

# **District 5680 News**



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## Message from District Governor Fred Heismeyer







DGE Ivanhoe, RIPE Jennifer, DGN Gloria, and DG Fred

"Serve to Change Lives", as you all know by now, is our RI Presidential theme for this year. Over the past 10 months we have seen district Rotarians change the lives of youth and elderly in communities across the district. We have seen Clubs commit to change lives by supporting projects that have impact worldwide. We have seen partnerships between Rotary and other community and international organizations addressing the needs of the poor, the disenfranchised, refugees, and the sick. And we have seen Rotarians respond to local and global disasters. Rotary does change the lives of people locally and around the world. But as important, Rotary changes the lives of fellow Rotarians. Rotary offers the opportunity to further develop leadership in yourself, in your fellow Rotarians, in your club and in your community.

Clubs, districts, communities, and our society are all yearning for ethical, empathetic, and engaging leadership. Rotary sets the stage for us to step up and lead. Our Four-Way Test gives us the framework for good leadership. The Rotarian Code of Conduct gives us the ways to act as ethical and caring leaders. Rotary offers the opportunities to lead meetings, coordinate projects, use conflict resolution skills, and to hone our personal leadership style. These skills are not only important within our club and district but helps us build skills we will use in our professional life as well as other areas of our personal life.

The challenge for all Rotarians is to take the challenge, get out of our comfort zone, step up and volunteer to be a committee chair, board member, officer, or other formal leader. Don't just come to your club meeting, eat a meal, and wait for others to lead. Your club, our district, and Rotary at all levels need you – your passion, your dedication, your time and most important, your leadership abilities. Presidents-elect, ask specific Rotarians

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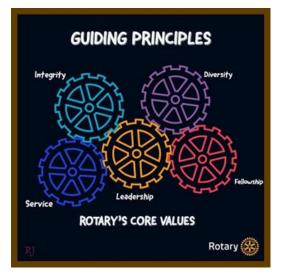
## DG Message (cont'd)

to join you in Imagining Rotary and be a leader. As a Rotarian – step up and ask your club's leadership for an opportunity to Imagine Rotary and be a leader. It is the responsibly or all Rotarians to continue to build on the work, success, and leadership of past Rotarians and to be good stewards of Rotary for the future as we lead today.

## Fred Heismeyer

District Governor 2021-22 Rotary D5680





## 2022 Council on Legislation Action

Representatives to the 2022 Council on Legislation voted overwhelmingly on their first day of sessions to add "equity and inclusion" to Rotary International bylaws, affirming the organization's continued effort to be inclusive of all cultures, experiences, and identities, and to reflect the communities it serves. D5680 was represented by PDG Rod Kreie.

The four-day conference, held in Chicago on April 10-14, marked Rotary's first successful attempt to host a hybrid international event since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. About 520 representatives represented Rotary districts around the world; about 60% attended in-person, and the rest participated via Zoom.



This year's Council reviewed and voted on more than 90 enactments that would change RI's constitutional documents. Among the highlights is the legislation that



promotes diversity and builds a well-balanced Rotary membership.

The enactment to add "**equity and inclusion**" to the RI bylaws passed by a vote of 420 to 56. Amended Rotary bylaws now state that "each club or Rotaract club shall endeavor to build a well-balanced membership that celebrates diversity, equity, and inclusion." Rotary prohibits clubs from denying an individual membership due to gender, race, color, creed, national origin, or sexual orientation.

"We have now made growing and diversifying our membership a top internal organizational priority," said Valarie Wa-

fer, who chairs RI's Global Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion task force. "Feeling welcome and comfortable with fellow club members is the single greatest driver of member satisfaction, and retention," Wafer maintained. "By adding equity, we are thoughtfully considering how to provide differing levels of support, opportunities, and resources so everyone can have a welcoming and valuable experience. Adding inclusion ensures that we focus on creating experiences in which all people are welcomed, respected, and valued." *Editor's Note: See letter from RI President Shekhar Mehta in this newsletter.* 

**Representatives approved a dues increase for each of the next three years**. Dues that clubs pay to RI per member are set at \$35.50 per half year in 2022-23. Dues will increase to \$37.50 per half year in 2023-24, \$39.25 per half year in 2024-25, and US\$41.00 per half year in 2025-26.

