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Monthly Theme: Membership & New Club Development

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR ADAM EHLERT

Dear District 5710 Rotarians:

We are members of Rotary International because we have a call to serve. We are eager to share our time, talents, and often, our treasure.

This month's message touches on your generosity and the efficiency of our structure.

First: thanks to terrific financial stewardship by our district's leadership for many years, we have some money in the bank. More accurately, treasure that you have raised, solicited or donated is sitting idly, waiting to be put to good use. But our District Finance Committee has identified a long-term strategy to do this. Our individual clubs are the best instruments to put this money back into action—it's your money to start with anyway! If your club President has entered club information and goals into Rotary Club Central, the check is currently being processed back to your club. So, please, use that "Goodwill" money as you see fit—the only "string attached" is that you need to share the message of your good works. "Service Above Self" is great, but does little for our Public Image if we don't share how we live that credo.

Second: Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation are also exceptional managers of our money. It's therefore neat that we can use District Discretionary Funds (again, our being returned) to work toward one of our International President's goals. Ian Riseley would love to share Rotary's international impact by having one tree planted by each Rotarian. Rick Randolph of the Ambassadors Club has kindly offered to shepherd the One Rotarian, One Tree program through our district.

Let's collectively use our money with diligence and enthusiasm! Plant some trees, share your message, and keep Making a Difference!

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Adam



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**



District News & Events

NEW CLUB FORMS IN DISTRICT AS RESULT OF C.O.L. CHANGES

By: [Kevin Tubbesing](#), Past District Governor

The 2016 Rotary International Council on Legislation adapted changes that will fundamentally alter the structure how Rotarians gather and thereby serve. Gone are the days of mandatory weekly meetings, RI specified attendance requirements, and other standards that we have always seen as “normal”. Unfortunately, normal has not been working as evidenced this year when the U.S. lost a seat on the RI Board of Directors as worldwide RI membership increases and North America numbers continue to dramatically decline.

I have had the privilege to serve our District 5710 through a number of leadership roles that have pushed me into training and now responsibilities outside of the District as a regional Foundation coordinator for The Rotary Foundation. Through these experiences I have seen dozens of new and fresh ideas, great leaders emphasizing membership, and focuses on new members vs. retention. All good ideas and few have been successfully implemented in our annual-turnover leadership environment.

Borne from my experiences and strengthened by the guiding hands of Rotarian Rick Randolph and non-Rotarian (until now!) Jim Brown, The Ambassadors Club was founded on May 31, 2017. Radical is the only way to view this model of Rotary that encourages its members to attend additional meetings at traditional, weekly-meeting clubs, but our club will only “meet” twice monthly; once in-person and once on-line.

One membership can be shared with a spouse/partner (no, not officially with RI but recognized within our Club) and both are welcome and encouraged at our monthly gatherings. Quarterly we get together for a full, dinner-club on Saturdays while the other two monthly gatherings per quarter will be late afternoon Sundays for fellowship, drinks and hors d'oeuvres. The founding Ambassadors Club (officially, “West Kansas City, U.S.A.”), has committed to annual giving of \$1,000 per member to The Rotary Foundation and \$500 to the Club’s local foundation, when able. Locally, the club will engage in 2-3 local service events per year funded by our local foundation.

Key to our club is simplicity. The Administration (the Club President) takes on all functions of club administration including reporting (Secretary), money handling (Treasurer), and organizing the club meetings. We don’t have Foundation programs outside of reinforcing the giving that each member is already donating towards. And membership...we formed at 20 members and are capped at 20 members – no recruiting until we replace a member.

Our club was formed with 9 existing Rotarians and 11 non-Rotarians that never felt they could work themselves into a traditional, weekly-meeting club. This brings \$16,500 in TRF and local giving contributions into our global community not to mention recognition of Rotary and our involvement in local and global community service. I’ll bet that you know a few good men and women that would enjoy giving back to their community and meeting socially on a monthly basis. What now?

One of the fundamental structures of the Ambassadors Club was to be the foundation of additional, similarly structured clubs. Ambassadors Club II, III, IV, etc. is the vision and we would love to work with you on this new vision of Rotary bringing others into our world of service and fellowship. Each club will form with their own version and structure – what will your vision be??

PUBLIC IMAGE TASK FORCE FOCUSES ON PEOPLE OF ACTION

By: [Pat O'Donnell](#), P.I. Chair

People of Action is the new Rotary “tag line”. As our new Public Image Task Force begins to develop goals and plans to support the 45 Clubs in the District 5710, you will begin to see more awareness of Rotary across Northeast Kansas.



