



THE ROTARY WHEEL

Olathe Rotary Club Monthly News

July 2019



Olathe Rotary Club

P.O. BOX 4376,
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District 5710
Club 1625

CHARTERED
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Terry Lynch

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President:
David Andrew

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Note:

**No Meeting
July 3rd
for 4th of July
Holiday.**

Olathe Rotary Club Foundation

**Consider Including Our
Foundation Among Your
Beneficiaries in your
Will, Trust, or IRA
by stating:**

"Olathe Rotary Club Foundation"
"Tax ID Number: 38-3746610"
Nature of intended gift
Percentage or dollar amount of gift

**Then complete and
submit:**

Olathe Rotary Foundation
Donor Card to Sandy Wilson,
swilson199@msn.com

Our 2018-2019 Rotary Year Comes to a Close, and What A Year It Was!

Olathe Rotarians and their spouses, gathered June 26th at the Hilton Garden Inn to celebrate a very busy and successful Rotary year. President Pat roasted his board members as well as incoming President, Terry Lynch. He reviewed accomplishments of the year and thanked all Rotarians for making the year a big and proud one.



Cindy VonFeldt, 2019 Olathe Rotarian of the Year

President Pat awarded Cindy VonFeldt, Rotarian of the Year. She was instrumental in making our Taste of Town Fundraiser a huge success, giving many hours to the effort. Each year she organizes our school nurse project, helps select our college scholarship winners, and organizes the selection of our RYLA students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy at the University of Kansas. She is involved in a number of other Rotary projects as well. Cindy is the Executive Director of the Olathe Public Schools Foundation. The

Foundation brings students, parents, alumni, small businesses, and corporations together to create opportunities to support continued excellence in Olathe schools. The Foundation works to build supportive relationships between our schools and the business community through many cooperative events and programs. Thank you Cindy, for your leadership and dedication to our club, to our city, and to our youth in Olathe!

Tara Markley Was Presented the 2019 Olathe Rotary Service Above Self Award



Tara has stepped in as Olathe Rotary Secretary, to replace Dacia Moore. As GateWay of Hopes' Executive Director, Dacia is leading GateWay of Hope to it's next level of growth and is wanting to dedicate more time to that effort. Since joining Olathe Rotary October 30th, 2017, Tara has been very active in a number of Rotary activities and projects, and has joined the Olathe Rotary Board. She has also accepted the role of Youth Chair, helping to coordinate our many charitable youth programs.

Tara's husband Jorge Coromac, Executive Director for Woodland Public Charity, is no stranger to Olathe Rotary. For several years Olathe Rotary supported Woodland Public Charity to address lack of access to education, healthcare, and safe drinking water in Central America. Tara accompanies Jorge on some of his work trips to Guatemala, Honduras, and Panama. Tara's passion for youth development led her to join Johnson County K-State Research and Extension in 2013 as the 4-H Youth Development agent. She spent four years developing programs and strengthening the volunteer structure. In 2017, she was named county extension director. In conjunction with her responsibilities as director, Tara is also the county extension agent for the Community Development program. Working with youth, families and community partners is a joy and an everyday highlight. Tara, you have definitely earned the 2019 Olathe Rotary Service Award!



**We Wish a Safe and Enjoyable
4th Of July Celebration
To All Our Rotary Families!**



Year End Banquet Highlightscontinued

President Pat welcomed our new 2018-2019 Olathe Rotary members listed below:

- Brad McClintock**, sponsor Pat O'Donnell
- Justin Lankford**, sponsor Chad Hollins
- Christina Harris**, sponsor Pat O'Donnell
- Allison McKenna**, sponsor Tara Markley
- Rachael Ausmus**, sponsor Pat O'Donnell

Olathe Rotary Club 2018-2019 Charitable Giving

Olathe Public School Foundation.....	\$57,751.02
Olathe Rotary Club Foundation.....	\$11,408.25
Salvation Army.....	\$ 2,872.40
Read With Mayor Mike.....	\$ 1,000.00
Rotary Youth Leadership Camp 2.....	\$ 650.00
5 College Scholarships-OPS Seniors..	\$ 5,000.00
Rotary Youth Exchange (Takura).....	\$ 750.00
School Nurse Project.....	\$ 4,011.87
Rotary International Foundation.....	\$ 7,975.00
Children's Christmas Gifts.....	\$ 225.00

\$91,643.54

Many Thanks to our Olathe Rotary Board! 7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019

- Pat O'Donnell, President**
- Vanessa Vaughn West, Past President**
- Terry Lynch, President Elect**
- Dacia Moore, Secretary**
- Jason Armstrong, Treasurer**

- Jasen Mangrum, Director**
- Chad Hollins, Director**
- Karin Brownlee, Director**
- Vernon Avant, Director**
- Chris Osborn, Director**
- Tara Markley, Director**

Upcoming Speakers and Events

- Jul 03 **NO MEETING**
4th of July Holiday
- Jul 10 Club Business and Direction
- Jul 17 Julia Lynn, Kansas State Senator

Vernon Avant,
Program Chair
coachavant@gmail.com

Our Rotary District 5710 is comprised of 45 Rotary clubs with over 2400 members.

We meet Wednesdays from 11:45 am-1:00 pm

at the Hilton Garden Inn

12080 S. Strang Line Road
Olathe, KS 66063

We will advise in advance of an offsite meeting.

A Closing Message From Outgoing President, Pat O'Donnell



I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your help this past Rotary year. As I take my place with the rest of the past presidents I look forward to supporting Terry and his new board.

