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# District 5690 News



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## Message from District Governor Robert Mendoza



Hello Rotarians,

MAY! Where has this year gone? I am not ready for summer, I have only begun to work on spring and winter still has a pile on the left side of my desk. May? How did you get here so soon? It is May, but let's face it, it's almost done and tomorrow it's June!

I am on the downward slide to my Governorship. I am ready to pass the Jewel Encrusted Gubernatorial Pin to Sterling Hall and bid farewell to my leadership role of this great district. I will talk more about this next month as we make the transition.

RYLA has begun. Your participation will impact our youth who in turn will impact our world. Thank you for supporting this wonderful program. It is District Grant time. You have until May 31 to email and mail your application to Donna. Please take advantage of this program and use your funds to help your community.

Today, Rotary International President Ian Riseley is visiting our neighbor Kansas City District 5710 to complete a tree planting project of monumental proportions. Have you taken time to act on his goal to plant a tree in your community for every Rotarian in your Club? If not, there is still time. For those of you who have worked diligently to

meet this goal, thank you for your efforts.

You may have heard of a Public Image Radio Campaign Pat O'Donnell, a former Rotary member with the West Wichita Club, now residing in District 5710, has initiated. Districts 5690, 5670 and 5710 have come together to fund radio spots to direct potential members to Rotary.org and to our local districts. In doing so, Rotary International has committed \$15,000 for a billboard campaign that will reach our districts along our major highways. For the first time, we will have a Rotary Message reaching the masses in multiple ways in our three districts. Now, will this meet every radio need or demographic? No, but it will tell our story in a new way, to a new audience and I hope that we see an influx of interest in Rotary right here at home. More information to come when the plan is set.

Until next month, I wish you the very best. Have a wonderful summer, and remember to do something for someone else.

Thank you for your service.

Yours in Rotary,

**Robert Mendoza**

2017-18 District Governor 5690  
Rotary Club of Derby

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**May 29-June 2, 2018**

**RYLA - Winfield**

**June 12, 2018**

**District Webinar**

**June 13, 2018**

**DG Pin Passing  
Sublette, KS**

**June 16, 2018**

**Winfield Celebrates 100!  
Winfield, KS**

**June 23-27, 2018**

**Rotary Intl. Convention  
Toronto, Canada**

**Sept. 4-9, 2018**

**Zone Institute—Boise, ID**

**Oct. 19-20, 2018**

**District Conference  
Russell, KS**

**Feb. 28-March 2, 2019**

**PETS  
Wichita Marriott**



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## Meet our 2018-19 District Governor Sterling Hall (Sublette) & Attend the Governor Pin Exchange between DG Robert Mendoza & Sterling



Robert Mendoza  
2017-2018

### Save the Date

**June 13, 2018**

**Noon - Sublette Rotary Club**

**Governor pin exchange**

Pride of Life  
108 E Becknell Ave  
Sublette, KS

RSVP - Janie Welsh - by June 6th  
cell: 620-271-2222 or  
sasnakjanie@gmail.com

Sterling Hall  
2018-2019  


**Sterling Hall** started farming on the family farm in 1978. In 1994 he retired as the active operator on the farm but continues to be very connected with the operations as the owner.

Sterling joined the Sublette Rotary Club in January 1988. He has served as Secretary, Treasurer, Director, Vice-President and President of the club. Currently he serves the club in the positions of Secretary/Treasurer. During his time with the club he has started a bottled water program which funds the school book programs for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes in Haskell County.

At the District level, Sterling served as Assistant Governor for three years. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a Paul

Harris Society member, a Major Donor and a Benefactor.

Sterling is a graduate of the University of Kansas, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration (1975). The KU Alumni recognized him in 2006 with its Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award for sustained volunteer service to KU.

Sterling enjoys his service and volunteer work to help others. He has worked with the following organizations: many committees and positions in his Church, Scoutmaster with the local Boy Scout Troop 142, President of the Santa Fe Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), President of The Backpacker Bible Foundation, started the Sublette Public Schools Foundation (1995) which he still serves as the Chairman, Sons of the American Legion, Legion Riders, Sublette City Council member and a board member for the Pride of Life Senior Center.



