



Rotary District 5710 Eastern Kansas Rotary

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Quarterly Newsletter - January, 2019

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR BLANCHE PARKS

Dear Friends in Rotary District 5710:

It's a great "year" to be a Rotarian!

As we look forward to a New Year, I would like to focus on District 5710 programs for our young people, our most precious resource. Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange and RYLA are youth programs that provide opportunities for young people to develop their leadership skills, make a difference in their communities, and build peace around the world. Young people also discover the ideals of "Service Above Self".

These incredible opportunities also come with significant responsibilities for Rotarians and program leaders. I am proud of our District programs for youth!

INTERACT - Maria Minchew, Leavenworth Rotary, is our District Interact Chair. Our District has the following Interact Clubs: Gardner High School Interact; Manhattan Interact; Blue Valley North Interact; Highland Park High Topeka Interact; Leavenworth Interact, Emporia Interact, and Seaman Interact Club. I have visited at least 2 of our great high school interact clubs and their projects.

ROTARACT - Karen Carroll, Junction City Rotary, is our District Chair. The club is for adults age 18 – 30, who are dedicated to community and international service. Since Rotaract is a goal of our RI President Raissin, one of my goals is to establish more Rotaract clubs in our District. A Chair was appointed for the first time in many years and we have a new Rotaract Club at the University of Kansas. Kansas State University also has a Rotaract Club. Congratulations to these Rotaract Clubs!

YOUTH EXCHANGE – Stephen Wheatley, Atchison Rotary, is our District Youth Exchange Chair. Sandy Burger is the Inbound Coordinator soon to be taken over by David Beck, Downtown Topeka. This program is an excellent opportunity for high school students to travel abroad (outbound), and live with a host family while attending school. District Rotarians can serve as a host family for an inbound student from another country.

RYLA – Faron Barr, Topeka South Rotary, is our District Chair for RYLA. I had the opportunity to attend RYLA held at KU last year. I had a great time! This five day camp for incoming high school students is an excellent opportunity to meet others, develop leadership skills and learn about Rotary. This program also provides students with exposure to the Youth Exchange program and the role of Rotary.

Congratulations and thanks to our Rotary clubs who participate in these outstanding youth programs in our District.

The first Regional Social Networking event is scheduled to be held on January 30, 2019, at the Hilton Garden Inn. This event is an opportunity for 4 – 5 clubs to meet and network with each other. Thanks to Pat O'Donnell, President, Olathe Rotary and Lindie Victor, President, Johnson County Sunset, for their help on this opportunity.

Thanks everyone for all you do for Rotary! We are on a roll!

Sincerely,

District Governor Blanche



ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

We have three RLI classes coming up early in 2019!
Please review the list below and get signed up now!



ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

FINAL THREE CLASSES FOR THE 2018 – 19 ROTARY YEAR

PLEASE JOIN US IN **LEAVENWORTH** JANUARY 26 & 27

8 AM TO 5 PM

LEAVENWORTH SCHOOLS DISTRICT OFFICE

200 N. 4th STREET

LEAVENWORTH, KS 66048

Cost is \$55.00. If your club pays for two enrollments through 2018/2019 we will provide a third enrollment free.

[Register Here for Leavenworth!](#)



PLEASE JOIN US IN **LAWRENCE** FEBRUARY 16 & 17

8 AM TO 5 PM

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Meeting Room D-North.

330 ARKANSAS STREET

LAWRENCE, KS 66044

Cost is \$55.00. If your club pays for two enrollments through 2018/2019 we will provide a third enrollment free.

[Register Here for Lawrence!](#)

PLEASE JOIN US IN **MANHATTAN** MARCH 30 & 31

8 AM TO 5 PM

GREATER MANHATTAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

555 POYNTZ AVENUE, SUITE 269

MANHATTAN, KS 66505

Cost is \$55.00. If your club pays for two enrollments through 2018/2019 we will provide a third enrollment free.

[Register Here for Manhattan!](#)

PEACE NOTES –RECOGNIZING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

By Patti Mellard

Human trafficking, modern day SLAVERY, is happening all around us. Here are some tips to help you recognize it.

ADULT Red Flags:

- Lack of knowledge of their whereabouts
- Restricted or controlled conversation
- Individual lives with their employer or on the job site
- Not in control of own ID/passport
- Branding/tattooing of name or image denoting ownership
- Not dressed for the season or place
- Shows signs of physical/sexual abuse
- Shows signs of malnourishment
- Appears unusually fearful or anxious
- Accompanied by a controlling adult



What to Report...

