



# District 5680 News



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 24-29, 2019**  
**Zone Institute**  
Overland Park, KS
- Oct. 11-13, 2019**  
**D5680 District**  
**Conference**  
Wichita, KS



## Message from

## District Governor Kurt Harper

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Before reporting to you concerning the rewarding start Kelly and I have had to this Rotary year, I want to focus everyone's attention to two upcoming events that can help acquaint you with our new district.



October 11-13 we will have our **District Conference**. Those of you from the former District 5690 will be interested to learn that in the budgeting process, we redesigned our approach to funding the conference to conform to the methods used in former 5670. Each club has paid, as part of the district dues, an amount allocated to the Conference, which represents payment for delegates to the conference. The assessment is determined by the "electors" each club has—which is proportionate to club size. Please check with your club president to determine if the club's "elector" has been specified. If not, consider volunteering. If an elector is appointed—register and attend anyway! Details for the conference will be issued soon. Watch the district website and Facebook page for details.

Second, as you have heard before, we are in a newly constituted Zone. If you would like to learn more about **district leadership opportunities**, or already have a chair position, look into attending, the **Zone Institute** for all or part of the period

September 24-29, and contact district leadership to see if you qualify for a subsidy. The Institute is in Overland Park, and we would love to have a large showing!

As a final administrative reminder, don't forget to log on to My Rotary to update all club information. That is the best way to keep our data current, and to make sure the officers for your club get critical information from both Rotary International and the District. Now, on to a report on recent activities. Kelly and I have just returned from an exhilarating week, and I am more excited about Rotary, and our new District, than ever. We started the week of July 8 with the official pin exchange at my home club, the Rotary Club of Wichita (Downtown). A number of PDGs, along with immediate PDGs Sterling Hall and Andrea Krug Krauss, joined us for the occasion, and the club was generous enough to let me use the occasion for my official club visit as well.

The next day we set out for Northwestern Kansas, where I was able to visit clubs in Hoxie, Oberlin, Colby, Sharon Springs, Atwood, and Goodland. My eyes were opened, as I saw firsthand what great contributions these clubs make in their communities—and what great communities they are in! I am really looking forward to



## DG Kurt Harper (cont'd)

continuing our visits to clubs in all of the reaches of the District, and know with each visit I will learn more about the impact our organization has on the lives of our communities and the world, as we live into the new 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.”* We will continue our odyssey for the balance of the month, and by the time you receive this, we will have visited a total of 17 of our 60 clubs!

After our first club visits, we went to Kansas City, where I was able to participate in the District Leadership Institute at the Embassy Suites near Kansas City International. This was a rewarding experience, as leaders from across our new Zone 29 and its paired Zone 25b, got together to explore a concept known as One Rotary Summit. This program allows club leaders to relate to each other directly on both their challenges and their successes in ways that really let the Rotary story unfold. Expect to hear more of this later.

To get updates on these, and other District related activities, be sure to [Like and Follow our Facebook page](#); and to remain inspired on all things Rotary, take the time to visit the wealth of resources offered on the [Rotary Interna-](#)

[tional website](#) as you develop and execute on plans to Grow Rotary. The “People of Action” campaign materials are extremely helpful in bringing focus and a common theme to help our message resonate. And don’t forget about our new [District Website](#).

Remember to plan for upcoming Rotary theme months, and observance of World Polio Day on October 24!

*Kurt A. Harper*

District Governor, 2019-20—District 5680

### DG Kurt Harper joins the Paul Harris Society of D5680



At his inaugural first club visit as DG with his home club, Rotary Club of Wichita, District Governor Kurt was presented with his Paul Harris Society

“wings” and certificate of recognition by PDG Geri Appel. Kurt made the decision to join in March becoming one of the many PHS members in our district who inspired him to join! Congratulations, Kurt—and thank you!



## Rotary Youth Exchange—Nathaniel Fish



*Nathaniel Fish, was a Youth Exchange student sponsored by the Russell club. Pictured: Nathaniel and 2018-19 RC Russell president, Alex Lofland.*

During my senior year, I had the privilege of being a Rotary youth exchange student in Jamshedpur, India. I attended Loyola School where I took Indian Politics, Indian Economics, English, Hindi, Psychology, and Indian History. These classes were a brilliant view not only into the Indian education system, but also many Indian viewpoints on complicated Internal and external political, religious, and economic ideas.