Sterling is married to Jacqueline (42 years) who worked in her own insurance agency until her retirement. She is very active in the community serving on the Arts Council, Chamber of Commerce and the board of the High Plains Heritage Foundation. They have three grown children, Melissa and twin boys Landon and Trenton. Jacqueline is also a Paul Harris Fellow.

### Did You Know?

- **Rotary wins Hero Award for polio eradication efforts**

Rotary's commitment to polio eradication won a Hero Award from the One Billion Acts of Peace Campaign, an international global citizens' movement to tackle the world's most important issues. The campaign is the initiative of the PeaceJam Foundation led by 14 Nobel Peace Prize laureates including Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. Rotary was one of two finalists in the Best Nonprofit Act category. Read more here <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-wins-best-nonprofit-act-polio-eradication-work>

- **Rotary customer care earns Center of Excellence-**

For a second straight year, the Rotary Support Center earned the BenchmarkPortal certification as a Center of Excellence. The certification is awarded to those that rank in the top 10 percent of call centers surveyed across the United States. Read more here

<https://my.rotary.org/en/rotarys-customer-care-service-earns-center-excellence-certification>

- **Thank you to Paul Harris Society Members**

Paul Harris Society members are philanthropic leaders who elect to give \$1,000 or more every year to The Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation is proud of our Paul Harris Society members' dedication to working toward a brighter and more peaceful future. We thank you for your continued generosity.

Last year, Paul Harris Society members gave over \$27 million to eradicate polio and fund life-changing humanitarian projects, and their generosity this year will make an even greater impact. [Learn more](https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/history/paul-harris-society) about this esteemed group of donors here <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/history/paul-harris-society>

## District Webinar—Effective Project Management

The second joint-district 5690/5670 webinar series is scheduled for  
**Tuesday, June 12 from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

We are pleased to have as our presenter, DeAnn Sullivan, past-president of the Rotary Club of West Wichita. DeAnn will be giving us tips on Effective Project Management, a skill-set which all Rotary Club/District Leaders should use to be successful.

DeAnn is an expert in project management, teaching this important skill-set to business leaders. Additionally, DeAnn successfully uses Project Management in Rotary, leading the U.S. Map Painting Project, RITE Teacher program and Open World program, among several other Rotary projects.

*Please put this date and time on your calendar,  
 invite all your board members and committee/project/program chairs to participate, and  
 be an inspiration to your club and community!*



Thanks and we look forward to your participation in this webinar.

## Creating Moments



A 2017 book, ***The Power of Moments*** by Heath and Heath, reminds us that our memory is made up of not just the big milestones of life, but the “certain moments” we experience. According to the Heaths, memorable or defining moments will consist of one or more of the following four elements:

- **Elevation.** “Defining moments rise above the everyday,” the authors write. There is something extraordinary and often unexpected about such moments.
- **Insight.** Defining moments may consist of “a-ha” moments when we experience a burst of revelation and understanding.
- **Pride.** Defining moments, the authors write, “capture us at our best — moments of achievement, moments of courage.”
- **Connection.** Many defining moments are social moments, moments that are stronger for having been shared with others.

Our clubs, fellow Rotarians and our communities can go from the mundane to the memorable by creating those “certain moments”. We can celebrate small successes, create fun, increase community/world impact and engage others in our program of “Service Above Self”. *Rotary should be user-friendly* – reducing barriers for our membership to do what we do best – helping others. *Rotary should be fun* – adding humor to our meetings and projects. *Rotary should be meaningful* – giving our community that extra push to help it be a more livable environment for all.

Creating “certain moments” which live on in the individual and collective memory of our clubs will help Rotary grow and be a meaningful force around the world. **As Rotary leaders make it your goal to create those “certain moments”!**

*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,  
 District 5690 Trainer*



## Help Winfield Celebrate 100 years!

Rotary Club of Winfield is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary June 16 and would like for all of you to join them in the celebration!

The club charter was delivered June 3, 1918. Our celebration is planned for Saturday, June 16, at Baden Square, 7<sup>th</sup> & Gary, in Winfield.

Social hour begins at 5:30 with live Mariachi music and all the wonderful appetizers and drinks that accompany a Fiesta celebration. Dinner will be served at 6:30 with the celebration program to follow.

