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DG Chris's Message

Is it February already?!

While still looking to accomplish Club Goals and Projects, now is the time to begin parallel planning for leadership continuity and seamless changeover by all Clubs. Here are some ideas on what Presidents-Elect should be doing right now:

1. **President Elect Training Seminar (PETS):** all Clubs should have their Presidents-Elect signed up for PETS training March 23-25; this may be the MOST critical training they'll receive all year when preparing for they're year. [Register here!](#)
2. **Incoming Board preparation:** Presidents-Elect should start meeting with their incoming Board members individually, discussing and identifying what each of their goals are for the upcoming year.
3. **Board Retreat:** Presidents-Elect have two options here, you can bring your Board members to the District Assembly training on May 5th for a District coordinated planning session, OR, you can host your own planning retreat... either way, PLAN, PLAN, PLAN! Your Clubs deserve the preparation.
4. **District Conference, May 6th:** both incoming leadership and outgoing leadership should look to attend the District Conference on May 6th, this is an opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments, share best practices throughout the District and welcome incoming leadership.

These are just a few ideas to get the creative juices flowing... can't believe it's already February!

Chris Ford, District Governor

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March 23-25, 2017

President-Elect Training (PETS) in Wichita, KS. This is mandatory for all incoming Presidents. [Register Here!](#)

March 31, 2017

Deadline to submit your Presidential Citation.

May 5 & 6, 2017

District Conference
Overland Park Sheraton

District News & Events



Have You and/or Your Club Made a Polio Plus Contribution this Year?

Rotary just announced that \$35 million in grants were given to support the global effort to end polio. This brings the total to \$140 million in contributions since January, 2016. Nearly half of the \$35 million will support the emergency response campaigns in Nigeria. Four cases were recently detected in Nigeria which had previously not seen a case since July, 2014. These funds will not only support rapid response plans in Nigeria, but also in surrounding countries to stop the outbreak.



Continued fund raising is more vital now than ever before. As your District Polio Chair, I encourage you to take advantage of the District and Gates Foundation matches while they last. Currently, a \$50 contribution with the two matches balloons to \$300!!

While significant strides have been made against this paralyzing disease, with just 35 cases reported in 2016, polio remains a significant threat to hard-to-reach and underserved areas along with those conflict zones. To sustain this progress and finally rid the world of polio, experts say an additional \$1.5 billion is needed. We began this fight in 1988. We cannot stop now.

If your club would like a Polio presentation, please email me at:

EdCoulter85@gmail.com

Let's Make a Difference with a District-wide Service Project!

During our *District Conference*, attendees will have an opportunity to package over 10,000 meals on **Friday, May 5th, 11:00-12:30 pm**. The organization **Rise Against Hunger** (formerly Stop Hunger Now) provides food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable people, and works to end global hunger in our lifetime. Approximately 795 million people around the globe are chronically malnourished.

The district is asking every club to contribute something to fund this amazing service project. **A \$200 contribution to Rise Against Hunger will feed 700 people.** Ed Coulter will be contacting every club in the next couple of weeks asking for their help. If your club would like to pledge your contribution now, just email Ed at edcoulter85@gmail.com.

[Click here](#) to watch a video about Rise Against Hunger.

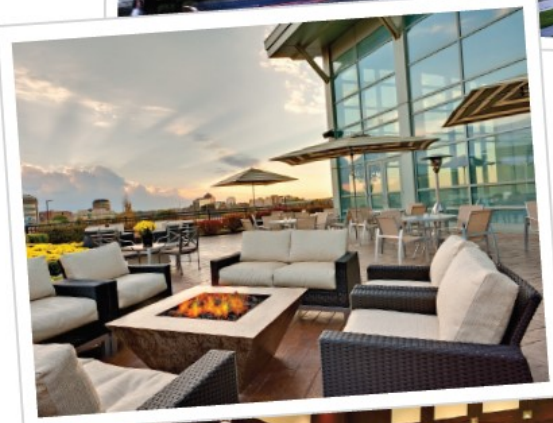


Save the Date

Rotary District Conference
Friday, May 5 & Saturday, May 6, 2017
Sheraton Overland Park, KS