"The proposed dues adjustment is based on the most current forecasting information," said RI Director Elizabeth Usovicz. She attributed the dues increase to lower membership, lower earnings, and fluctuating inflation. "The approval will now enable Rotary to respond quickly and compassionately to humanitarian needs."

During one session, RI President Shekhar Mehta recognized Hennaddii Kroychyk, a delegate from the Ukrainian city of Lviv, who left his war-torn country and took a circuitous journey to Chicago for the Council. He received a standing ovation attendees for what Mehta called "fulfilling his duties under extreme circumstances and demonstrating such a commitment to Rotary."

Read about the council and download vote totals.

## PETS Videos

If you missed or want to review presentations at PETS, here are the links:

Pat Merryweather-Arges-Opening Session https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/? ref=watch permalink&v=527887082066106

Evan Burrell—Public Image & Branding https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/? ref=watch permalink&v=4872819826172136

**RIPE Jennifer Jones Keynote** https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/? ref=watch permalink&v=689570418856533

Diversity Panel Discussion-https://www.facebook.com/ watch/live/?ref=watch permalink&v=650777242887444

Cathy McClain—Closing Session https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/? ref=watch permalink&v=690964762100230

## Pickle Mania on May 5



The RC Andover reminds you that this year's Pickle Mania on May 5 should be super awesome! In addition to lunch, beer and mimosas, there will be margaritas-all

for just \$25 per person in advance and \$30 at the event. Picklemania MMXXII. Visit our Facebook page or learn more and purchase guest admission here.



DG Fred and Joyce complete their final club visit!

DG Visits Lindsborg Club

Keeping the Rotary spirit alive through the pandemic has been a challenge for many clubs, but the RC of Lindsborg is on the track to come back stronger, do-



ing Service Above Self in the community. Special thanks to President Dean for leading the efforts to meet, reengage, and recommit to making Rotary a driving force in the community.

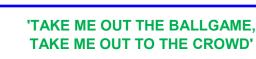
Our visit was a wonderful meeting of stories, laughter and a nice meal at the new Hungry Swede restaurant, owned by a Rotarian. Also thanks to Salina President, Jenell Hulse and PDG Mike Mills for their support in reengaging the club. We look forward to the great things coming from this club.

## Are you attending the RI Convention?

If you are planning to attend the Rotary International Convention, please let DG Fred Heismeyer know at

fred@leadingandteaming.com.

We are working on having a D5680 gathering while we are there!



Come and join fellow Rotarians for a night of baseball, fun, and Rotary fellowship. "Rotary Night at Riverfront Stadium" is June 1. The link to get tickets is: http://bit.ly/3rSdRfH

### CHEER ON THE WICHITA WIND SURGE FOR A ROTARY WIN!



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## Upcoming Events

June 4-8, 2022 **Rotary International Convention** Houston, TX

June 21, 2022 DG Passing of the PIN Liberal, KS

Sept. 15-18, 2022 Zone Institute Info & Register here Bloomington, MN

October 21-23, 2022 **District Conference** Liberal, KS

Rotary at the Wind Surge

Southwestern College, Winfield, KS

May 31-June 4, 2022

**RYLA** 

June 1, 2022

Wichita, KS

#### From DG Fred Heismeier

Registration Deadline May 10

It is an honor and pleasure to announce that the District Nomination Committee has selected Jeffrey Horlacher to be the District Governor for 2024-2025 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025).

Jeff is from the Rotary Club of Colby and has been a Rotarian for 37 years. He has held several of the offices in his club and been ac-

tive at the district level as an Area Governor (Assistant Governor). He is the owner of Horlacher Jewelers, is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Paul Harris Sustaining Member and at one time was a member of the Great Bend Club. His

non-Rotary service includes a Friend of Pioneer Memorial Library, a board member of the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, a member of the board for High Plains Public Radio, a member of the Chamber Board, the Thomas County Extension Board and the Colby Downtown Business Association.