Along with DGE Blanche Parks and several others, I had the pleasure of attending the Zone 27 District Leadership Institute in Denver. The Rotary Trilogy was the primary focus. We were encouraged to think in terms of Membership, Foundation and Public Image as the three legs of the stool that supports our Clubs.

Regarding the Public Image leg, we will soon begin meeting via Zoom teleconference to define a plan of action for the District. As this is happening, Rotary International will be rolling out new branding materials for the People of Action theme, “TOGETHER, WE...” INSPIRE, CONNECT, END POLIO, TRANSFORM, CELEBRATE, and SERVE. Learn more about RI’s People of Action initiative [HERE](#).

DISTRICT 5710 ALUMNI NEWS

District 5710 is reviving its Rotary Alumni Association. Rotary alumni are Rotarians and non-Rotarians who have participated in Rotary programs such as Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange and RYLA; have been Ambassadorial, Global Grant or Rotary Peace scholars; or have participated in Group Study Exchange, Vocational Training Teams or international service projects. There are more than 300 alumni in District 5710.

Our District Alumni chair is Lawrence Rotarian Andrea Norris, the Alumni Assoc. president is Lee Urban, past president of the Village West Rotary Club, and the secretary is Rotarian from Manhattan Katrina Lewis. Rotary maintains a database of alumni, but much of the information is out of date. If anyone is interested in helping update the contact information for alumni in their area, please contact Andrea or Lee. (asnorris@earthlink.net; lurbang@gmail.com)



Andrea hosted an informal gathering of alumni from the eastern part of the district in the early summer and is planning another one for early fall. She attended the session on alumni associations at the International Convention in Atlanta and observed that Rotary is focusing increasing attention on alumni as people who manifest Rotary’s service initiative. Lee is using his online communication skills to create a social media platform for District 5710 alumni.

The biggest news is that District 5710 nominated Richard Randolph for the Rotary 2017/2018 Rotary Alumni Global Service Award and he has been selected as Zone 27’s Winner. Rick has been in the Shawnee Rotary Club and is now in the new Ambassador Rotary Club in Johnson County. He is the Chief Medical Officer for Heart to Heart International and has served in many international medical missions, including six months in Liberia during the Ebola epidemic. He has had Rotary grants for medical projects in Haiti and Uganda and led District 5710’s 2013 GSE team to Africa and a Vocational Training Team in 2016 to facilitate the use of equipment for an oncology clinic in the Rotary Hospital in Kampala. Congratulations, Rick! (pictured at left in front of the clinic)



DISTRICT 5710 MEMBERSHIP CORNER

BY: [Jason Camis](#), Membership Chair

We all know someone who told us they dropped out of Rotary because they had kids and couldn't make meetings anymore. Well good news... we might have an answer for that. We are currently exploring starting a "Family Club".

The basic premise of this club would be that it is truly a family club, not just family-friendly. Members would be the entire family unit. Meetings would take place at a time convenient for families to attend. Service projects and programs would be geared toward the whole family. It's still in the infant stages, but we are trying to build a list of those former Rotarians that might be interested in such a structure.

If you know someone, have them contact me at jason@gardneredgerton.org or by phone at 785-418-3276 for more information. Cheers!



A NEW WAY TO DO THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

We are one month into our new Rotary year, and we have a NEW way for Rotarians to participate in the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). The *first* and *last* sessions of RLI will be conducted as we have in the past – on Saturdays at Community America Ballpark in Kansas City, Kansas (Home of the T-Bones!) – thanks to our DG Adam Ehlert hosting us.

The second session will be held ONLINE in two 2-hour week night evenings. You will be able to participate in this session from the comfort of your home or wherever in the world you are.

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is for both "new" as well as "seasoned" Rotarians. The RLI focuses 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

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, September 9th at Community America Ballpark from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Your facilitators will be Tom Gray from the Leavenworth Club and our district governor elect, Blanche Parks from the Downtown Topeka Club.

The second session will be held ONLINE on Tuesday, September 19th and October 10th. Both of these sessions will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 pm facilitated by Neil Wakefield from the Village West Club assisted by Chuck Udell from Leawood. Instructions on how to access the online portal will be sent to participant's prior to the first online session. And, our third session will held back at Community America Ballpark on Saturday, October 21st from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. DeEtte Lombard and Ellen Bogdan, both from the Leavenworth Club will facilitate.

