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**DG Chris Ford**



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## DG Chris's Message

### ROTARIANS, I NEED YOUR HELP...

Nine months ago our collective 44 Club Presidents committed to growing Rotary in our District; at the time, we had 2,417 Rotarians in our District. We made an aggressive, yet, realistic goal to grow to 3,000 Rotarians by June 30th, 2017. As of today, we have actually shrunk to 2,394.

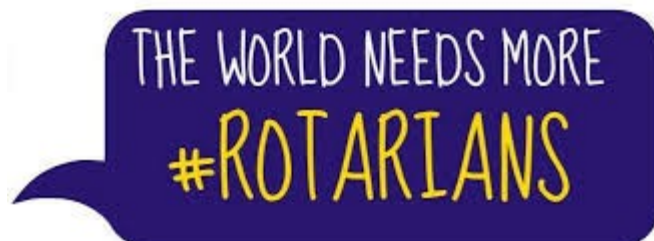
If we are to grow to 3,000 by June 30th, we need to focus on the following things:

- Invite someone to your next Rotary meeting
- Send your Club Newsletter to all your Prospective Rotarians
- Invite someone to a Club Service Project
- Don't give up on inviting the same person over and over... persistence pays

I need everyone's help these next few months. Let's plan for Rotary, not just attend.

Please see [this link](#) for your Club's current growth status.

Chris Ford  
District Governor



# We Can Do It!



## 2017



**April 29, 2017**

Deadline to turn in RYLA applications.

**May 5 & 6, 2017**

District Conference  
Overland Park Sheraton

[Register here!](#)

## District News & Events



### Rotary Youth Leadership Academy 2017

We are getting closer to RYLA week. I have heard from several of you around District 5710 and it appears that we have a lot of interest in RYLA this year. We have received a few applications, so far, but I am hoping that we see more in the next few weeks. Remember April 29th is the deadline to turn in the applications for the students your club wants to sponsor. Do not let your club miss out on this wonderful opportunity to sponsor a student to enjoy this unique experience.

RYLA 2017 is a five-day camp for incoming high school sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in developing leadership potential. The students will learn from business and community leaders about strengthening their leadership skills and abilities, promoting ethical behavior, and facilitating personal growth and self-awareness. There are several past participants of this program that stated their experience was life-changing and made them more aware of their capabilities. It is common to see a student become emotional when talking about their experience with RYLA. For many students, this is their first exposure to Rotary and what we, as Rotarians, can accomplish. The projects and exercises in this five-day camp are designed to get the students to think differently about certain situations and develop their own solutions with fellow students they may have not met before attending the camp. Many students worldwide, who have attended RYLA, have continued on to become members of an Interact, Rotaract, and eventually a Rotary club.

The University of Kansas in Lawrence will once again host District 5710's Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) from June 4th - June 8th. The cost per student is \$325 (\$300 registration fee paid by the sponsoring club and \$25 application fee paid by the student). 69 students attended last year's RYLA, engaging in a wide range of leadership development, team-building, civic engagement, and community service activities.

You can find the applications and brochure for the 2017 RYLA on the District 5710 website under the tab marked "RYLA" on the left hand side - [click here](#) for a link. The applications along with the fee can be submitted to the District office address listed on the application.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Faron Barr:  
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## District Conference - May 5-6, 2017

Register for District Conference at <https://rotary5710conference.eventbrite.com>

Here's a brief overview of what will be happening – you don't want to miss it!

Start the weekend by learning about District goals and how to apply those goals to your club.

Then, a service project: packing meals for [Rise Against Hunger](#). After the afternoon sessions, we'll have a late night pub crawl at [Prairiefire](#), ending with bowling at [Pinstripes](#)!

Get the blood flowing by joining in our *Fun Run Saturday morning* to help end polio!

After a trio of inspiring speakers, we'll split into groups and head out on the adventure of your choice:

- Enjoy an afternoon at [TopGolf](#) - no clubs required.
- Always wanted to try skydiving? Check out [iFly](#) indoor skydiving!
- Are you a sport shooter or Kentucky Derby fan? Support a fellow Rotary club and check out the [Guns & Horses](#) event.
- Looking for an activity with a more leisurely pace? Check out the [Museum at Prairiefire](#).

After your activity, head back to the hotel for the evening banquet.

Or, if you want a little more action and variety, we'll provide transportation to and from another great Rotary club event, [The Days of Wine and Rotary](#).

See the registration site for more information, and follow the [District 5710 Eastern Kansas Rotary Facebook](#) event page for updates!