I attended many different Rotary meetings and dinners acting as a socialite at fancy dinner parties. In contrast, I spent a lot of time trying to become friends with Indians of all caste and creed from street criminals, dancers, and motorbike racers to village leaders and budding entrepreneurs. Given my new, unique social status I traveled the country as a cultural ambassador, representing America and Rotary International. Specifically, I held talks

about education, my country, agriculture, politics, and more. My speaking skills expanded as I learned to speak to school groups as large as 3,000 or speak professionally to a diverse array of business leaders across India. I also spent time sitting down with military leaders, politicians, and ministers and even had the opportunity to meet with diplomats from a variety of countries. I attended cultural events and functions as well as tribal fairs, weddings, and inaugurations. I tried to see as much of India as possible touring power plants, plantations, temples, military bases, factories, jails, villages, and even a metal foundry. Beyond providing numerous international contacts and countless hours of experience with educated discussion, my time in India is changed how I perceive politics, humanity, culture, and charity.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel Fish



## Rotary & Shelter Box Renew Partnership

Rotary has renewed a three-year partnership with its disaster relief project partner, ShelterBox.

The partnership extends far beyond financial support. Around 1,000 Rotarians are involved in ShelterBox as volunteers, staff or response team members. And clubs worldwide offer valuable, practical assistance to help ShelterBox reach more families.

For almost 20 years, this unique humanitarian alliance has supported families with a place to call home after disaster.

ShelterBox provides emergency shelters and other essential items to support families who have lost their homes in disaster.

[Read a story](#) about what it takes to train for a ShelterBox Response team.



### Wanted: ShelterBox Chair for District 5680

PDG Marshall Stanton has served as Chair of the ShelterBox committee for many years. He's ready to turn his position over to someone new!

Are YOU interested in learning more about and promoting ShelterBox?

Contact Marshall at [mstan151@kans.com](mailto:mstan151@kans.com) or 785-577 7265 to learn more or contact DG Kurt Harper.

## Don't miss the deadline to apply for a District Grant—July 31

### — Attention 2019-20 Presidents —

REMINDER: **THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR A 2019-2020 District Grant from The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019.**

If you were at PETS (President Elect Training Session) in Wichita in early March, you should have received the hard copies of the District Grant application document. If you did not receive them, go to <https://www.rotary5680.org/page/grants-scholarships> immediately (prior to July 1).

We don't want your club to miss this great opportunity to seek matching support for projects you can undertake to address important needs in your community that are a match to the District Grant criteria and the mission of TRF. **We urge your club to plan to submit an application**

**and look forward to receiving it by the July 31 deadline** (which is both an email and postmark deadline). Don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions along the way. And please forward these documents to others in your club that may be involved in planning and/or implementing your District Grant project.

Thanks for your attention to this important opportunity...and, again, best wishes as you seek ways to demonstrate the mission and spirit of Rotary in your communities by proposing qualifying projects that may leverage TRF District Grant support,

Larry Tobias  
District 5680 Grant Subcommittee Chair  
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## Did You Know?

### Rotary Gives \$100 Million to Eradicate Polio

Rotary is giving \$100 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children each year.

The funding comes as Rotary and its partners in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI) address the final—and most pressing—challenges to ending poliovirus transmission, and as Nigeria approaches three years without any reported cases of wild poliovirus, bringing the Africa region closer to polio-free status. Read more here: <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-announces-us100-million-eradicate-polio>

### Rotary's 110th annual convention concludes

... one of Hamburg's most multicultural, non-profit gatherings happened June 1-5

- More than 26,000 registrants representing 3,605 Rotary clubs in 170 countries
- Rotary commits US\$102 million this year to end polio
- Hamburg gains €24 million in tourism revenue
- First German nominated to serve as Rotary International president in 2020
- *mytaxi* donates €70,000 to German Rotary club projects
- 35 speeches and 98 breakout sessions
- 334 exhibit booths of which 200 featured Rotary humanitarian projects

Source: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

### Have you visited [www.rotary5680.org](http://www.rotary5680.org)?

Our new district has a new website! All are invited to visit our district website! Your district leadership has worked hard to create a site that is easy to use and useful to the clubs. Take a look and if you have any suggestions for what you would like on the site, let District Executive **Kent Erb** or our Website Manager **Lindsy Berry** know. We've made a few changes already at the request of the clubs.

