

ROTARY Newsletter

Lawrence Jayhawk Breakfast Club

Eastern Kansas District 5710

August 27, 2020



PRESIDENT STAN RASMUSSEN DELIVERS INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Stan Rasmussen became the Lawrence Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club president on July 1, 2020. Stan presented his plans for the coming year on August 6.

Stan announced that he plans monthly to invite a Rotary Club member from another country to participate in the Zoom-side of our meetings.

Stan has combined the Rotary International presidents' mottos of "Rotary Connects the World" (2019-20) and "Rotary Opens Opportunities" (2020-21) as a basis for this international participation.

Vida Haven, president-elect/secretary of the Westminster International Rotary Club in London, England, was the first international guest via Zoom on August 13. Vida is a psychologist and executive coach.

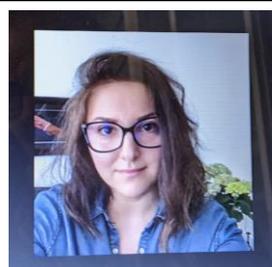
Vida and Jayhawk Rotarian **Maggie Mahoney** enjoyed visiting as Zoom members. Maggie is a Brit who holds dual citizenship in the United States and Great Britain. Maggie came to the U.S. as a World War II war bride.

President Rasmussen also appointed the following members as committee chairs for the 2020-2021 Rotary Year.

Community Service is led by **Bob Rhoton**. 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**), Transition Day for the Family Promise Rotary House (**Brad Finkeldei**), Building Day for Habitat for Humanity (**Bob Rhoton**), Pancake Feed for Big Brothers Big Sisters (**Danny Freeman**), and Meal-Packing for Rise Against Hunger (**Pat Roach Smith**). **Stan Rasmussen** serves as coordinator for Rotary Grant proposals.



President Stan Rasmussen delivered his inaugural address on August 6.



Vida Haven, president-elect/secretary of the Westminster International Rotary Club, London, England, is shown participating in the Jayhawk Rotary meeting via Zoom on August 13.

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 6, 2020. **Bernie Kish** will coordinate the Martin Luther King Day Community Breakfast, which will be held on Monday, January 18, 2021.

Heading the *Foundation Committee* is **Kent Beisner**. Kent'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 **Kathy 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
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JULY MEETINGS MADE UP

<u>Mtg Missed</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Make-up Venue</u>
July 2	No Rotary Meeting	
July 9	Jamie Lowe	Board Meeting
	Stan Rasmussen	Board Meeting
July 16	No make-ups	
July 23	No make-ups	
July 30	Jesse Brinson	Board Meeting
	Brad Finkeldei	Trivia Committee
	Teresa Kempf	Trivia Committee
	Devon Kim	Trivia Committee

ATTENDANCE for JULY

July 2	No Rotary Meeting Scheduled		
July 9	Maceli's = 18	Zoom = 23	52.50%
July 16	Maceli's = 25	Zoom = 24	58.75%
July 23	Maceli's = 22	Zoom = 27	58.75%
July 30	Maceli's = 17	Zoom = 28	55.00%

Average attendance for July 58.64%

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

- Sept 3** Shannon Wells, "Lawrence Humane Society" (**Nicole Van Velzen**)
- Sept 10** Pam Zicker, "You Thrive" (**Jesse Brinson**)
- Sept 17** Daniel Smith, "Building a Better Community" (**Jesse Brinson**)
- Sept 24** Scott Sloyer, "Volunteering in New York during Pandemic" (**John Esau**)

DIRECTORY UPDATE

(Information removed for privacy reasons.)

JAYHAWK BREAKFAST ROTARY BOARD 2020-2021

President	Stan Rasmussen
President-elect	Mary McKenzie
Secretary	Sandra Wiechert
Treasurer	Jamie Lowe
Sergeant-at-Arms	Danny Freeman
Past-president	Pat Roach Smith
Board Member	Doug Houston (1 yr remains)
Board Member	Rod Nitz (2 yrs)
Board Member	Lindsey Slater (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 Faron Barr, Topeka South
 Area 2 Asst Governor David Beck, Downtown Topeka

NEWS FROM YOUR CLUB

PRESIDENT

Rotary Opens Opportunities: As our club works together to successfully hold our hybrid meetings both in person and on Zoom, I encourage us all to think of this as an opportunity for creativity. Although the COVID-19 virus has disrupted our traditional operations, it has also presented us with new opportunities.

