



District 5680 News



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Message from

District Governor Dana Brewer

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It Feels so Good when It Stops Hurting!

Anyone who has ever suffered chronic pain has a keen understanding of the concept that “it feels so good when it stops hurting!” Looking back on this year of serving together with you as your District Governor, I am so very proud of Our joint efforts to keep Rotary alive and serving in Our KS OK District, during this COVID “Damndemic” as one very insightful 5 year old called it!



Those successful efforts were obviously very much needed, as We have felt Our way through this challenging time, Together.

It has not been easy, but encouraging Our Friends, Family and Neighbors, including Our fellow Rotarians to get vaccinated and practice social distancing, while wearing our masks, is paying off in big ways! And after all, if a bunch of school kids did it, we could too, right?

A recent statistic says it all: **A study of recent hospital admissions with a COVID diagnosis, showed that over 99% of those patients had not been vaccinated.**

Folks, all it takes is a simple non-painful one or two dose vaccination, with a quite low percentage chance of having very mild symptoms mimicking COVID, to pro-

tect each of us from a far greater probability of full blown symptoms of Covid, which can lead to yes - hospitalization, serious lung impairment, long term mental fog and even death.

Vaccination is even recommended for pregnant women, for those very reasons. My mother, Irma Brewer, who succumbed to Covid last November, would gladly have received a vaccination for polio, before she was stricken with that dread disease, while pregnant with me! Now, we all want to feel like the pain has quit hurting, the isolation is over and we can get back to doing the things we enjoy doing together (and what we want to do without being told what we should do, by someone else).

We truly can be optimistic about the future, so long as the necessary levels of vaccination are completed throughout all areas of our country, so that we avoid pockets of resurgence or much worse large areas of resurgence, as we saw just a couple of months ago.

The really good news is that because so many of us have been vaccinated and followed protocols, we are now able to be together for outdoor activities and some indoor events. If we continue to do this We will be stronger Together as We serve Rotary, Our World and each other.

As Rotarians, especially Rotarians living in the United States of America, we are



DG Dana Brewer (cont'd)

truly blessed in many, many ways! What we have been through in the last nearly a year and a half has reminded us, if we're paying attention, just how dear those blessings are and how much we should appreciate them!

Isn't the essence of Our Rotary mission, as laid out in Our cherished Four Way Test, to share some of what We have, while serving and lifting up others who need Us? Let's share by donations to End Polio Now, The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund, or a local Club Project before June 30th, so it will count in this Year's totals and 2 to

1 matches by the Gates Foundation, for End Polio Now gifts!

May We all keep sharing the many Blessings that come through Rotary Service on Our Rotary Journeys,

Dana Brewer

District Governor 2020-21
District 5680



End Polio Now—DG Dana One Last Push—and a Correction

It is with great humility that I inform you that Part 1 of the Four Way Test was not met, when the End Polio Now Flyer was sent out. Yours truly was unaware that only contributions of District Designated Funds (DDF) receive the 6 to 1 matches. All other donations are tripled by the matches of the Gates Foundation (except to the extent that we get other folks to match our gifts dollar for dollar, which still results in a 6 to 1 match).

So, including a pledge of at least \$3,000 from a current District Governor, who should remain nameless and his wife, Tina Brewer, who deserves better, we have raised a current total of \$366,855, including matches. With a strong push before June 30, we can still achieve a Half Million Dollars, with the assistance of the matches.

There are several bright spots!

The **Rotary Club of Howard**, which has twelve (12) very active Members, added \$4,800 to their earlier donations of \$300, for a whopping total of \$5,100 or \$425 per Member!!! They exceeded the \$100 average per Member

Challenge, so another \$100 will be donated in their name by What's his Name and Tina Brewer.

The **Washington Rotary Club** donated \$1,700 from their Radio Day Fundraiser, which means that 1,700 children will be able to be immunized, because of them.

