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DG Chris's Message

Dear Rotarians,

Growth isn't just an initiative or a goal from one year to the next, growth is fundamental to perpetuating our fine organization called Rotary. As of today, District 5710 is comprised of 2,467 members and is shrinking .55% annually. Our "Rotary Wants You" theme and goal to hit 3,000 members by July of 2017 is a call to action; to focus on perpetuating Rotary for generations to come.

Growth isn't a District or a Club responsibility, it's an individual responsibility. It's our individual responsibility to share Rotary's community service, tremendous fellowship, leader and business mentorship and our fun with quality members in our respective communities. Take the initiative this year to share Rotary with someone new and invite them to a Club activity where you shine the brightest... service projects, Happy Hours, Club meetings, etc...

Let's grow to 3,000 by July of 2017!

Chris Ford

District Governor



Chris, pictured with his wife Amiee, daughter Lauren and son Logan, at the Overland Park South Rotary meeting on July 27. Chris presented to his home club, and officially received the "Home Club of the District Governor" Banner from Past District Governor John Donovan.



SAVE THE DATE!

Indoor skydiving! Top Golf!
Clay shooting! Bocce ball!
Service projects! And more!

If you like any of these activities, save the date now for the 2017 Rotary District 5710 Conference & Assembly, May 5-6, 2017 at the Sheraton Hotel in Overland Park. We're still seeking volunteers to help coordinate the conference, especially from clubs outside of Johnson County.

If you're interested, please contact Jason Leib at jasonl@jasonleib.com or 913-940-1446.

District News & Events



Foundation Membership Leadership Seminar August 13, 2016

Foundation, Membership, Leadership Seminar is only two weeks away! Saturday, August 13 at Washburn University in Topeka. [Have you registered yet?](#)

Here's why you don't want to miss it:

- **Great speakers.** Rob Wyrick and Hannah Hasselquist will share thoughts on fundraising and membership. Past District Governor Aziz Memon will take us to the front lines of the Polio fight from his home country of Pakistan.
- **Great sessions.** Club visioning, Rotary history and policies, help with ClubRunner, Club Central and Facebook for your club.
- **Grant certification.** Each club planning to apply for District Grants must send at least one person to the grants certification track

Rotary Leadership Institute. This three-part, intensive training will take your Rotary experience to a whole new level. The first session will be at F/M/L.

Take advantage of this free seminar to re-engage, re-energize and to plan for the next great chapter of Rotary in District 5710!

[Register Now!](#)

[Seminar Schedule](#)

[Seminar Session Descriptions](#)

Speaker's Bureau

Looking for a speaker? We can help. The following is a list of speakers provided by clubs in the district. Maybe you'll find your next program!

Johnson County Animal Response Team, (JoCART) and Disaster Preparedness for Pets—Presented by Sherry Oswald or Carla Lewis (Sherry - redridgeback@gmail.com)

Derek Schmidt, Kansas Attorney General <http://ag.ks.gov/about-the-office/contact-us>

Ken Selzer, Commissioner of Insurance commissioner@ksinsurance.org

Carl DiCapo, Rotarian (Club 13) and Restaurateur (Italian Gardens) - known as Mr. Rotary KayCee—the Royals “W Guy”- contact www.facebook.com/KayCeeBaseball/

Tyrone Flowers, Higher M-Pact www.highermpact.org/our-story/our-founder

(For more info on the last three speakers, contact [Evelyn Hornaday](mailto:Evelyn.Hornaday@lenexa.com) with Lenexa Rotary)

Do you have a speaker suggestion? Please email it to Mandy@Rotary5710.org. And watch your future newsletters for more speakers!

Rotary Leadership Institute @ FML

As was done in 2015, the first session of the Rotary Leadership Institute will be held as one of the tracks at this year's Foundation, Membership, and Leadership Training Seminar!