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

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

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

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



CATCHING UP WITH ROTARY PEACE FELLOW SUMMER LEWIS

Perhaps one of our district's most important accomplishments has been to sponsor five Rotary Peace Fellows since the Rotary Peace Centers were established in 2002. Our own Larry Dimmitt, RI Director-elect, caught up with three of them at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta in June, and later that month one of them, Summer Lewis, sent us the following update of her activities. Summer was a presenter at the pre-convention Presidential Peace Conference. The photo below shows Summer, center, with her sister, Katrina Lewis, and David Kozar. Katrina was a Peace Fellow in the summer of 2012 at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, and David studied at Queensland University, Brisbane, Australia in 2009-10.

FROM SUMMER LEWIS:

I'm realizing that I haven't sent an update in a while...so here goes. In mid-2013, I took a job in Oaxaca, Mexico with Coffee Kids, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the livelihoods of coffee farming families in Latin America. I moved on from that position at the end of 2014 to start a consulting group, True Roots, together with my former boss from Coffee Kids. True Roots specializes in planning, assessment, and impact measurement of social responsibility initiatives. True Roots provides their support to Rotary Projects and Global Grants, and offers learning tours to connect individuals and organizations with communities and development projects in Latin America.



As an international development consultant and educator, I help businesses and nonprofits—including Rotary Clubs—plan, implement, and measure the impact of social projects in the Global South, and I teach university students about the whole process at the same time. I do most of my work online, and have called Oaxaca, Mexico home for the past 4 years.

Here are some links with further information about what I am up to:

[New blog post, "What is Monitoring and Evaluation and Why is it Important? An Example from Rotary International," which includes more information about my current involvement with a Rotary project](#)

[My presentation, "Entrepreneurship and Microfinance: Proving Project Impact," at the 2017 Presidential Peace Conference](#)

[True Roots website](#) with more information on the work we do, and you can [sign up for updates](#)

I'm sorry that I haven't done a great job of keeping in touch. For those of you who have started a business, I'm sure you understand... But I am eternally grateful for your support over the years. I'd love to hear back from you! Come visit me in Oaxaca!

Summer Lewis ~ Rotary Peace Fellow, University of Queensland, Australia (2011-2012)

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP AVAILABLE FOR CLUB VISIONING/STRATEGIC PLANNING ASSISTANCE

Looking for a Facilitator for Your Club's Visioning/Strategic Planning?

Here are Experienced Facilitators You Are Welcome to Contact for Assistance:

Tom Gray, Assistant Governor, Leavenworth, KS - tomadg5710@kc.rr.com and Phone: 913-702-2290

Deb Rodenbaugh-Schaub, PDG, Manhattan, KS - dar83wu@gmail.com and Phone: 785-341-4903

David Stallings, Overland Park, KS - David@DavidAStallings.com and Phone: 913-406-1202

John Vandewalle, PDG, Ambassadors Club (West KC) - johnv@intouchconsulting.com



T.E.A.M. ROTARY TRAINING—AUGUST 19, 2017

Join us on August 19th from 8:30am-1:30pm in Lawrence for this newly formatted training. We've taken the most important topics and packed them into a day full of sessions, all short and sweet (20 minutes) and to the point. No longer will you be stuck in a session for an hour when you determine that the topic is not what you expected. 20 minutes sessions encourage presenters to get to the point quickly and not overwhelm any attendee with more information than they need. If you don't like a session, that's ok because the coffee and Bloody Mary bar will open promptly at 10am. And we all know that the connections made can be every bit as important, so attendees are encouraged to take those important conversation to the back of the room and do what you need to make your training experience impactful for you.

And here's a sampling of sessions:

Grant Training (Product Development, Project Ideas and Certification)

The Rotary Foundation (Nuts & Bolts)

20 Ideas in 20 Minutes (R&D = Rip Off and Duplicate!)

Rotary Technology (Club Runner & Rotary Club Central)

Generational Leadership

Developing the Next Rotary Leader: The RLI Experience

Reframing YOUR Rotary Story

Building Rotary's Public Image: For Club, For Country

And more...

TEAM TRAINING
Saturday, August 19th
8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
CIDER GALLERY
810 Pennsylvania
Lawrence, KS 66044

[Get registered HERE!](#)

NEW MEMBERS FOR JULY

Atchison	Louise Regenstein
Baldwin City	Walter Moon
Downtown Topeka	Yana Ross, Jay Van Blaricum
Gardner	Joe Gardenhire, Brian Mason
Holton	Bryce Barnett
Lawrence	Patrick Schmitz
Leavenworth	Tiffany Andrews, Richard Burns, Tim Vandall
Manhattan	Preston Schotte, Sarah Schotte, Robert Ward
Manhattan Konza	Janet Skochdopole
Ottawa	Daniel Newland
Overland Park	Garet King, Richard Webdell
Overland Park South	William Bradley, Cindy Green
Shawnee	Zhen (Jen) Chen

