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DG Chris's Message

Happy Holidays District 5710,

Hopefully 2016 has been a great year for you, if nothing else, it was sure interesting! Sometimes I get so caught up in my career I forget to focus on the most important thing in my life... my own family. Don't forget to spend these Holidays leading your families, not just your careers. Take the time to create everlasting bonds with those that mean the most to you.

The foundation of every relationship, whether it's your spouse, children, parent, or a fellow Rotarian is to truly **See** them, **Hear** them and **Know** them. To See them means to acknowledge their presence and focus on them; to read verbal and non-verbal communication and be engaged. To Hear them means to listen with the intent to understand and not respond, to be patient and acknowledge their thoughts and ideas. To Know them means to understand their fears, concerns, goals, happiness and thoughts.

By Seeing, Hearing and Knowing you create the bond necessary to develop trust and love in your relationships. So... during these Holidays, take time to appreciate what you have, not what you don't. Build everlasting bonds and get ready for a great 2017!

Chris Ford
District Governor
Rotary District 5710



District News & Events



Seeking Members for District Public Image Committee

Public Image! It's the third leg of the Rotary stool along with membership and foundation. In order for Rotary to be strong and to thrive, we have to let people know who we are and what we're doing. If you would to help with this effort, please consider joining the District 5710 Public Image Committee.

Activities include (but aren't limited to!):

- Assisting clubs and the district with media placements, press releases, social media posts
- Raising the profile and public image impact of service projects and other club activities
- Celebrating club successes within the Rotary community and beyond

If you are already doing this work for your club, or consider yourself particularly social media savvy, have experience working with media or in journalism, or just want to get involved, please contact Emily Randel, District Public Image Chair emilyrandel@gmail.com or 816-590-9264.

Foundation Banquet

Pictured below, the Olathe Northwest Raven Marching Band under the direction of Mr. Robert Davis. Seventy members and two drum majors played the National Anthem and the Olathe Northwest Fight Song to start off a grand celebration of 100 years of The Rotary Foundation. Our thanks to Mr. Davis and the Olathe Northwest students who volunteered to play for us on a Saturday night.



Next Rotary Leadership Institute Starting January 28, 2017 in Topeka

The next class of the **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** will be in *downtown Topeka* – specific location to be determined.

The RLI dates are:

Session I - Saturday, January 28, 2017	Focus is on you, the <u>Rotarian</u>
Session II - Saturday, February 25, 2017	Focus is on your <u>Club</u>
Session III - Saturday, March 11, 2017	Focus is on your <u>Rotary Journey</u>

(All sessions will be from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm)



The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a grassroots leadership and development program whose goal is to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education. The RLI program is great training for “new” as well as “seasoned” Rotarians. RLI can help with growing our clubs both with membership and meaningful service projects.

The **topics** that will be discussed include:

- Purpose and structure of Rotary* – in your community and through out the world
- All about *membership* - Attracting them – engaging them - retaining them
- Local and international *service projects*
- Working better with your team* of fellow Rotarians to do awesome service projects,
- Your Rotary International Foundation and why it rocks
- The Five Avenues of Service* – Community, Club, International, New Generations, & Vocational
- Effective *leadership strategies and motivational techniques* for our clubs to provide “service above self”.

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

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.

Questions: please email Chuck Udell at chuckudell@msn.com or call 913-908-3672

Registration: details to be shortly provided.

Can't make all three sessions? Missed a session? Then contact [Chuck Udell](#).

YOUTH EXCHANGE NEWS!

The district Youth Exchange program is prepping for another year for our students. District interviews will be December 10th and the district hopes to interview a dozen or so candidates from Northeast Kansas. Those students accepted will begin prepping immediately for travel to their host countries at the end of next summer. We will also be bringing in a dozen students from across the globe to District 5710. These students are going to need host clubs and host families. Please contact District 5710 YEO Stephen Wheatley at wheatleydc@sbcglobal.net if you want more information for your family or your club about hosting. This photo was taken at the Hot Air Balloon festival in Topeka in September.



New Members for November 2016

Emporia	Jeffrey Muldoon
Lawrence	Russell Johnson
Louisburg	Bettie Auch, Angie O'Keefe, Kristi Whiteside
Manhattan Konza	Tracy Anderson, Kurt Weber
Olathe Noon	Dacia Moore
Overland Park	Andrew Hall
Overland Park South	Sara Lissauer, Vince O'Halloran, Michele Rosier, Rick Sharp
Shawnee	Bill Severns
Topeka Downtown	Monica Parcel, Jennifer Waters
Topeka South	Vickie Brokke, Ron Ramberg, Lyn Rantz



Rotary Foundation Named World's Outstanding Foundation for 2016

The **Association of Fundraising Professionals** has recognized The Rotary Foundation with its annual Award for Outstanding Foundation.