- Say “This looks like a human trafficking situation.”
- Description of vehicle
- Descriptions of people
- Specific times and dates of suspicious activity
- Address and locations of suspicious activity
- ONLY if you are SAFE, take a picture

Call 1-888-3737-888 to report suspicious situation that could be human trafficking. Call 911 if you witness a crime.

If you would like to have a presentation on Human Trafficking at your club meeting, please contact Patti Mellard, 785-640-9999 or email patti@keystaffing.com.

Presidents-elect—Have you registered for PETS?

March 1-2, 2019

Wichita Marriott

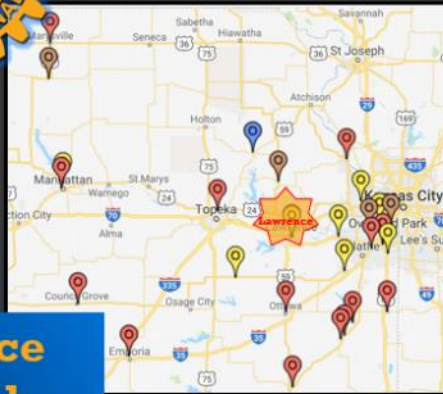
[Click here to Register](#)

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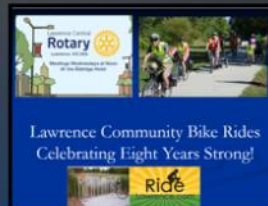


**Lawrence
Central
Kansas**

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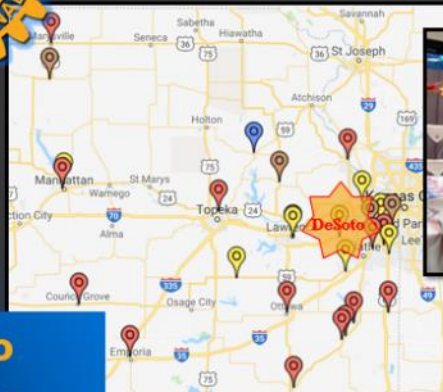


Pres. Audrey Coleman



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**DeSoto
Kansas**

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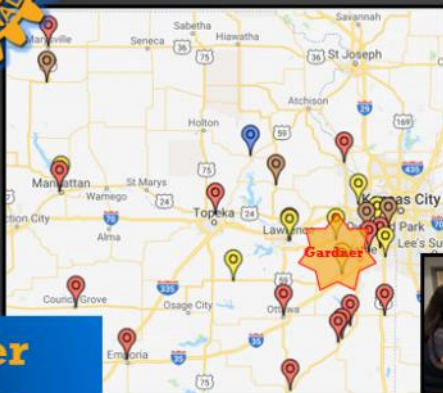
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Topeka
Kansas**

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**Gardner
Kansas**

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Rotary International

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Marysville Kansas

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/215>

President Todd Ackerman

Rhonda Wassenberg 30 Years

The collage features the Rotary International logo in the top left. To its right is a map of Kansas with various cities marked by colored pins. Below the map is a blue box with the text 'Marysville Kansas' and a URL. To the right of the map are two photographs: one of three people (two men and one woman) standing together, and another of two women standing together. Below the first photo is a caption for 'President Todd Ackerman', and below the second is a caption for 'Rhonda Wassenberg 30 Years'. At the bottom right is a small photo of a horse sculpture in a park.

YOUTH EXCHANGE NEWS

District 5710 will be sending out 11 exchange students this year and anticipate getting inbound applications from all of the countries where we are sending students. Three students are going to Italy and one student each will be sent to Milan, Denmark, Peru, Chile, Austria, Taiwan, Belgium, Columbia, France and Brazil.

Now is a good time to start looking for host families! If you have an interest (or know someone who is interested) in one of those countries and want to host a specific gender now is the time to put in your request. We are not limited to these countries, so please let [Stephen Wheatley](#) or David Beck know if you are interested in looking at applications from a different country. Please help find host families, schools and clubs for the new next inbound group.



OPPORTUNITY TO HELP INTERNATIONALLY

Several District 5710 Rotarians had the opportunity to meet Rotarian Anthony Galloway in South Africa this year. Anthony is deeply involved in a project to further the education of high school level students in the Townships in South Africa through private schools called LEAP schools.

