

# The Rotary Wheel

P.O. BOX 4376, OLATHE, KS 66063

March 2018

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## OLATHE ROTARY CLUB

District 5710

Club 1625



### Tree Planting Service Project, Olathe Health Campus, Saturday, March 24th

#### Olathe Rotary Speakers/Events

- Mar 07 Safe Defend
- Mar 14 Not finalized
- Mar 21 Patrice Manuel, PStrada
- Mar 24 Tree Planting, Olathe Health Campus
- Mar 28 Not finalized

**Vernon Avant, Program Chair**  
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#### We Celebrate Rotary's 113<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Rotary started with the vision of **one man — Paul Harris**. The **Chicago** attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on **February 23, 1905**, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities. Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of its members.

Only 16 years after being founded, Rotary had clubs on six continents. Today, members in nearly every country work to solve some of our world's most challenging problems.

Rotary perseveres in tough times. During World War II, Rotary clubs in Austria, Germany, Italy, Japan, and Spain were forced to disband. Despite the risks, many continued to meet informally, and after the war, Rotary members came together to rebuild their clubs and their countries.

Rotarians are committed to service, and are not afraid to dream big and set bold goals. Rotary began the fight against polio in 1979 with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. Today, polio remains endemic in only three countries — down from 125 in 1988.

#### 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**  
1<sup>st</sup> of 2 year term

**Jasen Mangrum, Director**  
1<sup>st</sup> of 2 year term

**Terry Lynch, Director**  
1<sup>st</sup> of 2 year term

**Karin Brownlee, Director**  
2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 year term

**Geoff Neufeld, Director**  
2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 year term

**Vernon Avant, Director**  
1<sup>st</sup> of 2 yr term

#### Olathe Rotary Club Foundation

7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018

##### President

Terry Lynch, 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 year term  
[tjl@midamericatitle.com](mailto:tjl@midamericatitle.com)

##### Treasurer

Jason Armstrong, 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 year term

##### Secretary

Sandy Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 year term  
[swilson199@msn.com](mailto:swilson199@msn.com)

David Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 yr term

Mark Myer, 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 yr term

Mark Romain, 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 yr term

Ernie Hicks, 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 yr term

Vanessa Vaughn West,

1<sup>st</sup> of 1 yr term

Pat O'Donnell, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

#### Olathe Rotary February and March Service Projects

Our Service Project for February was at Evergreen Living Innovations. Rotarians gathered to help with inside painting and enjoy the outing. We thank Jasen Mangrum, Nathan Rackers, and Chris Osborn for coordinating the effort.



Since August 2017, Olathe Rotarians have logged **200 service hours** on Monthly Service Projects.



#### Our Service Project for March is TREE PLANTING at the Olathe Health Campus, Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

If the weather is bad, the date will be pushed to March 31<sup>st</sup>. Per Jerry Moore, Olathe Rotarian and General Manager of the Olathe Grasspad, we will be planting about 30 trees this first planting, and 40 to 60 trees in the fall.

Contact Jasen Mangrum, [jmangrum@lawingfinancial.com](mailto:jmangrum@lawingfinancial.com), or Nathan Rackers, [nathan.rackers@scouting.org](mailto:nathan.rackers@scouting.org) to join the planting team!

## **Leaving a Legacy**

**Would you like to take comfort in thinking that your impact will be felt on this earth even after your death?**

### **Then Consider a gift to the Olathe Rotary Club Foundation**

**that will be lasting and will significantly change the lives of others in your community and beyond, through your Will, IRA, Living Trust, or other financial instrument.**

If you intend to create a Will or Living Trust, or have already done so, you can easily include our Foundation among your beneficiaries, by simply stating:

- 1) Our 501(c)3 full legal name, "**Olathe Rotary Club Foundation**",
- 2) Our location, "**P.O. Box 4376, Olathe, Kansas 66063**",
- 3) Our Foundation Tax ID Number, "**38-3746610**",
- 4) **Nature of your intended gift** (example: cash or property), and
- 5) **Percentage or dollar amount of gift.**

We also encourage the Olathe Rotary Club Foundation as a beneficiary in your IRA since it is not taxable to charities per Olathe Rotarian and Estate Planning Attorney, George Schlagel.

You may prefer to name the Olathe Rotary Club Foundation as the beneficiary in a **bank account, annuity, life insurance policy, or 401(k)**. The bank or other company usually provides a form for you to acknowledge this gift.

Normal assets like **stock and real estate** gifts can be sold after death for the date-of-death value without tax, per George.

### **We welcome contributions of any amount**

whether a one-time cash donation, a cumulative pledge (monthly, quarterly, annually), or a gift included in your Will, Trust, IRA, or other financial instrument.

Become a **Olathe Rotary Club Foundation Bequest Society Member** by gifting \$10,000 or more via your estate plan.

Once you have finalized the Olathe Rotary Club Foundation gift you would like included in your legacy, complete the **Donor Gift Card in our Foundation brochure** and submit to a Foundation Trustee or mail to the Olathe Rotary Club Foundation, P.O. Box 4376, Olathe, Kansas 66063. Brochures are available at weekly Olathe Rotary Club meetings.