Larry Lunsford, Rotary International Director 2013-2015 and Aide to RI President 2019-2020, will be the guest speaker. See the invitation with reservation information. We hope that many of you will be able to join us that evening as we celebrate not only our club's birthday but also Rotary and all it means!

RSVP by June 6 to Kelle Thompson  
[kellethompson@cox.net](mailto:kellethompson@cox.net) along with dietary restrictions



## Did You Know? - RI News

### Rotary.org wins Webby's People's Voice Award By Rotary International

The people have spoken. With a majority of internet user votes, Rotary.org won the prestigious Webby People's Voice Award for best association website. The International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences announced the winners on 24 April..

The [Webby Awards](#) are the leading international honor for excellence on the internet. Rotary was one of five websites nominated in the best association category.

### Together, we make a difference by Rotary International



The generosity of Rotarians and others enables Rotary to keep Doing Good in the World. Last year, Rotarians completed over 30,000 Rotary service projects and dedicated 24.3 million hours to volunteering in the communities that need our help the most.

But there is still work to be done. Your gift to The Rotary Foundation creates lasting change in your community and around the world. If you've already made a gift this year, thank you. If not, we hope you will consider making a gift to the Foundation before 30 June to help us achieve our \$135 million Annual Fund goal. Visit [rotary.org/give](http://rotary.org/give) to make your contribution.

## Polio Update @ 5/22/18

*This year:* Total wild polio cases for 2018: **8.**  
*Last year:* Total wild polio cases in 2017: **22**

**AFGHANISTAN:** No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) have been confirmed the past 3 weeks. The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Afghanistan in 2018 is seven.

**PAKISTAN:** No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) have been confirmed. The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Pakistan in 2018 is one.

**NIGERIA and THE LAKE CHAD BASIN:**  
 No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1)

More details at <http://www.polioeradication.org>

## Russia—Golden Ring Tour

*Submitted by RI Russia-US Intercountry Committee, President U.S. Section, 2017-18 and D5680 Governor 2019-20, Kurt Harper*



In May, Kurt and Kelly Harper (Rotary Club of Wichita, Downtown) travelled to Russia to participate in a tour of the Golden Ring, the District 2220 Conference, and the annual meeting of the Rotary International Russia-US Intercountry

Committee. The tour was hosted by Rotary Club Moscow East, and attended by nearly 80 Rotarians from a number of countries—40 from Bulgaria, 10 from the U.S., about 10 from Israel, and smaller delegations from Belgium, Mexico, Germany, and Latvia. The U.S. delegation included all of the current officers of the U.S. section of the ICC, and several Houstonians; among them, District 5690 PDG Larry Rumburg.



The tour began with a delightful welcoming banquet presented by Rotary Club Moscow East, held in a dining hall in a village recreated in its original form on the outskirts of Moscow. The dining hall interior was decorated in the style of the well-known Russian lacquer boxes. The evening provided a great introduction to Russian hospitality and a forum for the traditional exchange of banners.



We then set out from Moscow to visit portions of the “Golden Ring”, a group of cities dating back even farther than Moscow, representing several different generations of cultural and governmental centers. We visited the Pereslavl'sky-Zalessky monasteries and cities—birthplace of Alexander Nevsky, and baptismal home of Peter the Great, who, on a nearby lake, began the process of learning shipbuilding as a precursor to modernizing the Russian navy.



We visited Kostroma, which has one of the finest Iconostases in all of Orthodoxy in its main cathedral.



On our second night in Kostroma, we were hosted by the Rotary Club of Kostroma, which is awaiting its full RI Charter. This 15-member club hosted our 80-person delegation at a restaurant called the “Little Snow Storm,” where they recreate a Russian New Year's holi-



day. The entire night was filled with energy, music, and fellowship at a level I don't recall seeing at any Rotary event—until we got to the District 2220 Banquet a few days later.



The conference was at first typical of district conferences, with a Paul Harris breakfast, discussions of projects and greeting old friends. The evening banquet, however, was another amazing display of hospitality, with a Master of Ceremonies, constant music ranging from disco, to native Russian favorites, to ballroom dancing; speeches by hosts and visitors; and an endless supply of appetizers, entrees, wine, and for the strong-willed, vodka. It was great



fun seeing Svetlana Chelnokova at the District Conference, too. She was the GSE Team Leader to our District in 2011-12.



