



District 5690 News



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Meet who's behind the scenes of the District Office 5690



District 5690 Group Study Exchange Team

Departs for District 1210 (Great Britain) on September 18!



Team Leader Jill Frasco (Wichita) and her team are on their way to Great Britain! Team members shown above are Jade Piros (Hutchinson), Justin Crafton (Wichita), Maria Bustamonte (Wichita) and Margaret Nightengale (Ulysses).

We look forward to receiving news of their visit and hearing their report at our District Conference Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2008 in Wichita where they will be joined by the incoming team from District 1210 (see pg.5)

District Office Serves Vital Function

For many years, the Rotary Club of Wichita office has served our district clubs and members as the office of district 5690. Past District Governor Curtis Dick is the Executive Director and Jean Hackett is the Administrative Assistant. Curtis has been in the Wichita office almost 3 years and Jean has been there 21 years.



The office assists the District Governor as a resource tool and tax reporting for district clubs. "Jean and I enjoy getting to communicate with club officers and members from around our district on almost a daily basis", said Curtis. "We want our district members to feel comfortable calling us for any questions they may have. We won't always have the answers, but we can point them in the right direction".

The office handles all the accounting functions for the district, sending out dues statements to clubs and receiving club payments, pays all district bills, maintains and reconciles several bank accounts, creates financial reports for district leadership, arranges

The next time you have a question about Rotary or something specific to District 5690, give Curtis or Jean a call.

They will be happy to talk to you!

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DON'T MISS OUR UPCOMING DISTRICT CONFERENCE!

October 31—November 3, 2008—Wichita Broadview Hotel

Register today at www.rotary5690.org

Click on "District Conference" under "District Information"

★**Be Inspired** by GREAT speakers such as Jerry Traylor, Chief Richard Picciotto and others. ★**Be Entertained** by golf, gallery crawling, the world-famous Diamond D Wranglers singing cowboys and by Jimmy Travis a nationally heralded comedian, singer and songwriter. ★**Be Informed** of Rotary goals, resources and learn what other clubs in our district are doing. ★**Meet** old friends and make new ones from throughout Kansas and Oklahoma. **Don't miss out on this Rotary FUN!**

Message From District Governor Tom Martin

The Rotary Intercountry Committee is dedicated to furthering cooperative programs between Rotary clubs in the United States and Russia.

Currently, the committee is inviting clubs who may be interested in hosting an Open World delegation during the Rotary year to indicate their interest through the committee. If you are interested in learning more, please contact:

Kurt Harper
District Representative to the ICC
316/267-1281

or

Dr. June M. Costin
District 5690 Representative and Expert on Russian Relations
316/729-4995



Check it Out
www.rotary5690.org

The District Website has been updated and includes valuable information about your District Leaders and all the district activities



This is our first newsletter for 2008-2009 Rotary year. I have lots I could tell you and I will each month but I want this to be your communication format between each of us in our district and to tell you what is happening in district 5690. I am hoping that your direct participation in our newsletter will encourage clubs to collaborate with each other in activities, fund raisers and even projects throughout our district. The more heads and hands, the better! What can you do? Please e mail your contribution to myself or **T o n y a B e n d e r** at TAMELC@cox.net.

What do we need? Please send us news articles about what you believe other clubs would like to know or that m a y b e b e n e f i t them. Hopefully this will encourage Rotarians to participate in each other's activities across the district. While we're at it please send photos with a brief caption. I'm hoping we can have a monthly photo

album to share with our Rotary families in our district.

By now, most of you have learned that our RI President DK Lee's theme is "MAKE DREAMS REAL". We need to focus on literacy, fresh water, health and hunger and sanitation with the emphasis on reducing child mortality. We can do this with hands-on projects and through Our Foundation. President DK expects each club to do a new project this year with this in mind. This may be a great time for clubs to collaborate on projects and this would also be a great time to remember to increase our giving to Our Foundation. Remember that not only do we get points towards a Paul Harris Fellow but our district gets back fifty percent of all the money we give to Our Foundation for even more projects in our communities.

Another way we can help children is by donating money to the Polio Plus Challenge. To meet this challenge, President DK Lee has asked that each club give at least 1,000.00 per year for the next 3 years over and above what we currently give to Our Foundation.

It is very important that each Rotarian realize that though we get PHF points for giving to Polio Plus, this donation does not count toward our Annual Giving Fund and we do not get fifty percent of Polio Plus money back for our club and district funds and grants. We should not substitute giving to

the Polio Plus Challenge instead of giving to Our Foundation.

Please check out the ways our website can help you. You can get news from the district and share your news with the district by sending information, pictures, articles to Tonya Bender. Check out the various topics that may be of help to you and your club. The RI website is a vast site with so many items of value to each of us. Please also remember that I am here to serve you and please do not hesitate to call. If I cannot help, I assure you we will find someone to help.

