

# The Rotary Wheel

P.O. BOX 4376, OLATHE, KS 66063

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## OLATHE ROTARY CLUB

District 5710 Club 1625



### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

#### Olathe Rotary Speakers/Events

- Jan 11 Andy Nowachek, Northeast Kansas Beekeepers Asso., All About Bees
- Jan 18 Michael Smith. Respect-Based Leadership
- Jan 25 Kendall Seal-Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City
- Feb 01 Lydia Allen, ArtsKC, Arts Engagement in JO CO
- Feb 08 Terry Lynch, Olathe Rotary Foundation
- May 06 Days of Wine and Rotary, Ball Conference Center

#### Speaker Chair

**Vanessa Vaughn West**  
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#### One More Success Story Before the Close of 2016!

Olathe Rotary has again become a STAR Club (averaging a \$100 donation or more per member for our annual Rotary International Foundation Drive .

**Darrel McDaniel**, our Rotary International Foundation Chair, said members contributed \$9,260 as of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. A very special thanks to **Pat O'Donnell**, **Dick Rossman**, and **Clark Stewart** who made substantial contributions to the Foundation. Great way to end the year!

**Darrel** said Olathe Rotarians have contributed over \$455,689 over the years to the Rotary International Foundation.

#### Olathe Rotary Relay For Life Team Captain, Gerald Gentry, Stepping Down

The 2016 Olathe Relay For Life was a success on many levels: I learned that I can still stay up all night; our "Rotary Ramblers" team raised \$8406 – good for 2nd place out of 34 teams; and the grand total for the Olathe event topped \$83,000!

I have been honored to be the Captain of our Rotary team since 2011. During those six years, we raised close to \$48,000 for cancer research. I've also been privileged to work with an amazing group of volunteers on the Planning Committee. While the time has come for me to step down from these positions, I will continue to support the American Cancer Society's important work. I hope you will too.

*Gerald Gentry*



#### Olathe Rotarians Ring Bells for the Salvation Army

Kent Donley, our Salvation Army Bell Ringing Chair, said our day was a success. The weather was great. With contributions made on and after bell ringing day, and Kent's match, our total donation to the Salvation Army was

**\$3848.95**

*Thanks to everyone who contributed to this effort!*

#### 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

**Jasen 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

#### Rotarians.....

**We are 1.2 million neighbors, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world.**

**Our differing occupations, cultures, and countries give us a unique perspective. Our shared passion for service helps us accomplish the remarkable.**



**Our Club 2016 Family of Rotary  
Christmas Party  
Was Fun and Well Attended!**



Many thanks to Ernie Hicks, Nichole Asquith, Vanessa Vaughn West, and Mike Haskin for a great party. OH...and Mrs. Clause too!!!



Welcome back, Wes!