The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is for both “new” as well as “seasoned” Rotarians. The RLI is three (3) five-hour sessions focusing on:

- the purpose and structure of Rotary,
- attracting members, and how to improve their (and your) Rotary experience,
- local and international service projects, and
- team building and effective leadership strategies

Critical issues such as attracting and retaining new members by engaging them as well as how we can better provide “service above self” are explored.

RLI is open to any Rotarian who is interested in learning more about our amazing organization. Besides networking and exchanging ideas with other Rotarians, attending will enhance your knowledge of all facets of Rotary and how it works.

The first of the three sessions of the next RLI class will be offered on Saturday, August 13th at Washburn University per the following schedule:

7:30 am – 8:00 am	Registration and Breakfast
8:00 am – 8:15 am	Welcome by District Governor Chris Ford and Topeka South, host club
8:30 am – NOON	Rotary Leadership Institute, Session I seminar – Part 1 of 2
NOON – 1:00 pm	Lunch, General Program, Closing FML remarks
1:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Rotary Leadership Institute, Session I seminar – Part 2 of 2

RLI participants will need to attend both parts of the Session 1 seminar. The second session will be held on Saturday, August 27th and the third on Saturday, September 10th. Both the 2nd and 3rd sessions will be held at Community America Ballpark in Kansas City, Kansas. (Home of the T-Bones!)

The cost to attend is \$90.00 which includes all three sessions including lunch plus a RLI notebook. Money will be collected during the first session.

Please note to register, all that is needed is click [HERE](#).

Questions? Can't make all three sessions? Missed a session?

Contact Chuck Udell at chuckudell@msn.com or 913-908-3672 (cell).

New Members for July 2016

Leawood	Tommy Nigro
Manhattan	Patrick Collins, Bonnie Lynn-Sherow, Debra Ring
Overland Park South	Connie Jabara, Jeff Tipton, Danee Wallace
Paola	Clint Meinig
Shawnee Mission	Ed Coulter
Topeka South	Gary Lundberg, Cassandra Taylor
Topeka West	Roger Viola
Valley Falls	William Klenklen



News & Info from Rotary International

Earn the Presidential Citation

Your Rotary, Rotaract, or Interact club can earn a [Presidential Citation](#) for achieving goals that strengthen Rotary and your clubs. Grow your membership, develop sustainable service projects, support The Rotary Foundation, and build awareness of Rotary in your community and get recognized for being a part of Rotary Serving Humanity. Develop a plan now and track your progress starting August 2016.

Share your expertise in Atlanta

Do you have an idea or project you want to share with the Rotary world? Organize a breakout session at the Atlanta Convention and share your knowledge! Breakout sessions inspire attendees to develop new ideas for projects, fundraisers, membership tactics, and more — while you improve your leadership skills! [Submit your proposal online](#) by Monday, 19 September.

Youth leading sustainability on International Youth Day

This year, the United Nation's International Youth Day (12 August) is focused on achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Young people play a leading role ensuring poverty eradication and achieving sustainable development. Join the celebration and [organize your own event or activity](#)! And don't forget to post your International Youth Day plans on [Rotary Ideas](#) to connect with youth advocates around the world.

Celebrate the Rotary Foundation Centennial with #100ActsOfGood

To mark The Rotary Foundation centennial, we're encouraging members everywhere to do 100 acts of good throughout the year. Let others know by posting photos of yourself on social media, along with a brief description of the act, using