We are so lucky to have active leaders willing to step up and participate in Rotary at higher

levels. Jeff is one of these people. I am very anxious for you to get to know Jeff.

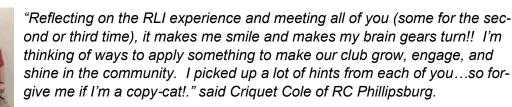
Congratulations, Jeff!

## RYLA Registration Deadline is May 10—Act NOW-

All clubs should recruit a high school student (freshman, sophomore, junior) for a trip of a lifetime to RYLA camp. Go to www.rotary5680.org for details and registration information. FUN LEARNING May 31 – June 4 Winfield, Kansas FRIENDSHIPS TEAMWORK The district is offering all clubs a \$150.00 scholarship EADERSHIP for the first student it recruits. This brings the cost for that student down to \$175.00.

District 5680 held its second Rotary Leadership Institute in Russell, KS on April 29-30, 2022. The Rotary Leadership Institute is a two-day training program for all Rotarians - particularly for those new to Rotary and those interested in progressing into Club or District leadership positions.

It was time filled with learning, friendships and laughter. All Rotarians should plan to attend our next RLI in October during District Conference in Liberal.







Nick & Jennifer enjoy the company of our youngest participant, Mateo



DGE Ivanhoe Love met his 2022-23 Club Presidents

## PETS 2022 Photos





Friday Speakers with DG Fred & Trainer Arlen Honts



DG Fred& Joyce were RIPE Jennifer & Nick's Aides and gave them a tour of Wichita



D5710 DG Stephanie moderated a valuable session on DEI



Mateo Jenkins (PHF+4) with his dad Dr. Tod "Bowtie" Jenkins



DG Fred Invocation



Rtn Cathy McClain gave an

inspirational closing

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ShelterBox display gave PEs an idea on how to serve internationally



Outreach, Inc. (host of the recent food packaging event) had a display at PETS



D5680 Governor String



PDG Andrea Krauss with guest speaker Tom Gump



Dr, Tod "Bowtie" Jenkins is an expert in Diversity, Equity & Exclusion



Attendees enjoyed fellowship& photos with RIPE Jennifer Jones





PDG Robert Mendoza styling his Theme Jacket



## May is Youth Service Month

Youth service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through programs such as <u>Interact</u>, <u>Rotary Youth Leadership</u> <u>Awards</u>, <u>Rotary Youth Ex-</u> change, and New Genera-



tions Service Exchange. May is Youth Service Month in Rotary. This month, learn more about how you can support young leaders:

- Complete the online learning plan <u>Service-Learning</u> for <u>Advisers</u> to find out how to combine community service with learning objectives that help young people develop leadership skills.
- See the video, photo, and essay finalists for the <u>2021 Interact Awards</u>.
- <u>Subscribe to the Young Leaders in Action newsletter</u> for the latest about Rotary's youth and young adult programs.
- <u>Read what young leaders say about what service</u> <u>means to them</u> on the Service in Action blog.

## Rotary Responds to Ukraine Crisis



In response to the humanitarian crisis caused by the war in Ukraine, The Rotary Foundation has designated the Disaster Response Fund as the main avenue for contributions. It has also invited districts to apply for disaster response grants to help peo-

ple who have been affected.

The Foundation received more than \$13.1 million in contributions through 30 April, and so far, 74 grants totaling \$2.1 million have been awarded. Districts can apply for disaster response grants through 30 June. Learn more about **Rotary's response to the Ukraine crisis** and about how to apply for a grant.

## **Outreach Food Project Video**

Thanks to Mark Chamberlin (RC W Wichita), we have a fun video of the evening Wichita-area clubs packaged food from The Outreach Program last month. It can be viewed here:

A video of the fun night can be seen now on YouTube <a href="https://youtu.be/jgJdGQAked0">https://youtu.be/jgJdGQAked0</a>

Thanks to Isaac McNary (RC El Dorado) for coordinating this project .

