

# ROTARY Newsletter

Lawrence Jayhawk Breakfast Club

Eastern Kansas District 5710

January 26, 2023



## 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Dr MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

On January 16, 2023, the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, Community Breakfast was held at Maceli's Banquet Hall. The event was sponsored by the Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club and Lawrence Ecumenical Fellowship. **Jayhawk Rotarian Bernie Kish** has been responsible for coordinating the event each year.



Ada Garrett, Jayhawk Rotarian Beth Rands, and James Hilliard visit prior to the breakfast.



Retired U.S. Army Colonel Gary Steele was the keynote presenter. Steele, a native of Pennsylvania, was the first Black football player at West Point.

Steele urged the group not to treat the day, a Federal holiday, as a day off, but rather as a "day on."



Jayhawk Rotarian Bernie Kish served as moderator for the breakfast program.



Lawrence Rotary Club member Curtis Marsh sang "God Bless America" to begin the program.



The opening prayer was given by Rev. Verdell Taylor.



Vanessa Thomas sang "His Eye Is on the Sparrow," "The Rose," and "Lift Every Voice and Sing,"



Wendo Kimori, third from the left, received the \$1,500 Barbee, Dulin and Winn Minority Scholarship. She is a Free State High School senior who plans to attend Washburn University.

Others in photo are (left) Jayhawk Rotarian Bill DeWitt, principal, Lawrence College & Career Center; Thayu Kimori, Wendo's sister; Wendo; Hottensiah Kimori, Wendo's mother; Ephantus Kimori, Wendo's father; and Jayhawk Rotarian Christy Blanchard, who introduced Wendo.



Pastor Leo Barbee provided the closing prayer.

## NOVEMBER MEETINGS MADE UP

<u>Mtg Missed</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Make-up Venue</u>
Nov 3	None	
Nov 10	Annas Boyer	Trivia Night
	Brilla Scott	Bookhawks
	Lindsey Slater	Trivia Night
Nov 17	Jane Blocher	Trivia Night
	Naomi Danso	Trivia Night
	Charlie Herman	Trivia Night
	Pat Roach Smith	Trivia Night
	Jana Wallen	Trivia Night

### ATTENDANCE for NOVEMBER

Nov 3	67.53%
Nov 10	60.26%
Nov 17	76.25%
Nov 24	Thanksgiving Day

Average attendance for Nov 68.01%

### ATTENDANCE for DECEMBER

Dec 1	65.38%
Dec 8	77.92%
Dec 15	76.92%
Dec 22	Holiday
Dec 29	Holiday

Average attendance for Dec 73.41%

## FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

- Feb 2** "To be announced" (Lindsey Slater)  
**Feb 9** Jill Ice, "Navigating Health Care," (Lindsey Slater)  
**Feb 16** Jillian Rodrigue, "Severe Weather Preparedness," (Lindsey Slater)  
**Feb 23** Wen Chen, "Rotary Club of Community Action Against Human Trafficking," (Lindsey Slater)

## DECEMBER MEETINGS MADE UP

<u>Mtg Missed</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Make-up Venue</u>
Dec 1	Annas Boyer	Board Meeting
	Dick Stuntz	Bell Ringing
Dec 8	Rod Nitz	Bookhawks
	Nicole Van Velzen	Bookhawks
Dec 15	John Clinger	Board Meeting
	Marc Cottrell	Bell Ringing
	Doug Houston	Bookhawks
	Randy Krehbiel	Bookhawks
	Brilla Scott	Bell Ringing
	Keith Van Horn	Bell Ringing
	Jon Wohler	Bell Ringing



Photo by Charlie Herman

At the December 1 meeting, four Jayhawk Rotarians surprised each other by arriving in holiday plaids. Shown are Jane Blocher, Teresa Kempf, Marc Cottrell, and Christy Blanchard.

### JAYHAWK BREAKFAST ROTARY BOARD

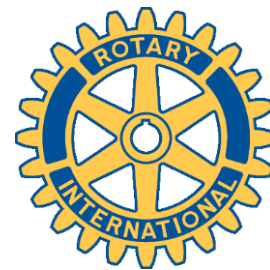
2022-23

President	John Robertson
President-Elect	Lindsey Slater
Secretary	Sandra Wiechert
Treasurer	Jamie Lowe
Sergeant-at-Arms	Danny Freeman
Past-President	Mary McKenzie
Board Member	Annas Boyer (1 yr remains)
Board Member	Michael Williams (2 yrs)
Board Member	Bernie Kish (3 yrs)
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Newsletter Editor	Brilla Highfill Scott
Web Manager	Bruce Roberts

