



# District 5680 News



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## Message from

## District Governor Fred Heismeyer



## A NEW SEASON, A NEW SEED FOR CHANGE

*If March winds bring April showers,  
and April showers bring May flowers.*

*What do May flowers bring?*

*You will need to read this month's column to find the answer.*

Here we are facing another spring, full of new growth, changing temperatures, and of course a renewed hope for a great year ahead. We are coming out of the cold weather season, leaving us inside and snuggled by a warm fire, to heading outside, seeing others in their yards, walking around the neighborhoods, and biking through parks. We experience the excitement of spring festivals and the chance to engage in outdoor sports and activities. Spring is a season of change.

For Rotarians, we experience the excitement of the spring as we offer scholarships to students as they prepare for college in the fall. We get excited about partnering with organizations like Habitat for Humanity or the community Parks and Recreation department to help with an outdoor service project. We gain enthusi-

asm for outdoor fellowships with fellow Rotarians and their families. We anticipate the renewed level of excitement, commitment, and service as we experience the changes of a new Rotary year.

Spring is truly a time for renewal and change. However, we cannot forget that to grow new flowers, to enjoy this year's festivals, or to participate in outdoor service and fellowship events; it all takes planning and commitment to a new experience and change. Rotary activities are a year-long commitment. We cannot become aware of low engagement, decreasing membership, shrinking resources, and diminishing impact in May and expect a successful Rotary year. Rotarians must be aware, just like the

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Rotary



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

## DG Message (cont'd)

passing months, that each month provides something new for the next month, allowing for change and progress.

An example of this progression of growth and change might be like this:

*April planning brings May guests to your meeting, May guests bring new members in June. New members bring increased service in July. Increased service grows commitment and engagement in August. Increased engagement leads your club to be a stronger partner for the betterment of your community in September.*

So, let April be the time for planning and envisioning what your club can (will) do to be one of the best clubs in the

world. As our incoming RI President Jennifer Jones is challenging – **IMAGINE ROTARY** – in your community, in our district and in our world.


*So, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims (LOL)*

Enjoy the spring season and the renewed energy to **SERVE ABOVE SELF!**

*Fred Heismeyer*

2021-22 District Governor  
Rotary District 5680

P.S. I hope your club's PE will be attending this year's PETS! It provides the Rotary nutrients to help your club grow and thrive.



The graphic features a stylized sun with a gear-like center and the text "KS OK ROTARY DISTRICT 5680" below it. To the right is a colorful banner with "RYLA" in large white letters and the Rotary logo below it. Below these elements, text reads: "All clubs are asked to recruit and support one or more high school freshmen – junior students to attend this year's RYLA. camp. RYLA is May 31 – June 4 at Southwestern College in Winfield. Go to [www.rotary5680.org](http://www.rotary5680.org) to register and for more information. Registration deadline is May 10." In the bottom left corner, it says "LEADERSHIP IN ACTION!"

## Rotary Foundation Relief Fund for Ukraine



In response to the deepening humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, [The Rotary Foundation has created an official channel](#) for Rotary members around the world to contribute funds to support the relief efforts underway by Rotary districts and has designated its Disaster Response Fund as the main avenue for contributions.

Trustees have decided to prioritize contributions, including unallocated District Designated Funds, made to the Disaster Response Fund until 30 April. So far, the fund has received more than \$2 million. Any district can apply for disaster response grants to support the Ukrainian relief efforts. [Donate now](#)

## Rotary Network Enables Rapid Relief for Ukrainian Refugees

Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Europe and around the world have taken swift action and are working with members nearby to provide food, water, medical equipment, and shelter for refugees from the conflict in Ukraine. According to the United Nations, more than 2 million people, most of them women and children, have sought refuge in neighboring countries and across Europe, while about 1 million more people have been displaced within Ukraine. Efforts by Rotary clubs are ongoing. [Read the latest roundup.](#) Another source of all thing Rotary is the [Rotary International Facebook](#) page.

