

ROTARY Newsletter

Lawrence Jayhawk Breakfast Club

Eastern Kansas District 5710

August 26, 2021



SUNRISE AT LAWRENCE ROTARY ARBORETUM



Jayhawk Rotarians met in the Arboretum Pavilion. Jason McCandless planned the morning activities, including breakfast from the food truck.



At sunrise over the Rotary Arboretum on July 29, Jayhawk Rotarian Scott Willette ordered his breakfast from the Uplift Coffee Truck. The food truck menu included breakfast tacos, protein balls, pastries, and various coffees.



Teresa Kempf and Jamie Lowe chatted before the meeting.



Brad Finkeldei spoke to the club members about the history of the Rotary Arboretum.

The Arboretum, established by the Lawrence Rotary Clubs and the Lawrence Parks & Recreation, started in 2005 in honor of the Rotary International Centennial.

Lucas Houk, who gave a tribute to Les Hannon and the invocation, stands behind Brad.



Jayhawk Rotary Secretary Sandra Wiechert (left) took attendance as members arrived. Also shown are Nick Marshall and his guest, Bill DeWitt; Cathy Perkins; and Matt Eichman.



Jayhawk Rotary Website Manager Bruce Roberts and President Mary McKenzie enjoyed their morning coffee.



Chuck Blaser (left) began his taco breakfast while John Clinger opened his breakfast treat.

ATTENDANCE for JULY

July 1	74.32%
July 8	67.57%
July 15	68.00%
July 22	78.67%
July 29	60.00%

Average attendance for July 69.71%

JULY MEETINGS MADE UP

<u>Mtg Missed</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Make-up Venue</u>
July 1	Michael Williams	Board Meeting
July 8	John Clinger	Service Committee
	Matt Eichman	Service Committee
	Brenda Kappelman	Service Committee
	Teresa Kempf	Trivia Committee
	Randy Krehbiel	Wetlands Project
	Stan Rasmussen	Trivia Committee
July 15	Jamie Lowe	Board Meeting
	Rod Nitz	Board Meeting
	Doug Paul	Wetlands Project
July 22	Mary McKenzie	Trivia Committee
July 29	Christy Blanchard	Trivia Committee
	Pat Brown	Trivia Committee
	Danny Freeman	Trivia Committee
	Devon Kim	Trivia Committee

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

- Sept 2** "Boys & Girls Club" (**John Robertson**)
- Sept 9** Rex Buchanan, "Petroglyphs in Kansas Smoky Hills" (**John Robertson**)
- Sept 16** David Mannering, "Are You Ready for Thinking Machines?" (**John Robertson**)
- Sept 23** Britt Crum Cano, "Lawrence Economic Development" (**John Robertson**)
- Sept 30** District Governor Vern Henricks, "District 5710 Update" (**Mary McKenzie**)

ROTARIANS SADDENED BY PASSING OF LES HANNON

Former Jayhawk Rotarian **Norman Leslie "Les" Hannon** died on July 25, 2021, in Bella Vista, Arkansas. Les, 97, enjoyed telling people that he was born in Northern Ireland, 15 minutes before midnight on December 31, 1923.

Les was a Jayhawk Rotary member from 2000-2016 and actively recruited new members. He was proud of his service in the Royal Air Force during World War II.

Les worked as an engineer and consultant. He and his wife, Pat, lived in South Africa, Nigeria, Australia, England, and Ireland before moving to the United States in 1963.

The Hannonns were dedicated supporters of First Step Rehabilitation in Lawrence, and Les volunteered and served as president of the Lawrence Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include his children: Philip Hannon, Shawnee, and Sarah Hannon, Bella Vista, Arkansas; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. His wife, Pat, and son, Michael, preceded him in death.

A memorial service, honoring Les, will be held at the Rotary Arboretum Pavilion on Sunday, September 5, at 1:00 p.m.



Facebook photo
Les Hannon and his daughter, Sarah

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Jayhawk Rotarian **Lindsay Simms** and Dylan Bertels are engaged. They are planning to marry in November 2021.

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Don't forget to volunteer for Habit for Humanity on Saturday, September 11, in Eudora. Contact **Chuck Blaser** or **Doug Paul** for additional information.

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Thursday, December 16, will be the last Jayhawk Rotary meeting in the 2021 year.

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**JAYHAWK BREAKFAST ROTARY BOARD
 2021-22**

President	Mary McKenzie
President-elect	John Robertson
Secretary	Sandra Wiechert
Treasurer	Jamie Lowe
Sergeant-at-Arms	Danny Freeman
Past-president	Stan Rasmussen
Board Member	Rod Nitz (1 yr remains)
Board Member	Lindsey Slater (2 yrs)
Board Member	Michael Williams (3 yrs)
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Newsletter Editor	Brilla Highfill Scott
Web Manager	Bruce Roberts

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

District 5710 Governor Vern Henricks, Manhattan Konza
 Area 2 Asst Governor Jamie Lowe, Lawrence Jayhawk

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"We are drowning in information while starving for wisdom."

JAYHAWK ROTARY WELCOMES TOM FELLERS

On August 5, 2021, **Tom Fellers** was inducted into the Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club. He graduated from Ashland High School; then, attended Fort Hays State University for three years before being accepted into the Kansas University School of Pharmacy.



Tom is the regional director in Population Health Account Management for Novartis Pharmaceuticals, based in Switzerland. He has worked for Novartis for the past 21 years, leading several functions in the U.S. Clinical Development and Medical Affairs Group.

His wife, Ellea, previously worked for Hallmark Cards and currently is focused on their family's activities. They have two grown sons: John, who works for Cerner Corporation in Kansas City, and Hunter, who is employed by CHC Consulting, headquartered in San Diego, California.

