



# District 5690 News



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## Message from District Governor

### David Yoder



Dear 5690 Rotarians,

Well, the time has come to pass the baton of leadership, and the writing of this Newsletter article, to my successor, Dean Kennedy. From the quality of the articles he's been writing for our Newsletter so far, it's obvious this column is in very good hands. And also that our District will continue to move in a forward and positive direction under his leadership in the coming Rotary year, which begins July 1.

As I look back on the past year we have spent together, I marvel at what we have accomplished. Yes, there was so much more I would have liked to see us accomplish, but I believe we made some great first steps on a long journey toward strengthening our District's membership and focus. As everyone says and is certainly true, this is a marathon, not a sprint. Our national membership decline did not start recently, and can't be reversed in just a few months. But we have started down the right path. We held multiple membership visioning meetings and obtained a very good response from current and future District leaders. We identified

needs, weaknesses, and strengths within our district, and took steps to establish a future leadership identification and development process. We held a District Visioning/ Strategic Planning session coordinated by Rotarian Vera Bothner (thanks again, Vera!).

We dissolved the District Conference Reserve Fund and returned \$118,641 to the clubs. We finalized and formalized specific job descriptions for District leadership, specifically identifying the duties of your District Executive Secretary. We returned to a regularly scheduled District Training Assembly, and 'got the heck into' Dodge City last year and revisited Greensburg this year. And we were successful in bringing PETS geographically closer to better serve our clubs out west. Next year we will be in Wichita!

All in all, I believe we had a great year together. And I was honored to visit all the clubs, to renew friendships and develop new ones.

So, as we transition from the mantra of "Be a Gift to the World" to "Rotary Serving

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Oct 14-15, 2016**  
**District Conference**  
**Winfield, KS**

**June 10-14, 2017**  
**Rotary Intl. Convention**  
**Atlanta, Georgia USA**



## Message from District Governor David Yoder (cont'd)

Humanity," let's take a moment to look back on the past year, to reflect on what we have accomplished individually to make our community, and the world, a better place, how we have applied that to our club in the form of service projects and financial contributions, and in turn how our clubs have helped others both in the community and on the world stage, how the District has worked to serve the clubs and help them accomplish their goals.

What a magnificent organization we have that, through small and large clubs working together we form a cohesive service universe which spreads throughout all regions of our world, collectively making such a major and lasting positive impact on so many in need. And we are far from finished. For as long as there is need, wherever children are starving from malnutrition or no

food at all, where people are dying in bunches because of unclean water and lack of sanitation, Rotary will be there. And each of you will be there too, for we are all a part of that cohesive whole that makes up Rotary.

Thank you, truly, from the bottom of my heart, for Being a Gift to the World. Thank you for allowing me to help in some small way as you travel forward on your Rotary journey. I am honored to be able to truly call each of my friend.

David Yoder, District Governor 2015-16, signing off.

*David Yoder*

*District Governor 2015-16  
Rotary Club of Newton*



# Thank you DG David Yoder for a great year!

## Remembering PDG Dick Wyatt



The district was saddened to learn that PDG Richard C. (Dick) Wyatt, Wichita, Kansas, died June 16, 2016. Dick was born March 4, 1924 in Sterling, Kansas.. He was a graduate of Sterling High School and attended Sterling College and the University of Kansas.

He served his country with the [U.S. Marine Corps](#) during WWII with the Asiatic/Pacific Theater. He was recalled to the Navy Reserve Unit to serve in the [Korean War](#).

On April 5, 1947 he married Anna Lou (Annie) McAllaster. They had 2 sons, Ray E. Wyatt, Abilene, KS., and Rex A. Wyatt, now deceased.

Dick was President of Peoples Savings and Loan Association, Sterling, Kansas, until 1983. At that time, Peoples Savings merged with First Federal Savings and Loan Association, now Landmark National Bank, and Dick and Annie moved to Dodge City, Kansas, where Dick served as Senior Vice President and on the Board of Directors until his retirement.