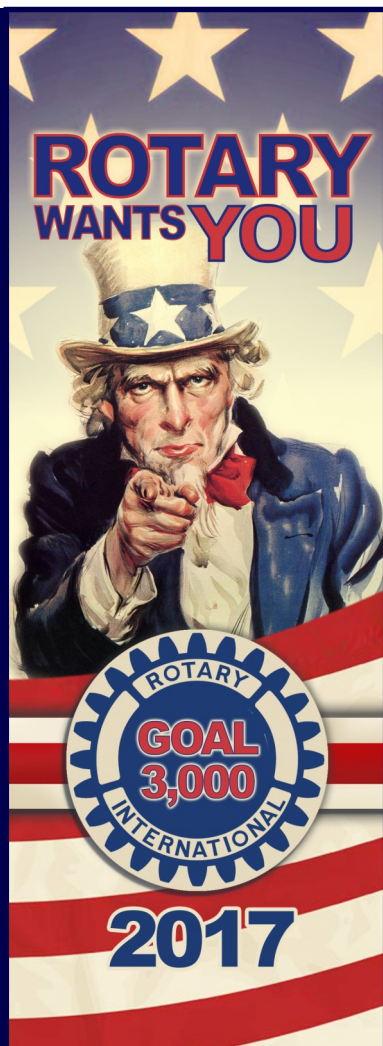
[See and share acts of good](#)

[Learn more about the Foundation centennial](#)

[Join the centennial celebrations](#)

Rotary





CLUB EVENTS

MANHATTAN KONZA

August 6, 4:30 PM

Water Matters Day
Sunset Zoo, Manhattan, KS

MULTI-CLUB EVENT

(Jo Co. Clubs)

August 20, 4:00 - 10:00PM

Family-Friendly Picnic & Social
Robert Thompson's Home
Gardner, KS

[RSVP here!](#)

SUNSET ROTARY OF JO CO

August 22, 5:00 PM

Mid-Summer Mardi Gras
Top Golf Tournament
Top Golf, Overland Park, KS

Club News & Events



Overland Park Rotary Awards & Recognitions

On Monday, June 27th, 11:30 am at the Doubletree Hotel, the Overland Park Rotary Club held their annual Installation and Awards Luncheon.

The 2016-2017 slate of officers are **Trish Reedy** as President, **Jim Courtney** as President Elect, **Mike Tracy** as Vice President, **Doug Davidson** as Treasurer, **Cris Smith** as Secretary and **Craig Novorr** as Immediate Past President. Directors are **Denver Vold**, **Clayton Smith** and **Jennifer Carroll**.

Trish is the youngest person ever to assume the club's Presidency as well as the fourth female President in the Overland Park Rotary Club's 55- year old history.

The Overland Park Rotary Club also presented several important awards including the **Ben Craig Distinguished Service Award**, the club's highest honor to **Donna Lauffer**. The **Star Recruiter** award was given to **Katie Lord**, **Quiet Rotarian** award to **Lynn Intrater** and **Rising Star** award to **Placher Sieben**. This year's **Paul Harris Fellows** recipients were **Dustin Lewis**, **Jennifer Carroll**, **Dean Dyer**, **David Austin** and **Doug Davidson**. Past President **Chad King** was also recognized for his dedicated service of 9 years to the board.

This year's awards presentation took on a very poignant tone as **Ben Craig**, a long-time Overland Park Rotarian and local banker was honored at the event. Ben was recently diagnosed with cancer and is bravely living out his days with courage, strength and dignity. For 52 years, Ben has had a perfect attendance record at Rotary. His involvement with the Overland Park Rotary Club and the community at large is extraordinary. He has shared his wisdom, commitment and dedication to service with several generations of Club members. Rotary member **Greg Musil** spoke eloquently about what Ben's involvement in Rotary and dedication to the community has meant to us all.

In a very touching moment, Ben gave his Rotary ring to longtime friend and member, Stan Meyer.

In a gesture to further honor Ben Craig, the Club created a Ben Cares fund and raised \$5,000 which was matched by the Overland Park Rotary Foundation in the same amount. Harvester's, a longtime favorite charity of Ben Craig's will be receiving \$10,000 in his name.

President Trish Reedy with Donna Lauffer, recipient of the Ben Craig Distinguished Service Award.



Rotary in Guatemala 2016

During the week of July 17th-24th, members of the Topeka South, Olathe Noon, and Lenexa clubs along with two members from the Washburn University Rotaract club, two nurse practitioners from the Washburn School of Nursing, and one participant from this year's RYLA traveled to Guatemala to help the communities surrounding Lake Atitlán. The team visited the communities of Patanatic, San Juan, San Pedro, Cerro d' Oro, and San Pablo to serve several needs.

