

The Rotary Wheel

P.O. BOX 4376, OLATHE, KS 66063

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OLATHE ROTARY CLUB

District 5710



Club 1625



We wish the Happiest of Thanksgiving Holidays to All of Our Olathe Rotary Families!!

Olathe Rotary Speakers/Events



- Nov 01 **Rotary District Governor**, Adam Ehlert Update on Rotary Activity in District 5710
- Nov 08 Cait Sika, Jr. Achievement
- Nov 15 Denis Green, Founder/CEO Innovation on Command
- Nov 22 **NO MEETING**/Thanksgiving
- Nov 29 School Nurse Service Project, **Assemble Kits**
- Dec 06 Ron Ryckman, Kansas House Chairman
- 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
coachavant@gmail.com

Olathe Rotary Foundation Drive Begins November 1st!

During the Rotary Foundation Drive we will be asking all Olathe Rotary members to contribute \$100 or more to the Rotary International Foundation. The Olathe Rotary Club has awarded 317 Paul Harris Fellow Awards to its members and non-members. You become a Paul Harris Fellow when \$1,000 or more is contributed to the Rotary International Annual Fund in your name. Please consider making your contribution to the Rotary Foundation as soon as the Rotary Drive begins. You will be a Sustaining Member by paying \$100 each year. Once a contribution of \$1000 is reached, you will become a Paul Harris Fellow. Financial support for the Annual Fund from every Rotarian is the key to helping rebuild suffering communities and nations by resolving conflict, eradicating disease, providing safe water, feeding the hungry, educating children and adults, and alleviating poverty.

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

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

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**

The Olathe Rotary "Monthly Service Program" Has Been a Welcome Addition to the Service We Give!

Since the beginning of our club, we have enjoyed organizing and carrying out a variety of service projects, many in number, giving hours of our time for the good of our community. The Olathe Rotary board has initiated a "Monthly Service Program", with Nathan Rackers and Jasen Mangrum as co-chairs. We are pleased with the turnout and feedback! Thanks to all of you, we believe this program will be with us for many years! Our past and upcoming projects follow. Due to availability, schedule may be subject to change.

Aug 2017 Kids TLC Service Day 45 Volunteer Hours

Sep 2017 Boy Scout Conference/at KS Speedway 15 Volunteer Hours

Oct 2017 Hurricane Help at Heart to Heart International 16 Volunteer Hours

Nov 2017 Olathe Nurse Project

Dec 2017 Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Jan 2018 Ronald McDonald House

Feb 2018 Happy Bottoms

Mar 2018 Tree Planting at Olathe Health

Apr 2018 Veterans' Small Home Project

May 2018 Habitat for Humanities

Jun 2018 School Map Painting Project

Jul 2018 Mission Southside

76 Volunteer Hours as of October 2017



Above, folding towels and wash cloths for hygiene kits.

Right, hygiene kits packaged and ready to ship to Puerto Rico!

In October, 16 Olathe Rotarians and family members volunteered with members from Overland Park, Ambassadors, and Lenexa Rotary Clubs at the Heart to Heart International Operations Center in Lenexa to package 450 Hygiene Kits for Puerto Rico hurricane victims.



Both photos to left by Josh Henges, Heart to Heart International



Fred Pfeifer Thank You For Serving With Olathe Rotary Since July of 1986

I was raised on a farm in Cass County, Missouri, and have an Associate Degree from JCCC, a Bachelor of Business Administration (Accounting), and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Kansas. I am a Certified Public Accountant. In 1967, I moved to Olathe to accommodate a job opportunity with King Radio Corporation which I had begun in 1966. The company was only 7 years old at that time. I worked ten years for King Radio, beginning as a mechanical detail draftsman. My final position there was Manager of Engineering Services. I worked with Rotarian Keith Johnson and deceased former Olathe Rotarians Bob Dunn and Dick Johnson. The VP of Engineering in my last few years there was Gary Burrell who later co-founded Garmin.

After obtaining a business degree at night school I changed professions and began an auditing and accounting career with Touché Ross and Company (now Deloitte) in Kansas City in 1976. In 1979, I moved to a position with Gill Studios, Inc. in Lenexa, where I still work today. My initial responsibilities included product cost analysis and product pricing. I now serve as Senior Vice President – Finance. Gill Studios was founded in 1934 by Forrest P. Gill. The company which has approximately 400 employees owns a modern 300,000 square foot manufacturing and office facility at its Lenexa location. The company is still private owned by the Gill and Gilman families. Forrest Gill invented the bumper sticker shortly after WW II. It is still a core product along with other decals, labels and signage (think political campaign signs). Our products are sold nationwide by independent Promotional Product distributors and other re-sellers. The company does not sell directly to end users. **You see one of our decals every Wednesday as our table centerpiece.** Several years ago, **Gill Studios donated 23,000 bumper stickers to promote Polio Plus.** The bumper stickers were distributed to clubs throughout our Rotary zone through the efforts of Wes McCoy.

This big Rotary Wheel has been used at many Olathe Rotary functions. Gill Studios provided this decal for the 2004 Rotary District Conference and Olathe Rotarian and District Governor, Wes McCoy. Sandy Wilson



The table center piece decals were also provided for DG Wes McCoy in 2004 by Gill Studios, for the Rotary District Conference. They are used every week at Olathe Rotary meetings as well as special events. In this photo, Sally and Doc Wollen's daughter, Cathy Maxwell, wanted it in their Paul Harris Fellow photo. Sandy

Both of my children, Mike Pfeifer and Tricia Chitwood attended Olathe schools K through 12 and graduated from Olathe South. Mike is a radiologist who lives in Austin, TX with his wife and their two children. Tricia works as a Product Strategist for Cerner and has just recently moved with her husband and children from Overland Park to rural Spring Hill (where they can have more animals). Two of my grandchildren have moved on to college. The oldest granddaughter is a senior majoring in biology at KU. The next oldest granddaughter has just begun studying film making at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA. Our oldest grandson is a recent graduate of Shawnee Mission West while the three youngest are in middle school or high school.

My favorite pastime is, of course, trying to stay up with the six grandchildren. I also occasionally ride my Harley Davidson but spend more time pushing my Toro lawnmower and otherwise slaving in my yard. I try to stay fit by running and have at various times played tennis, water and snow skied but claim no athletic skills and see little future for myself in those sports. My wife Jan and I were married February 5, 1993 at Colonial Presbyterian Church where we are still members attending at the Overland Park location.

Having moved to Overland Park 10 years ago, primarily to be closer to family, I consider the Olathe Rotary Club and my many friends here as the primary link to the city where I lived for forty-one years. In addition to the wonderful fellowship of our club I get fulfillment from seeing all our good works. One of my most inspirational moments as an Olathe Rotarian was when I was at the New Century Air Center and watched that first huge cargo plane lift off for Russia with medical supplies and equipment our club had been instrumental in gathering. In addition to our club helping to start Heart to Heart International I am very happy with the tremendous success of our fund raising through The Days of Wine and Rotary, our projects in Central and South America and all our local community service work. As the result of a community service project for TLC I helped lead for our Club in the mid-90s I was asked to join the TLC board of directors which I enjoyed serving on for several years. There are many wonderful service organizations but I am very grateful to have been a member of ours for over thirty years.