## 2017 Heartland PETS

Our multi-district (with 5670 and 5690) Heartland PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) was held March 23-25 at the Wichita Marriott. The training began Friday morning the 24th, but early arrivals were treated to a social outing Thursday evening. A highlight was a stop at the downtown Rotary Time Tower, which was the Rotary Club of Wichita's Centennial project (2012). The beautiful pavilion, combined with springtime sunshine served as inspiration for the incoming club presidents.





# A BIG thank you to our District Conference 2017 Sponsors!



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# Out of Africa, in to Kansas City

JUNE 16 & 17, 2017

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## Join us

... as Rotarians from Africa and the USA come together to enjoy fellowship and celebrate the centennial of our dynamic Rotary Foundation.

Rotarians from Kansas City area districts will host African Rotarians, providing transportation and companionship to our guests during this celebratory weekend.

## Friday ... Get acquainted!

An evening reception at the Embassy Suites will allow us all to become acquainted – a great way to build friendships and relationships.

## Saturday ... Explore our city

Hosts and guests will tour local attractions of our guests' choosing. Midday the Rotary Club of Kansas City will host a luncheon at the beautiful Rotary Youth Camp.

## Saturday night ... Celebrate

A banquet and program will celebrate The Rotary Foundation's 100 years of helping Rotarians advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, education and alleviation of poverty.

## Book your hotel now!

Rooms at the Embassy Suites are available at the special rate of \$119 per night. To make your reservation, call or go online.

- Call 1-800-362-2779 from the USA or 1-816-891-7788 if calling internationally. Specify "Rotary" or the code "ROT."
- Go to <http://rotary13.org/page/outofafrica>, and select the "Hotel Info" page.

## Register now!

And it's easy to do online! Your registration of \$75/person includes both receptions and lunch and dinner on Saturday.



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**Rotarian Hosts are needed for this event!**

Please click [HERE](#) for more information!



# Rotary Peace Fellowships

## District 5710

### WHAT ARE ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS?

Each year, **Rotary selects individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships in Peace and Conflict resolution studies at one of our peace centers.** These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship/field study expenses. Eligible candidates may not be a Rotarian or related to a Rotarian. Two types of fellowships are available.

#### **MASTER'S DEGREE FELLOWSHIP**

Studies in fields related to peace and conflict resolution and prevention. Requires a minimum of 3 years related work or volunteer experience and a bachelor's degree. Programs last 15--24 months and require a practical internship of 2--3 months during the academic break. Up to 50 master's fellowships each year:

- Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, US
- International Christian University, Japan
- University of Bradford, UK
- University of Queensland, Australia
- Uppsala University, Sweden

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE**

A program for those with more extensive experience in peace-related fields (5 or more years related experience required). This is a 3-month program in peace and conflict resolution at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. This program incorporates 2--3 weeks of field study. Up to 50 certificates awarded each year.

### HOW TO APPLY

Rotary will begin accepting applications for the 2018 Rotary Peace Fellowships in December 2016. The application will be available online at [www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships).

1. **Submit your application through your local Rotary club prior to May 1, 2017**
2. Contact Patti Mellard, District Chair, for help with the application. 785-640-9999 or [patti@keystaffing.com](mailto:patti@keystaffing.com).
3. The local clubs will nominate candidates to move forward in the application process. The District 5710 deadline for club nominations is May 31, 2017.
4. District 5710 interviews will be conducted in May and June 2017 and select candidates to nominate to Rotary International.
5. Applications and endorsements from the club and District 5710 submitted to RI by July 1, 2017.
6. Rotary International will announce selected Fellows for both programs in October, 2017.

## Clubs Needed to Host Exchange Students for 2017-18 School Year



District 5710 is currently looking for host clubs and host families for the next school year. We have boys and girls needing homes and are excited to come to our country. Please contact district Youth Exchange Officer Stephen Wheatley at [wheatleydc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wheatleydc@sbcglobal.net) for more information. This is one of Rotary's oldest programs. Host families need not be Rotarians and it is a great recruiting tool to bring people to Rotary.

## Greater Kansas City Day - April 10

Rotary Clubs around the Kansas City Metro area will be out in force on Monday morning, April 10, 2017 in support of Greater Kansas City Day. They will be selling newspapers in support of the Rotary Youth Camp in Lee's Summit, MO as well as many other children's charities in our area. You can buy a paper and a collector's edition "Raised Royal" Flag at all area Price Chopper stores as well. Go to [www.kcday.org](http://www.kcday.org) for more info.