Active in Rotary since joining in January, 1948, he was a Paul Harris Fellow, and served as President of the Sterling and Dodge City, Kansas, Clubs, as well as a District Governor of Rotary District 5690. An avid golfer, he was a member of the [Rotary International](#) Golfing Fellowship and one of the organizers of the United States Golfing Fellowship of Rotary. He enjoyed golf, bridge and traveling with Annie.

He is survived by Annie, of the home, Ray, and wife Joan, of Abilene, grandsons Tate, Tanner, Jeffery and Joshua, 5 Great-Grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Friday, June 24, 2016, at 1:30P.M., in Sterling, Kansas, at the United Presbyterian Church, 309 N. Broadway Ave. Memorials may be made to the Sterling College Athletic Department Scholarship Fund and sent in care of the Birzer Funeral Home, 203 N. 7th Street, Sterling, KS, 67579.

## Back from Seoul—On to Atlanta

Source: *Rotary Weekly*, 3 June 2016

**RI President K.R. Ravindran** closed the convention in **Seoul, Korea** on Wednesday, 1 June, with a poignant story about his mother's fight to survive polio at age 30.



When Ravindran was 11 years old in his native Sri Lanka, his mother awoke one day feeling weak and short of breath. Sitting down to rest, she found herself unable to move.

The polio virus had quickly invaded her nervous system, resulting in paralysis.

She was placed in an iron lung at the hospital to enable her to breathe, and was told that her chances of walking, or even surviving without a ventilator, were slim. But most Sri Lankan hospitals were not equipped with ventilators in 1963.

Ravindran's grandfather, a Rotary member, hosted a club committee meeting in his living room the evening after his daughter was rushed to the hospital. Rather than simply offer consolation, his fellow members went to work, using their business acumen and professional connections to find a ventilator.

One of the members was a bank manager who called a government minister to facilitate a quick international transfer of funds. Another member, a manager at SwissAir, arranged to have a ventilator flown in. The next day, it arrived at the hospital.

"There was so much red tape at the time in Sri Lanka, but somehow, those Rotarians made it all fall away," Ravindran told the packed audience at the KINTEX Convention Center in Goyang city.

Ravindran's mother spent a year-and-a-half in a hospital bed, but her condition gradually improved. She eventually left the hospital walking -- with a walker, but upright, on her own two feet.

"Fifty-three years ago, my mother's life was perhaps one of the very first to be saved from polio by Rotarians," Ravindran said. "We have saved millions of lives since then.

"Tonight, I stand before you as her son, and your president, to say that soon -- perhaps not in years but in months -- Rotary will give a gift that will endure forever: a world without polio."

At the convention's general session the day before, Rebecca Martin, director of the Center for Global Health at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, had [described how close we are to polio eradication](#). Earlier that day, Rotary released an additional \$35 million in grants to support global efforts to end the crippling disease.

This year's convention, one of the largest in Rotary history, attracted more than 43,000 attendees from over 150 countries. Ravindran, in his final speech to members as their president, emphasized what it really means to be a Rotarian.

"There are people on this planet whose lives are better now because you traversed this earth," he said. "And it doesn't matter if they know that or not. It doesn't matter if they even know your name or not. What really matters is that your work touched lives; that it left people healthier, happier, better than they were before."

### LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT YEAR



Following Ravindran's remarks, members of Ravindran's Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, and **RI President-elect John Germ's** Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA, took the stage to exchange club banners, a tradition that unofficially marks the changing of the guard.

Germ told the audience that Rotary is about to begin the most progressive year in its history.

"You told us that we need to change and become more flexible so that Rotary service will be attractive to younger members, recent retirees, and working people," Germ said. "You spoke with clarity, and groundbreaking legislation was passed this year at the Council on Legislation.

"Clubs now have the opportunity to be who they want to be, but at the same time remain true to our core. I'm pleased to share with you that Rotarians all over the world are responding with great excitement."