The new 2019-20 District Directory is on the website. You can find out who the other club presidents are, where clubs meet and reach your district leaders using the information in the directory.

We are in the process of **Rotary International Data Integration** and hope to have all clubs connected to ClubRunner, our website vendor, soon. Once every club has integrated with ClubRunner, we will be able to create mailing lists for specific groups in the district.

### Be sure to visit our Facebook page, too!

<https://www.facebook.com/District5680/>

DG Kurt is posting after every club visit on Facebook!

## Club News

**Rotary Club Lyons:** Our club is co-sponsoring a "National Night Out" event on Tuesday, August 6. The event will be held on the Courthouse lawn and our club will be the "muscle" dipping the ice cream provided by club president Matt Stafford's company. Connecting the community with law enforcement ties right into our Rotary theme "Rotary Connects the World" but on a more local level. Come join us in Lyons on August 6!

# Club News from around the District

**Rotary Club Howard:** Jim Perkins received his sixth Paul Harris Fellow pin and Shirley Black received her first pin from Howard Rotary Club Secretary, Marty Hunter, during a ceremony at the weekly Howard Rotary Club meeting last week.



**Rotary Club Garden City:** Our club partnered with the local United Way and made a \$5000 donation to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, a Rotary International sponsored program, which mails a book each month to kids, birth to age 5. The goal in Garden City is to sign up 700 kids each year in the program.



**Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co Sunrise:** Our Playscape Dedication to highlight the new construction areas will be held on Thursday, September 19 @ 11:00 a.m. We plan to have Food Trucks there. Everyone is invited to attend.



**Rotary Club Andover:** We pizza-partied as the gavel was passed from outgoing president Alison Couey to 2019-20 president Josh Vargo.



**Rotary Club Ulysses:** We are once again selling Colorado Palisade peaches. If you want to order from our club, email [ulysses.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:ulysses.rotary@gmail.com). Proceeds benefit local & humanitarian efforts through Rotary International. *Editor's Note: The Newton club is also selling peaches. Contact PDG Rod Kreie to order through them.*



**Rotary Club Howard:** Our club awarded Jim Perkins with his 6th Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF) and Shirley Black with her first PHF at a recent meeting.

**Rotary Club W Wichita:** Save the date for our Annual Wine Dinner event on September 28, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton. We will have a silent auction, and a Wine Pull. Register to attend at [www.rotarywestwichita.org](http://www.rotarywestwichita.org).



**Rotary Club Pratt:** Each June, the Pratt Rotary Club sponsors a noon luncheon for the Miss Kansas candidates during the annual Miss Kansas competition. The annual Miss Kansas competition, a state preliminary to Miss America, is held on the campus of Pratt Community College where the Rotary Club meets.



Miss Kansas 2018 Hannah Klaassen with Rotary Club Members

This year, the 28 state candidates competing for the title of Miss Kansas and Miss Kansas

2018 Hannah Klaassen

were hosted by the Rotary Club on June 6. Approximately 40 club members attended and met the candidates and learned about their social impact platforms. Miss Kansas 2018 Hannah Klaassen was also a guest speaker at a regular club meeting earlier in 2019.



2018-19 Club President Lisa Perez Miller, Miss Kansas 2018 Hannah Klaassen & 2019-20 Club President Donna Meier Pfeifer

**Rotary Club E Wichita:** Jim Crawford (top photo) received the "Service Above Self" award from President Burke Jones. Michael Moeder received a special "Rookie of the Year" award and Denise Hearson



(below) was named "Rotarian of the Year."



**Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise:** The gavel was passed through all of our Past Presidents in attendance at our Year-End meeting up to incoming Club President, Matt Byrum.



## News from Rotary International

**It's an Honor**—In April, Rotary was honored by two organizations for its work to end polio:

UNICEF USA presented Rotary with the [Children First Award](#). General Secretary John Hewko says it's "a tribute to the perseverance of our members, and a reaffirmation of UNICEF's and Rotary's shared commitment to the world's children that they have every opportunity to live healthy, safe, empowered lives."