**Buy a paper, help a kid! And, Go Royals!!**

## New Members for March 2017

Atchison	Travis Grossman
Baldwin City	Amy Wright
Lawrence	Tracy Allen, Ettie Brightwell, Gregg Davidson, Jen Humphrey, Brenda Johnston
Leawood	Adam Drinkel
Lenexa	Tobias Scheffler, Keith Slider, Ron Tennissen
Louisburg	John Caton
Manhattan	Ashley Iverson
Manhattan Konza	Ian Silovsky
Overland Park	Kyle Baker
Overland Park South	Vera Rogers
Topeka Downtown	Katherine Browne, Preeti Chauhan, Rebecca Harmon, Carole Jordan, Jeremy Snowden, Laurel Vogt, Cindee Williams
Topeka South	Janet Burns, Tyler Levier
Village West	Chad Jansen





# We Can Do It!



## 2017

### CLUB EVENTS

#### Shawnee Rotary

**April 8, 2017**

#### **Taste of Shawnee**

3:00 – 6:00 PM

Shawnee Town 1929  
11600 Johnson Drive

Shawnee, KS

[Click here](#) for details.

#### Olathe Rotary

**May 6, 2017**

#### **Days of Wine & Rotary**

6:00 PM

Ball Conference Center  
21350 W 153rd St.

Olathe, KS

Tickets—\$50

Email [Jason](#) for tickets.

## Club News & Events



### No Foolin'... Leawood's April Fool's 5K was a Hit!

The third-annual Leawood Rotary 5K went off without a hitch in spite of the potential for great April Fool's Day pranking.

The run, which had previously been held during summer months, saw an increase in participation over previous years with more than 210 registered runners, joggers and walkers, including an impressive team of Leawood City employees and members of the governing body. Many local running clubs participated but the Red Bridge Running Club took top billing as it was represented by more than 20 runners.

Held along scenic Tomahawk Creek Parkway, runners enjoyed blooming spring trees and flowers, cooler weather and a flat course.



The Rotary Club raised nearly \$20,000 in registration and sponsorship fees which will be used to support a number of local children's charities throughout the next year.

The club is thankful for the hard work of our president, Brad Moore, who once again served as the run chair.



### Don't Miss DeSoto Rotary's Winesong Event

The De Soto Rotary Club will once again host Winesong at Riverfest. This year's event will be held **June 3rd** at Riverfest Park in De Soto. Winesong features Kansas wineries, local artists and great music. To date there are 13 Kansas wineries planning to offer samples to our guests. [www.winesongatriverfest.com](http://www.winesongatriverfest.com)



[Tickets](#) are \$30 or you can purchase 10 tickets for \$25 each and bring friends. To ensure a good time for all, a limited number of tickets will be sold. All proceeds will support the local, regional, and international efforts of the De Soto Rotary Club.



## Jo Co Rotary's Guns & Horses Event

The Western Johnson County Rotary is once again hosting their Annual Guns & Horses Event! This year it is available for District Conference attendees at a reduced price. So get yer' guns, big hats and ammo and be prepared for some tough competition!

Proceeds from this event will go to support Emily Dumler in her quest for LLS Woman of the Year (check her out on Facebook [here!](#)) And we will once again be raising funds for **Charlie's House** <http://charlieshouse.org/>

Come out and show your support for these great causes. A fun time is guaranteed!

You can register at <http://westjocorotary.org/Page/guns-horses-at-powder-creek>



## Downtown Topeka - On the Go!

The Downtown Topeka Rotary Club has had a busy month as a Club-on-the-Go!

We held our February club social at a unique business in NOTO (North Topeka) Arts District, Moods. It was a great turnout and resulted in several new club members!

We started March at our home location, Ramada Hotel, with an informative presentation about raising and training service dogs – and the kick-off of Spring with lots of flowers. The floral arrangements were given to one lucky lady at each table.



Then the next week on to the Capital Plaza Hotel for a presentation and update from our Topeka 501 Police Chief, Ron Brown. The next meeting was held at the Great Overland Station with the second part on the Westar/KCPL merger. Last month Jeff Martin, VP Westar Energy, spoke on the benefits of the merger for Topeka and this month Chuck Caisley, VP Marketing KCPL, spoke on the things that Westar brings to the

table and the things KCPL can add. Lots of questions from both meetings were answered!

Then back to our home at the Ramada with a terrific presentation on the 190th Refueling Wing from Forbes Field. Col Frantz closed his presentation asking if our club members would be interested in a several hour “ride-along” in one of the tankers. Lots of hands in the air!