## NEWS - For 2016-2017 Club Leadership Team

### Message from DGE Dean Kennedy to the 2016-17 "Dream Team"



Dear Dream Team:

In just two short weeks it will be time for the Dream Team to take the reins and ride forward serving humanity. It is an exciting and maybe a little scary time but you will do great! Your Assistant Dis-

trict Governors should be contacting you to assist. Please make sure and use them if you need help or have questions. I am looking forward to visiting your club. Please know that I want this visit to be a fun time so I am open to your ideas. If there is something that I can do in your community to promote Rotary when I am there, please let me know. Have your 3 minute or less Rotary moment prepared to share with your club while I am there since I will be calling on you? If for some reason you change the time or location of your meeting, please let me know. Good luck and Dream Big!

#### REMINDER—New addition to Newsletter:

I have asked that a new area be added to the newsletter called **Service Above Self Corner**. We have so many Rotarians quietly going above and beyond and I would like to recognize them.

Any Rotarian can submit an article for the Service Above Self Corner to recognize another Rotarian for their service. Submit the article to Geri for the newsletter and note it is for Service Above Self Corner. My dream is that we will have so many it will be hard to fit them into the newsletter.



### Council on Legislation Reminder

DGE Dean recently sent club presidents a short version of the 2016 changes that may help as you address these with your club. Several of these changes give clubs the ability to determine how they want to operate. It also allows for each club to be creative or to remain the same as they chose. The clubs spoke and RI listened. As RI President John Germ states, "we must make Rotary Relevant". Rotary Serving Humanity!

### "Service Above Self Corner" - Russ Reinert



**Russ Reinert** is a loyal Rotarian with the **Rotary Club of Hutchinson**. He has more than 35 years of perfect attendance! He gives back to the community in several ways, serving as Chair of the Board for the Chamber of Commerce, Cosmosphere and others in the past.

But his favorite Avenue of Service is mentoring a young boy. For 6 years, Russ has served as a Big Brother to Evan, who lost his father in a tragic car accident.

Russ and Evan meet weekly and spend time together cooking dinner or playing cards, going to the park or the golf course or attending K State football games. And every June, they make the 115 mile trip west to the Reinert family farm during wheat harvest.

Russ is truly making a difference in Evan's life and is a wonderful example of Service Above Self.

Submitted by Jade Piros de Carvalho, RC Hutchinson

## Preparing for the New Rotary Year

- The new Rotary year begins on 1 July. To prepare for RI President-elect John F. Germ's term and be a part of Rotary Serving Humanity, use the 2016-17 [Presidential Theme and Citation brochure](#) to show clubs how they can use [Rotary Club Central](#) to earn the presidential citation.

You can also order theme materials [here](#).

- More than 9,000 members from 80 countries made their way to Rome to hear the Pope speak. Thousands of Rotary members, Rotaractors and alumni, motivated by a special invitation from Pope Francis, gathered



at the Vatican in Rome to celebrate a message of compassion, inclusiveness, and service to humanity.

Pope Francis urged the crowd of more than 100,000 "to build a culture of peace, security, and solidarity around the world." Read more [here](#).

Send your club news to newsletter editor  
Geri Appel at [appelg@kenlerman.com](mailto:appelg@kenlerman.com)

District awards are partially based on contributions  
To this newsletter.

If you post something on Facebook about your club, PLEASE email to me so I can go there to get your news & photos. Thanks!

## Open World Delegation hosted by RC Winfield



Seven visitors from Russia were hosted by members of the Rotary Club of Winfield June 4 through June 12. The delegation was part of the Open World Program. The group focused on environment, energy, studying alternative energy sources such as wind farms and homes using alternative energy sources.

The Winfield Club set up programs promoting the theme Alternative Energy and Eco Building. During their stay, delegates attended 32 hours of business meetings including a meeting with a Congressman or Representative. Fun was also included such as a bike ride and visiting the Bartlett Arboretum.