## Guymon Rotarian Receives Cliff Dochterman Boy Scouts Award



**David Player**, a member and past president of the Guymon Rotary Club received the Cliff Dochterman Award. His award was presented by District Scouting Director Erica Maddox at a recent Guymon Rotary meeting.

David is a Methodist pastor has been active in the Boy Scouts and Rotary for many years. He became involved in the Scouts at age 9 in South Africa. During his pastorships, he has supported or chartered BSA clubs in each city he lived. He is proud to be an Eagle Scout as is his son, Reece.

"David has been a blessing to the Guymon Rotary Club and area Scouts. When he came to Guymon, he infused the Club with enthusiasm and began to mentor us all. We have grown as a club ... literally in membership, in participation, and in understanding of what it is to be a good Rotarian," says Melyn Johnson of the club. "Our club and the Scouts are strong partners.



The Cliff Dochterman Award is an honor available to recognize an individual Rotarian or Rotaractor who acts as a role model and renders distinguished and dedicated service to Scouting through active service, leadership or other exemplary contributions to the Scout Associa-

tion of his or her home country; or, internationally, to any WOSM or WAGGGS recognized Scouting Association. The Cliff Dochterman Award is named in honor of distinguished Rotarian, former RI President and dedicated Scouter Cliff Dochterman of Moraga, California, USA. A brief biographical sketch of Dr. Dochterman appears on the back page of the nomination package. For more information—and to nominate a scout from your Rotary club, <u>click here</u>.

### PETS Adds to IRC Project

More than two SUV loads of donated items at PETS which included 11 kitchen kits and 9 sets of new bed sheets were delivered to the International Rescue Committee to support the Afghan refugee project. Our project has now donated 171 kits! Thank you to PETS attendees who participated!



#### April-May 2022

Rotary Club Washington: We recently held our annual Radio Day fundraiser and it was a success! Proceeds will go to Rotary scholarships and funding a new pickleball court in our community. We have



made the pickleball court a new project and we are pursuing grants to assist in the estimated cost of \$16,500+.

We held our twice-a-year trash pickup, one of our longest running projects We help with a two-mile stretch of highway.



Rotary Club E Wichita:

During May, we are collecting adult socks, puz-



zles and personal hygiene items for the Bob Doe VA Center. We will present collected items to the VA Center Director and Public Affairs Officer who will be our guest speakers.

**Rotary Club E Wichita:** Several members, family and friends, helped package hygiene items for families in need who picked up the items at a delivery point. Volunteers bundled

items not covered by food stamps, i.e. soap, shampoo, toothpaste, laundry detergent etc. and gave them to 551 families. Our club has been volunteering and supporting this project for several years.

**Rotary Club Derby:** Our club proudly provided funding to create one clean water station in Tanzania through Outreach International. Rtn Isaac McNary (RC El Dorado) accepted the \$5,000 contribution.



**Rotary Club Wichita:** Thing 1 and Thing 2 (club members) distributed dictionaries in 2 USD 259 schools.



We have been delivering 2,700+ dictionaries to 3rd graders in 45 schools this month! Lindsborg has new meeting place & meeting day

2nd & 4th Wednesday @ 6:15 pm The Hungry Swede, 435 E McPherson

Rotary Club Pratt: Our March service project included our club's recognition of the Pratt City and Pratt County law enforcement employees with con-



tributions to support employees. Our April service project includes a food drive for the Pratt County Food Bank. Members have been bringing food to weekly meetings or to the food bank. We don't know the total pounds of food donated yet but our goal is 100 pounds.

Rotary Club Old Town Wichita: Thanks to everyone who supported our geranium sales this year. We more than met our goal!





We also participated in the food packaging event providing service



to help address local food insecurity needs with Outreach and the Wichita-area clubs. It was great fun!

**Rotary Club Russell:** Russell Rotary **Interact** conducted a blood drive and challenged the Russell Rotary Club. The Interact students won so the Interact Executive Director Allan McCobb had to dye his hair purple.





