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DG Chris's Message

Rotarians,

I need your help! Our District Conference on May 6th is quickly approaching, 63 days to be exact, but who's counting...

Our goal is to have 200 attendees and we have 22 signed up to date. Please take the time to click on the link below, or, visit the District Website and sign up to attend our Annual District Conference. This event will be inspirational, fun and filled with great Rotary Fellowship! We will cap off the day with a wonderful banquet, bar and live music.

Who should attend:

- ⇒ **New Rotarians** – this is an opportunity to learn more about Rotary in our Community, build your Network and become inspired about your new Family!
- ⇒ **Rotarians in non-leadership roles** – hopefully this event broadens your perspective on what Rotarians are doing throughout Kansas, not just in your Club, and illustrate what other clubs are doing to motivate their members.
- ⇒ **Rotarians in Leadership Positions** – this Conference will get those creative juices flowing on what you can do in your own clubs to inspire growth, service and fellowship!

I truly hope to see you all there, and it starts by clicking on the link below:

<https://rotary5710conference.eventbrite.com>

Chris Ford, District Governor

We Can Do It!



2017



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
[Register here!](#)

District News & Events



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@tmfinancial.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. As an example, a \$200 contribution to Rise Against Hunger will feed 700 people. If your club would like to contribute to this District project, please make your check payable to: Rise Hunger Now and send to Ed Coulter – 6938 Albervan Street, Shawnee, KS. 66216. Any questions, just email Ed at edcoulter85@gmail.com.

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

District Conference - May 5-6, 2017

Register for District Conference at <https://rotary5710conference.eventbrite.com>

Here's a brief overview of what will be happening – you don't want to miss it!

Start the weekend by learning about District goals and how to apply those goals to your club.

Then, a service project: packing meals for [Rise Against Hunger](#). After the afternoon sessions, we'll have a late night pub crawl at [Prariefire](#), ending with bowling at [Pinstripes](#)!



Get the blood flowing by joining in our *Fun Run Saturday morning* to help end polio!

After a trio of inspiring speakers, we'll split into groups and head out on the adventure of your choice:

- Enjoy an afternoon at [TopGolf](#) - no clubs required.
- Always wanted to try skydiving? Check out [iFly](#) indoor skydiving!
- Are you a sport shooter or Kentucky Derby fan? Support a fellow Rotary club and check out the [Guns & Horses](#) event.
- Looking for an activity with a more leisurely pace? Check out the [Museum at Prariefire](#).



After your activity, head back to the hotel for the evening banquet.

Or, if you want a little more action and variety, we'll provide transportation to and from another great Rotary club event, [The Days of Wine and Rotary](#).

See the registration site for more information, and follow the [District 5710 Eastern Kansas Rotary Facebook](#) event page for updates!

A BIG thank you to our District Conference 2017 Sponsors!



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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.



Rotarian Hosts are needed for this event!

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

Rotary Youth Exchange

By Stephen Wheatley

In December, we selected 11 students from our District to join our Youth Exchange program. They will be spending a year abroad immersed in cultures from Japan to Chile to France. Our program is based on a two way exchange. i.e. we send a kid to Italy and we accept a kid from Italy. We are currently looking for clubs who would like to participate in this wonderful program and host one of the students who will be coming to Kansas in early August. These students are excited to be coming to Kansas.

If you would like more information about this program please contact Stephen Wheatley the District 5710 Youth Exchange Officer via email at wheatleydc@sbcglobal.net or text/call at 913-426-0576. Below are a few pictures of some of the students that we are hosting this year. Invite them to your club sometime. They love to talk about the program... and their experiences. We have students this year coming from Japan, Chile, Denmark, Austria, Germany, Spain, Italy, France and Brazil. Please help us find them homes.



Pictured above from left to right: Winn from Thailand (Topeka Downtown) carrying his country flag at our Tulsa conference, Ana from Romania (Lenexa) carrying her flag at the Tulsa conference, Most of the students at the banquet in Tulsa, Our students ice skating at Crown Center.

New Members for February 2017

De Soto	Kim Frieling
Gardner	Chris Morrow
Junction City	Nicole Springer
Kansas City, KS	Teodoro Garcia, Daniel Silva
Lawrence	Rosemary O'Leary
Lawrence Jayhawk	Nate Miller, Rod Nitz
Manhattan	Robbin Cole, Rachel Klataske, Ryan Klataske, Scott McClain, Jeffrey Smith
Manhattan Konza	Tara Claussen, David Dean, Jon Klimek, Jon Wilson
Olathe Noon	Nathan Rackers
Overland Park	Mary Bernard, Sandra Burgers
Overland Park South	Katharina Coleman, Bill Flohrs
Shawnee Mission	Christy Humerickhouse
Topeka Downtown	Jason Farrant,Carolynn Holmes



We Can Do It!