Isaac McNary, Rotarian from **Eldorado**, is donating the proceeds from sales of his pleasingly fragrant handmade soaps, to the Campaign. He is around halfway to his goal of \$1,000, which will protect 1,000 children, due to his efforts. His email is isaac@outreachprogram.org.

Contact the Push to End Polio Now Campaign Team—, we will help!

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PDG Rod Kreie Receives RI Service Above Self Award



DG Dana Brewer and the District Leadership Team is thrilled to announce that PDG Rod Kreie (RC Newton) was one of 150 recipients of this year's **Service About Self Award**. Be sure to attend the virtual RI Convention June 12-16 during which Rod will be recognized by

Rotary International.

Rotary's Service Above Self Award honors Rotarians – and now also Rotaractors – who help others by volunteering their time and talents. Only district governors can nominate candidates for this award, and up to 150 recipients are selected each year. A more complete article about Rod and this significant award will appear in next month's newsletter. **Congratulations, Rod!**

A Note from DGE Fred Heismeyer

TRANSITIONS LEAD TO CHALLENGES WHICH LEAD TO OPPORTUNITIES

This is the season of transition in Rotary. Our international leadership transitions, our district leadership transitions, and our club leadership transitions. With transition comes change, and with change comes excitement and uncertainty. Let it be our collective goal for all transitions to go smoothly. Let it be our collective hope that these transitions are embraced by all Rotarians. Let it be our collective belief that transitions provide exciting opportunities for renewal of energy, growth in our program of service, and increasing success of Rotary.

Transitions take time, energy, and commitment. Current presidents, work with your Presidents-elect to ensure that the club leadership for 2021-22 is in place and goals are set to give direction to the club. Presidents-elect, work with your incoming boards to set achievable objectives based upon goals, for all aspects of your club's operations – service, fellowship, membership, foundation giving, and public image.

Give ownership to your board and fellow Rotarians through open communication and regular updates on progress of the club.

Celebrate individual and club successes – both small and large accomplishments.

Commit to meaningful service projects that benefit your community.

Partner with other organizations in your community to increase your impact.

Plan for your club to be represented at our district conference (October 29-30) and to participate in other district/zone/international events – whether these be live or virtual.

Develop future leadership in your club by encouraging newer members to participate in the upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute (details will be announced later this summer).

Start your transition for the 2022-23 year now by ensuring you have a PE in place by December and begin identifying new committee chairs.

Let all Rotarians embrace transition and change, and the opportunities they provide as we SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES.



Watch in next month's newsletter for the list of the 2021-22 district leadership team. We want you to use the team as a valuable resource to help you in your quest to grow your club, increase your club's impact, and serve those in need in your community and around the world.



"You are a vital piece of the puzzle and you help Rotary grow, serve and have relevance in your community. We hope each club has set goals for 2021-22 and that each Rotarian has rededicated themselves to being engaged."
 — DGE Fred Heismeyer

Polio Now Fundraisers!

Rotarian **Isaac McNary, RC El Dorado**, is doing a fundraiser for End Polio Now. He makes handmade soap and as several Rotarians will tell you, it's good stuff! Through the end of June, all money from the soap sales will go to End Polio Now. The bars are available at Isaac's Etsy shop at <https://www.etsy.com/shop/SoapPolioNow>. He says he will be adding a fantastic Strawberry Rhubarb Pie soap to the shop!



Isaac is also donating all session fees from his photography business to End Polio Now. Contact him here: <https://www.facebook.com/20thstphoto>

Rotary 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.

2021-22 RI President Initiatives



Rotary International President-elect Shekhar Mehta will have three special initiatives for the 2021-22 Rotary year aimed at increasing our impact through service and expanding our reach by introducing new members to Rotary. Mehta is asking every Rotarian to make membership a responsibility through the Each One, Bring One

campaign.

His initiatives are:

- Empowering girls. To address the inequities that girls face worldwide, members will be encouraged to launch a club-based initiative or be part of a district or global grant that improves the health, well-being, education, and eco-

nommic security of girls in their communities and ensures their access to resources.