**Rotary Club W Wichita:** We delivered 3rd-grade dictionaries to Lawrence Elementary as part of RC Wichita's dictionary project.



#### April-May 2022

## More Club News

**Rotary Club E Sedgwick Co Sunrise:** Several club members participated at the food packaging event.

Rotary Club Guymon: We have 2 Rotary Students of the Month each school month. They visit our club and each receive a Rotary scholarship for the school of their choice.



Rotary W Wichita: Rtn Terry Gardner received our club's Service Above Self Award. It was presented by previous recipient Tony Morrow. Terry has been an active member for 31 years and "does what says will do." Congratulations, Terry!



Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co Sunrise: We held our Spring Cleanup at the Boundless Playscape. It's now ready for the "spring rush"!

Rotary Club Atwood: Congratulations to the RC Atwood for receiving the ShelterBox "Silver Hero Award" recognizing dedication and support.

#### Rotary Club Kingman: Area Governor Bob Obee



visited the club and discussed leadership

training opportunities, the Rotary Foundation and district grants, among other things. AG Bob reports very dedicated group of Rotarians active in service in the Kingman club.

**Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co Sunrise:** Our club members purchased, prepared and served meals at the Ronald McDonald house recently. This is a monthly project of our club.



#### **Rotary Club Andover:**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our spring pickleball tournament. <u>Picklemania</u> <u>MMXXII</u>. Visit our Facebook page or learn more and purchase guest admission here.



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Rotary Club W Wichita: We recognized five (5) NEW Paul Harris Society (PHS) members! Thank you: John Mos-

ley, Roger, Bowles, Stan Kre-



hbiel, Allan Sands and Diana Fredelake have committed to *giving \$1,000 each year* to The Rotary Foundation.

DG Fred Heismeyer and District Paul Harris Society chair PDG Randy Krug were on hand to present the certificates and PHS chevrons. PHS members are truly dedicated to the ideals of Rotary and the impact they can make locally and globally through their contributions.

Congratulations to these Rotarians and the West Wichita Club for their support of The Rotary Foundation!

Article contributed by PDG Randy Krug

#### Rotary Club Kingman: Human Trafficking has been an



emphasis. We contributed to ICT SOS and we put up posters in convenience stores, gas stations and hotels giving resources to people who may be trying to escape traffickers. Kingman is on US54, a main corridor for drug and human trafficking. We also heard from .Jennifer White of ICT SOS.



In addition, we are supporting Cornerstone Life Recovery Center which helps women overcome additions as well as child daycare to help those women.



#### Dear Rotary member,

We are dedicated to enhancing your Rotary experience by supporting what is important to you, our members. You have consistently told us that you want Rotary to be a place that celebrates diversity, that fully represents our communities, and that offers all members equitable opportunities to thrive.

You also recognize that embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) will allow us to do more meaningful work while engaging with people who know they'll be valued for the qualities that make them unique. These sentiments were reinforced last year by the more than 31,000 members around the world who responded to our first <u>DEI survey</u>.

To ensure that the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion are ingrained in everything we do, the RI Board of Directors, guided by the DEI Task Force, has strengthened our <u>commitment</u> to DEI and is <u>taking action in re-</u> <u>sponse</u> to the survey findings.

#### **Our DEI Code of Conduct**

What we say and how we behave matter. Although free expression is important, we must take responsibility for how our words and actions may affect others. The Board has approved a new DEI Code of Conduct to help Rotary members create and maintain an environment that is collaborative, positive, and healthy for everyone.

Simply put, the DEI Code of Conduct asks you to:

- Use respectful language
- Be supportive
- Foster a welcoming and inclusive environment
- Celebrate diversity

All Rotary leaders, from club presidents and district governors to directors and trustees, are expected to apply the DEI Code of Conduct uniformly to help members recognize the impact that their words and actions can have on

<u>#Rotary</u> stands with the United Nations General Assembly in expressing grave concern at "the ongoing human rights and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, in particular at the reports of violations and abuses of human rights and violations of

international humanitarian law by the Russian Federation."