Yours in the Service of Rotary

Tom Martin
2008-2009 Governor
District 5690



Applications for District Simplified Grants are now being accepted! Info at www.rotary5690.org

Application Deadline: Sept. 30, 2008

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New Yorkers Commemorate 9/11 Generosity by Helping Greensburg, KS Tornado Survivors Rebuild

30 F.D.N.Y. Firefighters join disaster survivors nationwide to "Pay It Forward"

Kiowa County EMA, Kansas 4-H, & SCKTRO partner with NEW YORK SAYS THANK YOU

NEW YORK, NY & GREENSBURG, KS – September 2, 2008 – In a growing annual tradition to commemorate the kindness extended to New Yorkers in the days following September 11, The New York Says Thank You Foundation announced today it is sending over 250 volunteers from New York City and from around the United States to help rebuild Greensburg, Kansas this coming 9/11 Anniversary.

Each year on the weekend prior to the 9/11 Anniversary, The New York Says Thank You Foundation sends New York City firefighters,

many of them survivors of the World Trade Center attacks, to help rebuild communities around the U.S. affected by disaster. It's the group's way of saying "Thank You" for all the love and support Americans from across the country gave to New Yorkers in the days,

weeks, and months following September 11. The group will be joined by hundreds of local volunteers as well as by disaster

survivors

from all the communities NEW YORK SAYS THANK YOU has helped nationwide on previous Anniversaries of 9/11 who continue to volunteer each year as their way to "Pay It Forward." This year, the Foundation will help rebuild the 14,000 square-foot Main Pavilion of the 4-H County Fairground in Greensburg, a town in South Central Kansas that was 95% destroyed by an EF-5 tornado on May 4, 2007.

Building will commence Friday 9/5 at 8AM at the Greensburg County Fairground on Bay Street north of Highway 54 and will conclude with a bagpipe procession and community-wide celebration on Sunday 9/7.



"People from small towns all over the United States just like Greensburg, Kansas went out of their way to help New Yorkers in the days following September 11. This is our way to honor that sense of humanity and kindness by helping our neighbors in Greensburg rebuild,"

stated Jeff Parness, founder of The New York Says Thank You Foundation.



District Governor's Goals



I would like for every club to plan their year in a way that they will receive the **PRESIDENTIAL CITATION** if they accomplish their goals.

Membership is a big priority for all Rotarians and in order to get a Presidential Citation, we need to be plus one. Challenge your membership committee and each Rotarian in your club to "extend a hand by inviting someone to join Rotary just as you were invited".

District Involvement There is so much that a Rotary club does and that they are proud to talk about. Other clubs need to know what you have done as an inspiration and motivation to do just a little more. By coordinating with other clubs near or even far, think how much two clubs can do together. Think about joining with your church, other non-profits and making 2 or 3 groups better than each individual.

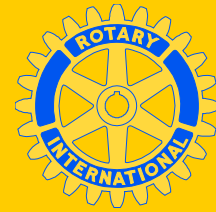
Our District 5690 is a wonderful district and we do so much to make our communities better. My goal is to hopefully leave the district better off after my year than when I started. If there is any we can do to accomplish this, our district will be even higher on the goals of helping mankind.

Have FUN. Remember that one of the main reasons that Rotary becomes important to each of us is the Fellowship we experience.

The Four Supposes

- Suppose the membership in a Rotary Club were limited to 20; would you be in or out?
- Suppose membership were good for one year only and re-election depended upon the service you have given to Rotary during that time; would you be re-elected?
- Suppose you were called to tell why you thought the Rotary club should keep your name on its rolls; have you a record of helpful service to offer in your defense?
- Suppose every member of your club did just as much as you are doing now; would your club be the most active in R.I. or would it be disappearing into obscurity?