March will close with a Fifth Thursday-Fifth Friday club social with the Topeka South Rotary Club at Norsemen's Brewing Company in the NOTO Arts District.



## Leavenworth Rotary Active in Community and Club



Members of the USM Rotaract Club, USM student & teacher volunteers and members of the Rotary Club of Leavenworth gathered earlier this month in support of the Second Harvest Community Food Bank Back-Pack Buddy Program. Approximately 450 weekend meals were packed up for one of our local elementary schools. Pictured left to right are Karina Rodriguez, President of the USM Rotaract Club and Mr. Jacob Hayden, the new USM Rotaract Club Sponsor (and Campus Minister); pictured in the background is Rotarian Timothy Moran, Rotary Club Sponsor for the USM Rotaract Club. To date, USM Rotaract Club has packed up close to 1500 meal packs for this important program.

Would you look at that good-looking Rotary Wheel; thanks again to Rotarians John D. and Tony M. for their help in getting our Wheel in the Leavenworth SPD Parade; photo credit goes to Rotarian Derek W.; thanks again fellas for everything!



Our club hosted our 37th Irish Stew Dinner; club members were out in force to make this dinner a big success (including a visiting Rotarian, Brenda Kitchenmaster from the Harker Heights Rotary Club (Texas)); we had a big crowd, two special guests attended (as well as many others), Leavenworth's SPD Parade Grand Marshall and Honary Grand Marshall, Mrs. Halene White & family and MAJ Niall O'Hara & his family. A good time was had by all!



Upcoming:

Over-the-Counter Medicine Drive: Saturday, 8 April 2017 Water Point, Leavenworth Half Marathon: Sunday, 7 May 2017

## Junction City Rotary Donates to United Way



At a recent meeting, the Rotary Club of Junction City made a \$500 dollar donation to the city's United Way campaign. Pictured, President Karen Carroll presents the check.

## Jayhawk Rotary Habitat for Humanity Work Day

On a blustery, snowy Saturday morning, March 11, Jayhawk Rotarians and other community volunteers started the 94th Habitat for Humanity home at 1909 East 17th Street. Jeffrey Colter and his daughter, Jayla, will live in the home.

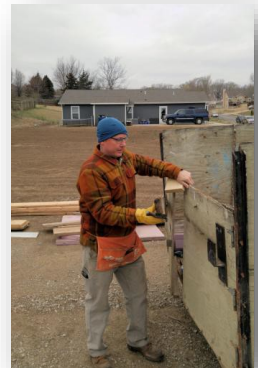
To conclude the Nail Drive Ceremony, the group joined in the closing Habitat litany:

As we prepare to raise these walls, we celebrate  
the world-wide Habitat for Humanity family;  
We give thanks for those who put faith into action  
by building hope this day and every day.

As we refuse to stay quiet in the face of poverty housing,  
but act in love and unity,  
We are as a glowing light for all to see.

As we bring people from all walks of life together in  
partnership to build decent, affordable housing, create  
community and transform lives,  
We pray that others will see not just buildings,  
but evidence of our love.

As we use our gifts justly and in service for humanity,  
We strive to create a positive, enduring impact on  
the families we serve, our volunteers and supporters,  
And the community as a whole.





## Lenexa Rotary Recap

We've inducted 3 new members into our club in the last 4-6 weeks: Keith Slider, Tobias Scheffler, and Ron Tennissen - WELCOME!

And we had a little fundraiser called "Shrimpfest"...

On March 4th, approximately 400 people gathered at the Lenexa Community Center for a fun evening of all-you-can-eat shrimp and wings, bingo, silent auction, and fellowship with Rotarians and new friends. Lenexa

Mayor Mike Boehm was among those who filled up on shrimp and wings. The Lenexa Rotary Club also recognized UPS with its Business of the Year Award, which is an annual award based on the Rotary Four-Way Test.



### Lenexa Member Jason Leib Selected as District 5710 Governor Nominee Designate

Lenexa Rotary would like to congratulate fellow member Jason Leib in his recent appointment as District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) for the 2019/2020 Rotary year! (For those not as familiar with Rotary, this means Jason will be District Governor for our district--District 5710--for the 2019-2020 Rotary year. Wow!)

Jason has expressed that he feels honored and humbled by this appointment. "I appreciate the club's continuing support and encouragement in pursuing the role of District Governor since my first nomination in 2012. I hope to help all of the clubs in our district be as active and generous as we are!"

It's worth noting we have a couple past District Governors (PDG) in our club: Charlie Smith and Greg Peterson.