The award honors organizations that show philanthropic commitment and leadership through financial support, innovation, encouragement of others, and involvement in public affairs. Some of the boldest names in American giving — Kellogg, Komen, and MacArthur, among others — are past honorees.

“We are honored to receive this recognition from the AFP, which gives us even more reason to celebrate during our Foundation’s centennial year,” says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee. “The continued strong support of Rotary members will help us keep our promise of a polio-free world for all children and enable the Foundation to carry out its mission of advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. We look forward to another 100 years of Rotary members taking action to make communities better around the world.”

The announcement came on 15 November, known to industry professionals since the 1980s as National Philanthropy Day. The award will be presented in early 2017 at the AFP’s annual conference in San Francisco.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Paul Netzel is set to accept the award on Rotary’s behalf, and Eric Schmelling, director of fund development at Rotary, will speak at the conference. The event is expected to draw more than 3,400 senior-level fundraising professionals from 33 countries.

“While almost everyone is familiar with Rotary, not everyone may realize just how much of an impact Rotary and The Rotary Foundation have had on countless people and communities across the globe,” says Jason Lee, AFP president and CEO. “On behalf of the entire charitable sector and people around the world, all of us at AFP are honored to be able to recognize The Rotary Foundation as our 2016 Outstanding Foundation.”

AFP’s committee of judges cited Rotary’s comprehensive campaign to eradicate polio as a major driver of the selection. They also mentioned that Rotary applies a methodical, purposeful approach to support a wide variety of causes, from providing clean water to educating the next generation of peace professionals.

We Can Do It!



2017

DISTRICT EVENTS

President-Elect Training

(PETS) will be

March 23-25, 2017

Wichita, KS

District Conference

May 5-6, 2017

Overland Park Sheraton

CLUB EVENTS

Lenexa Rotary Club 50th Anniversary Celebration

Feb. 3, 2017

Thompson Barn

11184 Lackman Rd

Lenexa, KS 66219

6pm-10pm

Email [Terry Tevis](#) for details

Club News & Events



Topeka Rotary Peace Committee

The Topeka Rotary Peace Committee is comprised of members from all four Topeka Rotary Clubs. Its mission is to foster understanding, tolerance and mutual respect among diverse peoples.

On November 27, the Committee's work made front page news in a Topeka Capital Journal article. You can read the full article [here](#).

District Peace Chair Patti Mellard was quoted, "The goal of Rotary worldwide is to promote peace. What we really came to the conclusion early on is that the best way to promote peace is to first educate ourselves about the differences in our own community. That's what I think is the most important. I think if you understand the other person, then you're more likely to communicate and collaborate with that person and the differences go away."

The Committee members are:

Zach Ahrens, Chair

Ken Gorman, Speakers Bureau Chair and Topeka South Rep

Grace Morrison, Downtown Rep

Kathleen Hickert, Topeka West Rep

Pat O'Donnell, North Topeka Rep

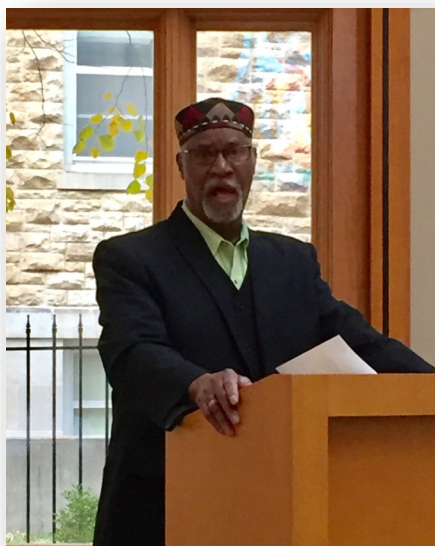
Patti Mellard, District Peace Chair



Above: The presentation team of Ahrens, Mellard and Gorman.

Left: Omar Hazim, the imam of the Islamic Center of Topeka

Below: Peace Committee Chair, Zach Ahrens



Leavenworth STEM Project

Vocation in action! The Leavenworth Rotary Club and the University of Saint Mary (USM) hosted the second annual First City Science Fair on October 5, 2016 on the campus of the University of Saint Mary. The purpose of the science fair was to introduce middle school-age students to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) demonstrations at an early enough age to influence them in their future career choices. Although science and technology was emphasized in the demonstrations; the underlying math and engineering was also addressed.



