

The Rotary Wheel

P.O. BOX 4376, OLATHE, KS 66063

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OLATHE ROTARY CLUB

District 5710 Club 1625



Happy Valentine's Day to You and Your Special Valentine!

Olathe Rotary Speakers/Events

- Feb 01 Lydia Allen, ArtsKC, Arts Engagement in JO CO
- Feb 08 Terry Lynch, Olathe Rotary Club Foundation Update
- Feb 15 Tom DeWeese, Johnson County Mental Health Director
- Feb 22 Nick and Lucy Della Valle, Little people in a big world
- May 06 Days of Wine and Rotary, Ball Conference Center

Speaker Chair

Vanessa Vaughn West
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Olathe Rotary Club Foundation

7/1/2016 to 7/30/2017
(Updated as of 2/1/2017)

President

Terry Lynch, 1st of 2 year term

Treasurer

Jason Armstrong, 1st of 2 year term

Secretary

Sandy Wilson, 1st of 2 year term

- David Andrew, 1st of 2 yr term
- Mark Myer, 1st of 2 yr term
- Mark Romain, 2nd of 2 yr term
- Ernie Hicks, 1st of 2 yr term
- Larry Rinne, 1st of 1 yr term
- Pat O'Donnell, 1st of 2 yr term

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

In 2016 Olathe Rotary Club Foundation Partnered With The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation to Maximize the Growth of The Dollars

The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation is one of the most well-respected, knowledgeable leaders on charitable giving in the nation. The founders of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation passed a hat in 1978, collecting \$200 and some change. The Community Foundation was thus begun with an extraordinary idea: Charitable giving should be the responsibility of many, not just a select few.

The Community Foundation has grown to become one of the largest and most entrepreneurial public charities of its kind.

Today the Community Foundation....

- * Manages more than \$2 billion in assets.
- * Houses more than 3,500 charitable funds established by individuals, families and businesses to support the charitable causes that are important to them.
- * Has provided more than \$3 billion in grants since its inception.
- * Ranks in the top one percent of more than 700 community foundations in the country in terms of total assets gifts and grants.

By partnering with the Community Foundation, donors receive the simplicity and tax advantages of a public charity combined with the personal recognition, involvement and flexibility of a private foundation. Donors also gain access to the highest level of strategic thinking on ways to grow funds their donor-advised fund.

The Greater Kansas City Community

2016-2017 Olathe Rotary Club Officers and Board

7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017

Larry Rinne, President

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Jason Armstrong, Past President

Vanessa Vaughn West
President Elect

Ernie Hicks, Treasurer, 13th yr
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Doug Brownlee, Secretary, 2nd yr

Pat O'Donnell, Director
1st of 2 year term

Jason Mangrum, Director
2nd of 2 year term

Aimee Hruska, Director
2nd of 2 year term

Karin Brownlee, Director
1st of 2 year term

Geoff Neufeld, Director
1st of 2 year term

Foundation has met the National Standards for operational quality, donor service and accountability in the community foundation sector. The Community Foundation is in compliance with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations administered by the Council on Foundations, a membership body of more than 2,000 grantmaking foundations and giving programs worldwide.

Olathe Rotary Club Foundation Donor Advised Fund:

\$45,000..01/26/16 Initial Act Dep.
\$ 6,000..08/08/16 Act Deposit
\$51,000..Total Deposits in 2016
\$54,649.64..1/29/17 Act Balance



Far left, Ernie Hicks, Mark Romain, and Gail Hicks at the 2016 Days of Wine and Rotary

Ernie Hicks, You Have Served Us Well, and Always With a Smile! Thank You!!!

Six months ago I notified the Board that I would be stepping down as Club Treasurer and Foundation Treasurer effective February 1, 2017 ... and that day has now come. I am thankful to the Board and the Club for allowing me to serve in those positions for the past 12+ years. I have really enjoyed it but I feel it is time for someone new (and younger) to take over. I have been on the Board since 1998, was President in 2003, and have attended over 200 Board Meetings during the years ... plus, as Treasurer, I have attended most of the luncheons. . Although I still plan to be active in the Club, my wife and I are looking forward to having more time to travel, play golf, and enjoy our place at the Lake.

When I took over the job as Treasurer in 2004 I never thought I would still be Treasurer today. Back then, we would spend much of our Board Meeting time trying to figure out how we could pay our expenses and budgeted donations. Through the years, I am proud we have been able to grow our surplus and I am happy to be leaving the club in good shape financially. We started the year with a surplus in our Club account of \$30,000 and we now have \$54,649. in our Club Foundation account. Because of our surplus we are able to fund our annual fundraiser and continue to serve the community and beyond even while our membership and income has decreased.

Now for the good news. As of February 1st, Jason Armstrong has agreed to be your new Treasurer. As such he will now be your contact when you have financial questions. Being Treasurer is a very time consuming job so please thank Jason for stepping up. I know he will be conscientious and will do an awesome job.

In closing I just want to say that being Treasurer is not all about finances. As Treasurer you get to know everyone, not just the people you sit with weekly. I've enjoyed hearing your stories as you enter the room each Wednesday, laughing most of the time... but feeling sad at other times. We have a lot of talent and caring people in our club and that is why we have been successful when other clubs have struggled. Rotary is a great organization and our Club is Special. I look forward being involved during the next 12+ years....just on a less active basis.

Ernie Hicks

Ernie with the Rotary team helping in Joplin after the 2011 tornado.



Ernie, at our club events, whether Relay for Life, Christmas Party, Days of Wine and Rotary, Year End Banquet, etc., you have always come early to help set up, stayed late to take down, & taken many things from and to our storage unit . Many times Gail has been there to help too! We appreciate your attention to detail and all you have done for us all!

Who Could You Invite to Rotary?

In August our club celebrates 80 years of service to the community. In 1937, 20 men from the small Olathe community of 3,000 people became the Charter Members of Club 1625.

In 2011, Olathe Rotary numbered 112 members. Today we are 85. This trend is troublesome and something we can change. But it will take all of us. Who do you know that might be a good Rotarian?

We also need to look for new ways to attract younger people into Rotary. The membership committee is working to determine how we might evolve our Club and build our numbers. This includes retention of current members.

Who do you know that would benefit from becoming a member of the Olathe Rotary Club? A younger family member? A customer? Perhaps it is someone in your own firm that would benefit. What about that neighbor of yours?

Don't forget for each new member you bring into the club, you will receive a \$50.00 discount on your next Dues. Bring in 3 new members and you will get 50% off your next dues. Bring in 5 new members and your dues are FREE next year.

Please, make it a priority for the new year to invite others to come see if Olathe Rotary is something that will be beneficial for them personally. Bring them to a meeting, a social or service project.

Our new membership application form can be found on our website at: Olatherotary.org.

See you at Rotary,

Pat O'Donnell, Membership Chair

**Deadline for March Newsletter: February 21st
swilson199@msn.com, Sandy Wilson**