

# The Rotary Wheel

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## OLATHE ROTARY CLUB

District 5710 Club 1625



### More Donation Presentations in July!

#### Olathe Rotarians Proudly Support the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spencer K Duncan 5K

Saturday, August 1, the community gathered at the New Century Air Center in Gardner, to honor our veterans, remember our fallen, and celebrate our freedom. The race started near the U.S. Army Reserve hanger and runners enjoyed a memorable course that went past the Naval Park and a special memorial honoring the 31 Americans killed on 8/6/2011.

Geoff Neufeld donated energy bars at our Rotary tent, and Andrea Plowman donated water and ice for runners. Andrea said Rotarian Fred Pfeifer is "one fast guy"! She said she is going to start calling him "Bullet". New member, JR Riley, had a great time too. This effort is part of our new member initiative to give Rotary a community presence. It gives an opportunity for new members who like to walk/run and engage in fitness activities, to participate in a club activity, and bring their families if they want to.

*Thanks to Past President Andrea Plowman for submitting Spencer K Duncan 5K info and pics to newsletter.*

#### We Celebrate as We Continue to Present Our 2015 Donations Thanks to YOUR Huge Effort for our Annual Days of Wine and Rotary Fundraiser in May



July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Olathe Rotary President, Jason Armstrong, presents our donation of **\$38,543.00** to Elizabeth Alex for the kids in Deb's House in Romania.



July 29<sup>th</sup>, Past President, Geoff Neufeld, presents a donation of **\$7,349.00** to Gordon Docking, Vice Chair, KidsTLC Charities Foundation Board

#### 2015-2016 Olathe Rotary Club Officers and Board

7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016

**Jason Armstrong, President**  
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**Geoff Neufeld, Past President**

**Larry Rinne, President Elect**

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**George Bentley, Secretary, 2nd yr**

**Cindy Vonfeldt**

2nd of 2 year term

**Vanessa Vaughn West**

1st of 2 year term

**Jason Mangrum**

1st of 2 year term

**Cory Cairns**

1st of 2 year term

**Aimee Hruska**

1st of 2 year term

**Chris Osborn**

1st of 2 year term

#### 2015-2016 Olathe Rotary Club Foundation Officers and Board

**President: Terry Lynch**  
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**Treasurer: Ernie Hicks**

**Secretary: Sandy Wilson**

**Jason Armstrong**

**David Andrew**

**Mark Myer**

**Mark Romain**

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## **Olathe Rotary 2015 Paul Harris Fellows Are Named**

Paul Harris Fellow recognition is given to an individual who contributes (or in whose name is contributed) \$1,000 or more cumulatively to the Rotary International Annual Fund, Polio Plus, or an approved Foundation grant. A Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member is an individual who contributes \$100 or more each year to the Annual Fund. These contributions also count toward Paul Harris Fellow, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society, Major Donor, and club recognition.

The Annual Fund is the primary source of funding for a broad range of local and international Rotary Foundation activities. "Every Rotarian, Every Year" is the fundraising initiative to encourage support for the Foundation's Annual Fund. At the end of every Rotary year, contributions to the Annual Fund from all Rotary clubs in a district are directed into 2 funds:

1. 50% is credited to the Rotary International World Fund.
2. 50% is credited to the District Designated Fund.

In three years from time of our donations, our club, and other clubs in our district can apply for a Foundation grant from the District Designated Fund, which we have done many times.

**Paul Harris Fellows named by Olathe Rotary for 2015 follow.**

**We thank each for believing in the good works of Rotary both locally and around the world.**

**Darrell McDaniel chairs our Rotary International Foundation committee. Thank you Darrell for providing the following bios for our Paul Harris Fellows.**

### **David Andrew**

David joined Olathe Rotary in 2000 and was sponsored by Kent Donley. He received his BSBA Degree from Rockhurst College in 1989. He and his wife Wendy have three children, Megan, Katie and Ryan. David has been a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones since 1998. David is an avid Royals, Chiefs, and KU fan. He has served as a board member of Olathe Rotary, as well as a Trustee on the Olathe Rotary Club Foundation board. This is David's 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Harris Fellow and he also presented his father, John Andrew, a Paul Harris Fellow Award in 2015.