	7/31/2008 ATTENDANCE	6/30/2009 TO GOAL	6/30/2009 GOAL	ATTENDANCE %	NET GAIN 2008/09
ANDOVER	26	-4	30	72.12%	-4
ARKANSAS CITY	75	-10	85	49.01%	-10
BEAVER	23	-2	25		-2
BOISE CITY	15	-4	19	80.0%	-4
CIMARRON	29	-3	32	67%	-3
DERBY	64	-10	74	70%	-10
DODGE CITY	29	-11	40	65.5%	-11
EAST WICHITA	140	-10	150		-150
EL DORADO	56	-1	57	48%	-1
GARDEN CITY	49	-4	53	52.50%	-4
GREENSBURG	9	-2	11	33%	-2
GUYMON	36	-8	44	55.6%	-8
HUGOTON		-34	34		-34
HUTCHINSON	139	-19	158	54%	-19
JOHNSON	21	-6	27	65.2%	-6
KINGMAN	39	-7	46	46.4%	-7
KINSLEY	19	-1	20	80%	-2
LARNED	37	-1	38	82%	-1
LIBERAL	63	-3	66	48%	-3
NEWTON	48	-12	60	72%	-12
PRATT	75	-7	82	53.66%	-7
SUBLETTE	16	-2	18	61%	-2
SYRACUSE		-14	14		-14
TEXHOMA	13	13		82%	13
ULYSSES	47	-3	50	66.84%	-3
WELLINGTON	31	-3	34	66%	-3
WEST WICHITA	76	-2	78	69%	-2
WEST SEDGWICK	42	-3	45	82%	-3
WICHITA-DWYEN	392	-25	417	43.9%	-25
WINFIELD	85	-7	92	57.50%	-7
TOTALS	1523	-376	1899	62.29%	-376



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In Memoriam

Suzie Fetterman
 Secretary of Pratt Club
 June 2008

Bob Johnson
 District Governor
 2000-2001
 Rotary Club of Guymon
 August 2008

The purpose of a Group Study Exchange is to promote international understanding and goodwill through person-to-person contact. Team members share personal knowledge of our area and the experience the customs, vocations and lifestyles of the country they visit. While abroad, team members stay in Rotarian's homes and have the opportunity to meet their business and professional counterparts in the host country. They will also give presentations to Rotary Clubs and other groups about their trip experience.

Our team visits District 1210 September 18—October 18 and we look forward to their report at District Conference. District 5690 is excited to host the District 1210 Group Study Exchange team in just a few weeks—October 18-November 15, 2008



Meet the Members of District 1210 (Great Britain) Group Study Exchange Team

Back from left : Peter Small, Malcom Cooper (Team Leader), Annica Goddard and Delia Yapp. Front from left: Hayley Goodwin & Amy Shenton.

Malcolm Cooper is the Team Leader. He is a retired housing consultant now a hobby forester. His interests lie in nature conservation projects and energy conservation in buildings. He and his wife Trixie live in the Shropshire countryside. He led a GSE team to Malaysia in 1996 and looks forward to visiting us again! He writes: "I have been in Oklahoma and Kansas before, for two hours! In 1954, I represented the country as a Queen's Scout (Eagle Scout?) as part of a European contingent. On their way to Philmont Ranch, New Mexico, where we stayed for three weeks, our aircraft (C47 Dakotas) called in at each of the airports to refuel. Wonderful memories of that time make me very keen to return."

Peter Small currently works for Black Country Connexions, based at the historical Glass Cone buildings in Stourbridge, (one of the few remaining working glass cones in the country). Black Country Connexions (BCCX), work with 8-19 year olds to offer independent and impartial advice and guidance. BCCX is funded by a combination of government agencies, both national and local. His role within the company is to work in Further Education establishments, with 16-19 year olds, to offer advice and guidance on welfare and social issues. Essentially, he works for the student population of 3 large colleges, to support them in every way possible.

Annica Goddard is a general Practitioner--a family doctor. Currently she works in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, but is due to start a full time permanent job upon her return from her GSE trip in November. She does a variety of General Practice surgeries, provides on call duties including urgent home visits once a week, and covers a Family Planning Clinic once a week. She is trained in counseling on various forms of contraception and prescribing/administrating the different options available.

Delia Yapp works in the field of economic development for Shropshire County Council. Her role involves supporting local businesses to network, expanding into new markets and encouraging growth in the local economy. She spends a great deal of time meeting businesses, gaining an understanding of their support needs and requirements, building relationships and advising them about potential avenues of support. Networking is an important part of her role and having the confidence to speak to people and transfer and share knowledge is crucial.

Hayley Goodwin works as a solicitor in the midlands for the predominantly commercial law firm Else Commercial Solicitors based in Burton upon Trent and Birmingham. She works in the Corporate Services Department. In the department they collectively deal with corporate transactions such as the purchase or sale of a business, or management buy outs, and also the negotiation and drafting of commercial contracts. Hayley specializes in commercial contracts. This involves taking instructions from the client and either preparing an agreement in accordance with their instructions or negotiating with another party so that we may finalize an agreement.

Amy Shenton is a Victim Support Advocate. Each day she receives about 30 referrals which come to her via a secure email from the police. A referral includes the details of a crime as well as the details of the victim. Amy routinely helps victims of a crime through the court process and conducts a needs assessment to determine what the victim may need in the way of safety, physical treatment and emotional support. She also puts her client in contact with the proper people who can offer the support and care they need.

The complete itinerary for the Great Britain team is on our district website: <http://www.rotary5690.org> Click on "Group Study Exchange" and then on "Itinerary"