

The Rotary Wheel

P.O. BOX 4376, OLATHE, KS 66063

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OLATHE ROTARY CLUB

District 5710

Club 1625



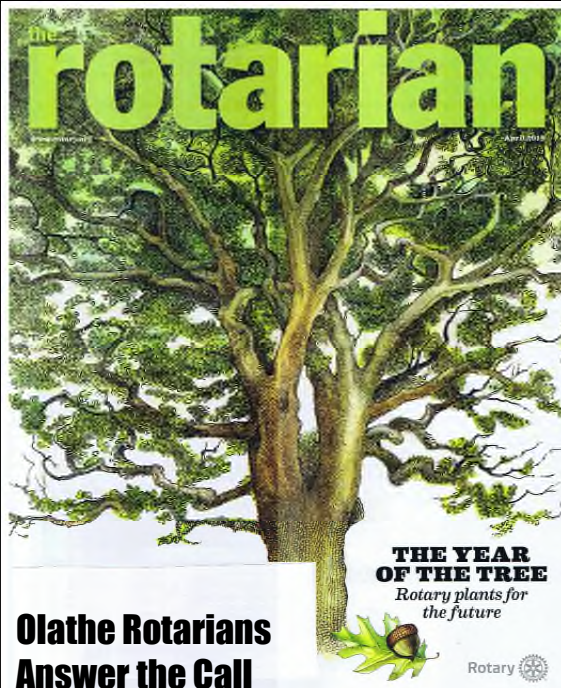
Olathe Rotary and Sunset Rotary Club Members Plant 30 Trees in Phase 1

Olathe Rotary Speakers/Events

- Apr 04 Valorie Carson, United Community Services JoCo
- Apr 11 Not confirmed at this time
- Apr 18 Dr. Ryan Jacobson, Opioid Crisis
- Apr 25 Cale Wilson, Terracon
- May 09 Dr. Joseph Sopcich, President, Johnson County Community College

Vernon Avant, Program Chair
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If you have ideas for educational/entertaining guest speakers, please contact Vernon.



Olathe Rotarians Answer the Call From Rotary International

In an effort to follow Rotary International's goal of planting 1 tree per Rotarian in 2018, the Olathe Rotary Club and Sunset Rotary Club embarked on making that a reality on Saturday, 3/24/2018. With the help of family members, local boy scouts and hospital employees, Rotarians planted 30 trees on the **Olathe Health campus**. With roughly 80 members between the 2 clubs, the second phase of planting is set to take place this fall on the hospital campus per Jasen Mangrum, co-chair of our monthly service projects.



2017-2018 Olathe Rotary Club Officers and Board

7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018

Vanessa Vaughn West, President

Larry Rinne, Past President

Pat O'Donnell, President Elect

Dacia Moore, Secretary
Year 1

Jason Armstrong, Treasurer
Year 1

Dacia Moore, Director
1st of 2 year term

Jasen Mangrum, Director
1st of 2 year term

Terry Lynch, Director
1st of 2 year term

Karin Brownlee, Director
2nd of 2 year term

Geoff Neufeld, Director
2nd of 2 year term

Vernon Avant, Director
1st of 2 yr term

Olathe Rotary Club Foundation

7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018

President

Terry Lynch, 2nd of 2 year term
tjl@midamericatitle.com

Treasurer

Jason Armstrong, 2nd of 2 year term

Secretary

Sandy Wilson, 2nd of 2 year term
swilson199@msn.com

David Andrew, 2nd of 2 yr term

Mark Myer, 2nd of 2 yr term

Mark Romain, 2nd of 2 yr term

Ernie Hicks, 2nd of 2 yr term

Vanessa Vaughn West,

1st of 1 yr term

Pat O'Donnell, 2nd of 2 yr term

Include our Foundation Among Your Beneficiaries in your Will, Trust, or IRA by stating:

"Olathe Rotary Club Foundation"
"P.O. Box 4376, Olathe, Kansas 66063"
"Tax ID Number: 38-3746610"
Nature of intended gift
Percentage or dollar amount of gift

The Sunflower Café Now Catering for Olathe Rotary

We thank Hy-Vee for catering our events and weekly meetings for a number of years. March 28th, The Sunflower Café began our catering and Rotarians enjoyed a great tasting and healthy lunch.

The Sunflower Café
111 South Cherry Street
The Clocktower Building
Downtown Olathe

Phone orders call:
913-393-0088

<http://thesunflowercafe.vpweb.com>
Mon - Fri: 7:00AM - 3:30PM

Tree Planting Project...continued



Thanks to Mike McDermott and Jerry Moore for your support!



We thank the **Grass Pad** for our great tree discounts, for helping to coordinate the effort and for selecting beautiful and colorful trees that will be enjoyed for many years to come.



Mike Haskin...Thank You For Serving With Olathe Rotarians Since 1981

Mike Haskin grew up in Olathe and his first encounter with the Olathe Noon Rotary Club came in the 1950's, when he played on the Little League baseball team sponsored by the Rotary Club. He got a t-shirt and a baseball hat that said Rotary, and he learned an important life lesson from the experience: he was not good enough at baseball to be a professional baseball player when he grew up, so he would have to find some other way of earning a living.

After he was graduated from Olathe High School (there was only one at the time, now it is Olathe North) in 1967, Mike went to Baker University and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1971. He then attended the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School and attained a Juris Doctorate degree in 1976. Mike returned to Olathe to practice law with his father, Harley Haskin, and now, over forty years later, he still continues to practice law from his office in downtown Olathe.

Mike joined the Olathe Rotary Club in 1981, sponsored by his father (who had been a member of the club since 1939, only a few years after the club was founded). Mike served as President of the club in 1992-1993, and received the Rotarian of the Year Award in 1993. He has also received three Paul Harris Awards.

Mike has been active in community affairs for many years, and in 1989 he was elected to the Olathe City Council. After serving four years as a Councilman, he was elected Mayor in 1993. During his terms on the City Council and as Mayor, both the 119th Street and I-35 interchange and the 151st Street and I-35 interchange were opened and the city experienced tremendous growth. As Mayor, Mike was credited by many observers with bringing an era of professionalism and freedom from special interests to the Olathe City Council.

Mike has also been very active in supporting the arts in Olathe. He helped create the Hidden Glen Arts Festival and the Olathe Arts Alliance, and has served on both of their boards, as well as the Board of Directors of the Olathe Youth Symphony. Mike especially enjoys the theatre, and in addition to acting in many productions at the Olathe Civic Theatre, he has served as President of that organization. For many years Mike was also the chairman of the Olathe Public Arts Commission and helped institute the sculpture program for downtown Olathe.

Mike served as co-chair of the Olathe Sesquicentennial Committee, which, after three years of planning, hosted a number of successful public events in 2007 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Olathe. The Committee also raised over \$400,000 in private donations to commission and purchase the Kwan Wu sculpture entitled West on the Santa Fe Trail which sits at the corner of Ridgeview and Old Kansas City road (right across the street from where our club normally meets). To show his gratitude to Mike, Kwan Wu sculpted an image of Mike as one of the passengers inside the stagecoach.

Last summer, Mike and his wife, Pam Lutz Haskin, sold their house in Olathe and moved to Gardner but to paraphrase Tony Bennett, Mike left his heart in Olathe. In the summer Mike spends many weekends at Stockton Lake in Missouri on his sailboat, and in December of each year he enjoys dressing up as a certain jolly old elf.



Thank you Mike for chairing our Paul Harris Committee for many years and being our Santa since Doc Wollen passed away.

You have been a part of many of our club's fundraisers and activities since 1981.

