



District 5680 News



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Message from

District Governor Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

Greetings Rotarians

April is the month of the environment.

Rotary is encouraging Rotarians around the world to focus on the environment. We are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources. We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions and spur innovation to address the causes and reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

This is how Rotary is working to protect our planet. The Rotary Foundation will enable our members to act and has allocated \$18.4 million in foundation global grant funding for environmental related causes such as protecting and restoring land coastal marine and freshwater resources. Enhancing the capacity of communities to support natural resource management and supporting sustainable agricultural fishing, reducing the emission of greenhouse gases, strengthening ecosystems, supporting educational initiatives, advocating for sustainable



consumption, addressing environmental justice issues and public health concerns.

What can Rotary clubs do in their local communities to help in this global effort to preserve our environment?

Rotary International president Jennifer Jones encourages us to meet with local business and political leaders to discuss the possibility of working together to educate our communities on the need

to address environmental concerns. One of our biggest challenges is the lack of urgency many people feel in relation to climate change; they are removed from the negative effects.

Let's imagine what Rotary clubs in District 5680 can do in our local communities. We can find ways to broaden our impact by partnering with other civic organizations and local governments. It's spring – we can organize and support community cleanup efforts with emphasis on removing debris that could cause fires and trash from local streams, rivers, wooded areas, and roads.

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Rotary



District Governor Message (continued)

Many communities have indigenous tree planting programs making sure that the trees we plant are compatible within our communities. In Kansas one of our big environmental concerns is the depletion of natural water sources. There is a need to support water conservation efforts that are ongoing within our state and local governments.

The return on the investments that we make now in developing sustainable environmental programs that impact

climate warming will ensure the future of our world for the generations that follow.

Let's IMAGINE ROTARY together!

Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

2022-2023 District Governor
Rotary D5680



Nominations Committee Selects 2025-26 District Governor



The Nominations Committee has selected Deb Minkler from the Rotary Club of Atwood as the 2025-2026 District 5680 Governor. Club Presidents have received their "notification of challenge" from DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr. with information about her.

Pursuant to Rotary Code of Policy, District 5680 clubs are allowed to submit other candidates that might want to "challenge" the nomination committee candidate with a candidate from their club. Rotary procedure requires a minimum of 14 days for this challenge period. Therefore, any challenges must be submitted by end of business day April 17, 2023.

If no challenges are received, Deb Minkler will be declared the 2025-26 District 5680 District Governor.

Questions should be directed to
Committee Chair, PDG [Fred Heismeyer](#);
DG [Ivanhoe Love](#), Jr. or
Committee Secretary, [Rod Kreie](#).

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/
and then notify Dean Kennedy at
dean.kennedy@communitynational.net
to secure your reduced rate on one student.

Take Your Rotary Leadership Skills to a New Level with RLI

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is being offered April 21st – 22nd at the Garvey Center in Wichita. RLI is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts organized into regional divisions in various parts of the world. RLI is a recommended program of Rotary International. RLI seeks to provide quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills to Rotarians interested in developing their Rotary participa-



tion and to those identified by Rotary Clubs as having a potential in club leadership. These educational opportunities teach skills that will benefit members in their lives and in their volunteer service; as well as increase club success.

Cost is only \$40. Registration is available on the

District website: Rotary5680.org.

Did You Know? Learning Center builds skills

As of 1 July 2023, the RI Board of Directors is requiring that incoming club presidents, secretaries, and treasurers complete their learning plans as part of the preparation for their roles.



These are available for the [club president](#), [secretary](#), [treasurer](#), [district governor](#), [assistant governor](#), and [district Rotary Foundation committee](#) roles.

Thanks to your feedback, these docu-

Updated infographics in the Learning Center make it easier for leaders to learn and develop the skills they need.

ments now have links to the relevant learning plans and a help guide at the bottom to access the Learning Center

World Immunization Week—April 24-30



During World Immunization Week, 24-30 April, join us in advocating for polio eradication and the importance of vaccines.

As one of the greatest advances of modern medicine, vaccines

are safe, effective, and save millions of lives each year. Our progress in the fight to end polio is proof that vaccines work.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative estimates that the polio vaccine has saved more than 20 million children around the world from paralysis. However, approximately 12.5 million children are totally unvaccinated. They are known as zero-dose children, and vaccinating them is critical to stopping polio for good.

We need to continue vaccinating the world's children

against polio, because polio anywhere is a threat everywhere.

