

The Rotary Wheel

P.O. BOX 4376, OLATHE, KS 66063

November 2018

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OLATHE ROTARY CLUB

District 5710

Club 1625



November 14th Meeting At Olathe North High School

Olathe Rotary Speakers/Events

- Nov 07 John Vandewalle
- Nov 14 Olathe Public Schools
Culinary Arts Program
at Olathe North High
- Nov 21 **NO ROTARY MEETING**
Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 28 Scott Jones and Larua
Lutz, Merger of Westar
and KCP&L
- Mar 23** Olathe Rotary Special
2019 Event Fundraiser,
Embassy Suites in Olathe
Evening

Vernon Avant, Program Chair
coachavant@gmail.com

Olathe Rotary Begins Annual Rotary International Foundation Drive November 1 to January 31

The Olathe Rotary Club began its 2018-2019 Rotary International Foundation Drive November 1st. Donations are welcome throughout the year, however the Drive will end the end of January, per our club Foundation Chair, Darrell McDaniel. During the Drive we will be asking all Olathe Rotary members to contribute \$100 or more to the Rotary International Foundation.

When our members average \$100 annually, or more, to the Rotary Foundation, we will become a STAR Club. The Olathe Rotary Club has been a STAR Club for 35 plus years. Over the years Olathe Rotary Club members have contributed over \$465,729.00 to the Rotary Foundation.

The Olathe Rotary Club has awarded 339 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.

You will be a Sustaining Member by paying \$100 each year.

With volunteerism and generous philanthropy, Rotarians are at the heart of The Rotary Foundation's mission to eradicate polio and further Rotary's humanitarian and educational programs in our own communities as well as worldwide.

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.

2018-2019 Olathe Rotary Club Officers and Board 7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019

- Pat O'Donnell, President**
- Vanessa Vaughn West, Past President**
- Terry Lynch, President Elect**
- Dacia Moore, Secretary**
Year 2
- Jason Armstrong, Treasurer**
Year 2

- Jasen Mangrum, Director**
2nd of 2 year term
- Chad Hollins, Director**
2nd of 2 year term
- Karin Brownlee, Director**
1st of 2 year term
- Vernon Avant, Director**
2nd of 2 year term
- Chris Osborn, Director**
1st of 2 year term
- Tara Markley**
1st of 2 year term

Olathe Rotary Club Foundation

7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019

President

Terry Lynch, 1st of 1 year term
tjl@midamericatitle.com

Treasurer

Jason Armstrong, 1st of 2 year term

Secretary

Sandy Wilson, 1st of 2 year term
swilson199@msn.com

David Andrew, 1st of 2 yr term

Mark Myer, 1st of 2 yr term

Mark Romain, 1st of 2 yr term

Pat O'Donnell, 1st of 1 yr term

Include 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



**TO YOU
AND
YOUR
LOVED ONES!**



A Message from Your President, Pat O'Donnell



Committees have started their work on our Spring Fundraiser to benefit the youth of Olathe. The event will be held at the Olathe Conference Center at Embassy Suites on March 23, 2019 and feature an evening of food, craft beverages and excitement.

Rotarians will be joined by supporters of the Olathe Public Schools Foundation to make the event a rousing success. Now is the time to reach out and offer your help as we need all club members engaged in some aspect of the event. Can you offer a live auction item? Can you help connect us to significant sponsors? Help with ticket sales? Please volunteer for some aspect by letting Pat O'Donnell, Cindy Von Feldt or Vanessa Vaughn West know you will help.



New Club Board Member

Congratulations to **Tara Markley** who has been elected to serve on the Club Board of Directors.

Thanks Tara.

Our President, Pat O'Donnell, Shares Information About Fake Email and Social Media Accounts Targeting Rotary Members in a New Scam

Rotary recently learned that scammers have created multiple email and social media accounts that impersonate RI President Barry Rassin and General Secretary John Hewko. The social media accounts are on LinkedIn, Twitter, and WhatsApp.

Rotary members should continue to exercise caution:

- Disregard any suspicious message that offers money, requests money, or asks for your personal information.
- Avoid opening attachments or following links in suspicious messages.
- Pay close attention to the details of the email address and signature block to verify the sender.

*Deadline for December Olathe Rotary Newsletter: **November 26th**.
Email to Sandy Wilson, Newsletter Editor, swilson199@msn.com*

Olathe Rotarians Provide Support To 57 Olathe School Nurses



This is the fourth year Olathe Rotarians have prepared, packed, and delivered supplies for each of the 57 school nurses in the Olathe Public School District. The \$4,000 project was jointly funded by the Olathe Rotary Club and a District Rotary Grant. Daily our school nurses deal with a multitude of health concerns ranging from diabetes to colds/flu to more serious illnesses. In addition, our nurses are responsible for all standard health screenings such as vision and hearing. They are the first responders when young students get sick at school and they are the daily providers of doctor prescribed medication for our younger students. With school budgets being trimmed, often we see school nurses reaching into their own pockets. This is why we began, and support, this great program.

Nurses in the Olathe School District who received "Care Packages" included 5 High Schools, 10 Middle Schools, 35 Elementary Schools, 2 pre-schools, 2 alternative schools, St. Pauls and Prince of Peace Catholic Schools, and Heritage Christian Academy. Nurses received things like anti-bacterial hand gel, granola bars, chapstick, cough drops, wipes, etc. Elementary School "Care Packages" also included a supply of new underwear and socks.

We thank Cindy VonFeldt, Executive Director of the Olathe Public Schools Foundation and Olathe Rotarian, Pat O'Donnell, Olathe Rotary President, and Jason Armstrong for organizing this project and securing a matching grant. We appreciate all Rotarians who prepared, packed, and delivered the "Care Packages" to each school nurse.



Save the Date!
March 23, 2019

TASTE
of the
TOWN

Rotary International....."The Year of the Tree" Olathe Rotary Plants For the Future

In an effort to follow Rotary International's goal of planting 1 tree per Rotarian in 2018, the Olathe Rotary Club and Sunset Rotary Club had a second tree planting at the Olathe Health Campus. In the spring of 2018, Rotarians planted 30 trees. October 27th 20 trees were planted, and November 3rd, 14 more trees were planted. We appreciate Olathe Rotarian Jerry Moore, Manager of the Olathe Grass Pad, for organizing the tree planting, delivering beautiful trees, marking where the trees should be planted, and having water, mulch, fertilizer, and directions for planting for the Rotary planting team. Thank you to all planting volunteers!