### **John Andrew**

John Andrew married Mary Jo Walsh in 1965 in Prairie Village and have 4 children, David, Brian, Jay, and Julie. He also enjoys his 6 grandchildren of which 5 lives in Olathe. He worked for RJ Reynolds/Nabisco for 32 years and retired in 1995. He chaired the small animal expo at the Johnson County Fair every August for 30 years and is very supportive of 4-H activities. They have lived in Gardner, KS since 1976. He has volunteered at the Johnson County Farm Bureau, Meals on Wheels, and Devine Mercy Church. He currently has terminal bone cancer. His son, David Andrew, presented John with his Paul Harris Fellow award.

### **George Bentley**

George was born in upstate New York, and received his B.A. at the MidAmerica Nazarene University. He and his wife Janet were married in 1982 and have a son Jason, who is in the U.S. Navy. Jason's is married to wife Katie. George retired as Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director for the City of Olathe. He has 38 years municipal fire service experience. He serves as Secretary of Olathe Rotary Club, is a Leadership Olathe graduate, and is Olathe Civic Academy Assistant Coordinator. He volunteers at New Hope Food Pantry. He enjoys history, living history, and is a Civil War Reenactor.

### **Michael Haskin**

Mike graduated from Olathe High School in 1967 and received his B.A with honors from Baker University in 1971 and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School in 1976. He returned to Olathe in 1976 to practice law with his father, Harley Haskin, and does so today in his downtown Olathe office. He served 4 years as Olathe City Councilman, and was elected Mayor of Olathe in 1993. For many years he has supported the arts in Olathe. Mike served as co-chair of the Olathe Sesquicentennial Committee and after three years of planning hosted a number of successful public events in 2007 to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Olathe. The committee raised over \$400,000 to commission and purchase the Kwan Wu sculpture "West on the Santa Fe Trail", which sits at the corner of Ridgeview and Old Kansas City Road on the Mahaffie Farmstead. Mike joined Olathe Rotary in 1981, sponsored by his father, Harley, served as President in 1992, and received Olathe Rotarian of the Year in 1993. This is his 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Harris Award. He and his wife Pam live in west Olathe.

### **Wayne Hemphill**

Wayne joined the Olathe Rotary Club in 1990 and was sponsored by David Lundgren. He received his O.D. degree in 1989 from the Montana State SO Cal College of Optometry. Wayne and his wife Mary were married in 1988 in Wichita, KS and have three children, Laura, Mike, and Emily. Wayne is the owner of the Olathe Family Vision Center in Olathe. He was a director on the Olathe Rotary Club board. He also was on the Advent Lutheran Church Council and was President Elect of the Kansas Optometric Association. This is Wayne's second Paul Harris Fellow award.

### **Joe Keller**

Joe was Chair for our 2014 and 2015 Days of Wine and Rotary annual fundraiser spending many hours coordinating both fundraisers. He is a Kansas City native, receiving his Accounting Degree from Kansas State University and his Masters Degree in Banking from Stonier Graduate School of Banking in Delaware. Joe has worked in banking for 33 years which has included time with Boatmen's Bank of KCMO in Overland Park, and currently Brotherhood Bank in Shawnee and Olathe where he is the Manager of the Commercial Loan Department. His primary banking background has been in commercial lending of all types, although he has served in an audit and controller function. Joe is married and has two sons – Dan, an engineer at Henderson Engineering in Lenexa and Jeff, who is in graduate school at Rockhurst University. His wife Annette, who is a former banker and is also an accountant, is currently the controller of a small construction company in Overland Park. He has been involved in many civic organizations. Mark Myer was his Rotary sponsor.

