

The Rotary Wheel

P.O. BOX 4376, OLATHE, KS 66063

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OLATHE ROTARY CLUB

District 5710 Club 1625



Thank You For All You Do In The Name of Rotary!!

Olathe Rotary Speakers/Events

- Oct 03 Monthly Project-Heart to Heart Intl, Lenexa, 5:00 pm
- Oct 04 Bob Kendrick, President, Negro Baseball Museum
- Oct 11 Jim Peters, Osher Learning Institute
- Oct 18 Dr. Troy Nash, International Motivational Speaker
- Nov 01 Rotary District Governor, Adam Ehler Update on Rotary Activity in District 5710

Vernon Avant, Program Chair
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Vernon, thank you for the outstanding weekly guest speakers we have had this Rotary year.

Rotary International Foundation Drive Begins November 1st

The Olathe Rotary Club will start its 2017-2018 Rotary International Foundation Drive November 1st through December 31st per our club Foundation Chair, Darrel McDaniel. During the Rotary Foundation 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 27 plus years. Over the years the Olathe Rotary Club members have contributed over **\$455,989.44 to the Rotary 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.

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.**

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**

Rotary



People of Action

Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change.

Get to Know Some of Our Newest Members!



Kory and Heidi Strand

Lieutenants Kory and Heidi Strand are officers of The Salvation Army, stationed here in Olathe, KS. They completed seminary with The

Salvation Army in the beginning of June 2016 and were sent here from Chicago, IL at the end of that month. This is their very first appointment and they are loving serving the community as pastors and administrators. Before serving in this capacity, they both attended The Salvation Army as their church while Kory worked as an IT professional and Heidi worked as a 3rd grade teacher. It was while working in their respective fields that God eventually steered them in a different direction, asking them to serve in full-time ministry.

Along with leading their congregation and Sunday services, the Lieutenants are in charge of all the day to day operations that take place. This includes a social services "umbrella" which incorporates assistance with rent, utilities, and prescriptions, a weekly food pantry, and even a transitional housing shelter for families. The shelter is a program that helps families go from brokenness to stability, often leaving the program with stable housing and employment, money in the bank, and ongoing strategies to continue to succeed. While in the program, these families have dinner meals provided, take finance and parenting classes, and check in weekly with our case managers. The Salvation Army also runs a program entitled "Pathway of Hope" which continues long term case management that gives individuals and families a chance to take further steps towards stability in their lives. Overall, it is a very busy place that is continually helping people to meet their most basic needs with the plan being that it will go further than that.

The Strands, along with their children Jack and Olivia, love the Lord Jesus Christ and are proud to serve Him in The Salvation Army. It is there where they are able to see the needs that face the people of Olathe and Johnson County. It never stops, but they feel privileged to be able to meet those needs, without discrimination, in the name of Jesus. In their limited free time, Kory and Jack love to watch and play football and baseball (Go Cubs!), while Heidi loves to read and have "girl time" with Olivia. They cherish the time they have to spend together as a family of four, and they look forward to continuing to serve the people of Johnson County. They have fallen in love with this community and are thrilled to be a part of the Rotary here in Olathe!



Mark Gash

Mark Gash received his Bachelor's degrees in Economics and Political Science in 1983 and his law degree in 1986 from the University of Missouri. After practicing law for several years, Mark entered the financial services profession in 1992. Mark is a Certified Financial Planner, and a member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. Mark and his wife, Mary, who is a Licensed Service Representative, are business partners and provide financial planning and services, insurance products, investments and qualified retirement plans for individuals, families, special needs families, and businesses.

Mark and Mary have two children, Ian, age 20, and Quinn, age 15. Mark is an Emeritus Member and Past Chairperson of the Advisory Board to the Good Samaritan Communities of Olathe, which is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, the largest not-for-profit care provider in the United States. Mark and Mary have handicapped siblings and, because of his experiences with those family members, Mark volunteers his time with the City of Olathe as Chairperson of the City's Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board. For that service, Mark was awarded the first ever Olathe Mayor's Cathedral Builder Award in 2009 for excellence in community service. In 2015, he was honored by the Kansas City Royals as a Buck O'Neil Legacy Seat Honoree for his service to the disabled community. The Gash's live in Olathe.



James "Jim" Terrones

I began my Corrections career in May 1979 as a Correctional Officer in Topeka, Kansas. I will never forget my Correctional Officer experience. I wanted more opportunities for advancement therefore, I started working for the Parole & Probation Department as a Parole Officer I located in Great Bend and Garden City, Kansas. I returned to Eastern Kansas as I accepted a position at the Lansing Correctional Facility as a Institutional Parole Officer. During my remaining tenure with the state, I held a variety of administrative positions within KDOC from Deputy Compact administrator to Parole Director. I left KDOC for Johnson County, Kansas. I accepted the Deputy Director for Programs at the Juvenile Detention Center. Because of reorganizational issues, my title changed to Deputy Director of the Juvenile Services Center. I remained in that position for approximately 20 years. My experience in the juvenile profession taught me a lot because of the huge difference when working with the juvenile population. I recently retired from Corrections with nearly 38 years in the business. I am passed President of KCA and a passed Member At Large. I remain very active in the community belonging to a number of boards and committees within the City of Olathe. I am a member of the American Correctional Association, Kansas Correctional Association - Treasurer, Olathe Human Relations Commission, Olathe Citizens Police Advisory Council, Olathe Police Foundation, Olathe Latino Coalition, Olathe Latino Leadership Network, NAACP and most recently an Olathe Rotarian. I have been married to my wife Janet for 34 years and I have 2 grown children.