**Social events and activities at
Pinstripes in Prairiefire, TopGolf,
iFly Kansas City and more!**



\$100 Sponsorship Available

One Per Company

Benefits include the following:

- Recognition on District Website/Social Media Sites
- Recognition on Conference Electronic/Printed Materials
- Recognition at District Conference
- 2 Additional Drink Tickets for District Conference Banquet

To confirm sponsorship information, please email Marc Shaffer at marc@searcyfinancial.com and submit \$100 sponsorship payment via PayPal; <https://paypal.me/LenexaRotaryClub/100>. Please also send Marc a high resolution copy of your logo and a short brief description of your company to be used at the conference in the marketing materials.

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Out of Africa, in to Kansas City

JUNE 16 & 17, 2017

KANSAS CITY AIRPORT EMBASSY SUITES • KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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.



Rotary

Rotarian Hosts are needed for this event!

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

2017 Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA)

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 (fbarr@t-mfinancial.com).

New Members for January 2017

Atchison	Johnathan Leck
Lawrence	Michelle Derusseau
Lawrence Central	Kendra Kuhlman
Lawrence Jayhawk	Kelvin Heck, Evan Holt
Manhattan	Suzanne Dell-St.Clair, Janet Lowell, Douglas Wendt
Olathe Noon	Chad Hollins
Osawatomie	David Mercier
Overland Park	Tom Oltjen
Overland Park South	Monica Stoneking
Paola	Michelle Kaiser
Topeka Downtown	Michele Fleuranges-Parker
Topeka South	Ashley Charest, Zoe Gruber, Claudia Larkin, Dale Smith
Western Jo. Co.	Kelly Alley



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CLUB EVENTS

Gardner Rotary

February 10, 2017

**Poker Tournament to Benefit
the Rotary Foundation**

Tradenet Publishing Co.

*1st Place Wins a Seven Night
stay in a Vegas!*

info@gardnerrotary.org

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.

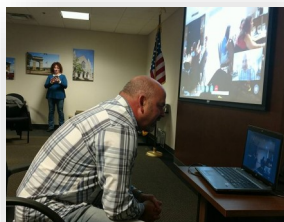
Club News & Events



Village West Rotary Club Hosts a Live Skype Meeting with the El Dorado Rotary Club of Panama City

International peace is built on fellowship and service. In that spirit, the VWRC joined the El Dorado Rotary Club of Panama City for a live meeting via Skype. The event was also live streamed via Facebook. (As of the morning after the event, each live stream video had over 300 unique user visits). The El Dorado Rotary Club is the recipient and managing sponsor of an active Global Grant initiative to provide water filters and medical checkups to families in the Chepo, Panama region. VWRC is the international sponsor.

VWRC President Lee Urban reflected on the evening: “We are half a world away, but closer than you think.” Those were the first few words I wrote 5 years ago on a Group Study Exchange blog (<http://ksfinlandtrip.blogspot.com/>) in connection with a trip I took to Finland – along with our next District Governor, Adam Ehlert. The exchange tonight with the Panama club brought flashbacks of Finland. It brought home why I, and so many others join Rotary – to build peace through bonds of fellowship. The Panama club was energetic and impressive in so many ways, most notably, the expansive list of service projects they execute. There are so many ‘thank you’ letters to write, from Jorge Cormac providing translation, Sonia Mora for organizing and leading the Panama club, to Jerri McDonnell providing the catering (plus many more). Tonight was special because a collective of Rotarians made a joint international Rotary meeting happen.”



Through the course of the evening, the El Dorado Club of Panama City and VWRC took turns introducing each member to the other club, and then followed with a general exchange on the service projects and Rotary activities the respective clubs were engaged. VWRC member Glenn Harte, who has made two previous trips to Panama on service related projects with the Panama City Club stated, “the exchange brought chills down my spine. I felt re-connected to the Panama club. During the meeting, a club member I spent time with on a service trip was sending me Facebook messages stating ‘I see you!’ What a special and unique evening that kindles the core of our Rotary spirit and values.”