- Rotary Day of Service. Clubs will be asked to collaborate to conduct hands-on service activities with members of their communities and share those activities on Rotary Showcase.
- Presidential conferences. A series of presidential conferences will highlight club humanitarian efforts in their communities and around the world. Members should invite a friend to one event so they can learn about Rotary's work and be inspired to join us in our commitment to service.

Learn more on the [president-elect page](#) of My Rotary.



In Memory: PDG Gerald Greene



PDG Gerald L. Greene passed away on May 12, 2021, at the Comfort Care Home, Newton, Kansas.

Gerald was born July 7, 1937, near Jewell, Kansas, to Niles & Mary Chilcott Greene. He joined his brother, Norman, and sister, Marjorie Anne. He had a love for the outside and especially spending time with his horse. He was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of 10, but that didn't slow him down as he continued a full active life. He earned a BS degree in Ag Econ and a Master's Degree in Entomology at Kansas State University. His PhD is from Oregon State University in Entomology and post graduate work at the University of Kentucky.

He married Phyllis A. Rutledge on June 5, 1960. They have two daughters, Geri Arline Coen, Overland Park, Kansas; and Pamela Sue Galle, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Gerald is survived by his brother Norman of Jewell, Kansas. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister.

For 35 years, he was a research entomologist with various research projects at the University of Kentucky; University of Florida; Sanford Experiment Station; and Quincy Exper-

iment Station. The family moved back to KSU Garden City Experiment Station where he was head of the station and later did research.

He enjoyed time with family and traveling, gardening, building, and woodworking. Gerald often said "I enjoy helping people" and he demonstrated this by serving his church community, serving on a number of different committees: Mexican American Ministries, medical and social services for Southwest Kansas; Habitat for Humanity, families in need of decent/affordable housing; Board of Education special committee, Garden City Community College, agriculture committee; Newton Senior Center, and as an avid Rotary Club Member serving as District Governor and other positions, as well as four missions trip to Panama for school renovations and providing a clean water system for an orphanage.

Memorials may be made in his memory to: Trinity Heights United Methodist Church Memorial Fund; KSU Foundation, Greene Insect Zoo Excellence Fund; or Rotary Club of Newton Foundation Service Project. Contributions may be sent to Broadway Colonial Funeral Home, 120 E. Broadway, Newton, KS 67114.

A Celebration of Life Service has been held.

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Hays Sunrise: We have changed our meeting location! Moka's Diner on Thursday morning, May 13, at 7:00 a.m. Moka's Diner is located at 1230 E. 27th Street, at the corner of 27th and Indian Trail.



"With the relaxation of rules for COVID-19, our membership thought the time was right to anticipate a larger number of people who would like to join our club and attend meetings that could be at a time that might be very convenient for them," Hays Sunrise Rotary Club president Larry Dreiling said.

The primary project of the club is ongoing improvements to Ekey Park. The latest project is the funding of an adult softball/youth kids ball backstop and dugouts. Previous Ekey Park improvements include a shelter house, restrooms, a playground, and trees.

Rotary Club Oberlin: This spring, because of the Covid crisis that impacted so many, the Oberlin Rotary Club decided to change the way the club manages the annual Rotary Radio Day fundraiser. Instead of selling advertisements to local businesses, the club gave each business a free ad to be played during the Rotary Radio Day, acknowledging a group of essential workers that served the community during the Covid crisis. The club members then solicited donations from those businesses to purchase a set of vacuum body splints for the county Emergency Medical Services. The club raised \$2,700 toward the purchase of splints to be carried on county ambulances.



Pictured are two members of the Decatur County EMS team, demonstrating the new splints to the Rotary Club.



Rotary Club W Wichita: We are going to the ball game! **Saturday, June 19th 7:05 p.m. game time**

Other area clubs have been invited to join us with their own groups of Rotarians attending the same day.

