



# District 5680 News



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## Message from

## District Governor Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

Greetings Rotarians

In just a few short months, July 1st, 2023, there is going to be a transition of leadership throughout the Rotary world starting with the Rotary International President down to individual Rotary club presidents.

Gloria Homeier, our District Governor-elect, has been preparing to assume the role as District Governor for over 1 ½ years. She has attended required training sponsored by RI and serves on the District Executive and Finance Committees. DGE Gloria is helping to make decisions for current issues and is preparing next year's budget. One of the most important roles has been filling vacant positions on various district committees and Rotarians desiring to serve on a District Committee should contact her at [homeier.rotary5680@gmail.com](mailto:homeier.rotary5680@gmail.com).

Another of her biggest responsibilities is serving on the Heartland PETS Committee whose responsibility it is to plan and implement the president-elect training seminar (PETS) program for Districts 5680 and 5710. PETS will be held March 29 - April 1, 2023 in Salina KS. This training is for all presidents-elect whether you have attended prior PETS or not and is essential to ensuring a smooth transition of leadership by gaining a clear under-



standing of the new challenges that face our organization.

During this training presidents-elect will have the opportunity to align their club goals with Rotary's Action Plan and network with other leaders sharing ideas and experiences. There will be an opportunity to interact with district leadership including DGE Homeier, DGN Jeff Horlacher and committee chairpersons, in addition to the nationally known Rotary speakers who will share their insights into Rotary.

***If you are a president-elect and have not registered for PETS, do so ASAP by going to the district's website.*** I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

One last thought, as we imagine the future of Rotary, let us invest in the youth of our District by recruiting high school first-year students - Juniors to attend the upcoming RYLA camp—the deadline for registration is May 8th. Graduates of RYLA may be the foundation to form Interact clubs within our schools; thus supporting Rotary's commitment to develop more Interact clubs.

IMAGINE ROTARY!

*Ivanhoe Love, Jr.*

2022-2023 District Governor  
Rotary D5680



Rotary





## President-Elect Training March 30th- April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

President-Elect Training (PETS) is being held March 30 to April 1 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Salina.

President-Elect registration fee is free (the club has prepaid for each PE). However, anyone wanting to know more about Rotary is welcome to come to PETS. *President-Elect Nominees are strongly encouraged to attend!*

All attendees are encouraged to bring toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss for our E Club dental project.

For more information [Register here](https://www.rotary5680.org)

### Hotel Reservations

[Click here](#) to reserve a room using the "Kansas Rotary Club" room block. Room block code: KSRC23

Group name: Kansas Rotary Club

Deadline: *Although the deadline is past, contact the hotel to see if rooms are still available.*

If you have any issues, please contact the hotel reservations department at 785-309-0440 EXT 0



## PETS Featured Speakers



**Pat Merryweather-Arges** is our Rotary International Director (2022-24). She has served in numerous Rotary-related positions and is a member of the Rotary Club of Naperville, IL

Professionally, Pat is Executive Director of Project Patient Care where she works with patients, families, and caregivers to have their voice heard in health and healthcare through advocacy, public health policy, and collaboration with providers. She is a strong business development professional skilled in Nonprofit Organizations and has led quality health improvement initiatives with the federal government and served in executive leadership roles in a hospital membership association.



**Ed O'Malley** is the founder and past president and CEO of the Kansas Leadership Center. He is now the CEO of the Kansas Health Foundation. Ed has worked with many non-profit organizations (including Rotary) with leadership and development training.

He is a sought-after speaker and consultant and is heavily involved in the civic life of Kansas, his community and his national efforts to enhance civic engagement in the U.S.





**RECRUIT TODAY!**

**RYLA** ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Tuesday, May 30 – Saturday, June 3

**Registration Deadline: MAY 8**

**Does your club want to send one or more high school student to RYLA?**

**You're in luck!**

**Our district has a \$100.00 scholarship for the first 26 clubs to register a student.**

Please register your students at [www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/leadership/rotary-camp/](http://www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/leadership/rotary-camp/) and then notify Dean Kennedy at [dean.kennedy@communitynational.net](mailto:dean.kennedy@communitynational.net) to secure your reduced rate on one student.





## Clay Center Featured in Rotary Magazine

If you have been reading our District Newsletter over the past year, you know about the amazing mural project in Clay Center. In this month's *Rotary Magazine*, on pgs 2-3 you will learn more about this project led by the RC Clay Center that brought together many organizations and individuals in that small community.