## Upcoming *Days of Wine & Rotary* for Olathe Rotary

### Save the Date: Days of Wine and Rotary, May 6

Olathe Rotary will host its annual Days of Wine and Rotary fundraising gala on Saturday, May 6, 2017. Held at the elegant Ball Conference Center, located at 21350 W 153rd St, Olathe, Kan., the event will feature a wine tasting and food samples from local restaurants beginning at 6 p.m. Attendees will also enjoy bidding on silent auction and live auction items throughout the evening. Tickets are \$50 per person or buy three to get the fourth ticket free! Event proceeds support select local and international charities as well as the Olathe Rotary Foundation. Contact Jasen Mangrum at 913.620.3000 or [jmangrum@lawingfinancial.com](mailto:jmangrum@lawingfinancial.com) for tickets, auction and sponsorship opportunities as well as event details.

### Win a Dream Vacation

Like to travel? Olathe Rotary has your ticket to win a dream vacation to your destination of choice. The raffle winner will receive a \$5,000 travel allowance for travel anytime before December 31, 2018. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any Olathe Rotarian. And, everyone's a winner because each ticket includes a Buy one, Get one coupon to Jefferson's Wings, Burgers and Oysters. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Club's May 6 Days of Wine and Rotary Gala. Visit [OlatheRotary.org](http://OlatheRotary.org) for more information or contact Pat O'Donnell at 316.734.0675 or [PoppyOD@gmail.com](mailto:PoppyOD@gmail.com) for more information and tickets.



# TASTE OF SHAWNEE

## Third Annual Taste of Shawnee Continues to Draw Participation

As the third annual Taste of Shawnee draws near, event organizers are still welcoming participants to the lineup. The event takes place on Saturday, April 8, 2016, from 3-6 p.m. at Shawnee Town 1929.

There will be plenty of great food and entertainment for a great cause at the fundraiser hosted by the Rotary Club of Shawnee with the Overland Park Regional Medical Center ER of Shawnee as the presenting sponsor.

To date, vendors will include: Ambrosia Catering, Big Bam's Burgers, First Watch, Friends of Shawnee Town, Hereford House, Hy Vee Catering, Irish American Club, Mad Man's KC BBQ, McAlister's Deli, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Oishi Japanese Cuisine, Marigold's Food Truck, Papa Murphy's Take and Bake Pizza, Pegah's Family Restaurant, Pine and Bamboo Garden, Polar Oasis Frozen Treats, The Other Place, Smoothie King, Sombrero's Mexican Cantina, Starbucks and Yardhogs BBQ.

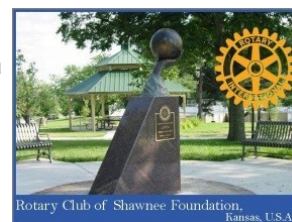
Kids will enjoy Little Monkey Bizness activities, face painting by Kansas City Art Institute students and interactive musician, Dino O'Dell.

The \$5 admission pass will include five "taste" tickets to be used to sample the dishes offered by participating restaurants. Admission passes can be purchased at the gate, from any Rotary Club of Shawnee member or at [tasteofshawnee@gmail.com](mailto:tasteofshawnee@gmail.com). Additional "taste" tickets can be purchased at the event for \$1 apiece.

Proceeds will be divided between Rotary International's overseas polio eradication efforts, Shawnee Community Services, the Circle of Hope NICU Foundation in addition to local and international charities supported by the Rotary Club of Shawnee Foundation.

Last year's Taste of Shawnee attracted more than 1,500 guests who sampled fare from 20 vendors and ultimately raised \$62,095 for charity.

For more information and a complete list of sponsors, restaurants, food trucks and vendors, visit [www.tasteofshawnee.wix.com/2017](http://www.tasteofshawnee.wix.com/2017).



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## Overland Park South - Jazz in the Woods

Overland Park South Rotary Club is preparing for its 28th annual "Jazz in the Woods," scheduled for Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10. The event takes place at Corporate Woods from 6:00-10:00 p.m. each night. Artists on Friday night include Dotsero, Curtis Salgado, and headliner The Elders. On Saturday night, performances include Steve Cole, Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal, and headline Richard Elliot.

In addition to great music, wine and beer are available as well as food truck vendors. Charity benefactors include Growing Futures Early Childhood Center, Sunflower House, and Future of Hope Foundation. If you are looking for a way to entertain clients, inquire about the Corporate Tents by contacting event chairman [Pete Belk](mailto:Pete.Belk@jccc.edu) or [Marc Shaffer](mailto:mshaffer@searcyfinancial.com).



If you're just looking for a great night of wonderful music, come and stay as long as you like.