Team members were translator, facilitator Dmitry Popov, Maria Cochran, delegates Denis Tashlykov, Ivan Golenkov, Vladimir Khomutin, Ivan Cherkasov and Viktoriya Pasechkina.

Club Organizer Treasure Wehner advises that a detailed agenda of the team's activities was required beforehand and that most expenses are reimbursed but careful recordkeeping is required. Club members home-hosted the team. *Great job, RC Winfield!*

*Thanks to Treasure Wehner for the photos and story*



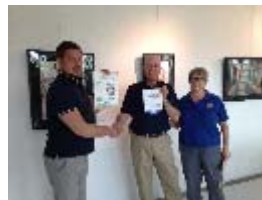
Visiting Wichita YMCA



Visiting Architecture Firm



The team met with Rep. Ed Trimmer to discuss alternate energy sources being used in Kansas



Visiting Greensburg



The team presented at the RC Winfield and visited the Arts Center in Greensburg where they exchanged banners with club secretary Greg Waters.



## Join Us to Improve Our Community

***With the new Rotary year underway; planning, high expectations, hopes and dreams drive new leadership of our Clubs to find ways to engage, grow and become better at serving the needs of our communities. However, nothing happens without fellow Rotarians giving of their time. The article below, which was written a few years back, still rings true! Think about the potential impact we have sitting around the tables during our meetings. Now think about the increased potential impact we would have if we invited colleagues/friends to join our "efforts to improve our community," not to join Rotary.***

Original article [Those Who Give of Their Time Give Billions](#) by Tom Watson:

Quick, who are the biggest philanthropists these days? Gates? Soros? A well-known foundation or a corporate big shot? According to the Department of Labor, it just might be you and me - and the biggest gift in the U.S. might not involve cash at all.

Recently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released a report that estimated 59 million Americans gave of their time as volunteers during a year-long period, giving an average of 52 hours of volunteer work per year.

Let's do the math. At the current Federal minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour, that service represents a whopping \$15.8 billion in labor donated to causes and institutions around the country - and of course, the actual value is likely much higher than that.

Nonprofits rely heavily on volunteers - that's obvious. Indeed, some would cease to function without their support. So who are the most likely volunteers? Just as it's vital to know your donors, it's just as important to know those who give of their time. Some nuggets to chew on:

\* According to the report, 27.6 percent of the civilian non-institutional population age 16 and over, volunteered through or for organizations at some point during the period from September, 2001 to September, 2002.

\* Volunteering was more prevalent among women (31.1 percent) than among men (23.8 percent), a relationship that held across age groups, education levels, and other major characteristics.



\* Interestingly, young workers and the elderly had the lowest rates of volunteerism. Volunteer rates were lowest among persons age 65 years and over (22.7 percent) and among those in their early twenties (18.2 percent).

\* The highest rate? Well, the maxim of "give a busy person something to do if you want it done" seems to hold true: 35- to 54-year-olds were the most likely to volunteer, with one in three having donated their time. And teenagers had a relatively high volunteer rate, 26.9 percent, perhaps reflecting an emphasis on volunteer activities in schools.

\* Families seem to spur more volunteer work. Parents with children under age 18 were more likely to volunteer than persons with no children of that age, with volunteer rates of 36.5 percent and 23.7 percent, respectively. Volunteer rates were higher among married persons (32.7 percent) than among singles (21.2 percent) and persons of other marital status (22.1 percent).

\* As with cash donors, the top tier gave the most - and the most often; 28.2 percent of volunteers reported spending 100 to 499 hours doing volunteer work. And although the currently employed were more likely to volunteer than the non-employed, part-time workers were more likely than full-time workers to have participated in volunteer activities -- 35.5 percent and 28.5 percent, respectively.