**We are pleased to announce that our D5680 has contributed \$4,000 of our Rotary Foundation Designated Funds to this cause.**

## Congratulations to Rod Kreie!

**PDG Rod Kreie (RC Newton)** was elected President of the [WASH \(Water, Sanitation & Health\) Rotary Action Group](#) replacing Ron Denham. Rod says this appointment is “likely the greatest honor of my Rotary career.” WASH




will be Rotary’s next big project – providing safe and clean water to every man, woman & child in the world.”


**Congratulations, Rod!**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN ...**  
**ANNOUNCING THE MOST IMPACTFUL EVENT**  
**IN DISTRICT 5680 HISTORY ...**

# THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



Who: Rotarians Interested In Becoming Rotary Leaders  
 What: An Intense Training Session On All Aspects Of Rotary  
 When: April 29-30, 2022  
 Where: Fossil Creek Hotel, Russell, Kansas  
 How: Sign Up For The RLI On The District 5680 Webpage  
 Why: Help Your Club, Help Your District



**Sign Up Today!**

District 5680 is holding its second Rotary Leadership Institute this **April 29-30, 2022** in Russell, Kansas. 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.

This RLI will be facilitated by several in the District 5680 chain of leadership, including:

- District Governor Fred Heismeyer
- District Governor Elect Ivanhoe Love, Jr.
- District Governor Nominee Gloria Homeier
- Past District Governor Andrea Krauss

RLI will start at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening and dismiss at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday. It will be held at the **Fossil Creek Hotel in Russell**. Rooms can be booked at the hotel by visiting their website at [www.fossilcreekhotel.com](http://www.fossilcreekhotel.com) or calling toll free at 1-877-866-4630. Register under “Rotary Leadership Institute” for the group rate of \$89.99 plus tax. The deadline for booking a room at this price is April 15.

The fee for RLI is \$50. This covers materials and lunch on Saturday. The deadline for registering for RLI is April 15.

For event info visit our [district website](#) at <https://rotary5680.org/event/2022-rotary-leadership-institute/>. To register [click here](#).



## Rotary President Bhichai Rattakul Dies



Bhichai Rattakul, a past Rotary International president, died on 28 February. He was 95. Rattakul, who was Rotary's first president from Thailand, achieved success in business and government. [Read more about his accomplishments.](#)

Bichai was RI President in 2002-03. His theme, "Sow the Seeds of Love," was as timely then as it is now.

[Read more about his accomplishments.](#)

## Rotary Peace Scholarships



Learn more and apply today at <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>. Deadline is May 15, 2022.

For assistance, contact PDG [Geri Appel](#). See article below.

## Charity Navigator Awards The Rotary Foundation 4 Stars (again)



The Rotary Foundation earned the recognition for adhering to sec-

tor best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only one percent of the organizations Charity Navigator evaluates have received 14 consecutive 4-star evaluations.

"We are honored to have been recognized and to be among the top 1% of charities evaluated," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair John Germ. "Our donors can feel proud knowing that their gifts will allow them to make an impact in their communities and the world for years to come."

The rating reflects Charity Navigator's assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness.

## 2023 Rotary Peace Fellow Application

The 2023 Rotary Peace Fellowship application is now available, and we need your help finding the next cohort of global peace and development leaders.

As a club and district leader, you play a critical role in promoting the Rotary Peace Centers programs to potential candidates. These resources can help you, and others, recruit candidates:

Take the [All About the Rotary Peace Fellowship](#) course to learn about qualification requirements, eligibility restrictions, the application process, and more.

Send emails to your contacts with the [fellowship announcement](#) attached. Use our [referral form](#) to tell us about potential candidates, and we'll follow up with them.

As we grow our [certificate program](#), we are particularly seeking qualified candidates for our peace centers at Chulalongkorn University (Thailand) and Makerere University (Uganda). The one-year program is intended for working professionals and requires 11 weeks of on-site participation. We are looking for candidates with a minimum of five years of relevant work experience (the average age for this program is 42). Graduates receive a post-graduate



diploma in peace studies upon completion of the program.

Candidates have until **15 May** to submit applications to The Rotary Foundation.