Rotary Club Wichita: [HumanKind Wichita](#) thanked us in a recent post on Facebook. "This week's [#ThankfulThursday](#) is also a [#ThrowbackThursday!](#) During [#OperationHoliday](#) last year, The [Rotary Club of Wichita](#)

provided funding to purchase more than 2,000 winter coats for low-income children in Wichita. Their dedicated volunteers also helped us distribute the coats and other items to more than 14,000 individuals—in the snow no less!"



Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise: Many members showed up early on Saturday to spruce up our Boundless Playscape!



Rotary Club Derby: Many thanks to Amazing Macy, Dan the Man, Inspiring Rob the Director, Max organizer Linde, Meticulous Jeff, Generous John, Awesome Colonel Dillard and his incredible pool of JROTC cadets. It takes a village and those committed to improving our community. We could not accomplish this without each of you. [#RotarySharingSmiles](#).



Rotary Club Winfield: In recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Day, our club celebrated our local teachers, administrators and staff with some smiles at the USD 465 District Office. We wanted to thank our school system for staying the course during this pandemic and providing stability to the youth of our community.



Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co Sunrise: Special plans are being made to celebrate our club's 20th Anniversary for our June 24 meeting.

[#RotarySharingSmiles](#)

[#Rotary5680](#)

Please use the hashtags when posting photos to social media!

Visit our website www.rotary5680.org & the hashtag [#RotarySharingSmiles](#) for more photos!

We ARE People of Action!

More Club News

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Rotary Club :E Wichita Dave Esay, founder of StoryCorps, delivered an incredible presentation at a recent meeting. One of our +20-year members said, "I have been in Rotary for over 20 years and over that time have had some really good programs. However, I want you to know that Wednesday's program as the best of all programs. Well done! Learn more at



StoryCorps.org

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Rotary Club Winfield: Members of our club presented dictionaries to the Irving third graders. Students were excited! The school thanked Winfield Rotarians for the generous gift.



Rotary Club W Wichita: We are reinstating our Rotary Awareness drawing as an incentive and reminder for members to promote Rotary - not only on Tuesdays at our meetings - but every day! Here's how it works: if you are wearing any type of Rotary attire, such as Rotary lapel pin, tie, shirt, etc., members are eligible for a drawing at the end of the meeting. The member whose name drawn, and is present wearing some type of Rotary attire, wins a Rotary reusable shopping bag or a Rotary decal to display in their car window.



Rotary Club Washington: Our annual Radio Days was a success. Proceeds will benefit KSDS primarily. We donated \$1,700 to PolioPlus, too, to take advantage of the matching opportunity as requested by DG Dana Brewer.

Rotary Club Wichita: Gayle Goetz who had been serving as interim club director, has been named Club Administrator of our club. Gayle is a long-time employee and has served as Club President. Congratulations, Gayle!



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Upcoming Events

June 12-16, 2021
RI Virtual Convention

July 31, 2021
District Grant Application Deadline

October 29-30, 2021
District Conference
Wichita Marriott

June 30, 2021
District Governor Pin Passing
RC East Wichita

Sept. 7-12, 2021
Zones 25B & 29 Institute
Houston, TX
[Register here](#)

Year-end Giving Deadlines for The Rotary Foundation

Plan NOW: The Rotary Foundation (TRF) 2021 Fiscal Year-end Deadlines

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

- **Credit Cards: Online** via www.rotary.org – must be authorized prior to 30 June 2020, midnight (CST). **Phone (866-976-8279)** contributions will be accepted through 5:00PM CST on 30 June 2021.
- **Checks:** Both the postmark and the date written on the check must be no later than **June 30, 2021** and received by The Rotary Foundation by July 7, 2021.
- **Wire transfers:** Must be initiated prior to Wednesday, June 30, 2021 and received by Thursday, July 1, 2021.

Please do NOT send in checks for the 2021-22 Rotary year until July 1, 2021. All checks received with June postmarks go toward 2020-21 contributions.

YOUR Service is the News! - DG Dana Special Message

Our daughter, Marie and I have a special song. I sang it to her soon after she arrived and we danced to it at her sun-filled wedding, after the glorious morning when her Grandfather passed over.



