arises. While new leaders obviously need to listen, it is also very tempting for them to seek to influence the club's direction immediately.

During club changes the needs of the new leader and the followers often conflict. The leader seeks to impact the



organization immediately, and the club's membership want a slower pace of change. Successful transitions require understanding both parties' needs and building communication and trust between them as quickly as possible.

Four areas of interaction between leaders and followers are critical for success during a transition:

- Partnering in decision making
- Focusing on the successful implementation of new directions
- Challenging the new leader as appropriate
- Understanding and providing the unique support that the new leader requires

A leadership transition in Rotary poses dangers and challenges for both leaders and club membership. While each party naturally focuses on the organization's success, time needs to be spent on how the new relationships will develop and mature into effective working relationships.

*Note: Adapted from Leadership Transitions: Keys for Success by Goodyear and Golden, Educause-Quarterly, Number 1, 2008*



*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer, District 5690 Trainer*

## Did you know?

- **Rotary Shop moving to new platform**—Starting 1 May, the Rotary shop will be available on a new platform. Users may experience some downtime during the transition. Read more about the change and [how to contact us with questions](#).
- **Canada contributes \$40 million to ending polio in Pakistan**—The government of Canada [is providing C\\$40 million](#) over three years in support of Pakistan's polio eradication program. The funds will help the World Health Organization and UNICEF interrupt transmission of the wild poliovirus in Pakistan. Canada is the fifth-highest per capita donor to polio eradication, with over C\$500 million committed to date. It coordinates its efforts closely with Rotary, matching Rotarians' contributions during fundraising campaigns.
- **How to simplify club administration**—Does your



club manage members and officer updates online? Do you have a website or app to keep your members connected and up-to-date? Over 10,000 clubs are already integrated directly with Rotary International's membership database using tools provided by our licensed vendors. These tools help you keep your membership and club officer information up to date, connecting it to RI in real time. [Read more of this post](#) (Courtesy Rotary Voices 5/17/16)

- **Rotary Club Central**—Rotary's e-learning center is full of great online training modules for nearly every topic you can imagine. Rotary Club Central was discussed at the District Training Assembly recently. Here's a link to learning everything you wanted or needed to know about Club Central. Happy learning: <http://learn.rotary.org/pages/course/CourseMaterial.aspx?courseid=96>

## "Service Above Self Corner" - A new addition to the Newsletter!

*A note from 2016-17 District Governor Dean Kennedy:*

I have asked that a new area be added to the newsletter called **Service Above Self Corner**. We have so many Rotarians quietly going above and beyond and I would like to recognize them.

Any Rotarian can submit an article for the Service Above Self Corner to recognize another Rotarian for their service. Submit the article to Geri for the newsletter and note it is for Service Above Self Corner. My dream is that we will have so many it will be hard to fit them into the newsletter.



The **Service Above Self** winners for this month are the **Greensburg Rotary Club** and especially **Greg (pictured left)** and **Lisa Waters and Darin Headrick (pictured right)**. They made all of the arrangements and hosted the District Training Assembly. The snacks and lunch were wonderful as well as the meeting room. I was almost embarrassed to then call and ask them to do the program about Greensburg and they responded sure we can do that too. My Dream Team, that is called Service About Self.



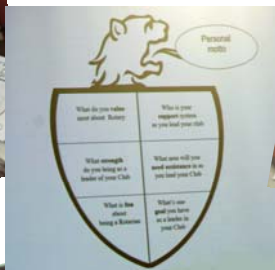
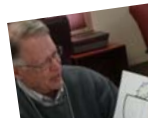
## More photos from District Training Assembly



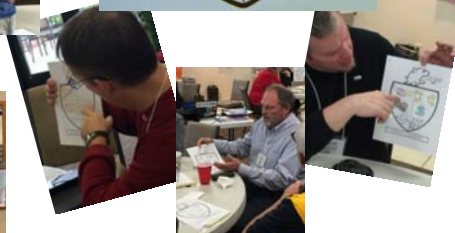
*THANKS, DGE  
Dean Kennedy for  
an excellent District  
Training Assembly!*



*Dave Thomas  
(Hutchinson) talks  
about the State Fair*



*DG 2016-17 Dean Kennedy (Winfield) introduces  
2018-19 DG Sterling Hall (Sublette)*



*Greg Soelter (Old Town) discussed  
Interact & Rotaract*



*Our 'Rotary Personal Motto'*

*Special hanks to District Photographer Bob Obee and District Trainer Fred Heismeyer for the photos*



# Club News from around the District

## Rotary Club Derby:

Derby Rotarians were recent examples of "Service Above Self" when they helped an elderly couple do a little spring cleaning in their yard. The couple had several projects that needed attention, but due to their serious health issues, they could no longer tackle the work on their own. The Rotarians above cleaned gutters/downspouts, trimmed hedges, raked leaves, trimmed the yard and applied weed and feed.



*Ken Mulanax, Ariel Lee, Jean Garringer, Mike Harper & Dr. Roger Thomas*

Last fall, Derby Rotarians helped two widows with fall clean-up of their yards. They plan to continue providing this service to the community in the future.

els and other pieces needed to be replaced. Now fixed, the greenhouse will be used to help children at the club grow vegetables that they can take home and share with their families.



**Rotary Club W. Wichita:** We recognized the David Weber Extra Effort awards at a recent meeting.



**Rotary Club W. Wichita:** With 55 in attendance, we had a great time of fun, food & fellowship at the Shockers Baseball Family Outing.



**Rotary Club Newton:** President Tom presented 4 - \$500 scholarships to Newton High School Students. Pictured are the winners of the scholarships.