## **Olathe Rotary Paul Harris Fellow Awards...continued....**

### **Geoffrey Neufeld**

Geoff joined Olathe Rotary in 2011. His father, Ira Neufeld, was his sponsor. Geoff received his degree in Economics, Statistics, and Accounting in 2010 from the University of Kansas. He was on the Presidential and Deans Honor Role all semesters at KU. Geoff is a Financial Advisor for First Investors in Overland Park, offering an array of financial products and services including mutual funds, annuities, and life insurance. He is engaged to be married to Catherine Hamilton in October. He will have a stepson, Brandon. Geoff has a very long list of civic involvement including Walk for a Cure, Bikers for Babies, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Soccer Coach, and Cub Scout den leader. Geoff was the President of Olathe Rotary 2014 to 2015. This is his first Paul Harris Fellow award.

### **Chris Osborn**

Chris joined Olathe Rotary in 2010. His sponsor was Andrea Plowman. He received his B.S. of Science of Nursing in 1997 from Pittsburg State University and his Masters of Business Administration from Baker University in 2002. He is the CEO of the Evergreen Living Innovations in Olathe. Chris and his wife Melissa have two children, Morgan and Tyler. Chris is on The Olathe Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board, and is active on the Johnson County Community College's Practical Nursing Board. He enjoys his family, landscaping, hunting, and sports. This is Chris' first Paul Harris Fellow Award.

### **Clark Stewart**

Clark has been a member of Olathe Rotary since 2007. His sponsor was Jim Silvers. He and his wife Sue Ann have two children, Craig and Pam. He has his B.S. in Business from the University of Kansas. He is the President of the Butler National Corporation. The company operates in the Aerospace and Management Services business segments. The Aerospace segment includes the manufacture of safety devices for the Boeing 737 and 747, systems integration and structural modifications for business aircraft, custom gun controls and defense electronics, along with aircraft avionics repair and installation. Management Services includes a diverse group of businesses, including casino leadership, management, operations and gaming support. Management Services also includes professional architectural design and construction. This is Clark's 7<sup>th</sup> Paul Harris Fellow award.

## **Woodland Public Charity Responds to Massive Fire in Panama**

Jorge Coromac, Rotarian, Woodland Public Charity, visited with Olathe Rotarians in July to discuss the massive fire in Chepo, Panama, that consumed 150 homes in the Comarca of Madugandi, affecting more than 1000 people. There were no human casualties. In direct conversation with the first responders and the Woodland team in Chepo, Panama they re-confirmed there were no human casualties identified in this disaster. Damage is tremendous and the immediate need is to provide provisional homes to the victims, food, safe drinking water, beds, clothes, bedding, school supplies, medicine and toys for the kids, shoes for children and adults.

Woodland is also procuring items to deliver to the victims as soon as possible, in July. A 40 foot container was sent the end of July, with items which include water filters, tents, shoes, bedding supplies and school supplies, wheel chairs, crutches, hospital beds and other essential items. Local authorities are coordinating to identify avenues to provide materials to rebuild the homes of the families.

### **How we can still help families affected:**

Cash donations are needed to purchase in country: food, beds, stoves, shoes, fans, portable sewing machines, bedding, water filters, school supplies, medicine, tents or shelter box.

Tax deductible donations can be directed to Woodland Public Charity at 4010 Washington Street, Suite 401, Kansas City MO. 64111 or by visit Woodland web site: [www.woodlandcharity.org](http://www.woodlandcharity.org)

Please contact Jorge D. Coromac at [jorgec@woodlandcharity.org](mailto:jorgec@woodlandcharity.org) to learn how to become a volunteer to support the efforts in Panama and how you can support the families affected in Chepo Panama.

Woodland Public Charity became involved in Central America in 2002, to address the worldwide crisis of lack of access to education, health and safe drinking water.

Ongoing community participatory programs have been established to respond to these critical needs working closely with the local leaders and families of Guatemala, Honduras, and Panama.

The goal of the program is to facilitate education, health, nutrition, dental care, neonatal care, and access to safe drinking water.