Clearly, a significant portion of the population gives a lot back in kind. So who got the most from this time-based largesse? Well, most volunteers give their time through an established organization or two. The largest recipient was religious organizations (33.9 percent) followed by educational/youth-service related groups (27.2 percent). Another 12.1 percent of volunteers performed activities mainly for social or community service organizations, and 8.6 percent volunteered the most hours for hospitals or other health organizations.

Among volunteers with children under 18 years, 45.9 percent of mothers and 37.9 percent of fathers volunteered mainly for an educational/youth-service related organization, such as a school or Little League. Parents were more than twice as likely to volunteer for such organizations as persons with no children of that age. Conversely, volunteers with no children under 18 were about twice as likely

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## Press Release—Welcome to Winfield HS Interact Club!

# Winfield Public Schools



Winfield High School inducted a new club to campus, Wednesday April 13, 2016 – Interact Club. This is an extension of the Rotary Club. Rotarians are neighbors, community leaders, and global citizens uniting for the common good. The Rotary Club was founded in 1905 by Paul P. Harris. His vision of pulling professionals together with diverse backgrounds has impacted the world along with connecting these individuals with meaningful lifelong friendships. The name Rotary came about from the early years of the group rotating their meeting places from office to office of the members.

Rotarians are committed in making the world to be a better place. With over 1.2 million members in the organization, the club has expanded around the world on six continents. Together Rotarians are connected by “fighting” big. Their first “fight”- taking on polio and creating a world free of the disease. In 1979 the Rotary Club began the project by immunizing 6 million children in the Philippines. By 2012, only three countries remain with polio cases – down from 125 in 1988.

On a local level the Winfield Rotary Club was a starting force in the original Island Park Playground. They provide

a dictionary to every 3<sup>rd</sup> grader and an “I Like Me” book to every Kindergartener each year. Winfield Rotarians are who place and maintain the flags during the 5 major holidays of the calendar year. Additionally, the Winfield Rotary Club offers \$3,000 in scholarships to senior applicants each school year.

Rotary Club has extended their reach into high schools across the nation through the Interact Club, teaching students how to have positive impacts within their communities. With only 3 months under their belt the 19 Winfield High School club members have hosted a Pennies for Patients drive that brought in over \$300. They have also collected over 600 books for a Book Bag Drive. Later in April the club members will visit Winfield Early Learning Center to give each student a hand designed book bag, 1 new book, and multiple used books to help promote the importance of reading.

“Winfield High School is excited to gain this extension of the Rotary Club,” stated Principal Trent Creeden. “I look forward to seeing students network with other Rotarians as they work toward the common goal of making a positive impact.”

## Join Us to Improve Our Community—continued

as parents to volunteer for a social or community service organization, such as a homeless shelter or a senior citizen center.

Clearly, knowing your volunteers has never been more important - especially with the national emphasis on community service that has stretched from Bush to Clinton to Bush [to Obama]. American volunteerism is commerce

that doesn't show up on the bottom line or in too many annual reports. But it is a source of wealth (and a sign of prosperity) nonetheless.

NOTE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Report <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/volun.nr0.htm>

Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,  
District 5690 Trainer

# Club News from around the District

**Rotary Club W. Wichita:** Our High School scholarship recipients and their parents were introduced to our club recently. Recipients were: Claire Hersh (Goddard Eisenhower), Elle Clouse (Bishop Carroll); and Kurt Winter (Andale). Four \$1,000 academic scholarships (3 from our club and 1 from the Sunrise Rotary club) were awarded to graduating seniors in our area who plan to attend a Kansas school.

**Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise:** Foundation Chair presented our "Ralph & Armida Hight High School Scholarship" to this year's recipient, Brooke Wetta. Armida was in attendance for the presentation.



opening on June 22. The club participated in many ways including building a fence and entrance.



**Rotary Club Wichita:** Lubrication Engineers, Inc. CEO and President Scott Schwindaman presented a fascinating program about his world-class black Clydesdale breeding operation. At the end of his presentation, he brought in 4 year old Isabel, one of his young Clydesdale mares, into the Botanica meeting room!