According to the US Department of Education, STEM-related jobs in the US will increase by 14% from 2010 thru 2020. That could even be greater regionally with the growth of the animal-science corridor in northeast Kansas. Current estimates are that many of these jobs will go unfilled. This shortfall is particularly acute for females and minorities. In order to help address this shortfall, the Leavenworth Rotary Club and other sponsors pooled their efforts pooling for the annual science fair.

Other sponsors included the Leavenworth school district USD 453, Lansing school district USD 469, Fort Leavenworth school district USD 207 and the Leavenworth Public Library. The library director and Rotarian, Matt Nojonen is a Rotarian and chair for the project and prepared the final plans for the science fair. Other Rotarians assisting in the planning and execution were PDG Deb Rodenbaugh-Schaub, PDG John Donovan, Dr. Joan M. Murnane, Tony Kramer, Kurt Seelbach and Mary Gregerson.

Approximately 600 8th graders from the three local school districts rotated through a selection of presentations. The demonstration sponsors included local industry, schools, and agencies:

St Luke's Cushing Hospital – telemedicine

Fort Leavenworth school district – robotics

Space-based technology – Rotarian Tom Gray

Leavenworth Public Library- 3-D printing

Leavenworth County Sheriff's Office- forensics

Univ. of Saint Mary - aquaponics

Leavenworth County Emergency Management Office – weather effects

Kansas State Research and Extension – food storage safety

Kansas State Univ.- concussions, blood borne diseases and DNA analysis

Univ. of Kansas – drones

Boehringer-Ingelheim – beef, pasture to plate

The science fair was a resounding hit with teachers and students and we plan on doing it again next year. Again, this year, the Leavenworth Rotary Club extends an invitation to other clubs in the district to help them start their own science fair or even possibly create a regional event. To find out more, contact the Leavenworth Rotary club service director Larry Martin at larry.martin@usa.net or Science Fair Chair, Matt Nojonen at mattnoj@hotmail.com

Leavenworth—Continuing Commitment to Community



Rotary hosts Veterans' Day Pancake breakfast; pictured at left is Rotarian Jo Burkett with her helpers at the breakfast. Many thanks to Terry Booker (The Café) who provided free breakfasts to Disabled Veterans who attended the breakfast.

(RIGHT) Rotarians and Rotaractors from University of Saint Mary served at the Organization for International Spouses and Sponsors Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. This is an annual dinner and Rotary Club of Leavenworth has supported this event for the last five years; thanks to all who served. President-Elect, Tamara Sevcik is the Chairperson for this dinner.



(LEFT) Former District Governor, John Donovan (Santa) pulled our Wheel in the Holiday Lighted Parade; our Wheel was also displayed in the annual Veterans' Day Parade; Rotarian Maria Minchew was our Wheel Watcher for this parade.

(RIGHT) Rotarian Don Murphy and a group of his friends honored the fallen while the Vietnam Travelling Wall was in town.



(LEFT) Rotarians and Rotaractors host the first annual food drive in support of Operation Food Locker; thanks to Dillon's Grocery Store for allowing us to set up our booth and to Alexis Hayden, USM Rotaractor, and Rotarians Scott Bredeson, Mike Gould (pictured here) and all others who helped; special thanks to Rotarian Brian Voorhees for leading this effort.

Junction City—Making History!



The Junction City Rotary Club accomplished its first goal of the year. The Grand Army of the Republic Arch in Heritage Park in Junction City is now a Kansas Historic Place. Terri De La Garza (Historical Architect from Ft Riley) did a great job presenting our story of the arch to the committee. We made history!

Read more about this story [HERE!](#)



Lawrence Jayhawk Club Completes Service Project for Family Promise

Lawrence Jayhawk Club member, Micki Chestnut, recently identified Lawrence Family Promise as a possible recipient of the Energy Efficiency Grant project. Club members Randy Krehbiel and Danny Freman met with the Executive Director of Family Promise, Dana Ortiz, at the Family Promise Day Center. They determined that installing replacement windows, would be the best use of this money. After obtaining quotes for three different models, they purchased 20 windows along with other materials necessary to complete the install.

Family Promise closed the Day Center between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on Saturday the 19th for a work day and eleven club members participated. Lunch for the Volunteers was generously provided by Rick Renfro of Johnny's Tavern. Due to the season and other conflicting events, most participants needed to show up late or leave early. However, they replaced 17 windows during the allotted time. Two club members completed the exterior caulking the following Monday. An additional (small) workday will be scheduled to replace the remaining windows and to winterize the leaded glass windows in the foyer area. A contractor would've charged Family Promise somewhere around \$10-12,000 to complete this work. The Lawrence Jayhawk Club contributed \$1,606 and the District Grant provided \$2,894 for a total of \$4500.00.