The magazine describes the project as follows:

*A project called A Mural Movement began in 2020 when (Brett) Hubka, then president of the Rotary Club of Clay Center, suggested hiring an artist to paint something eye-catching on the wall of a downtown building. The first work, a colorful greeting in the style of a postcard, went up across the street from City Hall. Last summer, the Wardcraft Homes Store got mural No. 25, Sunflower State of Mind. "It's been great for the town's morale and for business," Hubka says.*

Having a club project featured in our magazine is no small feat and we are so proud of the club for its impact in their own community!



**Rotarians really ARE  
People of Action!**



## Rotary Graduate Study Applications Now Being Accepted for 2023-24



The Rotary International District 5680 scholarship program assists students wishing to attain a graduate or undergraduate degree in a field of their choice in a university lying outside their country with an emphasis

upon developing international understanding, peace and good will.

US applicants must come from within the geographical bounds of District 5680 and receive endorsement from a local District 5680 Rotary Club. International students

must attend graduate studies within District 5680. International students must meet documented criteria on page four of the application. Applicants may be required to appear before the District 5680 Scholarship Committee.

The Graduate Student Scholarship Application, and 2023-24 Scholarship Checklist is at this link:

<https://rotary5680.org/page/grants-scholarships>

Questions? Contact our District Scholarship Chair [Carol Solko-Oliff](#), 785-628-4176

## Rotary Peace Fellowship - Do you have a prospect?



Applications are now open for the 2024 [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#)! Help us promote it and find the next cohort of global peacebuilders. If you know any peace and development leaders in your community, encourage them to [apply](#) for a fully funded master's degree or professional development certificate at one of our Rotary Peace Centers around the world. You can also use the [referral form](#) to tell us about potential candidates. Follow the [Rotary Peace Centers Facebook page](#) to learn more or write to [rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org](mailto:rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org).

## Rotary Club of Norton - 100th Anniversary



Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Norton! They celebrated their 100th Anniversary on Friday, February 24, 2023 with DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr. attending. DG Ivanhoe said, "It was my honor to present the Rotary Club of Norton its 100-year Anniversary Certificate to club president Mandi Fick. This small but mighty Rotary Club truly reflects Rotary's motto of Service Above Self. Congratulations Norton! We look to the future and Imagine Rotary in the next 100 years."



## Congratulations to our ShelterBox Heroes



The **Rotary Clubs of Hays and West Wichita** have been recognized with achieving ShelterBox Bronze HERO recognition for Rotary Year 2022-2023. **Gifts from clubs, individuals identifying as club members, or anyone recognizing your club all count toward ShelterBox HERO club recognition.** A Bronze HERO recognition level is achieved at \$1,000, Silver at \$3,000 and Gold at \$5,000 in total giving within the Rotary year. A club can 'level up' throughout the Rotary year.



Follow this link for [The latest news about ShelterBox disaster relief deployments \(shelterboxusa.org\)](https://shelterboxusa.org)

ShelterBox has provided aid to over 2.5 million people since 2000 and we could not have reached them without clubs like these.

*Thanks to D5680 ShelterBox Chair, Ed Frey (RC W Wichita)*



## District-wide Food Packaging Events

Contact Isaac McNary for more details  
ISAAC@OUTREACHPROGRAM.ORG

Rotary District 5680 will provide a \$500.00 grant for Rotary Clubs to participate in the district wide meal packaging project sponsored by The Outreach Program.

The club must pay the difference of the total cost over the \$500.00 grant including shipping cost. Payment will be sent directly to The Outreach Program.

Clubs may apply for additional grant funding for packing more meals.

A club may partner with another club(s), but each club must submit their own grant.

**YOUR CLUB CAN RECEIVE A \$500.00 GRANT FOR THIS PROJECT**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED**

**DISTRICT WIDE MEAL PACKAGING PROJECT**

Engage your Club

Clubs	20 Rotarians	40 Rotarians	60 Rotarians
Cost	\$750	\$1,500	\$3,500

Support your community

20 Rotarians: \$750  
40 Rotarians: \$1,500  
60 Rotarians: \$3,500

The deadline for grant applications has been **EXTENDED** to

# MARCH 15

Go to our district website  
for the application.

[www.rotary5680.org](http://www.rotary5680.org)

**DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO PARTICIPATE  
IN THIS DISTRICT-WIDE SERVICE  
PROJECT!**



**Has your club applied for a grant to help feed the hungry in your community?  
Many of our clubs have; and Rotary club sponsored  
food packaging events are happening now across the district.**

**RC Washington** — A church group helped us at our food packaging event. Packaged food was delivered to our Senior Center—Friendly Corners in Washington.



