

# The Rotary Wheel

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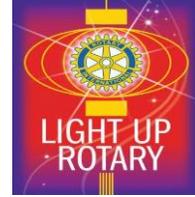
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## OLATHE ROTARY CLUB

District 5710 Club 1625



### Don't Miss Our 2015 Days of Wine and Rotary, Saturday Evening, May 16!

#### Speakers/Events

- 03/04/15 Steve Brown - Heart of America Patriot Fund
- 03/11/15 Howard Lubliner - KDOT
- 03/18/15 Joe Vaughn - Past Radio Personality in KC
- 03/25/15 Olathe Mayor Copeland
- 05/16/15 Olathe Rotary Annual Fundraiser, The Days of Wine and Rotary, Ritz Charles, Overland Park

#### Speaker Chair

Jason Armstrong  
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Yup...it's Rotary Social Hour  
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#### 2014-2015 Olathe Rotary Club Foundation Officers and Board

President: Terry Lynch  
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Treasurer: Ernie Hicks

Secretary: Sandy Wilson

Geoff Neufeld  
David Andrew  
Mark Myer  
Mark Romain

**Please Remember Our  
Foundation When You Plan or  
Rewrite Your Will or Trust**

#### 2015 Days of Wine and Rotary Sponsors Proudly Step Up to Support Rotary and Our Local and International Endeavor to "Help One Child At a Time"!

Per Sponsorship Co-Chairs, Bob Wilhelm and Larry Rinne, as of 3/1/2015, we have sponsorship commitments for:

**\$51,750!**

*Our goal is \$63,000.  
We are almost there and need everyone's help!*

Our Presenting Sponsor is:  
**Waddell and Reed (Hank  
Hermen)  
\$10,000**

Our Wine Sponsor is:  
**Garmin  
\$5000**

Our Food Sponsor is:  
**Olathe Ford/Lincoln  
\$5000**

Our Underwriting Sponsors are:  
**Geoff Neufeld  
\$5000**

**Jason Park/Allstate Insurance  
\$5000**

Additional \$5000-\$2000 Commitments:  
**Terry & Kerry Menegay  
\$5000**

**John Alex  
\$2500**

**Strickland Construction  
\$2000**

#### 2014-2015

#### Olathe Rotary Club Officers and Board

7/1/2014 to 6/30/2015

**Geoffrey Neufeld, President**  
[geoffneufeld@gmail.com](mailto:geoffneufeld@gmail.com)

**Andrea Plowman, Past President**

**Jason Armstrong, President Elect**

**Ernie Hicks, Treasurer, 10<sup>th</sup> yr**  
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**George Bentley, Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> yr**

#### Cindy Vonfeldt

2nd of 2 year term

#### Emily Baker

2nd of 2 year term

#### Todd Lynch

2nd of 2 year term

#### Larry Rinne

1st of 2 year term

#### Jason Heard

1st of 2 year term

#### Chris Osborn

1st of 2 year term

#### \$1000

Sponsorship Commitments:

**Central Bank of the Midwest**

**Chuck Nigro and Carol Green**

**Olathe Medical Center**

**Harlan Parker & Jason**

**S Parker**

**David Andrew**

**Neal and Carol Roach**

**Elizabeth Alex**

**United Aid Foundation (John  
Alex)**

**Lisa and Paul Tomasi**

Joe Keller, Event Chair for our 2015  
Days of Wine and Rotary  
[JKeller@brotherhoodbank.com](mailto:JKeller@brotherhoodbank.com)

## How Our Charitable Contributions Will Be Used From Our 2015 Days of Wine and Rotary Event

### Deb's House in Romania

I don't know if the members of the Olathe Rotary Club or the people who support Days of Wine and Rotary will ever fully understand how much they have done for the children of Deb's House, a Romanian orphanage. You have actually, literally saved these children from a life of fear and sadness, confusion and pain. Anxious days of uncertainty about what you will eat causes lots of anxiety for an 8-year old. Six years ago the kids were worried about where they would live. They didn't have the luxury of thinking about being loved or getting a good education. Rotarians have not only provided food, but books, transportation, shelter and a tutor as well. Today, the children at Deb's House know they have people who care about them, love them and encourage them to be their best. They thank Olathe Rotarians.