The medical team conducted over 200 medical checkups in four different schools. In an extension of Sole Mates, Topeka South and Woodland Public Charity supplied 36 pairs of shoes to the children of Patanatic and Cerro d' Oro. The team also delivered ten water filters purchased by Rotarians and the RYLA participant on our team.

For the first time in their history, the communities of San Pedro and San Juan each received a clinic provided by Topeka South in collaboration with Woodland Public Charity, the nurses of Patanatic, and the Washburn School of Nursing. The room that was used for this purpose was supplied by the elementary school in each community indefinitely as part of their commitment to this project. The clinic, at first, will be attended by one of the Patanatic nurses at least once a week with the intent that nurses who are trained in the future will be assigned to these clinics. The team cleaned, painted and stocked these clinics, then presented them to the principal of each school. The clinic in San Pedro will help 385 students get access to better health care and the clinic in San Juan will help 325 students.

It was a pleasure, once again, to be on a team of such fine and professional people. The following list is who were on our team this year.

Topeka South

Faron Barr and Ann Barr along with their nephew, Scott Berry - Michael Byers and his daughter, Elizabeth Small - Patrick O'Kane and his son, Jacob O'Kane

Olathe Noon

Wes McCoy

Lenexa

Jorge Coromac and his children, Jorge and Julia Coromac

Washburn University Rotaract

Lauren Barr & Olivia Banzet

2016 RYLA participant

Andrew Oberholzer

Washburn School of Nursing

Tiffany McManis and her niece, Shalynn Basa, & Crystal Stephens



If you would like to learn more about this trip, please go to the [Topeka South Rotary Facebook](#) page to find pictures and a day-by-day report of the work that was completed during this week. I personally thank all of the team members for their wonderful efforts and I, especially, thank all of the Rotarians who made this trip possible.

Faron Barr

Topeka South Rotary

Lenexa 4th of July Parade

Members of the Lenexa Rotary Club and Shawnee Mission Northwest Interact Club walked alongside the Lenexa Fire Safety Trailer in the 4th of July parade. The Lenexa parade draws thousands of spectators every year, and the crowd was very engaged with the parade participants. The Lenexa Fire Safety Trailer, which was purchased with funds from the Lenexa Rotary Club, teaches over 1000 kids in our community every year about fire safety and disaster preparedness.



Junction City Welcomes Foundation Chair Jim Mattes

District Foundation Chair Jim Mattes recently visited the Rotary Club of Junction City. President Karen Carroll and Secretary Charles Volland (pictured at right with Jim), said that the club enjoyed his presentation about the Foundation and were inspired to start giving!

Would you like Jim to speak to your club? Contact Jim Mattes at jimmattes@mattesappraisal.com.



What's Happening in Leavenworth...



Pictured left to right, Carlisa Cashman, Fairfield Inn & Suites, Katie Elliott, Hampton Inn & Suites, Wendy Scheidt & Andrea Staples, Leavenworth Main Street, Kristi Lee & Rosalee Robinson, with President Ellen (inset), Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Former President Ellen Bogdan and Rotarian Joan Murnane-Rendall. These organizations were instrumental in the success of our recent district conference; President Ellen presented Service Above Self Certificates to each organization.



Mark Rountree, Editor of the Leavenworth Times, was recognized by President Ellen for his public relations efforts in support of our club; a Service Above Self Certificate was presented to Mark. (left)

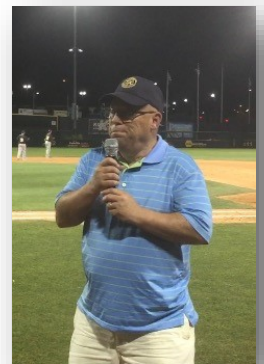


Foundation Chair, DeEtte Lombard, recognizes Rotarian Bill Kidder with a Paul Harris Fellow (+8) award at one of our recent meetings. (right)