The Pan American Health Organization [recognized Rotary](#) for helping to eradicate polio in the Americas. The last case of polio was reported in Peru in 1991. The region was certified polio-free in 1994 and has remained so for 25 years.



## Gates: Rotary Is The Reason Polio Will Be Eradicated



*By Devin Thorpe, District 5420 Chief of Staff*

In a speech to a joint District 5030 and 5080 Conference on May 18, 2018, Bill Gates said, "We're going to get to the end of [polio] and Rotary will be the reason."

Just prior to the meeting, I had the opportunity to sit down with Gates and RI President Barry Rassin to discuss the unique partnership between the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Rotary for a *Forbes* article.

The effort to eradicate polio is coordinated by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative—an entity that exists only on paper—comprised of Rotary, the Gates Foundation, the US. Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization and UNICEF. Within that global partnership, Rotary and the Gates Foundation work closely on fundraising.

The Gates Foundation continues to fund a \$2 for \$1 match of the money Rotary raises for polio eradication. In addition, the Gates Foundation provides additional funding to UNICEF and the WHO, the primary implementation partners for the field work involved in polio eradication.

In our conversation, I asked President Rassin how Rotary would respond to a request for help on another project from the Gates Foundation.

"We're in. I'll tell you that right now. This is a wonderful partnership," he said. Over the years, Rotary has raised \$1.9 billion in the polio effort, \$885 million of which came from the Gates Foundation. To put that in perspective, the

Gates Foundation—the largest private foundation in the world—has donated a total of \$3.7 billion, which includes the funds donated through Rotary.

Under Gates's personal leadership, the Gates Foundation led the development of a new vaccine that brings many of the benefits of the Salk and Sabin vaccines in one. Like the Sabin vaccine, it can be delivered orally. Like the Salk vaccine, it won't mutate into a form of the live virus. It will be uniquely powerful in ending outbreaks of circulating vaccine derived polio virus that can occur with about one in every five million doses of the oral vaccine.

Warren Buffett, Chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, is the third Trustee of the Gates Foundation, along with Bill and Melinda Gates. Gates told me that when he acknowledged to Buffett the challenges and delays with eradicating polio in Pakistan and Afghanistan, he responded, "You gotta keep going, you know."

Buffett's message is an important one for Rotarians. Gates explained in his speech in Spokane that if we ease up on our efforts, polio will return with a vengeance, potentially reaching hundreds of thousands of cases again within a few years. So far, 18 million cases of polio have been prevented. The goal remains the complete eradication of the disease so that no child will ever die or be paralyzed by it again.

RI President Rassin summarized the power of the Rotary-Gates partnership well. "The beauty of it is that we recognize that when we do things together, we can do so much more."

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District 5690 Membership Report As Of June 30, 2019

Club	7/1/2018	6/30/2019	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2018-2019
Andover	31	32	1
Arkansas City	65	68	3
Beaver	19	19	0
Boise City	18	20	2
Cimarron	22	22	0
Derby	66	67	1
Dodge City	38	39	1
East Wichita	96	102	6
El Dorado	41	41	0
Garden City	51	48	-3
Guymon	24	25	1
Howard	16	14	-2
Hugoton	16	16	0
Hutchinson	100	100	0
Johnson	16	16	0
Kingman	33	24	-9
Kinsley	12	8	-4
Larned	18	17	-1
Liberal	46	54	8
Newton	62	58	-4
Pratt	55	57	2
Sublette	18	18	0
Syracuse	18	18	0
Texhoma	15	15	0
Ulysses	34	30	-4
Wellington	19	12	-7
W. Sedgwick Co	39	43	4
West Wichita	62	61	-1
Wichita-DT	404	412	8
Wichita-Old Town	8	8	0
Winfield	86	84	-2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1548</b>	<b>1548</b>	<b>0</b>



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On to Honolulu  
Rotary International Convention  
June 6-10, 2020  
Register NOW!  
[www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org)

**Polio Update @ 7/24/19**

*This year:* Total wild polio cases for 2019: **56**

*Last year:* Total wild polio cases in 2018: **33**

**AFGHANISTAN:** The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Afghanistan in 2019 is 11.

**PAKISTAN:** The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Pakistan in 2019 is 45.

**NIGERIA and THE LAKE CHAD BASIN:**  
No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) since 21 August 2016.

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