Here's how you can support Rotary's efforts during World Immunization Week:

- Use the [World Immunization Week Toolkit](#) for graphics and sample posts to share on social media with the hashtags #EndPolio and #VaccinesWork.
- Download and share our video, "[Zero-Dose Children](#)."

[Donate](#) to PolioPlus to help Rotary and our partners deliver polio vaccines to vulnerable children. Or start an online fundraiser to help us end polio using [Raise for Rotary](#) and share it with your network. Contributions will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Together, we will End Polio!

New Resources in the Brand Center

The Brand Center is continually updated with new materials to help you promote your club! You'll find tips on raising awareness of Rotary, ready-made print and digital ads, images, videos, audio clips, templates to download, and more. These resources allow you to create messages that show your community that Rotary members are people of action making a difference.



Some exciting recent additions include:

- Three instructional videos that lead you through creating [your club logo](#), [People of Action ads](#), and [your club brochure](#).
- Hundreds of photos showing people of action.
- Updated graphics for Rotary Youth Exchange and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Rotary Grant Project Update from Grahamstown, South Africa

Editor's Note: Our district was a large sponsor of the grant described below. Read how Rotary Changes Lives.

Dear All,

Last week we in Grahamstown/Makhanda (South Africa) were very proud to be Rotarians. We wish you could have been here to share the experiences with us.

On Tuesday and Wednesday Elizabeth Davis, the Rotary Regional Grants Officer for Africa, paid us a brief visit. She told us that our Global Grant is the biggest in South Africa (\$400K US\$) and second largest in Africa – surpassed only by a Rotary malaria project in Zambia. On Wednesday morning we took her to 3 of the schools benefiting from our current grant, as well as Ntsika, the beneficiary of the previous Global Grant. At all the schools Elizabeth was able to meet with the school Heads and discuss the impact of the projects on the schools.

Starting with Ntsika - 2½ years after completion the facilities look as though they were completed yesterday. My wife has great experience of schools and says the best measure of the state of a school is the boys' toilets! Well, Ntsika's would do a hospital proud. A wonderful example of the sustainability of our interventions. (More about Ntsika below). We first took Elizabeth to Mary Waters, where we witnessed firsthand the preparation of the daily school lunch for 920 pupils in clean, hygienic facilities. Such a transformation from the previous wooden floor with a hole in it, the unhygienic preparation surfaces and lack of washing and decent storage facilities before the project. We then went to Khutlitso Daniels where the upgrade of the kitchen and toilets is 99% complete. Importantly, not only are the toilets now pristine, but we have doubled the number available to pupils. The kitchen is also transformed.

Finally, at Tanti Primary we were able to show Elizabeth the completed toilet blocks and progress on the kitchen. We went to Tanti so we could also show her the toilets we are not fixing (because the school was built for double the current number of pupils) as a "before" and "after" comparison. She was simply stunned by how bad things had been! The Head is simply overjoyed.

Then on Friday we gave a presentation, followed by a light lunch, at Ntsika for all the school Heads of the current pro-

jects, their maintenance people, as well as the Heads of our well-resourced partner schools who will be assisting with training and maintenance at the seven beneficiary schools. We hosted it at Ntsika so they could (a) see what we did there in the previous global grant; and (b) see how well the facilities have been maintained. President Belinda chaired the meeting, and I gave a short history of the project. Madeleine Schoeman, Head of Ntsika, then spoke about what the project had meant to Ntsika, as well as the importance of its extension to an additional seven schools. "Nothing", she argued, "makes more difference to a school than decent toilets". The caretaker at Ntsika – who is so proud to show people "his" toilets – then spoke, mainly to the other caretakers. 2 pupils then spoke about what the facilities meant. "Dignity" featured strongly in their addresses. Most important for the girls? The fact that the toilets "even have mirrors"!



The visitors were then shown around Ntsika and were simply blown away. One of the visiting Heads noted that he had been responsible for more than 60 schools funded by platinum royalties in the north-west of South Africa, so had plenty of money to throw around. Not one, he stated, comes even close to Ntsika. The school simply sparked. Not a sweet wrapper to be seen. So, a big and highly successful week for our Global Grant, for Rotary and for all of us around the world involved in this life-changing project.

