

ROTARY Newsletter

Lawrence Jayhawk Breakfast Club

Eastern Kansas District 5710

June 24, 2021



JAYHAWK ROTARIANS TRAVEL TO KANSAS CITY FOR ROYALS GAME



Photo by Teresa Kempf

An exuberant group of Jayhawk Rotarians and their guests left on a hot, muggy Wednesday morning, June 16, for a Royals baseball game in Kansas City, Missouri. They boarded the Lawrence Trolley at the former Tanger Mall.



Photo by Teresa Kempf

The Jayhawk Rotary crowd enjoyed being in the shade at the stadium. Unfortunately, the Detroit Tigers won the game against the Kansas City Royals 6-5.



Photo by Brilla Scott

President Stan Rasmussen conducted his last Jayhawk Rotary Board meeting on June 10, 2021. Appreciation is extended to Stan for his creativity, flexibility, and leadership skills during this pandemic year. Also facing the camera is Secretary Sandra Wiechert. Club Treasurer Jamie Lowe is shown at the far right.

ATTENDANCE for MAY

May 6	69.94%
May 13	68.42%
May 20	74.67%
May 27	70.67%

Average attendance for April 69.67%

MAY MEETINGS MADE UP

<u>Mtg Missed</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Make-up Venue</u>
May 6	Lindsey Slater	Board Meeting
May 13	No Make-Ups	
May 20	No Make-Ups	
May 27	Mary McKenzie	Board Meeting
	Pat Roach Smith	Board Meeting



JULY PROGRAMS

- July 1** **Bernie Kish**, "Patriotic Celebration featuring Vanessa Thomas"
- July 8** **Mary McKenzie**, "2021-22 Rotary Year Introduction"
- July 15** **Nancy Vogel & Friends**, "Kansas Gems"
- July 22** **Brilla Scott & Doug Lawrence**, "Day Trips from Lawrence"
- July 29** "Fifth Thursday Social" (**Jason McCandless**)

**JAYHAWK BREAKFAST ROTARY BOARD
 2020-21**

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**

Mission Accomplished

When I began my term as Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club President, my biggest concern was keeping our club together in the face of COVID shut downs, restrictions, and general uncertainty. I genuinely was worried about losing membership, so I made it my primary mission not to lose a lot of members.

Now that I am in the last days of my term as President, I feel relieved, happy, and satisfied. We made it! Though we have had a few members leave during the past year, we also have gained new members. Our club membership is stable, and appears to be on the verge of growing.

During this past year, I particularly was pleased how participation in our hybrid meetings on Zoom and at Maceli's has allowed us to stay connected as a Rotary family. Our resilience was demonstrated week by week as our meeting participation rate never took a serious drop but held steady. I have been impressed with how flexible everyone has been in carrying on our meetings with little interruption. The outstanding character of our club members has carried us through this challenging year.

With this last President's Message from me, I feel comfortable in saying "Mission Accomplished!" Thank you all for making it a great year for me and for our club. I am proud to be a Jayhawk Breakfast Club Rotarian!

~ President Stan Rasmussen

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

- July** – Transition Month
- August** – Membership & Extension
- September** – Basic Education & Literacy
- October** – Economic & Community Development
- November** – Rotary Foundation
- December** – Disease Prevention & Treatment
- January** – Vocational Service
- February** – Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- March** – Water & Sanitation
- April** – Maternal & Child Health
- May** -- Youth Service
- June** – Rotary Fellowships

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Assuring
Yammer quotes Anne Lamott:

"Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you."

PAUL HARRIS HONOREES



Photo by Brilla Scott

Three Jayhawk Rotarians received Paul Harris recognition on May 27. Randy Krehbiel, shown on the Zoom screen, earned his Paul Harris pin. Nancy Vogel and Wayne Whitney received their PH pins+1.

Pat McCandless (center), chair of the Jayhawk Rotary Foundation Committee, presented the awards which represent contributions to the Rotary Foundation.



Photo by Brilla Scott

Keith Van Horn (left) received his Paul Harris+1 pin on June 10. Jayhawk Rotary Foundation Chair Pat McCandless made the presentation.

What is the mission of the Rotary Foundation?
“The mission of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.”



Photo by Steve Maceli

Happy Jayhawk Rotarians gathered on June 10, 2021 -- masks optional, round tables, serve-yourself-coffee, and open buffet line!

This was the first “open meeting” since March 12, 2020, and the ensuing COVID epidemic. Much credit should be given to our club presidents, Pat Roach Smith and Stan Rasmussen, who served during this time. The staff of Maceli’s provided health and safety precautions for our in-person meetings.

The five Jayhawk Rotarians in the foreground, clockwise at left, are Chuck Blaser, Doug Paul, Keith Van Horn, Brandon Young, and Nancy Vogel.

JAYHAWK ROTARY BYTES

The summer edition of the *Lawrence Magazine* features an article, “Pandemic Pets.” A photo shows **Jayhawk Rotarian Nicole Van Velzen** and her foster dog, Salvador.

The photo caption credits Nicole with caring for two foster kittens and 21 foster dogs (no more than three or four dogs at a time) during the pandemic.

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Congratulations to Maceli’s Banquet Hall and Catering! Voting for the 2021 *Best of Lawrence* resulted in seven areas of achievement for Steve Maceli and his staff.

The winning categories were:

- 1st Place – Event Venue
- 1st Place – Catering
- 1st Place – Curbside Service
- 1st Place – Venue Coordinator
- 3rd Place – Chef
- 5th Place – Desserts
- 5th Place – Place to Work (25-100 employees)