“You are my sunshine, My only sunshine: You make me happy, When skies are grey!”.

I teased Geri Appel about being the “Sunshine” for Wichita during this especially cloudy, cool and rainy May.

Geri is a big part of Our Rotary Sunshine, bringing Us happy, encouraging News from throughout Our World which Rotary Serves, especially in Our District 5680.

When your Club or corner of Rotary helps brighten and

improve others’ lives, the rest of us, as Sister and Brother Rotarians, share in your triumph. We are here to applaud, to retell, to duplicate your successful human kindnesses!

And when We make that breakthrough Project happen, or once again do the successful fundraiser that fuels the doing of the good Our Communities and Our World so badly needs, They, as steadfast Rotarians, are there sharing in all the Greater Good, with Us.

BUT, Geri and the District Newsletter are not able to share “The News of Your Service, unless you share it with her! Email her appelg@kenlerman.com.

SO, District Governor-Elect Fred Heismeyer and I URGE YOU AND OUR CLUB OF WHICH YOU ARE A SERVING MEMBER, SO GIVE US YOUR NEWS!

Don't Miss This Year's Virtual RI Convention—only \$49

Mark your calendars for an exciting opportunity to connect with Rotary members worldwide at the [2021 Virtual Convention: Rotary Opens Opportunities](#), June 12-16. **Registration is open** at a special rate of **\$49 through May 7**. After May 7, the registration fee is \$65.

You can also join us early at a preconvention for intercountry committees, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Exchange officers, 10-11 June. Each preconvention costs an additional \$20.



The 2021 Virtual Rotary Convention and preconvention events are open to all Rotary members and participants. Both the convention and preconvention fees include access to the virtual House of Friendship.

Don't forget to visit the [convention event page](#) on Facebook to connect with others and stay up-to-date on event news and

program highlights!

[Learn more](#) and [Register today and save!](#)



District 5680 Membership Report As Of April 30, 2021

Club	7/1/2020	4/30/2021	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2020-2021
Abilene	59	49	(10)
Andover	26	26	0
Arkansas City	59	57	(2)
Atwood	23	24	1
Beaver	15	15	0
Beloit	40	39	(1)
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	20	20	0
Clay Center	47	55	8
Colby	54	54	0
Concordia	31	35	4
Derby	70	59	(11)
Dodge City	38	37	(1)
Downs	9	10	1
East Wichita	87	80	(7)
E-Club	20	17	(3)
El Dorado	36	33	(3)
Ellinwood	20	19	(1)
Ellis	9	9	0
Garden City	45	38	(7)
Goodland	36	21	(15)
Great Bend	46	42	(4)
Guymon	26	32	6
Hays	64	62	(2)
Hays Sunrise	15	15	0
Hill City	13	15	2
Howard	13	12	(1)
Hoxie	20	20	0
Hugoton	15	16	1
Hutchinson	100	94	(6)
Johnson	15	15	0
Kingman	25	23	(2)
Kinsley	15	6	(9)
Larned	16	16	0
Liberal	43	42	(1)
Lindsborg	8	8	0
Lyons	23	23	0
McPherson	39	35	(4)
Ness City	21	23	2
Newton	53	58	5
Norton	13	14	1
Oberlin	33	31	(2)
Osborne	14	11	(3)
Phillipsburg	49	48	(1)
Pratt	53	51	(2)
Russell	39	39	0
Salina	123	119	(4)
Sharon Springs	10	6	(4)
Sterling	20	18	(2)
Sublette	18	17	(1)
Syracuse	16	13	(3)
Texhoma	15	12	(3)
Ulysses	28	27	(1)
Washington	35	33	(2)
Wellington	12	10	(2)
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	38	35	(3)
West Wichita	61	59	(2)
Wichita-Downtown	410	372	(38)
Wichita-Old Town	9	13	4
Winfield	74	75	1
TOTALS	2404	2277	(127)



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This is your newsletter!
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Mölln Germany



June 12–June 16, 2021
Visit convention.rotary.org

Did You Know?
We have a link on YouTube!