WELCOME



Club News & Events

SECOND ANNUAL ROTARY FREEDOM FESTIVAL IN TOPEKA

The second annual Rotary Freedom Festival, sponsored by the Downtown Topeka Rotary Club, was held on July 1 in downtown Topeka. Approximately 2,000 people attended the evening concerts featuring Kelley Hunt, the Skirts, Maria the Mexican and the Smooth Tones with Kelvin Ross. Many local businesses sponsored the Freedom Festival. Proceeds go toward a club commitment to the Restorative Justice

program at the Center for Peace and Justice.

Throughout the day local musicians played in the pocket parks on Kansas Avenue as festival-goers walked around looking at antique and current military vehicles, and a variety of artists, story-tellers, and native American drummers.



The Rotary Pocket Park and Constitution Hall told Topeka's freedom story to approximately 500 people as they looked at the exhibits, watched costumed reenactors portray the dispersal of the Kansas Legislature in 1856 and enjoyed Mexican food.

At the Statehouse, twenty-seven agencies and groups provided family-friendly activities which included learning about aeronautics, martial arts, making robots and other fun toys from recycled materials, and visiting with personnel from the Topeka Zoo and Humane Society. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts had fun activities for kids.

The day started with a 5K run, and ended 14 hours later with a great concert, a lot of very tired volunteers in blue Rotary shirts and a very positive image for Rotary in our community.



NEW ROTARY BENCHES BRIGHTEN UP OVERBROOK LIBRARY



Through a Rotary 5710 District Grant, Overbrook Rotarians were busy last spring and early summer installing outdoor benches at the Overbrook Public Library.

A limestone bench was installed in the Rotary Outdoor Area located on the west side of the Library. Other benches provide reading areas for patrons, a safe place for children to wait for rides, and meet a need for citizens to use the internet outside of library hours.

Rotarians involved with installing the limestone bench were Marian Massoth, Cliff O'Bryhim, Rich Fairchild, Vic Robbins, and Don Schultz.



MANHATTAN ROTARY NEWS

The Manhattan Rotary Club has enjoyed a great month of presentations beginning with the inauguration of Vern Henricks as the 2017-18 Club President and his introduction and program by his brother, Dean Henricks, who is a member of the Citrus Heights, CA Rotary Club and is also the Northern California Student Exchange Director. Followed by Jayme Morris-Hardeman, Executive Director of Thrive, who shared the organization's objectives of working with individuals and families with challenges, Peter Dorhout, Vice President for Research, who shared the economic impact and history of the Kansas State University Research Program, Todd Holmgren, Executive Director, unveiling the 2017-18 KSU McCain Performance series, and Bill Snyder, KSU Head Football Coach, sharing his thoughts on the program.



We introduced three new members Robert Ward, a transfer member who served in the United States Air Force as Staff Judge Advocate and later as Attorney General for the State of Michigan and Sarah Schotte a local Audiologist from Manhattan and Preston Schotte and New York Life Agent in the community.

We continued our 100th Anniversary series with presentations by past presidents; Vernon Turner, Betty Stevens, Scott Emley and Rotarian of the Year Eric Higgins.

And finally, the club is finalizing plans for the Brew 2 Shoe half marathon race and youth Just Tri It triathlon community projects, raised funds for the YES! (Youth Empowering Success) Fund Campaign supporting after school programs and began preparations for the One Rotarian One Tree challenge by R.I. President Ian Riseley.

Editor's Note: Manhattan Rotary posts its meetings on Facebook as videos, so if you would like to check them out, go to <https://www.facebook.com/manhattanrotary/>.

LEAVENWORTH ROTARY

Senator Jerry Moran visited our club this month. Moran talked about health care issues and listened to the club's plans for the upcoming year. President Tamara presented Moran one of the club's Century of Service banners to take back to his club in Hays, Kansas.



Keeping our park beautiful, Rotarians gather one Saturday each month between April and November to collect trash, pull weeds and plant/tend to flower beds and memorial trees; thanks to Tony Kramer for leading this effort.



A great group of Rotarians and friends of our club!



Thanks to Past President Mark Gerges for his leadership over the last year.



We welcomed two new members to our club this month...

Tiffany Andrews and Tim Vandall; we are happy to have them join our ranks!

Sadly, this month we lost a former member, Bethany Root from Atchison, Kansas; our thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.