Since the Olathe Rotary Club was chartered in 1937, Olathe Rotarians have given generously to community, regional, national, and international disasters and efforts to improve life. The Olathe Rotary Club Foundation was formed in 2007 as a non-profit corporation with a tax exempt status pursuant to Internal Revenue Code 501(c)3.

**Our mission** is charitable, educational, scientific, and literacy giving in our local community, state, nation, and world, **with a preference to our local community.**



**We thank and honor our Olathe Rotary Club Foundation Bequest Society Members** who have made the Olathe Rotary Club Foundation a part of their legacy.

**To date, a total of \$60,000 has been pledged from Bequest Society Members, George Schlagel, Terry Lynch, Ernie Hicks, Mark Romain, Sandy Wilson**





## Chris Osborn... Thank You for Serving With Olathe Rotarians Since August 2010

I grew up in Kansas City, KS and attended Turner High School. I have lived and worked in Olathe since 2002. My wife and I chose Olathe, with our 2 children in mind, for the schools, family friendly community, and the remarkable leadership found at all levels of the community. I enjoy being active in the community through Rotary and the Olathe Persons with Disabilities Board. I make sure to involve my children in Rotary community projects to build character and a connection to the community. They have helped me with bell ringing for the Salvation Army, preparing meals for the Ronald McDonald House, and delivering the nurse care packages.

Our family also enjoys traveling and celebrating the Fourth of July, Halloween, and Christmas. Many years as a family we have coordinated our Halloween costumes. We have coordinated our costumes as garden gnomes, Star Wars, the Scooby Doo gang, and the Wizard of Oz. We also take a week long family vacation every summer. The kids choose the destination so it's a new adventure every summer.

I always had the urge to travel and explore when I was young but never had the opportunity to travel outside the four state area (Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa). Then in college I got the chance to work for a summer in Alaska. It was a great summer and I got to enjoy many new experiences. I was excited when the locals took me fishing for the day. We hiked 2 miles through the hills and trees to the stream. The fishing was great and the locals were nice enough to offer to carry all the gear back to the car. All I had to do was carry the fish. They had me walk behind them and told me to keep an eye out for bears. I'm not always a fast learner but I'll never forget that you don't want to be the one carrying the fish in bear country.

My second trip in college was to Mexico. While vacationing there, I just happened to meet Melissa. We discovered we lived 10 minutes from each other in Kansas City and were going to the same college the next semester. We also discovered I had waited on her as a waiter while working at the Pizza Hut in Shawnee. We were married 5 years later.

I received my Bachelor of Nursing from Pittsburg State University and Master of Business Administration from Baker University. I worked as a nurse in medical-surgical, long-term care, ICU, and the operating room. I was planning on going back to school to become a nurse anesthetist when my grandpa passed away. I moved in with my grandma for a few months to help her through the grieving period. What was going to be a few months turned into 2 years. Grandma did not want to move to an assisted living or long-term care facility and leave the house where she had raised kids and grandkids for over 60 years. That personal experience inspired me to pursue a career in long-term care services to change the perception of nursing homes and promote person centered care.

I have worked in long-term care for 18 years. Twelve of those years have been at Evergreen Community of Johnson County. While at Evergreen I have worked in various roles from nurse educator to Chief Operating Officer and now serve as the Chief Executive Officer. I have had the opportunity to promote person centered care.

This philosophy of care gives residents choice, respect, and the right to continue living life on their terms. At Evergreen we enhance the lives of residents by changing how we approach care and services known as 'person centered care.' Our goal... is to 'Enhance Life's Journey' for those we serve. Evergreen Community of Johnson County is a licensed skilled long-term care home for 112 residents of which about 80% have limited resources. Evergreen has become a leader and mentor for the State of Kansas in person centered care, recognized by awards like the PEAK Award. There are about 340 homes in Kansas and we are ranked #1 in the state for person centered care.

We do all we can so that residents live the life they want when they move into Evergreen. They get up and go to bed when they choose, they eat what they want, and participate in activities and outings of their choosing. They go to the movies, casinos, Chiefs training camp, fishing, restaurants, Starlight, the zoo, Powell Gardens, private airplane flights, and have even gone on long weekend vacations to Branson and Omaha. We are not your typical nursing home. Last year a resident wanted a tattoo. So we made it happen. Not only did the resident get a tattoo but a staff member went with her and also got a tattoo.

Each year we hold a fundraiser, Denim & Dazzle, to fund improvements to the residents' home and pay for the activities and outings residents want. This year Denim & Dazzle is April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Regnier Center on the campus of Johnson County Community college. It's a fun evening with a silent and live auction, food, drinks, and entertainment. All are welcome to donate to the event, volunteer, and/or attend the event.



Chris was a member of the Olathe Rotary Joplin Tornado Rebuilding Project

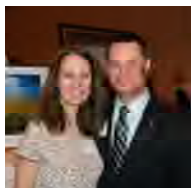


2017 Olathe Rotary Highway Clean Up Crew included Chris.



Chris supporting our 2017 Olathe Rotary Days of Wine and Rotary Fundraiser

*Thank you, Chris, for your huge effort in supporting our many Olathe Rotary charitable activities through the years!*



Chris and Melissa at our 2013 Days of Wine and Rotary Fundraiser

**Deadline for April Olathe Rotary Club Newsletter  
March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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