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Also, on July 12 a team of volunteers from Shawnee Mission Northwest Interact Club, Olathe Rotary Club, Lenexa Rotary Club and Shawnee Mission Rotary Club will travel to Panama to install water filters, cook stoves, distribution of shoes and eye exams to people in Guatemala. This will be the 3rd year that the Interact Club will travel to Guatemala to support the implementation of the Access to Education, Health and Safe Drinking Water Program that Woodland leads in the region of Solola.

***Olathe Rotary is proud to support Woodland Public Charity through our annual Days of Wine and Rotary Fundraiser!***



## Olathe Rotary Gives Donation to Heart to Heart International

In July, Olathe Rotary President, Jason Armstrong, presents \$1000 to Heart to Heart International CEO, Jim Mitchum. Two decades ago, Olathe Rotary was instrumental in the upstart of Heart to Heart, putting together a cargo plane full of needed supplies and delivering to Russia. Club members are proud to talk about their contributions to make the trip happen. Olathe Rotarian Keith Johnson, named Heart to Heart (from the Heart of the U.S. to the Heart of Russia). Since that first trip, billions of dollars, thanks to wonderful partners and donors, have provided disaster relief worldwide, helping millions in need.

## KidsTLC

In July, Olathe Rotarian Gordon Docking, Vice Chair, KidsTLC Charities Foundation Board, received a donation from Olathe Rotary for KidsTLC and then spoke to his fellow Rotarians about the organization.

KidsTLC provides children with a continuum of care through innovative and successful psychiatric treatment, community outreach, outpatient behavioral health, autism and wellness programs. Services are focused on evidence-based therapies and trauma-informed care, with a strong emphasis on family wellness and preserving the family unit.

KidsTLC continues to respond to the growing needs of children in the Kansas City Metro area by adding critically needed services that fill community gaps and alleviate wait times for families to receive care. Programs help children heal on all levels through innovative therapeutic treatment philosophies; chaplaincy services; expressive therapies such as art, play and music therapy; and through a wealth of opportunities to improve the physical health of clients including the movement towards integrating our mental health services with local health clinics that provide physical health services, increased nutrition/wellness education, and opportunities for physical exercise.

KidsTLC was founded in 1972 by the Johnson County Young Matrons to fulfill an unmet need for an emergency shelter for abused and neglected children. Over the years, KidsTLC's mission has expanded as we have stepped forward to further help children and youth in crisis. From its beginning, KidsTLC has responded to community needs by implementing new programs to meet them.

Gordon explained that one of KidsTLC newer programs is in-depth autism services. KidsTLC offers a state-of-the-art autism program that provides a broad range of services to guide, educate and support families impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorders and other related developmental disabilities. For more information go to [www.kidstlc.org](http://www.kidstlc.org).

He also discussed KidsTLC's Outpatient Behavioral Health Program that offers an integrated seamless service delivery model that includes individual, family & group therapies; medication evaluation and medication management, intensive outpatient substance abuse therapy, and evidenced-based Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) programming.

Gordon said KidsTLC believes that children should be provided every possible opportunity to have one successful treatment experience. They find what they need to rise from the ashes of failure and despair in **The Phoenix Program**. The majority of kids placed in this innovative and intensive program have been subjected to chronic trauma as a result of abuse, neglect or mental illness. These kids have learned to cope with that trauma in ways that are defiant, dangerous and self-destructive. Many of the kids in **The Phoenix Program** are suffering from complex trauma and have yet to find long-term success with other treatments. The program has been incredibly successful and KidsTLC is very proud of this program.

KidsTLC has expanded into the facility that Heart to Heart International just vacated. 1 year ago KidsTLC had 200 employees. Now they have 264 employees and anticipate 300 by the end of 2015. They are expanding several programs and were in need of the additional space.

Gordon announced that KidsTLC is now DDP Certified. DDP stands for Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy. This is a therapy and parenting approach that uses what we know about attachment and trauma to help children and families with their relationships.