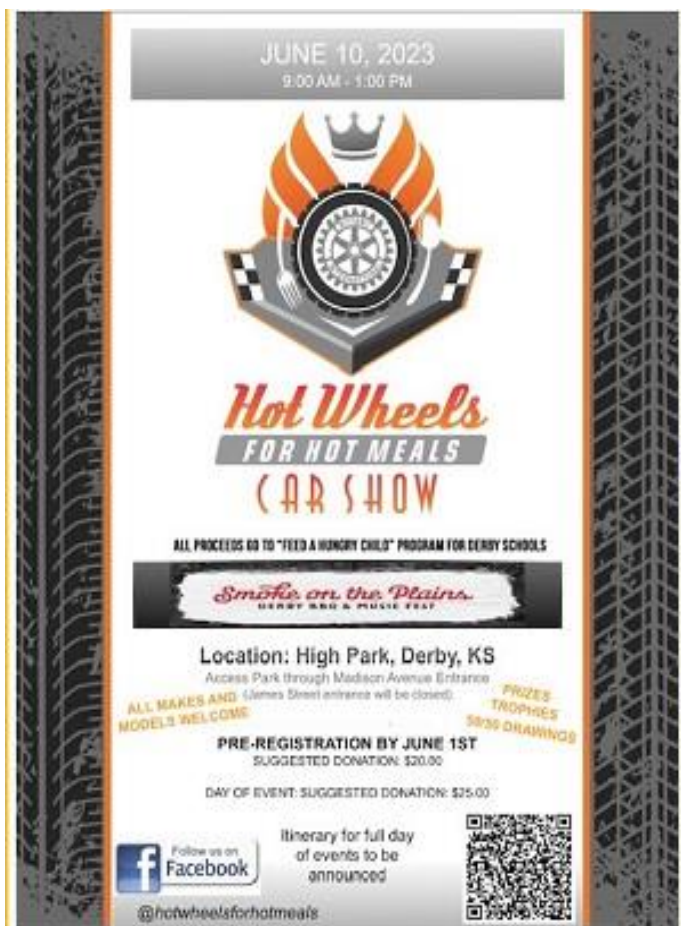
Thank you once again for making all of this possible.

Regards

Gavin
Past President
Rotary Club of Grahamstown, S.A.



Upcoming Events—Let's Have Fun!



JUNE 10, 2023
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Hot Wheels
FOR HOT MEALS
CAR SHOW**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO "FEED A HUNGRY CHILD" PROGRAM FOR DERBY SCHOOLS

Smoke on the Plains
DERBY BBQ & MUSIC FEST

Location: High Park, Derby, KS
Access Park through Madison Avenue Entrance
(James Street entrance will be closed)

ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME

PRE-REGISTRATION BY JUNE 1ST
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$20.00

DAY OF EVENT: SUGGESTED DONATION: \$25.00

Itinerary for full day of events to be announced

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Rotary Club Andover:
We are back for our 3rd year! Mark your calendars: **May 23, 2023** at **Terradyne Country Club.**

[Learn more and register here.](#)



ROTARY NIGHT AT THE WIND SURGE BALLGAME

SAVE THE DATE!

June 1, 2023

"Thirsty Thursday"—\$2 draft beer
(lower concession prices than last year!)
7:05 pm vs. Tulsa Drillers

Area clubs have received registration information!

Clubs attending will be recognized at the game.



More Upcoming Events

April 21-22, 2023
Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)
Garvey Center, 250 W Douglas
Wichita, KS
[Register here](#)

May 27-31, 2023
**Rotary International
Convention**
Melbourne, Australia
[Register here](#)

May 30 - June 3, 2023
RYLA Camp
Southwestern College, Winfield
[Register here](#)

June 1, 2023
Rotary Night at Wind Surge Game
Wichita, KS

October 19-22, 2023 (Date change)
Zones 25b-29 Zone Institute
Chicago, IL

November 3-5, 2023 (Date change)
District 5680 Conference
Russell, KS

Club News from around the District



Rotary Club Kinsley: Together with Edwards County Health Dept. and youth of the Congregational Church Youth Group, packaged 2,000 Mac and Cheese meals with the Outreach Program. The health department will distribute the meals in our community.

members, who teamed up with Cowley College ACES volunteers during our district wide meal packaging project. Thank you to [The Outreach Program](#) for making it quick and easy!



Rotary Club Arkansas City: 20,000 meals for our local food pantries, wow! What a great day for Rotary of Ark City

members, who teamed up with Cowley College ACES volunteers during our district wide meal packaging project. Thank you to [The Outreach Program](#) for making it quick and easy!

Rotary Club Russell: Russell Rotary Club and Interact Club packaged around 4,000 servings of oatmeal



for the local food pantry. What a wonderful way to show we help and support all members of our community.