This year we are expanding our endorsement process to ensure an equitable process for districts and candidates. District Rotary Peace Fellowship Subcommittee Chairs who complete the required endorser training will be assigned up to 5 candidates to interview for endorsement consideration. Any additional applications from your district will be assigned to Rotarians your district identifies to become trained Rotary endorsers or they will be redirected to trained endorsers in another district. The endorser training will be available in the Rotary Learning Center in mid-March. Trained Rotary endorsers have until **1 July** to submit endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation.

Send any questions about the fellowship program to [rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org](mailto:rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org). Thank you for your dedication to the Rotary Peace Centers and your help educating Rotary members and your community about the fellowships

## ShelterBox & Rotary



This year, Rotary and ShelterBox are celebrating the 10th anniversary of our official partnership — and more than 20 years of working together to support families whose lives have been devastated by disaster and conflict. We've com-

combined our resources and provided emergency temporary housing and other vital equipment to help families immediately after a disaster — and to put them on a path to long-term recovery. To learn more about how your club or district can get involved or to request assistance, [visit the Rotary-ShelterBox partnership page.](#)

## Promote World Immunization Week



Join with Rotary to promote the power of vaccines to protect children and save lives. During World Immunization Week, **24-30 April**, let's advocate for [polio eradication](#) and the importance of vaccines to the health and well-being of our communities. [Download the toolkit](#) for graphics and sample social media posts.



## April is Maternal & Child Health Month



## PolioPlus Update—Club Program

For a *very current and informative* update on the status of Polio worldwide, past RI Director and International PolioPlus Chair, Mike McGovern spoke on March 10. It is excellent and though it's rather long, all are encouraged to watch it.. The video is available on Vimeo at [this link](#).



### Plan to attend Rotary at the Ball Game!

Wednesday, June 1  
Game time 7:05 pm!



On June 1 all area Rotarians are invited to watch the Wind Surge ball game together. Wind Surge will block seats so that we can all sit together. In order to do this each club must submit an estimate of how many they are expecting.

There will be a special ticketing link that will be provided. Stay tuned for more info.

## South Africa Grant Approved!

The \$400,000 Water and Sanitation project in South Africa, Global Grant #GG2229954, has been approved by The Rotary Foundation!



Several D5680 clubs provided direct funding and our District supported the project with District Designated Funds from The Rotary Foundation.

Grahamstown, S. Africa has 2 Rotary clubs who are eager to begin implementation. One of the club presidents there said, *"Rotary's water and sanitation projects seek to sustain these improvements by allowing schools to remain open on the regular occasions when our local municipality is unable to supply water. They send important messages of support and hope to thousands of pupils and teachers, that reinforce the educational improvements to be achieved by this project....."*

There will be some happy smiles in Grahamstown soon!



# Club News from around the District

**Rotary Club El Dorado:** We had the opportunity to deliver dictionaries to ALL THIRD GRADERS in El Dorado!! This is such a fun experience for our club and the kiddos!! We love seeing how excited they are, and the thank you notes are always a joy as well!!



**Rotary Club W Wichita:** Rtn. Bob Goebel and his daughter Gretchen delivered bookshelves to 2 classrooms of 1st graders at St. Mark's Elementary Eagles.



**Rotary Club Atwood:** We had a large attendance to hear Senator Jerry Moran at a recent meeting. *Deb Minkler & Sen. Moran*



**Rotary Club Dodge City:** Rotarians Jan and Maria delivered dictionaries to third graders of Spearville! This will be our 17th

year to distribute Scholastic Dictionaries to every third grader in Ford County! Thank you to all the wonderful sponsors who generously sponsored this project.



**Rotary Club Derby:** Thanks to our Derby Firefighters who helped load the contributions of kits, etc. for the IRC (Afghan Resettlement) project at the site in Derby. Rotarians unloaded at the IRC.