Post meeting, the President of the El Dorado Rotary Club followed up with a direct message on President Lee Urban’s Facebook to sum it all up: “Hi, Lee. Today we made history. This is Rotary! It was an honor to share a meeting with you and your club.”

It was an honor, and an evening the club will never forget.

Rotary Club of Johnson County's 'Books for Kids' Impacts Hundreds

The 2016 Books for Kids project may have been the best ever for the Rotary Club of Johnson County. Thanks to Bill Robinett's grant writing, we had over \$2,000 to spend on new books. Due to larger club participation than usual, the effort was spread more evenly and much more work got done. This effort provided some **500** families with new children's books in the Christmas season.



The Data is in:

- The Rotary District 5710 matching grant bought 475 books for just over \$2000. Half Price Books and Scholastic Book Fairs companies donated an additional 125 new books.
- With the discounts and gifts, the estimated value of these books is around \$5,000.
- Nineteen Rotarians and seven relatives participated in the buying and giving teams.
- 688 books were distributed to parents, children and teachers at four Head Start events by our members. Each child in the Head Start families (up to 5 years old) received a book for the Christmas Holiday season.
- The club Charitable Foundation spent an additional \$169.30 on refreshments for the book give-away events and a "Rotary Books for Kids" sign. Shelly Tehren received a \$150 donut contribution from Krispy Kreme for refreshments at the events.
- JoCo Rotary gave an additional 500 used children's books to Head Start libraries and has another 275 to donate to KCK head start programs. These books have an estimated value of \$3100.
- **This brings a 10 year total of Rotary Books for Kids to 32,018 books valued at \$160,100!**

Take a good look at what Rotarians can do! The JoCo Rotary Club of 25 good people made a positive effect on the literacy of hundreds of families in the KC Metro. By working together they produced 1200 books valued at \$8100 in just a few months.

This project was accomplished at the same time they were collecting Christmas Angel gifts for Salvation Army families and a couple months after they helped raise over \$14,000 for an inner-city youth project for Higher M-Pact. *Want to talk about an IMPACT! Look at the men and women of the Rotary Club of Johnson County. They are what Rotary does!*

DeSoto Rotarian Inducted to Small Business Hall of Fame

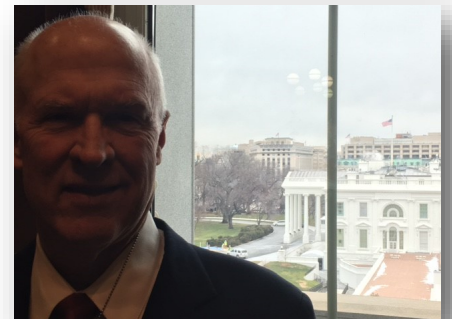
On January 10, 2017, at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building adjacent the White House, Atlantia Offshore Limited was inducted into the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Hall of Fame. **Dr. Steve Kibbee**, partner in Atlantia, accepted the award from the Small Business Administration.

Dr. Steve Kibbee graduated from Turner High School in 1969 and then graduated from the University of Kansas in 1973 with BS in Mechanical Engineering. He earned his Doctorate in 1979 from Texas A&M University. He has been a member of the DeSoto Rotary Club for 11 years.

Atlantia is the only oil service company ever inducted into the SBIR Hall of Fame. Illumina, the only other 2016 Hall of Fame inductee, is a highly successful biotech company based in San Diego with a market cap of over \$18 billion.

[Click here](#) for more information about the Small Business Hall of Fame.

(At right) Dr. Steve Kibbee in Washington, D.C.