2017

CLUB EVENTS

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.

Olathe Rotary

May 6, 2017

Days of Wine & Rotary

6:00 PM

Ball Conference Center

21350 W 153rd St.

Olathe, KS

Tickets—\$50

Email [Jason](#) for tickets.

Club News & Events



Emporia Set to Celebrate 100 Years of Service



**You are cordially invited to celebrate
the 100th Anniversary
Rotary Club of Emporia, Kansas**

The Rotary Club of Emporia, Kansas, will hold its
Centennial Celebration Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Emporia State University Memorial Ballroom

1 Kellogg Circle, Emporia, KS 66801

Cocktail Reception to start 5:30 pm

Dinner and program to follow 6:30 pm

The Honorable Rotary International President,

John Germ, will speak.

Cost to attend is \$75.00 per person,

seating is limited

RSVP by April 15th

Rotary



For more information and tickets, please email [Theresa Maley](#).

Burlington Rotary Holds a “Super” Food Drive

Rotarians from the Burlington Rotary Club delivered 1,500 pounds of food and \$435.83 in cash collections to God’s Storehouse, a food pantry in Burlington. The food and cash donations were collected at a Rotary-sponsored food drive held Feb. 3 and 4 at Hoover’s Thriftway. Burlington Rotarians greeted people at the entrance and made shoppers aware of the local food pantry’s needs. The store offered “manager’s specials” on many items needed by the food pantry’s. The sixth annual event, held the weekend of the Super Bowl, has been successful due to the cooperation of the grocery store and the generosity of the community.

Burlington Rotary Club President Brandon Hines has resigned after accepting an administrative position at the Dodge City Public Library. President-Elect Steve McVey has stepped into the role of president. McVey has challenged Burlington Rotarians to finish the year strong by sharpening focus on “Service Above Self,” celebrating the way we, as Rotarians, serve our community and by sharpening focus on future leaders of our community.



Lawrence Rotarian Visits Club in Yangon, Myanmar

Dr. Diana Carlin Pierron of the Lawrence Rotary Club exchanges club banners with the president of the Yangon Rotary Club in Myanmar.

Diana is an internationally recognized expert in political debates and was in Myanmar in January teaching the basics of political debate structure and development.

She mentioned that the club's meeting was two hours long, featured two speakers, and had guests in attendance from nine different countries.



Leavenworth Rotary Club



Very Special Guests in February --- we were honored to have Mr. Jim Fain, the Director of the International Military Student Division (CGSC, Fort Leavenworth) and several International Officer CGSC students visit Rotary this month. Pictured left to right are MAJ Rinchindorj Dashdavaa from Mongolia, Rotary President Mark Gerges, LTC Meshari Alhaddad from Kuwait, LTC Marco Mudry from Switzerland, LTC Jan Feldman from Germany, Mr. Fain, LTC Munkh-Orgil Tuvdendarjaa from Mongolia, MAJ Mohamed Ibrahim from Egypt, MAJ Jaroslav Vendagh from Slovak Republik, MAJ Niall O'Hara from Ireland, MAJ Abdulrahman Ibrahim from Nigeria, and MAJ Juan

Robayo Nieto from Colombia. Currently, there are 110 International officers from 85 countries attending CGSC. The first International officer to attend CGSC was from Switzerland in 1894. To date, 7,982 International officers have attended CGSC; this number includes nine female officers. The first female International officer from Bulgaria graduated in 2002. It was a pleasure having these special guests at Rotary.

Leavenworth HS Interact Club Rose Sales Pay Big Dividends --- The LHS Interact Club stayed busy in February selling roses; proceeds from their sales totaled almost \$700. Each year, the club donates to a special organization selected by membership. This year they will donate approximately \$400 to Honduras Ministries. Pictured left to right at a recent rose delivery are Jane Song, Marie Shibasaki, Grace Lee and Rotary Club sponsor, Maria Minchew. Thanks to all who supported this effort!



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS NAMED --- PHF John "Doug" Harding is shown with DeEtte Lombard, Rotary Foundation Chair; Doug was recognized for his service with Youth Programs; PHF Wujeong Duncan was also recognized for her service with our membership committee. Many thanks to both Doug and Wujeong for their service and commitment to the Rotary Club of Leavenworth.



Upcoming Events:

Monday, 6 March --- Backpack Buddies with University of Saint Mary Rotaract Club
Monday, 13 March --- Irish Stew Dinner
Friday, 17 March --- Saint Patrick's Day Parade
Saturday, 8 April --- Over-the-Counter Medicine Drive

Lawrence Noon Rotarian Honored by United Way

Hernan Nieto, of the Lawrence Noon Rotary Club, was awarded the Wallace Galluzzi Volunteer of the Year award from United Way of Douglas County. Hernan says, "The award was a total surprise to me and an honor to share with my family and friends at the United Way annual dinner."