**Rotary Club Larned:** DG Fred Heismeyer and AGs Lee Sankey (RC Sterling) and Bob Obee (RC Kinsley) visited with the club, providing assistance to revitalize the club. *Photo by Bob Obee.*



## Abilene has new meeting place & meeting day

Wednesday Noon—The Venue, 203 N Mainn

**Rotary Club W Wichita:** We were honored to have our District Paul Harris Society chair PDG Randy Krug visit our club and recognize the 5 members of our club who are members of this distinguished society of \$1,000 per year contributors to The Rotary Foundation. Thanks to Stan Krehbiel, John Mosley, Diana Fredelake, Allan Sands and Roger Bowles for your support of our Rotary Foundation!



**Rotary Club Concordia:** The RC of Concordia celebrated its **100th Anniversary** in a unique and creative way.

They combined their celebration with a service project. The Rotarians sponsored a new high school initiative – Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge. The evening began with the various YEC teams presenting their project to a panel of judges, which included Rotarians, followed by a public event to see displays of the YEC teams work and research.

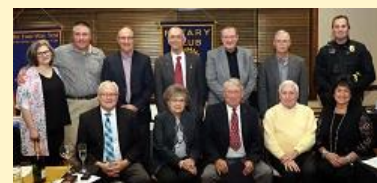
The club then celebrated, not only the work of Rotary, but the success of the YEC students. Thanks goes out to President Amy and PE Carleen for their leadership. Congratulations YEC students and to all the Concordia Rotarians for a wonderful event.



*President-elect Carleen receives RI recognition of the club's 100th Anniversary from*



**Rotary Club Pratt:** At our 100th Anniversary celebration, we recognized *many* new (8) and multiple (5) Paul Harris Fellows. Congratulations to all!



# More Club News

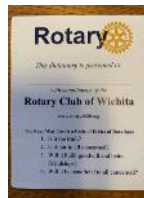
**Rotary Club Old Town Wichita:** We were pleased to host Wichita Mayor Brandon Whipple at a recent meeting.



**Rotary Club Pratt:** Our campaign continues to raise PolioPlus fund with our "Pennies-for-Polio" campaign. So far, we've collected \$185 from members bringing their pennies (and other coins) to our weekly meetings.



**Rotary Club Wichita:** We put Rotary "stickers" in 2,800 3rd grade dictionaries and books are awaiting distribution to the 45 Title 1 elementary schools we serve. We also donated 50 dictionaries to the IRC as gifts for the Afghan refugees, and they were thrilled to receive them!



**Rotary Club Andover:**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our spring pickleball tournament. [Picklemania MMXXII](#). Visit our Facebook page or learn more and purchase [guest admission here](#).



**Rotary Club Derby:** We delivered the meals club members packaged at our District Day of Service to the Derby Community Food Pantry.



**Rotary Club Sunrise Wichita:** We prepared our monthly meal for the Ronald McDonald house recently. We purchase and prepare meals according to a food plan for 25-30 at the house.



## Rotary Day of Service: 20,000 Meals Packaged for Local Families

Seven Wichita-area club members joined together for a "Rotary Day of Service" on March 23. They packaged 20,000 meals of Macaroni and Cheese to be distributed as each participating club chose.

Participating clubs were: Andover, Derby, E Wichita, Old Town Wichita, Wichita Sunrise, W Wichita and DT Wichita. Much of the food went to Catholic Charities.

**Thanks to Isaac McNary (RC El Dorado President)** and The Outreach Program for coordinating and supplying the needed ingredients for this project.

The Outreach Program is a "Collaborative Partner" with Rotary International. As a non-profit organization, their mission is to provide Food, Water, Medical Care, and Education children and those in need at home and abroad. Outreach has projects based on each of our areas of focus and partners with Rotary Clubs all over the world to accomplish our mission. If your club is interested in learning more about The Outreach Program or if your club is looking for a program or project, please contact Isaac McNary. [isaac@outreachprogram.org](mailto:isaac@outreachprogram.org)



Isaac McNary



Macaroni & Cheese



Ready to deliver



Catholic Charities was grateful for the food





## D5680 International Refugee Project

### Report from District Project Coordinator, Kathy Sexton (RC Derby)

**Feb. 26, 2022** This morning's delivery of several truckloads of kits plus a couple dozen boxes of toys, home decor, lamps, etc. went great! Lots of vehicles, Rotarians, Derby firefighters and high school kids...we were done at 11:15. We got EVERYTHING out of the BRG warehouse.