Leavenworth Rotary Ringing Bells and Having Fun

Who says bell ringing can't be fun! Members from the Leavenworth Rotary Club rang bells in support of the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign over the last couple of months. All in all the campaign was able to collect over \$40,000 with the Rotary Club collecting over \$9500 dollars of that amount. Thanks to all who came out to support this great effort!

Our annual Christmas party was a lot of fun this year. After delicious cuisine provided by Terry Booker and The Café staff and naming our Rotarian of the Year, Brian Voorhees, we enjoyed several talented Rotarians (and friends) perform Karaoke. Many thanks to Rotarians Vicky Kaaz and Joan Murnane-Rendall for leading this effort and to all who helped make this event a big success (a special thanks to Tammy Metzgar and the staff of the Riverfront Community Center)...a great night of good food, fun, and fellowship was had by all!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 6 March --- Back Pack Buddy Work with USM Rotaract Club
- 13 March --- Annual Irish Stew Dinner
- 17 March --- Leavenworth Saint Patrick Day Parade
- 8 April --- Over the Counter Medicine Drive (partnering with Lansing Lions Club)



Lenexa Rotary Recognized by Mayor for 50 Years of Service



Lenexa Mayor Mike Boehm presented a certificate of recognition to current president, JC Burcham, and charter president, Charlie Smith, for the club's achievement of 50 years of service on Jan. 17, 2017 at Lenexa City Hall.

Lawrence Jayhawk Celebrates MLK Day with Community Breakfast

The 10th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Community Breakfast was held on January 16 at Maceli's. The event was sponsored by the Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club and Lawrence Ecumenical Fellowship.

Barbara Ballard, District 44 Kansas State Representative and Dole Institute of Politics Associate Director, was the keynote speaker. She related her participation in the "1965 March to Montgomery" which was led by Martin Luther King, Jr. At the time, Dr. Ballard was a sophomore at Webster College in St. Louis, Missouri.



Participants in the morning's program are shown in the photo: Rev. Leo Barbee, closing prayer; Dr. Brandon McCray, saxophone musical tribute; Vanessa Thomas, vocalist; Dr. Barbara Ballard, keynote speaker; Jayhawk Rotarian Dr. Bernie Kish, MLK event coordinator; and Rev. Bill Dulin, opening prayer.

Village West Awards Scholarships to Six Students in Wyandotte County

The Village West Rotary in Wyandotte County believes in young adults achieving their career goals; and to that end proudly awarded six \$1,000 scholarships to current college students at the club's January 12th meeting.

Students applying for the scholarship had to be graduates of Wyandotte County high schools or either a child or grandchild of a Rotarian and full-time students. Funding for the scholarships came from the club's annual Service with Taste basket auction, the Rotary District grant program and a generous contribution from our local Sam's Club managed by club member, Keith Pappert.



Another point of pride this year was that awardees came from all parts of the county and six different institutions of higher education. The Scholarship Committee is chaired by club member Marilyn Alstrom.

Happy Birthday Rotary Club of Shawnee!



Under the leadership of PDG Charlie Neale and PDG Fred Krebs, the Rotary Club of Shawnee was chartered with 50 Members on February 28, 1997. The Shawnee Mission and Johnson County Rotary Clubs were the sponsoring clubs. To mark this milestone the Club will hold a "Birthday Celebration" at its regular meeting on February 17, 2017.

Please join the Rotary Club of Shawnee for breakfast to celebrate its 20th Birthday!

Friday, February 17 @ 7:15 AM

Guests = \$10 for Breakfast

Town Hall—Shawnee Town 1929, 11600 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS 66203

RSVP to Joni Pflumm by February 10, 2017

jpflumm@lathropgage.com or 913-451-5167

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 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 for more information or contact Pat O'Donnell at 316.734.0675 or PoppyOD@gmail.com for more information and tickets.



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 we have 13 Kansas wineries planning to offer samples to our guests. Watch for more information on ticket sales early in March.



Know of an upcoming event or fundraiser that you would like to see
in the Newsletter?

Email: Mandy@Rotary5710.org

(or just email and say hi, that's fine too)