Congratulations Hernan!



1947 Saturday Evening Post Article About Rotary in Topeka

DGN Blanche Parks was visiting the Lawrence Rotary Club when one of the members shared this article from the January 11, 1947 Saturday Evening Post. The correspondent had visited the now Downtown Topeka Rotary Club. A fun, humorous read!

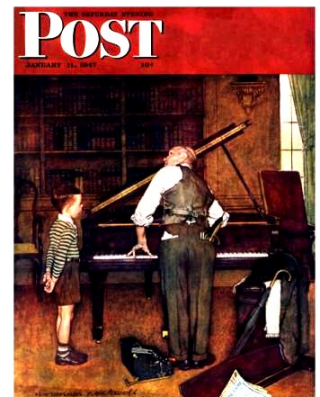
Is Topeka Prepared for Rotary International?

Well, we thought we had seen everything until this copy of PM, the left-wing New York tabloid, landed on our desk the other day. It seems that an intrepid PM correspondent, venturing into the hostile territory of Kansas, was invited to a Rotary Club luncheon in Topeka. His dispatch home about the experience read something like an anthropologist's eyewitness report on a forbidden voodooistic ritual in Haiti, but with a remarkable difference that will appeal to habitual trend-spotters.

The dispatch took note of a few retrograde tribal customs, such as badge-wearing, back-slapping and round of applause designed to welcome Rotarians from distant places. Then it got interesting. "I've met a number of Topeka Rotarians and I like them," the PM man reported courageously. "They are generally conservative folks, but they are invariably fair minded and decent." Continuing, he spoke glowingly of "the independence and basic integrity of these plain people," and rapped some of his more narrow-minded ideological colleagues back home by remarking, "Too many progressives, unfortunately, have been too deeply influenced by the bitter debunking literature of Sinclair Lewis and his imitators. They tend to look down their noses at Rotary and all its works."

The PM man paused long enough on his spirited defense of the humble prairie muzhiks to admit that some of them were "somewhat ingrown, complacent." But he had a paternal and forgiving explanation for this. He wrote: "The Midwestern middle class, urban and rural, is largely insulated by tradition, geographical setting and present circumstances against the inflow of progressive thought that washes our coastal towns."

Columbus, as is well known, stumbled upon the New World while trying to find a new route to the East Indies. Journalistic history may record a similar fateful turn of chance in the case of the worthy PM correspondent: he happened to be out in Topeka interviewing some psychiatrists when he discovered the Rotary Club. Maybe we should all travel more.



Leawood's "Charitable Giving February"

The Leawood Rotary Club recently presented checks to three local charities, all of whom impact the lives of children and teens in the Kansas City area. These funds were to culmination of two separate auctions held during the 2016 Christmas season. With the \$3000 raised, the membership voted to gift \$1000 each to Urban Rangers, Sacred and Safehome Shelter.

-Urban Rangers works to prepare at-risk inner city youth for responsible and productive futures through a program of disciplined work experience and service in their community.

-Safehome's mission is to break the cycle of domestic violence for victims and their children by providing shelter, advocacy, counseling, and prevention education in our community.

-Sexually Abused Children's Relief Endeavor – or sacred - provides immediate financial assistance to families in need due to the reporting of child sexual abuse.

Representatives from all of these charities have made presentations to the Leawood Rotary in the past year or so and many of our members are board members or active advocates for these organizations.



Jake Schloegel, Erik Dickinson and Brad Moore



Brad Moore and Janee Hanzlick

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.



TASTE OF SHAWNEE

The Rotary Club of Shawnee's third annual "Taste of Shawnee" will take place on April 8, 2017 from 3 until 6 PM at Shawnee Town 1929. Participants can sample dishes from neighborhood eateries and at the same time, give a boost to charity.

Last year's event attracted over 1100 guests who sampled fare from 23 vendors and ultimately raised \$62,095 for charity. The funds benefited PolioPlus, Sunflower House, Circle of Hope NICU Foundation and Rotary Club of Shawnee Foundation supported charities.

This year, proceeds from the fundraiser will be divided between Polio Plus, Shawnee Community Services, Circle of Hope and local and international charities supported by the Rotary Club of Shawnee Foundation.

The \$5 admission pass will include five "taste" tickets to be used to sample the dishes offered by participating restaurants and other vendors. Admission passes can be purchased at the gate or from any Rotary Club of Shawnee member. Additional "taste" tickets can be purchased at the event for \$1 apiece.

In addition to the vendors, several local businesses and individuals will sponsor the event. We are proud to have Overland Park Regional Medical Center ER of Shawnee as our presenting sponsor again this year.



Questions: tasteofshawnee@gmail.com

More information: <http://tasteofshawnee.wix.com/2017>



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.