On the last day of the tour, the participants visited Suzdal, a UNESCO-protected site housing a museum of 200-year-old wooden architectural examples, and one of the finest old “kremlins” in Russia.

Kurt's trip ended back in Moscow for the annual meeting of the Russia-US Intercountry Committee, so that his successor as President of the U.S. Section could be formally recognized, and the new Russian counterparts as well. This committee, at work since 2007 when D5690 became one of the founding members, continues to work on finding Exchange opportunities. It will have a booth in Toronto for the RI convention, and may very well have one in Hamburg as well in 2019, when the annual meeting of the ICC will be held in conjunction with that RI Convention.

To the extent Rotary seeks to build World Peace by allowing regular people from all countries get to know each other, this tour and visit met that goal. My impression is this opportunity may arise again in one or two years—and it is a chance of a lifetime!



# Club News from around the District

**Rotary Club Kinsley:** Donna Meier Pfeifer spoke to our club about District Grants recently.

**Rotary Club Derby:** the Decarsky Park Facebook page recently posted this and a photo: A big thank you to the Rotary Club of Derby for donating \$13,000 to provide the park entry plaza with 18 large shade trees. What an impact this will make! Learn more about the donation at [derbyks.com/news](http://derbyks.com/news).



**Rotary Club Wichita:** The Interact Club of East Wichita participated in RIF at Ortiz Elementary by reading to kids in the STEALTH program

**Rotary Club Old Town:** We took a field trip to new member Amy Lash Esau's house! Amy and her family shared about the [Kansas Youth Science & Technology Foundation](http://KansasYouthScience.org), the nonprofit they started, and their mission to bring [FIRST® LEGO® League](http://FIRST.org) competitions to central Kansas, along with team/coach recruitment and support.



**Rotary Club Old Town:** Our club is taking to the river on Saturday, June 2, 2:00 pm for the [Riverfest Wichita](http://RiverfestWichita.org) Stock Tank race. Come cheer us on and find out why we're [#notyourgrandfathersrotary](https://twitter.com/notyourgrandfathersrotary).



**Rotary Club Wichita:** We were honored to have Jonathan Sandys, great-grandson of Britain's wartime prime minister, Winston Churchill speak to our club this month.

**Rotary Club Wichita:** Rotarian Jamie Lindamood hosted the third annual Day at the Ranch on Saturday. The rain did not dampen the spirits of the many Rotarians and family members who boarded a bus for an information-packed day in the Flint Hills. look for it again in the spring of 2019.



**Rotary Club W Wichita:** Three high school scholarships for \$1,000 each paid to the university (\$500/fall and \$500/spring) were presented to Ashley Craig (Eisenhower HS), Andrea Fuhrman (Maize HS) and Oliva Wagner (Maize HS). Recipients were required to submit a proven involvement in school, church and community activities, a letter of recommendation from a teacher/administrator speaking to the quality of their work and study



habits, a 250-word essay on the Rotary 4-Way Test and have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above.



**Rotary Club E Wichita:** We were honored to have as our speaker Rear Admiral Ronald Friztemeier of the U.S. Navy. His program was entitled: "America's Navy: The Navy The Nation Needs."

**Rotary Club E Wichita:** Rotary Club of East Wichita map project at Gammon Elementary School. Over 400 students say thank you to Rotary. This was our 4th map project and another is planned for the fall.



**Rotary Club W Sedgwick County:** President Brett presented a check for \$2,500 from our club to be used at Kensler Elementary to help with expenses for their "Leader in Me" program and other needs.

**Rotary Club Wichita:** Past President Walter Lewis received our esteemed Service Above Self award for his achievement in all areas of criteria including club, community, vocational and international service. He was joined by his mother, Ann Lewis, and brother Rotarian John Lewis.



**Rotary Club Andover:** We recently recognized 7 new Paul Harris Fellows at club meetings, including new Paul Harris Society member, Tony Durano.

**Rotary Club W Sedgwick County:** President Brett presented a \$500 check to Jorge Aguilera to thank him for donating his equipment, time and labor to help with our Playscape Maze installation in February.