Left to right are students Alexandria Tozier, Wyatt Dickinson, President Tom, Jennifer Tozier and Jaiden Ochoa.

**Rotary Club Old Town:** We had great fun packing Backpack Snack Sacks recently at St. Anthony's for local inner-city school kids.



**Rotary Club El Dorado:** We presented the David Shirk Scholarship to Trevor Brockway. Members of the Shirk family were present and Mrs. Shirk contributed another \$500 for next year's scholarship, too!



**Rotary Club Old Town:** We had an awesome time painting a playground map at Andover's Prairie Creek Elementary.

**Rotary Club Hutchinson:** The Rotary Club of Hutchinson paid for replacement parts and provided labor to restore a greenhouse for the Boys and Girls Club of Hutchinson. The greenhouse structure had warped from the heat and many of the pan-



**Rotary Club Wichita:** It was inspiring to hear Medal of Honor recipient Sal Giunta tell his story of the bravery and selflessness of his fellow comrades in battle.

**Rotary Club Sedgwick Co. Sunrise:** We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Kim Pruitt, Principal at Kensler Elementary, our club's adopted school.

**Rotary Club Wichita:** Susan Page, a Wichita native and the Washing Bureau Chief for USA Today, shared her observations on the unusual twists and turns we have seen in the presidential primaries thus far. She also noted that her father, Robert Page, was "dismissed" from our club for insufficient attendance!



**Rotary Club Derby:** The Derby Rotary Club recently donated a tiller and 17 tons of dirt to the Oaklawn Community garden project. The tiller will make it much easier to prepare the beds for spring planting.

*Pictured in front of the tiller is club president Mike Harper (left) and president-elect Ken Mulanax (right); Derby Recreation Commission Health Collaborate Directory Debbie Williams (far right) who oversees the project. They are surrounded by several gardeners who enjoy the opportunity to grow healthy food in their neighborhood.*

Two years ago, with the assistance of a district grant, the club had an irrigation system installed.

# MORE Club News from around the District

**Rotary Club Newton:** A group of Rotarians came out to support the Chisholm Trail Bike Ride on the day of the event. With their work and that of others in the club throughout the year, the ride raised over \$2,400.00 to promote safe cycling in the community. The ride was a collaborative effort with Kiwanis, Lions, Healthy Harvey Coalition and the Newton Bike Initiative Committee. This was the third year of the ride. Way to go everyone!! The second picture is of riders getting into position for the start of the ride.



**Rotary Club Newton:** Club Member Tom Williams spoke about his recent trip to Haiti and shared his experience doing service work at the school in Lambert, Haiti. It was fun to see and hear from those that have received a gift from the service they have provided.



**Rotary Club El Dorado:** El Dorado Rotary president Jay Moorman presents Derek Hildreth with a check for the Clifford Stone Junior Rotarian Scholarship. Each year Rotary presents a scholarship to an El Dorado High School senior who has served as the Student of the Month and Junior Rotarian at the high school. Junior Rotarians attend the Rotary meetings during their month and give a report on what is going on at EHS. The scholarship is in memory of Clifford Stone, a longtime El Dorado Rotary member. Derek plans on attending Kansas State University.



**Rotary Club W. Sedgwick Co. Sunrise:** Our annual golf tournament raised more than \$17,000 for next year's projects.



## Rotary Foundation News

### How do you want your year to end?

*Inspired by a message from Christine Grodecki, Annual Giving Officer, Zones 21B & 27, The Rotary Foundation*

Whether or not you plan to attend the International Convention in Seoul this year, or just wrapping up another Rotary year, May is an exciting time. We are one month away from ending our term for the year, one month away from closing our books, and one month away from starting anew. How is YOUR year going to end?

Take a look at your club's fundraising reports in My Rotary and think about what you want to accomplish during your year and what you need to get there in the next month. Reach out to our Rotary Foundation Committee Chair,

Robert Mendoza (Derby), or our Annual Giving Chair, John Engel (Liberal) with any questions or to discuss your strategies.

May is Youth Services Month. How are you including your Rotaract and/or Interact club in your projects? In Lebanon there are multiple water and sanitation projects taking place. In one project Rotarians have leveraged their Rotaract club to work with the schools to train people in water and sanitation and hygiene, increasing the sustainability and success of the project.

Again, think about what you want to accomplish for your year and how you want your year to end.



District 5690	MEMBERSHIP REPORT as of APRIL 30, 2016			
	7/1/2015	4/30/2016	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	23	-3	27
Derby	65	61	-4	
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	15	1	15
Larned	19	18	-1	
Liberal	44	44	0	47
Newton	53	56	3	62
Pratt	60	54	-6	
Sublette	14	14	0	
Syracuse	15	15	0	
Texhoma	19	19	0	
Ulysses	38	37	-1	42
Wellington	19	19	0	
W. Sedgwick Co	44	40	-4	
West Wichita	63	64	1	70
Wichita-DT	384	374	-10	425
Wichita-Old Town	13	13	0	
Winfield	88	88	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1576</b>	<b>1549</b>	<b>-27</b>	

Thank you for entering your goals on Rotary Club Central!



District 5690



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Be a gift to the world

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

## 2015 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 on or 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 2016.** For security purposes, do not send credit contributions electronically.
- **Checks:** must be postmarked on or before **Tuesday, June 30, 2016** and received by The Rotary Foundation by July 7, 2016. Checks must be dated no later than June 30, 2016.
- **Wire transfers:** Must be initiated prior to June 30, 2016 and received by July 5, 2016.

**Please do NOT send in checks for the 2016-17 Rotary year until July 1, 2016. All checks received with June postmarks go toward 2015-16 contributions.**