And Ann Garvey (RC Wichita) was busy delivering a washer/dryer to a refugee home today too. All total, Rotary has provided 160 kits, 2 big trucks of furniture, and more.

Laura's face lit up today when she saw the 50 dictionaries from the downtown Wichita Rotary Club.



If any of your clubs still have items to deliver or if you get additional gifts, coordinate with Laura Fillette at IRC ([Laura.Fillette@Rescue.org](mailto:Laura.Fillette@Rescue.org) 351-5496) and take them directly to the new IRC office during their normal office hours at:



420 S. Emporia, Suite 220  
Monday-Friday, 9 am-4:30 pm

We are coordinating with Laura as to how to use the remainder of our funding. Rhonda Cott (RC Derby) purchased 8 area rugs (8'x10') and delivered them. Also, Eric Gustafson (RC Derby) bought a bunch of Visa gift cards for families who need to buy uniforms for their kids to wear to school. We'll still have some money left after these and will be in touch with Laura in a couple weeks to assess needs and buy more.



Rotary and BRG are DONE with kits and accepting dona-

tions. Thank you all for your efforts and smiles.



\*\*\*Very special thanks go to Kathy Sexton for coordinating this project and to John & Linda Bode (RC Derby) for letting us have a place to receive and sort the many donations from Rotarians and friends everywhere!\*\*\*

[View a video recap of the special effort here](#) (thanks to Mark Chamberlin (RC West Wichita))

The Rotary name was on each kit packed for the IRC families. Not only did refugees get a hand up, other community members are learning of Rotary's efforts.

An article in *Active Age* was published just a few days ago and has already inspired more people to donate. The journalist who wrote it shared with me that she got an email from a reader saying he was taking two truckloads of household items.

### **Rotary Rocks!**

Kathy Sexton  
Rotary Project Coordinator

Attendees to our upcoming multi-district PETS (Presidents-elect Training) have been asked to bring one of the items shown to further support this project!

- Stockpot
- Pots & Pans of various sizes
- Casserole dish
- Cake pans
- Cookie sheet pan
- Any pan for microwave use
- Tea kettle



## Upcoming Events

**March 31-April 2, 2022**  
PETS 2022  
Wichita Marriott, Wichita, KS

**June 1, 2022**  
**Rotary at the Wind Surge**  
Wichita, KS

**Sept. 15-18, 2022**  
Zone Institute  
[Info & Register here](#)  
Bloomington, MN

**May 31-June 4, 2022**  
RYLA  
Southwestern College, Winfield, KS

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

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

**April 29-30, 2022**  
Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)  
Russell, KS

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

*We look forward to seeing you at  
**PETS!**  
March 31-April 2*



## District 5680 Membership Report As Of February 28, 2022

Club	7/1/2021 MEMBERSHIP	2/28/2022 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2021-2022
Abilene	47	52	5
Andover	23	27	4
Arkansas City	58	55	(3)
Atwood	25	24	(1)
Beaver	15	15	0
Beloit	39	39	0
Boise City	20	18	(2)
Cimarron	23	23	0
Clay Center	55	61	6
Colby	46	47	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	10	0
Hoxie	20	19	(1)
Hugoton	16	16	0
Hutchinson	94	84	(10)
Johnson	13	13	0
Kingman	22	22	0
Kinsley	6	5	(1)
Larned	16	16	0
Liberal	39	40	1
Lindsborg	7	7	0
Lyons	23	21	(2)
McPherson	35	29	(6)
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	25	0
Washington	33	33	0
Wellington	10	7	(3)
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	34	38	4
West Wichita	59	63	4
Wichita-Downtown	378	382	4
Wichita-Old Town	13	10	(3)
Winfield	74	76	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2228</b>	<b>2251</b>	<b>23</b>



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2021-22 RI President  
Shekhar Mehta

Calcutta INDIA



Did You Know?

We have a link on YouTube!