In September Olathe Rotarians Enjoyed A Special Performance!



Trails West Barbershop Chorus and Quartets are based in Olathe and have entertained audiences since 1981. They have an annual fall show and sing in quartets and as a chorus during the year at community functions, retirement homes, birthday parties, wedding receptions and any other activity where people would like to hear good close harmony.
www.trailswestbarbershoppers.com

*News for November 1 Olathe Rotary Newsletter
Due On or Before October 25th. Please email to
Newsletter Editor, Sandy Wilson, swilson199@msn.com.*



Dacia Moore

Dacia L. Moore, MA, LPC, NCC, is the Executive Director of GateWay of Hope, a non-profit organization that is committed to providing a safe place for women to transform their lives and create new legacies through coaching, counseling and women's empowerment groups. She is a Keynote Speaker, Author and Professional Development Trainer.

Formerly, Dacia was the Founder of Second Wind Counseling & Consulting, a for profit small business with a mission to empower women, couples and families to be healthy, happy and whole.

- She is a Missouri Licensed Professional Counselor
- She has a Master's Degree in Counseling from Webster University and is a National Board Certified Counselor.
- She is an adjunct professor at the Metropolitan Community Colleges and Webster University.
- Before starting her company, Dacia was V.P. of Programs at a residential facility.
- She provided training for staff, parents, guardians and students on topics such as Anger Management, Mediation, Conflict Resolution, Stress Reduction, and Leadership.
- Dacia has her advanced REBT certification from the Albert Ellis Institute in New York and had the honor of studying REBT under Albert Ellis, Ph.D

Dacia currently serves on board of the Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund, is a committee member on the Cultural Competency/ Diversity Committee and she also serves on the board of her church, Sheffield Family Life Center. Her personal and professional mission is to empower women to live emotionally healthy lives.

Congressman Kevin Yoder Speaks to Olathe Rotarians in September



Kansas Congressman Yoder answered questions from Rotarians and discussed a long list of domestic and foreign-policy issues. He believes meeting with constituents is an important part of his job.

911 Revisited



Mark McGavran, of Olathe, spoke to Olathe Rotarians about the three Kansans who were in New York City on a three-week business trip at the time of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. He recalled the chaos getting off of the 61st floor of the World Trade Center's second tower, and then their efforts to return home. Mark is Vice President and Wealth Management Consultant at The Commerce Trust Company



Gregg Herbert

Gregg is the vice president/ branch manager with Enterprise Bank & Trust at their Clairborne location in Olathe. He has worked for the bank since 2007. Prior to that he worked at US Bank for two years and before that he spent 22 years working for McGraw-Hill Companies.

Prior to that he worked at US Bank for two years and before that he spent 22 years working for McGraw-Hill Companies. Gregg is originally from Maryland but has lived in Olathe since 1985. He holds a bachelors degree in communications from Towson University in Maryland and a masters in business administration from Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas.

Gregg has been married to his wife Dorothy for 38 years. They have a son and a daughter who are both married and live in the Kansas City area. Most importantly, they have a 3 1/2 year old granddaughter, June.



Ann French

Ann has been an insurance agent since 1986 and is currently a medicare products specialist. She enjoys giving back to the community. She has been active in Olathe Chamber since 2007; is a volunteer for Johnson County

Department of Aging Meals on Wheels Program, is the Olathe Chamber Chairman's Liason for the Blazing New Trails Fundraiser, and is a greeter and usher in her church.

Ann has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Kansas Newman College in Wichita, Kansas. She has her Employee Benefits Counselor Certification and Life Insurance Underwriting Training Counselor Certification. She lived in Cambridge, England, working on a military base assisting officers with retirement planning and benefits. Ann is a member of the Green Team Environmental Ministry creating conscious awareness to protect our planet.

Olathe High School Football Coaches Annual Visit to Olathe Rotary



A treat for Olathe Rotarians every year is the visit of Olathe High School Football Coaches. Pictured above from left: Chris McCartney, Olathe North, Jesse Owen, Olathe East, Craig Lewis, Olathe South, T.J. O'Neill, Olathe West High School. They discussed their school football programs, providing an entertaining and informative presentation. Not pictured: Chip Sherman, Olathe Northwest. He had to leave before the above photo shot. We thank all coaches for taking time out of their busy schedules to come to Olathe Rotary.