**Rotary Club W Wichita:** Wendell Kennard was selected to receive the Ralph & Armida Hight High School Scholarship of \$1000 to attend a Vo-Tech school this fall.

# More Club News

**Rotary Clubs W Wichita & W Sedgwick County :** We have three teachers bound for Panama for the RITE program: Beth Coos and Sarah Watkins will be in David, Chiriqui in Panama and Colleen Sunquist will be going to Boquete, Panama. The teachers will observe teachers of English (week 1) and then teach a seminar for teachers with a specific curriculum and strategies and activities that will be beneficial to all teachers involved (weeks 2 & 3). The 4th week they will return to the classrooms of teachers participating in the seminar to observe new learned strategies. In addition, there is time for them to be a tourist in Panama City before they return to Wichita.



**Rotary Club El Dorado:** Christian McCoy received the El Dorado Rotary Clifford Stone Memorial Scholarship. Pictured with Christian is Rotarian Travis Griffin.

**Rotary Club E Wichita:** Recipients of our successful Kentucky Derby party and fundraiser are: Down Syndrome Society, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of Sedgwick County and KETCH. Each received a check for \$3,500 to support their work.

**Rotary Club El Dorado:** El Dorado Rotary Members recently gathered at the new disc golf course in El Dorado. Our club purchased benches with the Rotary logo for the golf course.



## RC Derby Donates Trees to Decarsky Park



pected to begin in fall 2018.

The gift will provide the park entry plaza with 18 large shade trees, thus fulfilling the challenge of this year's Rotary International president Ian Riseley for Rotary clubs across the world to plant trees or perform a similar service project to enhance the environment.

"Rotary Club of Derby is happy to do our part in making this new park a welcoming public space," said Dana Quigley, club president. "Derby Rotary is proud of Vicki Decarsky, one of our members, for donating the land for this park, and we're proud of the community for making an investment in Derby's future quality of life."

"During summers in Kansas, shade trees are always wel-

come," said Mayor Randy White. "Sincere thanks to the Rotary Club of Derby for making the entry plaza at this new park its service project."

On Nov. 28, 2017, the City Council approved a master plan for the 63-acre park, which includes primarily ball fields with artificial turf infields and a state-of-the-art dog park featuring three yards. Currently, the park is being designed, and site plan review by the Derby Planning Commission is tentatively planned in June.

Primary funding for the park is provided by the Derby Difference Sales Tax (half cent), which was approved by Derby voters in 2013 and is being collected from 2015 through 2024. Several amenities for the park are desired but are beyond the base funding available, so donations and grants are being requested.

Anyone interested in making a donation should contact the City Manager's office at 316-788-3132 or [KathySexton@Derbyweb.com](mailto:KathySexton@Derbyweb.com). Donations to the City of Derby are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

*Courtesy City of Derby News Releases*  
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## District 5690 Membership Report As Of April 30, 2018

Club	7/1/2017	4/30/2018	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2017-2018
Andover	31	31	0
Arkansas City	60	64	4
Beaver	21	19	-2
Boise City	17	16	-1
Cimarron	22	22	0
Derby	59	66	7
Dodge City	32	41	9
East Wichita	99	104	5
El Dorado	46	42	-4
Garden City	48	50	2
Guymon	24	24	0
Howard	16	17	1
Hugoton	19	17	-2
Hutchinson	113	104	-9
Johnson	16	16	0
Kingman	32	32	0
Kinsley	15	12	-3
Larned	18	18	0
Liberal	45	46	1
Newton	60	61	1
Pratt	59	56	-3
Sublette	15	16	1
Syracuse	18	18	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	32	34	2
Wellington	18	19	1
W. Sedgwick Co	41	39	-2
West Wichita	60	63	3
Wichita-DT	395	401	6
Wichita-Old Town	8	9	1
Winfield	90	86	-4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1541</b>	<b>1555</b>	<b>14</b>

## Rotary's Vision Statement

**"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."**

Let's tell the world we are  
**PEOPLE OF ACTION**  
 GET STARTED TODAY!



**District 5690**



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2017-18 RI President  
 Ian Riseley  
 Australia



Join Fellow Rotarians June 20-24, 2018  
 in Toronto for the 2018 Rotary  
 Convention!

