

The Rotary Wheel

P.O. BOX 4376, OLATHE, KS 66063

December 2017

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OLATHE ROTARY CLUB

District 5710



Club 1625



Don't Miss Our Olathe Rotary Holiday Party, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m, December 20th!!!

Olathe Rotary Speakers/Events



Dec 06 Ron Ryckman, Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives

Dec 13 Kerby Ball, Hearing Health Associates

Dec 20 Club Holiday Party
Mahaffie Heritage Center
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Dec 27 **NO MEETING**/Christmas

Vernon Avant, Program Chair
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Olathe Rotary Club Foundation

7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018

President

Terry Lynch, 2nd of 2 year term

Treasurer

Jason Armstrong, 2nd of 2 year term

Secretary

Sandy Wilson, 2nd of 2 year term

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

Please Remember Our Foundation When You Plan or Rewrite Your Will or Trust

As Our Rotary Foundation Drive For Rotary International Continues To The End of December, We Thank You For Your Thoughtful Gifts Received To Date!

Your gifts transform into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. During the past 100 years The Rotary Foundation has spent \$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. With donations like yours, we have wiped out 99.9% of all polio cases, supported education, promoted peace, saved mothers and children, and helped to grow local economies. Contact Darrel McDaniel if you still need to submit your donation, djkmcdan@aol.com.

*Every Rotarian, Every Project,
and Every Contribution Makes a
Difference Every Year.*

Join Us For a Family of Rotary Christmas!



Mahaffie Heritage Center

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

December 20th

Olathe Rotarians will be gathering with their families to enjoy Santa's visit, a good meal, and good ol' Rotary fellowship.

Santa Will Be Bringing Gifts

**And, It's Free to All,
Compliments of Olathe Rotary!**

Let us know how many will be in your party.

Santa needs to know how many little ones will be with you, and their ages!

**Look for the sign up sheet
at Rotary!**

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

Salvation Army Bell Ringing December 9th

We appreciate Kent Donnelly again coordinating our annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Thanks to all volunteers who will be meeting at the Olathe Hobby Lobby to ring bells for a great cause!

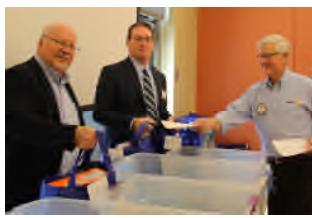
**We Wish All Rotarians
and Their Families a
Safe, Peaceful, Fun,
and Memorable
Holiday Season!**



Olathe Rotarians Continue to Provide Community Support

This is the third year Olathe Rotarians have prepared and delivered critical supplies for each of the 52 school nurses in the Olathe Public School District. We appreciate Cindy VonFeldt, Jasen Mangrum, and Nathan Rackers for organizing this program. Sharon Morris, Director of Olathe Public School District Health Services, spoke to Rotarians about the many responsibilities of each school nurse and thanked Rotarians for these needed supplies. Cindy VonFeldt O.P.S.D. Executive Director and Olathe Rotarian, also thanked fellow Rotarians for the supplies and stressed the importance of our School Nurse Project.

Sharon Morris,
Olathe Public
School District
Dir. of Health
Services



Thank you to all who helped make this community project a great success!



Left, Ernie Hicks delivered kits to Scarborough and Sunnyside Elementary

Right, Michael Ashcraft delivered supplies to Countryside Elementary and California Trail Middle School



Darrel McDaniel.....Thank you for Serving Rotary Since January of 1974!



I was born in 1931 in Topeka, KS and moved to Ottawa, KS in 1937. I attended Ottawa High School, Ottawa University for 2 years, and Kansas University where I received a BS in Business Administration in 1953. After graduating from KU, I was in the United States Army Infantry for two years and spent my tour of duty in the Panama Canal Zone. After getting discharged from the Army, I went to work at the new General Motors Delco Battery Plant in Olathe. I spent my entire 35 years of employment with General Motors. Twenty six years in Olathe and nine years at our home office in Anderson, IN. I retired in 1990, as the Personnel Director at the Olathe Plant.

I married Joan DeGarmo on September 22, 1957 and this year we celebrated our 60th Anniversary. We have two children, a son, Kevin (deceased) and a daughter, Christy, who lives in Overland Park and works for UPS. Joan worked at the K-State Extension Office in Olathe and retired with 30 years of service in 2013.

I joined the Olathe Rotary Club in 1974 and my sponsor was Sam Perkins. In 1978, I was the Olathe Rotary Club President when our Club hosted the District Rotary Convention since our member Stan Roth was the District Governor. We held the convention at the Glenwood Manor in Overland Park. At the banquet on Saturday night, we had over 70 Rotarians and guests from our Club attending.. That has to be a record for our Club. That same year our Club presented our first Paul Harris Fellow Award to Stan Roth, our District Governor. Since that time our Club has awarded 328 Paul Harris Fellow Awards. For the size of our Club, that is a very good number of PHFs given out. Instrumental in many of the PHFs awarded, has been Mike Haskin and myself for the last several years. I'm working on my 7th Paul Harris Award.

For the last 35 or more years, I have had the privilege of being the Chair of the Olathe Rotary Club Foundation Drive. The Olathe Club has contributed \$457,089,00 to the Rotary Foundation over the years. For many years in a row our Club has been a Star Club (where members average contributing \$100 or more to the Rotary Foundation that year). Our Club started asking each member for a contribution of \$100 or more to the Rotary Foundation even before Rotary International asked for a \$100 or more contribution to become a Sustaining Member every year.

At the present time, I am the longest service member of the Olathe Rotary Club with 43 years of service. I took over this position when long time members Tom Hall and Doc Wollen passed away.

My pastime includes watching KU athletics, KC Chiefs, KC Royals, spending time with family and friends and attending Rotary.