PAOLA STARTS OFF THE NEW ROTARY YEAR IN SERVICE AND TRADITION

On Saturday, July 22nd, the Paola Rotary Club participated in the Paola School District's "Serving Our Students" event. This event was open to students in need of assistance for the upcoming school year. In conjunction with District Grant funds, the club donated \$4,960 by distributing vouchers to 124 students that will be used to provide clothing and shoes.



As part of the Miami County Fair, the club provided a free lunch to the fair workers and volunteers on Tuesday, July 25th. Then on Wednesday, July 26th, the club sponsored the annual Miami County Fair Parade. This is the 69th year the Paola Rotary Club sponsored the parade.

LOUISBURG GOLF TOURNAMENT

18th Annual Louisburg Rotary Club Golf Tournament



**Friday August 18, 2017 - Shotgun Start at 1:00pm
Metcalf Ridge Golf Club - Louisburg, Kansas**

Tournament proceeds will help fund youth scholarships and activities!

More than \$1,500 in cash and prizes awarded in 2016

- ⇒ 4-Person Scramble
- ⇒ Registration begins @ 11:30am
- ⇒ Play begins @ 1 pm
- ⇒ Participation limited to the first 36 teams.
- ⇒ Prizes awarded per flight or place, depending on participation
- ⇒ Winners and Sponsors will be announced after the last round

****** ENTRY FEE INCLUDES ****
Green fees, Cart, Light lunch, Beer, Snacks and
Soft drinks...YES...BEER and Soft drinks.**

Team Name:
Contact Person:
Phone:
Address:
City, Zip:

Player 3:
Phone:
Address:
City, Zip:

Player 2:
Phone:
Address:
City, Zip:

Player 4:
Phone:
Address:
City, Zip:

Thank You for Supporting the Louisburg Rotary Club!

Contact Julie Baalman at 913-424-8822 or jbaalman@banklandmark.com to sponsor a hole or donate a prize.

Make checks payable to:
Louisburg Rotary Club
c/o Julie Baalman
PO Box 549
Louisburg, KS 66053

FEE SCHEDULE
\$340 per team (**\$360 day of**)
\$85 per player (**\$90 day of**)
\$175 Hole Sponsor

please pay in advance



Rotary International News

ROTARY REMEMBERS SAM OWORI

By **Ryan Hyland and Abby Breitstein** (This article is condensed from Rotary.org—[click here](#) to read it in its entirety.)



The Rotary flags in front of Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and Rotary offices around the world flew at half-staff last week as friends and colleagues mourned **President-elect Sam F. Owori**, who died on 13 July from complications after surgery.

Sam, who had been elected to serve as president of Rotary International in 2018-19, would have been the second African Rotary member, and the first Ugandan, to hold that office. He joined Rotary in 1978 and was a member of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda.

Like many members, Sam was invited to Rotary by a persistent friend. “I did not want to go,” he cheerfully acknowledged years later. “I had no interest. But I had respect for my friend, so I went. And when I got there, I was in shock. The room was full of people I knew.”

The more Sam saw of Rotary’s good work, the more enthusiastic he became. He is largely credited with the tremendous increase in clubs in Uganda: from nine in 1988, when he was district governor, to 89 today. His friends called his enthusiasm “the Owori madness” — to which he mildly replied, “If it is madness, I would be glad if more people would catch it.”

Sam described himself as “an incorrigible optimist” who chose to see the best side of everyone and the bright side of any situation. Gentle in manner, unfailingly modest, and quick to smile, Sam is remembered as “Smiling Sam,” says RI President Ian Riseley.

He served Rotary in many capacities, including RI director, trustee of The Rotary Foundation, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, regional RI membership coordinator, and RI representative to the United Nations Environment Program and UN-Habitat. He was a member or chair of several committees, including the International PolioPlus Committee, the Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, and the Audit Committee.

Sam and Norah became Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

Sam is survived by his wife, Norah; three sons, Adrin Stephen, Bonny Patrick, and Daniel Timothy; and grandchildren Kaitlyn, Sam, and Adam. Condolences can be addressed to Mrs. Norah Agnes Owori, c/o Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda, Crusader House, Plot 3 Portal Avenue, Kampala, Uganda or via sam.owori@rotary.org.

Memorial contributions in honor of Sam can be directed to the [Sam F. Owori Memorial to Polio](#).

Rotary’s 2017-18 nominating committee will select a new president-elect, in addition to the president-nominee, during its scheduled meeting in early August.

“Optimism is what brings us to Rotary. But Rotary is not a place for those who are only dreamers. It is a place for those with the ability, the capacity, and the compassion for fruitful service.”

Sam F. Owori, 1941-2017