President Jill Luis wrote: Together we met, learned, laughed, packed, and distributed 2,000 meals for our community. Garrett Hill, a youth who participated in the event noted that he like "how easy the project was but the impact it has on the community is so great and it gave great bonding time with friends and

family doing something great for our community. It's something anyone can come and help with and we can make so many to help so many. " He continued "I also like how Rotary clubs go out of their way to sponsor projects for communities that will have a great impact."



## RI President-elect Announces 2023-24 Theme



Rotary International President-elect R. Gordon R. McNally called for members to capture the world's attention and lead the way toward possibilities far beyond our current expectations.

McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, West Lothian, Scotland, revealed the 2023-24 presidential theme, *Create Hope in the World*, during the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Flori-

da on 9 January. He urged members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders.

"The goal is to restore hope — to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves," McNally said at Rotary's annual training event for incoming district governors.

[Read more...](#)

Reservations due by March 15  
We must have 75 reservations!  
Cost: \$25.00 per person  
(regular price is \$35)

**PICKLE MANIA**  
**MMXXIII**  
 May 20, 2023 at  
 Terradine Country Club

a team pickleball  
 tournament  
 benefiting

**Rotary**  
 Club of Andover





## Providing a Safe Haven

Welcome.US, a nonpartisan initiative in the United States, was launched in September 2021 to assist those fleeing Afghanistan, but has expanded to embrace refugees from the war in Ukraine. The organization is collaborating with Rotary to find hosts for refugee families. A member of the Rotary Club of Wilmington East, North Carolina, USA, is hosting two mothers of young children.



[Read his blog post in Rotary Voices.](#)

## March is Water & Sanitation Month

### WATER & SANITATION MONTH

**MARCH IS**

- \$24 is all it takes to provide a child with safe water
- 23 million people now have safe water because of Rotary
- 21 million people have access to sanitation and hygiene thanks to Rotary projects

Clean water and sanitation is a human right. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives.

## Rotary Responds to Earthquake

Turkey and Syria were struck by a devastating earthquake on 6 February that has killed tens of thousands of people, destroyed thousands of homes and other structures, and left people across the region without shelter in bitterly cold winter weather. The Rotary world responded to this catastrophe immediately. Rotary leadership has activated our disaster response efforts,



communicated with the affected districts, and encouraged governors in those regions to apply for disaster response grants. In addition, our project partner ShelterBox and service partner Habitat for Humanity are working on their responses.

[Find out how you can have the greatest impact.](#)

## Is Your Club Logo & Branding Current? A message from RI President Jennifer Jones



Dear Rotarians,

Nearly a decade ago, while I was the chair of the Strengthen Rotary's Brand Committee, we conducted in-depth research to better understand how the public viewed Rotary, our members, and our work. What we learned was that we needed to reposition the Rotary brand by focusing on clear, consistent messages and a unified visual identity.

Based on the committee's recommendation, the Board of Directors approved new brand guidelines, which included how clubs should use the Rotary logo. Simply put, club logos should include the club name either above or below the Rotary logo, like those shown above.

A brand is more than just a logo, but a logo is a big part of our visual identity. When the public sees it throughout their community, they begin to think of Rotary members as people of action. Using the same visual elements unites Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact and allows us, as a diverse glob-

al organization, to tell our story with one voice.

**The RI Board of Directors is asking every club to update its logo to align with Rotary's brand guidelines.**

We have many resources available, as well as those in the newly updated [Brand Center](#), for assistance.

This year, my Imagine Impact tour will highlight how Rotary members are creating positive, lasting change while it also introduces Rotary to new audiences and potential partners. This is where I need your help. Think of how much more impact these stories will have when they're shared with one global voice!

Let's continue to help our clubs attract the next generation of people of action as we increase our impact around the world.

Thank you for your support.

Jennifer Jones  
RI President, 2022-23



# Club News from around the District

**Rotary Club Wichita:** We have purchased and are now delivering 3rd grade dictionaries to our Title I schools.



We are also gearing up for our 2nd visit to those schools as part of our RIF project.



**Rotary Club E Wichita:** We have refurbished our flag banners that hang at our weekly meetings! One of the banners is dedicated to international clubs that have either visited us or that one of our members visited!



**Rotary Club E Wichita:** We have an international service project, which is a wonderful giving opportunity for us all. Club member Anthony Ndugnu is leading the "campaign" to raise funds for the Amani House, a woman's shelter in Kenya. He visited the Amani House last November and shared a slide show at a recent meeting, showcasing the good works of the shelter and their need for water tanks.