**Rotary Club W Wichita:** Our High School Scholarship Recipients: Kurt Winter, Claire Hersh, and Elle Clouse were introduced to the club.



**Rotary Club Ulysses:** Bob Litan, center, an economist from Wichita, spoke at the Ulysses Rotary Club recently about "What an Economist Does." While most people think economists try to predict the future of business, very few actually do that. Most economists try to help companies make decisions that will help their businesses function more profitably today. Bob gave away four copies of his book, *Trillion Dollar Economics*, to club members. Bob is also a Rotarian at the Downtown Club in Wichita. Pictured with Bob are fellow Rotarians Mike Andrusak (left) and Warren Baldwin.

**Rotary Club Wichita:** Clark Bastian presented Chris Goebel with the RC Wichita's Service Above Self award. Chris is a past president, a former Admiral Wind WagonSmith, and a long-time supporter of the Wichita community.



**Rotary Club W. Wichita:** Our club used a district grant to help fund the Maize Splash Park which held its grand



**Rotary Club W Wichita:** We (re) painted the map on the

playground at Pray Woodman Elementary in Maize. There were 20 volunteers!



## RITE Outbound Teachers leave for Panama

Our outbound RITE (Rotary Intercountry Teachers Exchange) departed June 16 for Panama for the next 4 weeks. During their stay they will distribute teaching supplies, exchange new ways to teach language skills, experience the culture and practice their own Spanish language skills. This project is co-sponsored by the West Wichita and West Sedgwick County Sunrise clubs and is organized by Dalia Hale and Shelli Kadel. They will present at both club about their experiences when they return. Dalia Hale (center). A member of the Sunrise club, is one of the three teachers participating in the exchange this year!





District 5690	MEMBERSHIP REPORT as of MAY 31, 2016			Goal
	7/1/2015	5/31/2016	NET GAIN	
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2015-2016	
Andover	23	28	5	28
Arkansas City	61	63	2	75
Beaver	24	22	-2	
Boise City	15	18	3	15
Cimarron	26	23	-3	27
Derby	65	61	-4	
Dodge City	34	32	-2	44
East Wichita	122	117	-5	
El Dorado	49	51	2	56
Garden City	42	42	0	
Greensburg	11	6	-5	
Guymon	27	27	0	
Hugoton	22	23	1	24
Hutchinson	120	116	-4	
Johnson	16	18	2	20
Kingman	32	32	0	37
Kinsley	14	15	1	15
Larned	19	18	-1	
Liberal	44	44	0	47
Newton	53	56	3	62
Pratt	60	54	-6	
Sublette	14	14	0	
Syracuse	15	15	0	
Texhoma	19	19	0	
Ulysses	38	37	-1	42
Wellington	19	19	0	
W. Sedgwick Co	44	42	-2	
West Wichita	63	65	2	70
Wichita-DT	384	378	-6	425
Wichita-Old Town	13	13	0	
Winfield	88	87	-1	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1576</b>	<b>1555</b>	<b>-21</b>	

Thank you for entering your goals on Rotary Club Central!



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Be a gift to the world

2015-2016 RI Theme  
K R (Ravi) Ravindran  
Sri Lanka

## 2015 Rotary Fiscal Year-end Deadlines

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

- **Credit Cards:** Online via [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) – must be authorized on or prior to 30 June 2016, midnight (CST).  
**Fax: (+1-847-328-5260), phone (866-976-8279)**, or mail to RI Headquarters—must be received prior to close of business on 30 June 2016. For security purposes, do not send credit contributions electronically.
- **Checks:** must be postmarked on or before **Tuesday, June 30, 2016** and received by The Rotary Foundation by July 7, 2016. Checks must be dated no later than June 30, 2016.
- **Wire transfers:** Must be initiated prior to June 30, 2016 and received by July 5, 2016.

Please do NOT send in checks for the 2016-17 Rotary year until July 1, 2016. All checks received with June postmarks go toward 2015-16 contributions.