For example, never before have we been able to attend our own meeting while traveling, but now we have examples of club members participating while in Colorado, Wyoming, and elsewhere. Let's use this creative opportunity to try some new things with our club meetings. I welcome your ideas and suggestions of how we can strengthen the bond between our club members at Maceli's and those on Zoom, while maintaining an efficient meeting within our established time frame.

Rotary Connects the World: In addition to providing us new opportunities for meeting creativity, I have made it a goal of mine to invite an international club to join, via Zoom, one of our meetings each month. This past month we were joined by the Westminster International Rotary Club of London, England. The Westminster International Rotary Club was chartered in March 1948. They currently have 27 members, both ladies and gentlemen, representing many different professions and nationalities with an average age of 45. The club has a distinct international feel with members from Albania, Egypt, Germany, Ghana, Great Britain, Greece, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Mauritius, Netherlands, Sweden, Turkey, and Uganda. They believe the international makeup of their club is essential to their success and reflects the diversity in London and their community.

Opportunity Awaits: As we move ahead in the coming year, I challenge us to think of new ways to contribute to our meetings, our club, and our community. No longer do we need to limit our speakers to people from our local region. Who will be the first person in our club to successfully invite a government official from DC to be a guest speaker at one of our meetings? Who will be the first person to get a former member who moved to another state to rejoin our club via Zoom? Who will bring their creative ideas to our club to benefit our community?

As I said in my speech earlier this month, I believe that our club is so successful because of our strengths and

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Yammer suggests:

A lot of people cry when they cut an onion. The trick is not to form an emotional bond.

COMMITTEES *(continued from page 1)*

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 **Pat McCandless**.

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*.

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; **Kent Beisner**, 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 **Pat Roach Smith**, immediate past president. This committee is responsible for recommending officers and board members for the 2021-2022.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT *(cont from pg 2)*

attributes. Like the Westminster Club which believes that club success stems from their international diversity, I believe that our club success stems from the following:

- We are **friendly and welcoming** to guests, new members, and those with whom we interact.
- We are **diverse** in our backgrounds, cultures, religion, education, and profession.

- We are **respectful** to each other and considerate of each member's opinion.

- We are **dedicated** to

Rotary, our club, our family, our friends, and our community.

- Our members, both past and present, provide **good leadership** of our club, our committees, and our projects.
- We are **caring and passionate** as we seek to fulfill the goals of Rotary International, the goals of our Club, and as we strive to employ the 4-Way Test in all that we think, say, or do.
- We have **powerful and interesting programs** that include both our guest speakers and the projects we undertake as a club both locally and internationally.

Let's work together to make this a great year and use these new opportunities to strengthen our friendship, our club, and our community. **Let's make this a year to remember!**

~ Jayhawk Rotary President Stan Rasmussen



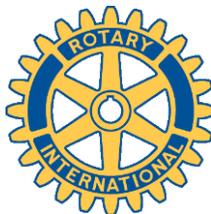
JAYHAWK ROTARY BYTES

Scott Willette has resigned from the Jayhawk Rotary Board, but will continue his club membership. The Board appointed **Rod Nitz** to complete Scott's remaining two-year term.

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On August 17, the opening night of the Democratic Convention, the National Anthem was sung in Zoom format by a group of students representing each of the U.S. states.

Representing the State of Kansas was Morgan Goeser, daughter of Julee and **Jayhawk Rotarian Kurt Goeser**. Morgan is a graduate of Lawrence Free State High School and currently a freshman at the University of Kansas.



TRIBUTES

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family of George Frederickson who died on July 24. George, 86, was the Jayhawk Rotary speaker on May 21, via Zoom, when he reviewed his book, "Hot Tickets: Crimes, Championships and Big Time Sports at the University of Kansas."

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Sympathy and remembrances are extended to the family of **Dale Willey**, who passed on August 14. Dale, 79, became a Jayhawk Rotarian in December 1994. Due to personal reasons, he resigned and joined the Lawrence Rotary Club in September 2011. Dale was the long-time owner of Dale Willey Automotive in Lawrence.