Together we make a significant impact at home and around the world. As I reported at the June 26th Annual Dinner, this past year we raised or contributed over \$91,000 to support local needs, polio eradication, the youth of our community and efforts of the Salvation Army. This is something we all should be very proud of.

Yes, our numbers have declined and our budget is tight, so I urge all of us to recruit new members from the Olathe business community. Let's bring in new Rotarians who will be engaged and active. Further, we should work to be more inclusive so we better reflect the makeup of our community.

Our Club has a rich history and we need everyone involved to sustain and grow our ability to meet the objectives of Rotary. Please find a committee, a project or a way to give of your time or talent to support your officers and board.

With appreciation,

Pat

Year End Banquet Highlights.....continued

For Rotary District 5710 News and District Conference Information, go to: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50021>

For Rotary International news, and to learn more about Rotary around the world, go to: **Rotary.org**

Deadline for our August newsletter: July 24th

Email Newsletter Editor, Sandy Wilson, swilson199@msn.com

2019-2020 Olathe Rotary Club Officers and Board
7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020

Terry Lynch, President

Pat O'Donnell, Past President

Tara Markley, Secretary
Year 1

Jason Armstrong, Treas.
Year 3

Jasen Mangrum, Director
1st of 2 year term

David Caldwell, Director
1st of 2 year term

Allison McKenna, Director
1st of 2 year term

Alex Richard, Director
1st of 2 year term

Chris Osborn, Director
2nd of 2 year term

Christina Harris, Director
1st of 2 year term

Chad Hollins, Director
1st of 2 year term



The evening was filled with wonderful folk and old-time music from **Jeanne Fizell** and her 96 Strings. Jeanne entertains with her autoharp, hammered dulcimer, and guitar (of course, totaling 96 strings!). She enjoys many genres of music including children's music, along with Gospel, Celtic, Pop, Classical, Country, Americana, Traditional, and Patriotic. **Attendees loved her music!**



Outgoing President **Pat O'Donnell** passes the gavel to incoming Olathe Rotary President, **Terry Lynch**.



Many of Terry's family members came to provide support for him as he accepts his 2019-2020 Presidential responsibilities.

President, Pat O'Donnell, THANK YOU!

Pat, thank you for leading our club this past Rotary year with both grace and grit. We took the journey with you as positive changes were made, when our Taste of the Town Fundraiser was a huge success, as we settled into our new meeting place at the Hilton Garden Inn, and as we accomplished many charitable projects and community activities. You have a big heart with a mission to serve and went above and beyond to "Serve Above Self".

**2019-2020
Olathe Rotary Club
Foundation
Trustees**

7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020

David Andrew
President

Jason Armstrong
Treasurer

Sandy Wilson
Secretary

Mark Myer
Trustee

Mark Romain
Trustee

Terry Lynch
Trustee

Pat O'Donnell
Trustee

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Since the founding of the Olathe Rotary Club Foundation in 2007, **Terry Lynch** has graciously served as President. He will remain on the Foundation Board as a Trustee now he is President of our Club.

Thank you, Terry, for your commitment to the success of our Foundation!

**A Message From Our 2019-2020 Olathe Rotary President,
Terry Lynch**



Twenty years ago I first became President of this club. In the intervening years I have been witness to many changes. Most of the changes have been good. Without question the most significant change was the admission of women as member some 30 years ago, which was absolutely essential to the survival of Rotary as we know it. Women have brought a new perspective and energy to Rotary that has only begun to be utilized in many clubs.

I believe we have been slow to engage our new members in leadership in our club. I want to change that. The future of Rotary is not with me, but with the young women and men that have chosen to join us. I also want to make leadership in our club not a burdensome

task, but one that makes Rotary come alive and satisfying. You should not have to be retired or give up your day job to be president or treasurer or serve on the board. Toward that end I have invited 4 of our newer members to serve on the Board with me. I am excited about what they will bring to our club.

We must not forget the mission of Rotary is to give "Service Above Self", not to simply raise money. It is not my plan to commit the club to a big fundraiser, but to have smaller events, and do more hands on service projects that engage more club members, like our school nurse project, tree planting, and painting the USA map on Title 1 elementary school playgrounds. I am open to input from the club for service projects and activities that will engage our club and inspire us.

We need to engage the business leaders in our community to become partners with us in serving the needs of our community. Reach out to them, invite them to join our club, and give them a platform to give service, not just money. Any project or activity that we take on as a club should consider 1) Does it bring our club together, and 2) Does it make our club stronger.

As the incoming President, I have many things I want to accomplish, but I need the help and support from the entire membership. We invite you to raise your hand, stand up, and insist you be used. That is what gives life its purpose and satisfaction. We are far more than a lunch club and it will take all of us to make our 2019-2020 Rotary year a big success.

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We thank all board members for their leadership and support!

Our Club's Rotary International Stats

Darrel McDaniel, RI Chair

Our Club members contributed **\$7,975.** to the Rotary International Foundation 2018-2019.

Our members have contributed over **\$473,854** to the Rotary International Foundation over the years.

We have been a **Star Club** for **over 35 years.** (Members average \$100 or more to the RI Foundation during the year.)

Olathe Rotary Club has awarded a total of **346 Paul Harris Awards through June 30, 2019.** Our first Paul Harris Fellow was awarded to our member, Stan Roth, when he was District Governor (District 5710) in 1976-1977.