The Lawrence, Lawrence Jayhawk and Lenexa Rotary Clubs are contributing to a Global Grant to upgrade the facilities in the LEAP school in Johannesburg. If any Rotarians or Rotary Clubs in District 5710 would like to make a donation to support this international service educational project, or if you would like more information, please contact [Andrea Norris](#) of the Lawrence Rotary Club.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ZONE

Our Zone sends out newsletters each quarter about what is happening in the Rotary Districts of the Zone. You can find them on our website—OR—Click on these links!

[July 2018 Zone Newsletter](#)

[October 2018 Zone Newsletter](#)

[January 2019 Zone Newsletter](#)

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2019 DISTRICT CONFERENCE





**FUN
Activities
For The
Whole Family
Oriented**

**Follow
The
Yellow
Brick
Road To
2019
District
Conference
TOPEKA, KANSAS**

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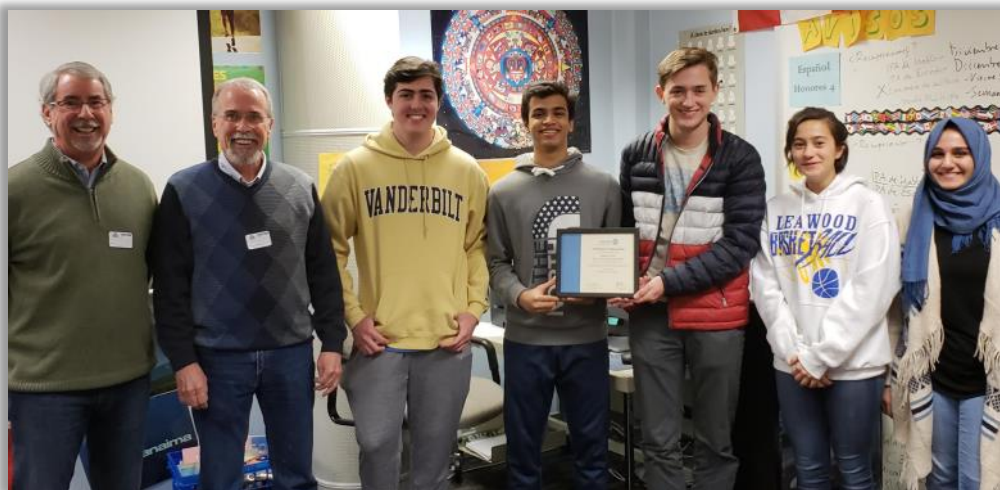
LEAWOOD ROTARY CHARTERS BLUE VALLEY NORTH INTERACT CLUB

By Lisa Harrison

In early December, Leawood Rotarians Bill Crowe and Rick Robinson presented the officers of the newly formed Blue Valley North Interact Club with their official certificate of charter. Nick Eyn, Interact Club president and BVN junior, was motivated to start the club after attending RYLA at the University of Kansas during the summer of 2018. Nick took the initiative to reach out to Rick Robinson and the two of them worked with Bill Crowe to get the process moving along at record speed.

The Interact Club has elected their officers, pictured here, and boasts 25 active members. They've already completed their first service project in assisting with the Johnson County Christmas Bureau.

The Interact Club members have a standing invitation to join the Leawood Rotarians for Thursday morning breakfast, and the two groups look forward to a long-term relationship.



OVERBROOK WELCOMES SPECIAL GUEST IN DECEMBER

The club held its annual Christmas dinner party and the local Santa Fe Trail high school choir was the entertainment! And Santa Claus visited a meeting to make sure all the members were being nice (not naughty!).



LEAVENWORTH ROTARY

A busy quarter for Leavenworth Rotarians...

STEM Event, long-time Honorary Rotarian Visit, District Governor visit (with Silent Rotarian of the Year named), new Paul Harris Fellows named, Non-Perishable Food Drive, Avenues of Service awarded, Back-Pack Buddies Meals packed and delivered, Meals on Wheels delivered, Haunted Havens, Veterans' Day Pancake Breakfast and Parade, 3d Grade Dictionaries labeled and delivered, great weekly luncheons and speakers, birthdays, RYLA-Leavenworth, Exchange Student visits, high school senior visits, KU Chancellor visit, OISS Thanksgiving Dinner served, Salvation Army Bell ringing, Christmas Party, and community donations...to name and picture a few.



Upcoming, new member inductions, Interact Club Valentine's Day Rose sales and Irish Stew Dinner.

Happy New Year from Rotary Club of Leavenworth!