As a global humanitarian organization, Rotary takes a proactive stance toward peacemaking by addressing the underlying causes of conflict.

#### other people.

If you experience behavior that does not align with the DEI Code of Conduct, you have ways to respond:

• If the situation can be resolved through discussion, please talk to the person directly. Often, the person who said something or acted in a way that made others feel excluded, marginalized, or targeted did not do so intentionally. Although there might be mistakes, missteps, and uncomfortable conversations along the way, having this dialogue will lead to a better and stronger Rotary.

• If a discussion is not possible or the situation involves someone in a leadership role or another club, contact Rotary's <u>Club and District Support staff</u>, who will review the information and follow up appropriately.

• If you are in danger or your safety is in doubt, contact local law enforcement officers and notify <u>Club and District</u> <u>Support staff</u>.

As an organization, we are stronger when we embrace the diversity found in our clubs and communities. We are more effective when we offer a valuable, inclusive experience that provides equitable opportunities for people to serve, to lead, and to participate with us. To grow Rotary and become a more dynamic organization, we must take DEI seriously. And with your support, we are doing that.

#### Sincerely,

Shekhar Mehta, RI President and the 2021-22 RI Board of Directors

#### You can support DEI in Rotary by:

- Downloading Rotary's DEI commitment statement
- Completing the <u>DEI courses</u> available in the Learning Center
- Visiting rotary.org/dei for more information
- Contacting your <u>Club and District Support representa-</u> <u>tive</u> if you need assistance

### Rotary Stands with the UN on Ukraine

We support recent UN General Assembly resolutions calling for an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of Russian military forces from Ukraine. This aligns with Rotary's deep commitment to promoting peace through dialogue and conflict resolution.

We are working beside our partners in the international relief community to help provide resources to the more than 10 million Ukrainian refugees forced to flee the field of battle. <u>#RotaryResponds</u>

Learn more and take action: <u>https://on.rotary.org/3rREL7d</u>

#### District 5680 Membership Report As Of March 31, 2022

Club	7/1/2021	3/31/2022	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2021-2022
Abilene	47	53	6
Andover	23	26	3
Arkansas City	58	54	(4)
Atwood	25	24	(1)
Beaver	15	15	0
Beloit	39	39	0
Boise City	20	18	(2)
Cimarron	23	23	0
Clay Center	55	58	3
Colby	46	45	(1)
Concordia	35	34	(1)
Derby	58	57	(1)
Dodge City	38	36	(2)
Downs	10	10	0
East Wichita	67	74	7
E-Club	16	16	0
El Dorado	30	33	3
Ellinwood	16	18	2
Ellis	11	11	0
Garden City	38	35	(3)
Goodland	21	19	(2)
Great Bend	41	37	(4)
Guymon	25	39	14
Hays	61	68	7
Hays Sunrise	15	15	0
Hill City	14	13	(1)
Howard	10	13	3
Hoxie	20	19	(1)
Hugoton	16	16	0
Hutchinson	94	84	(10)
Johnson	13	13	0
	22	21	
Kingman Kinsley	6	5	(1) (1)
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		14935	(7)
Liberal	39	40	1
Lindsborg	7	7	0
Lyons	23	21	(2)
McPherson	35	30	(5)
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	60	65	5
Norton	14	13	(1)
Oberlin	31	28	(3)
Osborne	11	10	(1)
Phillipsburg	48	48	0
Pratt	51	61	10
Russell	37	37	0
Salina	117	112	(5)
Sharon Springs	6	6	0
Sterling	14	14	0
Sublette	17	17	0
Syracuse	13	13	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	25	24	(1)
Washington	33	33	0
Wellington	10	7	(3)
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	34	39	5
West Wichita	59	63	4
Wichita-Downtown	378	378	0
Wichita-Old Town	13	10	(3)
Winfield	74	71	(3)
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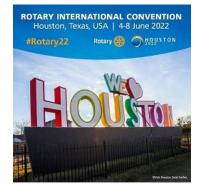
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We have a link on YouTube!			
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