Directory information:

(Information removed for privacy reasons)

IKEA FURNITURE ASSEMBLY DAY



Photo by Doug Paul

Bob Rhoton assembled IKEA furniture for Family Promise on August 20.



Photo by Doug Paul

Brandon Young (left) and Scott Willette assembled a desk.



Photo by Bob Rhoton

Doug Paul concentrated on assembling furniture at the Family Promise house.



Photo by Bob Rhoton

Chuck Blaser worked on a desk drawer at 905 Tennessee.



Photo by Bob Rhoton

Assembling legs on a desk in the Family Promise office were **Scott Willette (left) and Wayne Whitney**.



Photo by Brilla Scott



Photo by Sandra Wiechert

(Left photo) President **Mary McKenzie** honored Jayhawk Rotary Founders on August 12 with "Above & Beyond" pins. Shown are **Wayne Whitney (left) and Bob Rhoton**. Secretary **Sandra Wiechert (right)** delivered pins to other founders, living in Lawrence: **Mark Andersen, Ernie Angino, and Web Golden**.

In the photo on the right, **Ernie Angino** is shown with his pin. In addition to being a Jayhawk Rotary founder, **Ernie** was the first Jayhawk Rotary president and later served as a District 5710 assistant governor.

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Jamie Lowe has moved his downtown office to Bob Billings Parkway and Kasold Drive.

Directory information:

Jamie Lowe, Owner
Prairie Land Insurance
3300 Bob Billings Parkway
Lawrence KS 66049

Business: 785-856-3020
Cell: 785-840-7872

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Mark your calendar for Trivia Night on Friday, November 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. This is an event you will not want to miss!

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Congratulations to **Meg and Brennan Clark** on the birth of their second daughter, **Caelyn James Clark**, who was born on August 5, 2021. **Caelyn** has a proud older sister, **Adelyn**, who is 19 months old.

JAYHAWK ROTARY CHAIRS APPOINTED



President Mary McKenzie (center) conducted a Jayhawk Rotary Board meeting on August 12, 2021. Clockwise to the right: Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Freeman, Secretary Sandra Wiechert (hidden), Past President Stan Rasmussen, Board Member Michael Williams, Board Member Lindsey Slater, Treasurer Jamie Lowe, President-Elect John Robertson, and Board Member Rod Nitz.

President **Mary McKenzie** appointed the following members as committee chairs for the 2021-2022 Rotary Year.

The *Community Service Committee* co-chairs are **Chuck Blaser** and **Doug Paul**.

This committee promotes awareness and club involvement for community service projects, including bell-ringing for the Salvation Army (**Keith Van Horn**), support for USD 497's Pre-K and Reading Program (**Nicole Van Velzen**), Family Promise (**Brad Finkeldei**), Habitat for Humanity (**Doug Paul** and **Chuck Blaser**), and Rise Against Hunger (**Pat Roach Smith**). **Stan Rasmussen** serves as coordinator for Rotary Grant proposals.

The *Events Planning Committee* plans, organizes, and implements the club's annual activities. Two Jayhawk Rotarians provide leadership on this committee: **Teresa Kempf** and her committee are responsible for Trivia Night, scheduled for Friday, November 5, 2021. **Bernie Kish** will coordinate the Martin Luther King Day Community Breakfast, which will be held on Monday, January 17, 2022.

Heading the *Foundation Committee* is **Pat McCandless**. Pat's committee schedules individuals for the "Rotary Minute" at the club's weekly meetings, facilitates Rotary International fundraising and provides Foundation speakers.

The chair of *International Service* is **Cathy Perkins**. This committee promotes awareness and club involvement in international service projects and the Group Study Exchange Program. Continuing the coordination of our club's support of *Rotary Exchange Students* is **Brad Finkeldei**. **Mark Andersen** leads the Polio Plus Campaign.

Jason McCandless leads the *Membership Committee*. His committee supports the invitation of new club members, providing orientation, mentoring, and training to help them to become involved in the five Rotary Avenues of Service.

Charlie Herman serves as chair of the *Public Relations*

Committee. This committee is responsible for promoting awareness of the club's activities and service projects through regular communications with club members, local media, and district officers. **Brilla Scott**

serves as the newsletter editor, and **Nancy Vogel** proofreads committee materials.

The *Sunshine Committee*, which is part of the public relations committee, is led by **Maggie Mahoney**. She is responsible for sending get-well cards and sympathy thoughts. Maggie also keeps the banners, received from other Rotary Clubs, up-to-date. The *Jayhawk Rotary Facebook*, *Twitter*, and *Instagram* posts are under the direction of **Charlie Herman**.

Serving as *Vocational Service* chair is **Christy Blanchard**. This committee promotes high standards and ethics for all vocations. Committee members arrange for vocational speakers, and the committee awards scholarships and teacher awards annually. **Craig Penzler** coordinates the Jayhawk Rotary Teacher of the Year selection process.

Bruce Roberts continues to serve as web manager for the *Jayhawk Rotary Website*. **Dave Darwin** is Jayhawk Rotary's liaison for the *Lawrence Rotary Arboretum Tree Dedications*. Chairing the *Technology Committee* is **Danny Freeman**.

At the beginning of each meeting, an invocation is given, providing inspiration for the week to follow. **Lucas Houk** provides the invocation on the first Thursday of each month; **Doug Lawrence**, second Thursday; **Brad Finkeldei**, third Thursday; and **Nancy Vogel**, fourth Thursday. When there is a fifth Thursday in a month, the invocation will be led by another club member.

The *Nominations Committee* is chaired by **Stan Rasmussen**, immediate past president. This committee is responsible for recommending officers and board members for the 2022-2023 year.