

ROTARY Newsletter

Lawrence Jayhawk Breakfast Club

Eastern Kansas District 5710

August 29, 2019



JAYHAWK BREAKFAST ROTARY COMMITTEE LEADERS APPOINTED

President Pat Roach Smith appointed the following members as committee chairs for the 2019-2020 year:

Community Service is lead 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 (**Doug Paul**), 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 writer for the 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 evening, November 8, 2019, and **Bernie Kish** will coordinate the Martin Luther King Day Community Breakfast, which is scheduled for Monday, January 20, 2020.

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**.

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 lead 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 Face-book, Twitter, and Instagram* posts are under the direction of **Charlie Herman**.

Serving as the *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. The fifth Thursday of each month will be a morning social event.

The *Nominations Committee* is chaired by **Keith Van Horn**, immediate past president. This committee is responsible for recommending officers and board members for the 2020-2021 Rotary year.



The Jayhawk Rotary Board met on August 8, 2019, following the club's regular meeting.

Pictured lower left, clockwise: club member Mark Andersen, past president Keith Van Horn, member Bruce Roberts, member John Klinger, board member Scott Willette, board member Mary McKenzie, president Pat Roach Smith, sergeant-at-arms Danny Freeman, treasurer Jamie Lowe, board member Doug Houston, secretary Sandra Wiechert, and member Bob Rhoton.

Standing at back are members Wayne Whitney and Susan Mosier. Remember: Attending a board meeting is one of the ways to make up a missed meeting.

JULY MEETINGS MADE UP

<u>Mtg Missed</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Make-up Venue</u>
July 4	No meeting	
July 11	Brad Finkeldei Charlie Herman Mary McKenzie	Trivia Committee Trivia Committee Board Meeting
July 18	Susan Mosier Brilla Scott	Garden City Rotary Club Newsletter Prep
July 25	Jamie Lowe Bob Rhoton	Board Meeting Board Meeting

ATTENDANCE for JULY

July 4	No meeting
July 11	68.00%
July 18	62.67%
July 25	66.67%

Average attendance for July 65.78%

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

- Sept 5** “Club Assembly” (**Pat Roach Smith**)
Sept 12 Daniel Wildcat, “Haskell Indian Nations University Update” (**Stan Rasmussen**)
Sept 19 Barb Nitz, “Advancement via Individual Development (AVID) in Lawrence Schools” (**Rod Nitz**)
Sept 26 Shannon Kimball, “Update on Lawrence USD 497” (**Pat McCandless**)

JAYHAWK BREAKFAST ROTARY BOARD 2019-20

President	Pat Roach Smith
President-elect	Stan Rasmussen
Secretary	Sandra Wiechert
Treasurer	Jamie Lowe
Sergeant-at-Arms	Danny Freeman
Past-president	Keith VanHorn
Board Member	Mary McKenzie (1 yr remains)
Board Member	Doug Houston (2 yrs)
Board Member	Scott Willett (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	Jason Leib, Lenexa
Area 2 Asst Governor	Gordon Lansford, Topeka

ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS



Upper Photo: Brad Finkeldei, counselor for the Lawrence Rotary Clubs’ exchange students, introduced Logan Camarda at the July 25 meeting. Logan completed her sophomore year at Lawrence Free State High School last spring and left on July 26 to spend the school year as a Rotary exchange student in Talca, Chile.

Lower Photo: On August 8, Josefine Ostergaard introduced herself to the Jayhawk Rotary Club as Brad Finkeldei prepared to exchange banners with her. Josefine is a Rotary exchange student from Copenhagen, Denmark, and will spend the year as a student at Lawrence High School.

During first semester, Josefine will be staying with Shannon and Cam Oury. Shannon is the executive director of the Lawrence Housing Authority, and Cam is the chief financial officer for the Golf Course Superintendents.

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says this year went like this:

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AUGUST...

BROOK WHITE and JIM WALDEN JOIN JAYHAWK BREAKFAST ROTARY CLUB

On August 1, 2019, **Brook Donovan White** became a member of the Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club. Brook is a yoga instructor and an assistant sales manager for Colonial Life Insurance Company. Formerly she was employed in the human resources department for Lawrence USD 497.

Brook graduated from Olathe South High School and received a bachelor's degree of fine arts in communications and theatre from Emporia State University. At ESU she was a member of Tri-Sigma Sorority.



Her husband, Clint, is director of outreach and education for the Topeka Community Cycle Project. They have three children: Oliver, 8th grade; Everett, 4th grade; and Luna, Pre-K.

Brook is a parent rider for Oliver's USA-BMX bicycling events. USA-BMX organizes bicycle racing for boys, girls, and adults nationwide.