President Ellen recognizes Past President DeEtte Lombard with the 2016 President's Award for her distinguished service to the club over the last year. (left)

Rotarian Mike Lehnherr prepares to sing "God Bless America," during the 7th-inning stretch at the T-Bones Baseball game (Community America Park) at the "Rotary End Polio Now" Night last month. (right)



Overland Park Rotary Youth Leadership Institute

The 22nd Overland Park Rotary Youth Leadership Institute was held during the week of July 17-22 at Johnson County Community College. The annual week-long YLI Program brought together 20 high school students from 13 area high schools to explore the many facets of leadership.

This program's design challenged students to learn more about the importance of self-awareness, understanding and appreciation of differences, how to bring out the best in others, strategic thinking, effective leadership and service within our community. The program has been developed on the fundamental principal that youth learn best by actively participating in the process of leadership.

Several local leaders spoke with students including former Senator Dick Bond, former Kansas City Mayor, Kay Barnes, heart surgeon, Dr. Gary Beauchamp, US Army General Via, and Attorney Greg Musil. They learned from the life lessons of community leaders and explored the idea of ethical decision making and bringing opposing forces together.

Students also traveled to Wildwood for an outdoor team building experience and to the Command and General Staff College Foundation at Fort Leavenworth to participate in leadership simulations. They conducted one on one interviews with various Overland Park Rotarians and learned how to apply what they learned now and in the future.

Upon completion of YLI, students presented team interpretations of what leadership is and how to become effective leaders in their schools. Many of this year's graduates plan to become actively involved in the political process.

The following students are graduates of the 2016 Overland Park Rotary Youth Leadership Institute:

Maya Alexander – Blue Valley North

Ricardo Alvarado – Turner High School

Brianna Buckbee – Shawnee Mission North

Ryan Clark Blue - Valley High

Sophia Hendrickson – Kansas City Academy

Angela Jiang – Blue Valley High

Nick Kennedy – Blue Valley High

Sindu Manda – Blue Valley High

Grace Mao – Blue Valley North

Asher Molina - Shawnee Mission North

Bryanna Najera – Washington High

Devin Palmer – Shawnee Mission South

Mitchell Neunuebel – Rockhurst

Joshua Potrarz – Stayley

Ryan Schunk – Olathe South

Brooke Sullivan – Olathe South

Priya Suvarna – Blue Valley Northwest

Daniel Wiskur – Shawnee Mission South

Molly Wiskur – Shawnee Mission South



Johnson County Sunset Fundraiser

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Sunset Rotary of Johnson County

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CONTESTS
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Proceeds benefit Safe Home, an organization that provides support for survivors of domestic violence.



- ◆ Tournament Date | Monday, August 22, 2016
- ◆ TOPGOLF | 10611 Nall Avenue, Overland Park, Kansas
- ◆ Check-In 5:00-5:30 p.m. | Tournament 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Awards Ceremony 7:30-8:00 p.m.
- ◆ \$100 Per Player | Includes Appetizer Buffet & Two Drink Tickets (Cash-Bar Thereafter)
- ◆ Individual & Team Contests With Prizes | Best Costume Prize!
- ◆ Golf Clubs Provided By TOPGOLF | You're Also Welcome To Bring Your Own

Contact Name: _____

Contact Email: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Names of other players on your team for whom you are registering:

P-1: _____ P-4: _____

P-2: _____ P-5: _____

P-3: _____ P-6: _____

Registration and payment requested by Friday, August 12, 2016

Checks payable to Johnson County Sunset Rotary Club, P.O. Box 24021, Overland Park, KS 66283

TEAMS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION

Individual players will be assigned to a team that does not already include six players.

See Yourself in the Newsletter!

Don't miss the opportunity to see yourself and your club in the District Newsletter!

Email your events, fundraisers and news stories to
Mandy@Rotary5710.org by the 20th of each month.

And don't forget DG Chris's Goal of 3000 Rotarians!