Club involvement in this project was amazing, considering the club size and the fact that this was an impromptu project just prior to the 4th annual Pancake feed benefitting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Douglas County and Bell Ringing at multiple locations for the Salvation Army. Both of these longstanding service projects will be staffed by the club on December 3rd.

The mission of Family Promise is to transform the lives of homeless children and their families by providing safe shelter, food, counseling, and training in partnership with local communities of faith through hospitality and daily living support in a compassionate setting.



Club Banner Stand... Free to a good Home!

"Our Olathe Rotary Club banner needed a facelift, cleaning and a better way to display. So, I fabricated a hanger to use behind the podium during our meetings. Well, I should have planned a little better because the Community Center has no place to store it for us between meetings. So, I need to come up with another way to display it. Meanwhile I have this 7' X 3' PVC banner stand. Painted in a nice forged metal, that needs a new home. **If your club could use it I'll be happy to donate it. I'll even deliver.**"

~ Pat O'Donnell poppyod@gmail.com



Shawnee Mission Rotary Club Hits the Lanes with Special Olympics KS

It was a great day for everyone at the Park Lanes November 12 for the Special Olympics KS Fall Classic bowling tournament. The Shawnee Mission Rotary club was well represented with 16 volunteers including club members, friends and family. The volunteers cheered on the athletes, noted scores and made conversation. The club will support the Special Olympics KS bocce tournament at Pin-stripes in February.



Topeka South Pumpkin Run Benefits Polio Plus

Topeka South Rotary held its 4th Annual Pumpkin Run on 10/29/2016 at Lake Shawnee in Topeka, KS. It was a record year for the 5K run/walk/family stroll. There were many costumes and characters supporting the Halloween themed event.

There were 143 participants comprised of 71 runners, 43 walkers, and 29 strollers. There was even a costume contest for best adult and child costume. The weather was perfect and everyone had a tremendous amount of fun.

The best part is this event raised \$7,130 for Polio Plus through event proceeds and direct contributions. After a 1:1 match from District 5710 and a 2:1 match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, this amount will result in \$42,780 going to Polio Plus from this event.

Race Director, Faron Barr, extends his thanks to all the sponsors, direct donors, volunteers, and participants who made this event a huge success. Topeka South will be hosting this event next year on 10/28/2017. We hope to see there.



KCK Club Completes Community Beautification Project

The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club has completed a community wide beautification project. For the third year, the club purchased over 1,200 daffodil bulbs, that were planted during October throughout the Wyandotte county area. Daffodils are inexpensive, self-propagating and perennial plants that offer Spring beauty, yet are resistant to pests. There are a wide variety of species, which can make for interesting diversity in floral displays.

The plantings were done by Rotarians, volunteers, and middle school and high school youth. The plantings were carried out in chosen locations, visible to the community, in designated public areas of school grounds, where the flowers will not be likely mowed during the year. Those participating, include: Arrowhead Middle School, Bonner Springs High School, Coronado Middle School, Eisenhower Middle School, Northwest Middle School, Rosedale Middle School, Bridges Middle School, J.C. Harmon High School, F.L. Schlager High School, Piper Elementary School, Piper High School, Sumner Academy, Turner High School, Washington High School, Wyandotte High School & Bishop Ward High School.



Lawrence Central Holiday Wreath Fundraiser

Lawrence Central
Rotary



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(20% of your purchase will go directly to Rotary)



Traditional
Door Wreath
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SIZE: 26"
\$ 42.95

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Lenexa Rotarians Build Ramp for Injured Teen

With a Grant from the Lenexa Rotary Foundation, Hope Builders along with nine Lenexa Rotarians, Kelly Vaille from the Wester JOCO Rotary Club and three SMNW Interactors constructed a ramp on Nov. 19th. The ramp was built for a teenager injured in an auto accident earlier this year so that he may finally come home from the hospital. We all can put our energy to making this a better world to live in.



KC, KS Rotary Recognizes Public Safety Professional

The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club, at its October 25, 2016, luncheon, recognized this year's Public Safety professional from the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department.

Annually the Club recognizes an outstanding public safety professional from the Police Department. This Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club program demonstrates and shows appreciation to the individuals who do so much to protect our community. The leadership of the Police Department select an outstanding individual from their department to receive this award, recognizing the individual's dedication and service to our community.



We would like to extend our gratitude to Captain Pam Waldeck. She is a prime examples of the great women and men of the KCK Police Department who are protecting us every day. Captain Waldeck was introduced by Police Chief Terry Ziegler, who shared highlights of Captain Waldeck's professionalism and leadership including her efforts starting a Peer Support Group in the department. Deputy Chief Rodney Smith accompanied Captain Waldeck and Chief Ziegler at the award presentation.

We wish you a Happy and Health Holiday Season.



Happy
Holidays