[www.jayhawkrotary.org](http://www.jayhawkrotary.org)

Club meets each Thurs, 7:00 am, Maceli's, 1031 New Hampshire

District 5710 Governor Stephanie Meyer, Shawnee Rotary  
 Area 2 Asst Governor Jamie Lowe, Lawrence Jayhawk



**J**aunty  
**A**ssuring  
**Y**ammer threatens:

*I put my bathroom scale in  
 the corner and that's where the  
 little liar will stay until it apologizes.*

## HOLIDAY SWEATER DAY ON DECEMBER 15

(Photos by Charlie Herman)



Lindsey Slater and Daniel Smith



Pat McCandless, Christy  
Blanchard, and Teresa Kempf



Kathy Perkins, Pat Roach  
Smith, and Sandra Wiechert



Mary McKenzie, Jill Ice,  
and Nancy Vogel



Cinda Garrison and Dave Darwin  
(Playing the piano in the background  
is John Esau)



Dick Stuntz and Jason  
McCandless



Matt Eichman, Pat McCandless,  
and Brad Finkeldei

## KENT ELY JOINS JAYHAWK ROTARY

On December 15, 2022, **Kent Ely** joined Jayhawk Rotary. He is the controller/advisor for KEA Advisors, a company that advises commercial truck and trailer dealers.

Kent graduated from Buhler High School and earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Kansas State University and a bachelor of arts degree in middle/secondary education from the University of Kansas.

He and his wife, Liz, have two grown children: Daughter, Allison Edmonds, and Son, Adam Edmonds, and his wife, Brighton Edmonds..

Kent and Liz attend the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood. He is a member of Red Dog Days and previously was a member of the organizing committee for the Community Christmas Dinner.

Directory information:

*(Information removed for privacy reasons.)*



## JAYHAWK ROTARIANS MOURN PASSING OF DOUG LAWRENCE

**Douglas Howard Lawrence**, 80, died on December 1, 2022. He was born on September 26, 1942, in El Segundo, California. Doug earned both his bachelor and master's degrees in music from the University of Southern California.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Lawrence; son, Steven (Tina) Lawrence; and daughter, Annelise Lawrence. His daughter, Julia Lawrence Silvestri (Tony) preceded him in death.

Doug, a bass baritone soloist, sang with major symphony orchestras and leading opera companies throughout the world. He taught at the university level and was a Presbyterian minister of worship for over 35 years.

Doug and Margie moved to Lawrence in July 2008 to assist their son-in-law in caring for their two young grandchildren, following the death of their mother, Julia.


Doug joined Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club in March 2009. **John Esau** was his Rotary sponsor. Through the years, Doug coached the Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year candidates with their speeches.

Doug's quality voice, quick wit, and inspirational invocations will be missed.



## PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITION

The Paul Harris awards, presented by Jayhawk Rotary Foundation Chair **Pat McCandless** (far right in each photo), were based on contributions made to the Rotary Foundation.



**THE FOUR-WAY TEST**  
of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



*Photo by Teresa Kempf*

**December 8:** Marc Cottrell, Paul Harris pin+3; Cinda Garrison, PH pin+2; Brilla Scott, PH pin+4; and Mike Chapman, PH pin+1.

## JAYHAWK ROTARY BYTES

Resignations from **Max Strathman** and **Lindsay Simms** were accepted, in good standing, at the November 10 Jayhawk Rotary Board meeting.

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Jayhawk Rotarian **Danny Freeman** was the recipient of the Mary Jones Good Neighbor Award at the 2022 Lawrence Board of REALTORS Awards Celebration. Danny received the award for his volunteerism in the community.

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**Brad Finkeldei** is a member of the Rice Foundation Board of Directors. The Foundation provides grants to tax-exempt organizations for children to participate in academic and art performance programs.



*Photo by Brilla Scott*

**January 12:** Jon Wohler, Paul Harris pin and certificate, and Brad Finkeldei, PH pin+3.

## SALVATION ARMY BELL-RINGING VOLUNTEERS ON DECEMBER 3



*Photo by Dave Darwin*  
**Dick Stuntz**



*Photo by Avery Van Horn*  
**Avery and Keith Van Horn, coordinator of  
Salvation Army bell-ringing volunteers**



*Photo by Dave Darwin*  
**Michael Williams**



*Photo by Brilla Scott*  
**Jon Wohler and Brenna**



*Photo by Michael Williams*  
**Dave Darwin and Cinda  
Garrison**



*Photo by Brilla Scott*  
**Bob Rhoton**



*Photo by Brilla Scott*  
**Jamie Lowe**