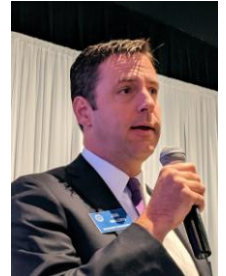
She is a member of the Engaging Leaders Chapter of the American Business Women's Association where she serves on the Positive Bright Start Scholarship Committee. Brook formerly was a Cub Scout den leader and Troop 60 committee member.

Directory information:

(Information removed for privacy reasons.)

James M. Walden transferred from the Downtown Topeka Rotary Club and attended his first Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club meeting as a member on August 8, 2019.

Jim was born and raised in Peoria, Illinois, and graduated from Dunlap High School. He earned his B.S. degree from Indiana University, Bloomington, and an M.B.A. from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.



Jim is chief investment officer for Clayton Wealth Partners. He is a board member for Just Food, a member of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, and coach for youth soccer.

Jim and his wife, Becky, have three children: Chelsea, 9 years old, and Avett and Eleanor, 4 years old. Becky works from an office in their home and is the executive vice president for Publicis Media headquartered in Chicago.

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The 2020 Rotary International Convention will be in Honolulu, Hawaii!!!
June 6-10, 2020 at the Hawaii Convention Center

FUTURE ROTARIANS

Amanda and **Ben Miller** are the happy parents of Ava May Miller, who was born on July 23, 2019. Five-year-old Annie is Ava's proud big sister.



Nicholas Martin McCandless arrived on July 24, 2019. He is the son of **Jason McCandless** and his wife, Tiffany. Nick's proud grandparents are Debra and **Pat McCandless**.

Welcoming Nick was his big brother, Joey, who will be three on August 31.



SAVE THESE DATES

The **Rotary Arboretum Pavilion** will be dedicated on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. Plan to attend from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

The Pavilion was contributed by the three Lawrence Rotary Clubs, the Lawrence Home Builders Association, and the City Parks and Recreation Department.

The Rotary Arboretum is at 4911 West 27th Street at the Hwy 10/Trafficway--the Pavilion is located to the west of the stone entrance sign.

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Bookhawks, a social issues book club, will meet on Friday, September 20, at 7:00 a.m. at Big Biscuit, 6th and Wakarusa.

The group will discuss the book, "*The Hate U Give*" by Angie Thomas. **Randy Krehbiel** will lead the discussion. Jayhawk Rotarians are invited to attend along with spouses and/or guests. You do not have to be a Rotarian to join.

Bookhawks meet the third Friday of each month. Check with **John Clinger** for more information.

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The **Tenth Annual Trivia Night** is scheduled for Friday, November 8, 2019. **Teresa Kempf** is the chair of this exciting event.

Plan to come to St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 5700 West 6th, at 6:30 p.m. The first question will be announced at seven o'clock. Organize your 10-member team (\$25 per person) and bring your drinks plus one food item to share at the potluck.

TRIBUTE TO TOM WILCOX

Tom Wilcox was an active Jayhawk Rotarian until declining health forced him to resign. The following tribute was written by **Jayhawk Rotarian Sandra Wiechert**:

Dear Jayhawk Rotarians,

This morning's Journal World [8/12/19] announces the death on August 9 of Tom Wilcox, a former dedicated Jayhawk Rotarian and a highly-thought-of businessman in Lawrence. He was 64.

His Jayhawk membership records were not included in the switch to ClubRunner around 2008, but we think he joined in the late 1990's and was forced to resign due to health reasons shortly before 2008. (Accurate records are kept elsewhere, but if anyone remembers more precise dates now, I welcome them.) Tom's special Rotary project was collecting Teddy bears and other stuffed animals for the police and medical personnel to give to frightened children following accidents and trauma. For this and other projects he was given "The Quiet Rotarian Award" shortly before his resignation.



Tom was the pharmacist at Round Corner Drug, 801 Massachusetts, the first drug store west of the Mississippi and the oldest one in continual use. His proudest day was when he was able to purchase the building, and thus the store. I know that because our daughter Megan worked for Tom all through high school and during her college Christmas breaks. She loved being there and considered Tom her best boss ever. When she died of eye cancer at age 40 in 2011, Tom grieved with us.

Tom's health woes apparently started with an infection, possibly caused by water-borne germs when traveling in South America. Months later this seemed to morph into a Parkinson-type illness. As mornings were his worst times, he felt he had to resign.

A celebration of Tom's life was held on August 17, 2019.

Note from newsletter editor, Brilla Scott:

Larrie and I will be out-of-the-country most of September so there will not be a Jayhawk Rotary Newsletter on September 26.

Plan to check the Jayhawk Rotary website, jayhawkrotary.org, for a preview of the October programs. I will catch up on Rotary news when the October 31 newsletter is published.