Rotary Club Pratt: Members of the Young Professionals of Pratt were special guests at Thursday's meeting. President Suzan Patton welcomed YPP President Kelsey Gatz, who introduced the YPP officers. Rotary board members shared information about Rotary history, The Foundation, public image, service projects, and club socials. The club partnered with YPP this year to host Christmas in the Park and hope to collaborate on future projects.



Rotary Club E Wichita: March's monthly community service was preparing a meal at the Ronald McDonald House. Scott Nelson (L) and Larry Hund (R) help put the finishing touches on a batch of chicken enchiladas for the day's meal. This year, EWR members are volunteering in the community on the first Wednesday of every month as part of our commitment to Service Above Self.



Rotary Club Dodge City: We packaged rice for the food distribution held on 3/15. We want to thank Genesis Family Health for partnering with us and helping us get food to those in need.



Rotary Club Colby: Installation of stoves sponsored by our club and our members has begun. It's great to see these



smiling faces of gratitude!

Rotary Club W Wichita: Randy Bowles received our 2022-23 Service Above Self Award. His dad, Roger, received the same award in 2002. Randy was joined by his wife and son for the special presentation. Congratulations, Randy!



Rotary Club Old Town Wichita: We have been busy helping to create Ms. Gracie's Boutique for our grant recipient, The Wichita Family Crisis Center. We began turning the plain room and bathroom into a fun shopping area for residents. Most of our March Monday meeting nights were filled with taping, painting, stenciling and installing.



Rotary Club W Wichita: A group of 24 volunteers (made up of our members, Interact students, 6th grade students from the school and several teachers) met at Maize Intermediate School to paint a U.S. map at the school.



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

More Club News

Rotary Club East Wichita: A dedicated crew of East Wichita Rotarians gave their time and energy and provided clean-up tasks at WB Harrison Park in Wichita. From trimming trees, picking up trash and cleaning parking lots, they "spiffed up" the Park, helping to prepare it for an Easter Egg Hunt which the City hosted, as well as just some much needed TLC for the very popular city park!



Girls Speak Up through Rotary/Toastmasters Alliance

Do you have a Toastmasters in your community? If so, this is for you!

Teenage girls all over the world struggle with self-confidence. Recently, a team of **Rotary** members and **Toastmasters** in our Rotary zones set out to help girls build their leadership skills. Both Rotary and Toastmasters International are committed to helping girls embrace their full potential. [Learn more](#)



April is Maternal & Child Health Month

APRIL IS

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver"
Mahatma Gandhi

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Contact Gloria Homeier, DGE at 785-483-1139
or homeier.rotary5680@gmail.com

Volunteers Wanted

Leaders needed to serve at the District Level for the following



PETS Photos



DGE Gloria at work



D5680 Governor Line
DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr.
DGE Gloria Homeier
DGN Jeff Horlacher
DGND Deb Minkler

PETS Presenters



Trainer Arlen Honts
Lead Your Club



PDG Andrea Krauss
District Grants



RI Director Pat
Merryweather



PDG Alex Johnson
TRF



Ed O'Malley
KS Leadership Ctr



Public Image
Scott McLaughlin



Donna Meier Pfeifer
Rotary Foundation
Chair



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD



PDG Dana Brewer—
Polio
Isaac McNary—
Outreach



Service



Thousands of toothbrushes, tooth-
paste and floss headed for the
Philippines. Thanks, everyone!

Fun



Bowling was a Blast!

Thanks to PDG Fred Heismeyer
for the photos!

Learning, Leading & Fellowship

District 5680 Membership Report As Of March 31, 2023

Club	7/1/2022 MEMBERSHIP	3/31/2023 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2022-2023
Abilene	53	52	(1)
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	20	(3)
Clay Center	58	61	3
Colby	47	52	5
Concordia	30	30	0
Derby	56	55	(1)
Dodge City	36	40	4
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	27	(7)
Goodland	19	19	0
Great Bend	36	27	(9)
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	15	1
Hutchinson	88	93	5
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	57	(6)
Norton	11	11	0
Oberlin	28	30	2
Osborne	10	10	0
Phillipsburg	48	31	(17)
Pratt	60	64	4
Russell	40	37	(3)
Salina	109	107	(2)
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	39	(3)
West Wichita	62	59	(3)
Wichita-Downtown	373	368	(5)
Wichita-Old Town	10	9	(1)
Winfield	70	64	(6)
TOTALS	2170	2136	(34)



District 5680

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This is your newsletter!
Send your articles and
club information to:

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2022-23 RI President
Jennifer Jones

Windsor-Roseland
Ontario CANADA



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

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