The purchase of water tanks will be the focus of our fundraising efforts to benefit the Amani House. Donations to date equal \$700. You can donate online by [clicking here](#). Please let [Kim Hurtig](#) know that/what you've contributed online so we can track it in our Club's total towards the \$2500 goal.

**Rotary Club Kinsley:** We have been delivering "I Like Me" books to our elementary schools. It's an extremely rewarding experience.



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**Rotary Club Hugoton:** DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr. made his last club visit to our club. We enjoyed learning about him and our future goals!



**Rotary Club Hugoton:**

The Hugoton Rotary Club has been delivering dictionaries to the area 3rd grade students for 22 years. This includes Hugoton, HCA, Moscow, and Rolla. We enjoy this every year and the kids love receiving them.



**Rotary Club Old Town:**

We listened intently at the joint meeting of Wichita-area clubs as we learned about the horrific problem of Human Trafficking.



**Rotary Club Old Town Wichita:** The newly renovated Wichita Family Crisis Center is the recipient of our club's 2022 grant for non-profit organizations. SPT Architecture is helping us create a terrific shopping experience in Ms. Gracie's Boutique for residents of the Center. The boutique will include new or gently-used clothing, shoes, jewelry, toys and necessities that residents can select without charge.

**Rotary Club Dodge City:** Assistant Governor Bob Obee visited our club recently. Shown here with president Nathan Haskell.

Members also attended the Chamber's special breakfast meeting



**Lots more club news is on our District Facebook page!**  
[Click here.](#)

**RYLA Pop-Up  
Cosmosphere—2/25/23  
"Exploring Outer Space & New  
Leadership Skills"**





# More Club News

**Rotary Club Colby:** We distributed dictionaries to Sacred Heart School and Triplains.



**Rotary Club W Wichita:** We distributed the bookshelves members made to Lawrence and Benton Elementary schools. Each child received a personal bookshelf, stickers for decoration and a book.



**Rotary Club Ulysses:** We've been busy distributing dictionaries in our local schools. Many members have been involved in this fun project!



## Rotary Club E Wichita:

Our first meeting of the month is a service project. This group of Rotarians and their family/friends packed food backpacks at the Kansas Food Bank on February 1



**Rotary Club Colby:** Colby Rotary Club members are partnering with members of the Rotary Club of Danli, Honduras to provide Eco-Cooking Stoves to a poverty-stricken village and surrounding area. Each stove is \$100.00 and will greatly improve the overall health and lives of each resident.



**Rotary Club Kinsley:** Our club is supporting the new daycare service in Lewis, KS. We were alerted of the critical daycare shortage in Edwards and key supply items were identified for us to help with.



**Rotary Club Old Town Wichita:** We worked with other clubs in February. We hosted the RITE teacher from Panama and assisted with the multi-club food packaging event.



## District 5680 Membership Report As Of February 28, 2023

Club	7/1/2022	2/28/2023	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2022-2023
Abilene	53	53	0
Andover	26	27	1
Arkansas City	54	61	7
Atwood	21	23	2
Beaver	13	17	4
Beloit	39	39	0
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	23	23	0
Clay Center	58	60	2
Colby	47	52	5
Concordia	30	30	0
Derby	56	55	(1)
Dodge City	36	39	3
Downs	10	10	0
East Wichita	69	74	5
E-Club	15	15	0
El Dorado	29	30	1
Ellinwood	18	18	0
Ellis	11	10	(1)
Garden City	34	28	(6)
Goodland	19	19	0
Great Bend	36	37	1
Guymon	25	29	4
Hays	68	60	(8)
Hays Sunrise	15	9	(6)
Hill City	9	9	0
Howard	13	11	(2)
Hoxie	19	17	(2)
Hugoton	14	16	2
Hutchinson	88	90	2
Johnson	10	10	0
Kingman	21	19	(2)
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	36	38	2
Lyons	21	24	3
McPherson	30	24	(6)
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	63	58	(5)
Norton	11	11	0
Oberlin	28	29	1
Osborne	10	10	0
Phillipsburg	48	29	(19)
Pratt	60	65	5
Russell	40	38	(2)
Salina	109	108	(1)
Sharon Springs	6	5	(1)
Sterling	18	23	5
Sublette	17	21	4
Syracuse	16	16	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	22	23	1
Washington	32	30	(2)
Wellington	7	7	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	42	41	(1)
West Wichita	62	61	(1)
Wichita-Downtown	373	367	(6)
Wichita-Old Town	10	10	0
Winfield	70	64	(6)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2170</b>	<b>2152</b>	<b>(18)</b>



District 5680

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2023 RI Convention  
May 27-31, 2023  
Register [HERE](#)

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