#### Here are a few notes about the kids:

**Mihai**, 15, is a quiet little gentleman. He has been drawing all of his life on his own. This year he applied and was accepted into an art school (outside of regular classes) that will give him intense training. When he completes the program he will have a certificate that can help him get employment or accepted into a university art program. **Denisia**: Denisia will turn 14 in March. She loves athletics. Denisia does not know anything about her parents. She has no one outside of the house and her American friends. Sports give Denisia an outlet for her frustration and sometimes her sadness. Deb's House is also able to provide a psychologist and a social worker to help her work through some of the pain she feels about being abandoned. **Cosmin and Constantine**: The boys were seven years old when Olathe Rotarians first held Days of Wine and Rotary. They will turn 13 just a few days before the event this year. They are smart and curious. They both express they both express they would like to have a mother. They have bonded to Mrs. Lucica, the grandmother who tutors them everyday.

We can never thank you enough for all you do. One day we hope the grown up kids will be able to show their gratitude by creating happy and healthy lives.  
Elizabeth Alex

### Guatemala Self-Sustaining Project for the Health of the Children

Medical and non-medical teams travel to Guatemala every year to impact health. They are actively working in the Sololá region with local groups, schools and officials to address several community-health concerns. Their primary focus is preventing water-related diseases. The Sololá region has one of the highest incidence rates of childhood diarrhea—due mainly to its proximity to a source of contaminated water, but also complicated by sanitation issues and hygiene practices. Their approach relies heavily on empowering residents to participate in improving the health of their own communities. They are teaching basic hygiene, encouraging vaccinations, pre/post neonatal care, demonstrating how to grow healthy food and to help each family become more aware of their children's health. Jorge Coromac

### Olathe Rotary Club Foundation

Since Olathe Rotary was chartered in 1937, Olathe Rotarians have given generously to community, regional, national, and international efforts. Thanks to the Days of Wine and Rotary, the club contributes between \$100,000 and \$118,000 annually to charitable giving. The Olathe Rotary Club Foundation received its Federal Income tax-exempt status pursuant to Internal Revenue Code 501(c)3 as of March 28,2008.

### KidsTLC

**KidsTLC**, located in Olathe, Kansas, is a nonprofit organization founded in 1971 by the Johnson County Young Matrons. KidsTLC was created to fulfill an unmet need for an emergency shelter for abused and neglected children. Over the years, KidsTLC's mission has expanded as it has stepped forward to further help children and youth in crisis. Today, KidsTLC continues to respond to the growing needs of children in the Kansas City Metro area by providing high quality services that fill community gaps and alleviate wait times for families to receive care. KidsTLC strives to accomplish its mission of transforming lives in our community, by providing a continuum of care with innovative and successful in-patient psychiatric treatment, resource family services, homeless youth outreach, behavioral health and autism treatment for kids and families. Visit [www.KidsTLC.org](http://www.KidsTLC.org) for more information about KidsTLC's transformative services.

### Olathe School District Foundation

**A.L.L. (AVID Lifetime Learner)** Right here in Olathe, we have students who have the potential to break the cycle of poverty by becoming the very first in their families to attend college. These middle of the road students become top of the class students, thanks to innovative programs thru the Olathe school district. These students could start their college transcript while still in high school, but some don't have the means to pay for the tuition. They take the more rigorous college prep courses as part of their high school schedule, but they aren't getting the college credit. **The ALL Fund** provides scholarships for these students, so they can start college while still receiving support and guidance from their high school counselors and teachers.

**Wimmer Student Care Fund** It's hard to focus on math facts when you worry about how your mom is going to get to chemo treatments in a car that won't run. Trouble at home weighs heavily on some students and makes learning difficult. The Wimmer Student Care Fund helps meet the need when families of our most vulnerable students face hardship. Established as a tribute to former Olathe District Schools superintendent Dr. Ron Wimmer, the fund allows the current superintendent flexibility to direct these non-taxpayer funds to families in need within 48 hours. In the past year, donors provided assistance with needs such as a bed, winter coats, shoes, car repairs, winter utility bills, deposits for a homeless family to begin life in a new home, before-and after-school care, and transportation. In all cases, it helped ease the burden on the student, while district social workers explored community-based resources to support the families.

### ***Silent Auction Items Needed***

*Olathe Rotarian Jasen Mangum, 2015 Days of Wine and Rotary Silent Auction Chair, is looking for a few more quality Silent Auction items. Jasen's email is [jmangrum@lawingfinancial.com](mailto:jmangrum@lawingfinancial.com)*