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DG Chris's Message

Rotarians,

There's an old saying in Sales, "It takes twice as much time and money to land a prospect than to retain a client!" Well, the same holds true for retaining Rotarians!

It takes twice as much effort to 'land' a New Rotarian than to retain one. Don't get me wrong, focusing on how to 'attract' Gen X's or 'speak' to Millennial's is important and necessary to perpetuate Rotary, BUT, shouldn't we place more emphasis on inspiring our fellow Rotarians and building relationships so strong that Rotarians never want to leave?

As leaders within your clubs, truly take the time to plan and build real VALUE in your club meetings, INSPIRE members with community service projects and BUILD tremendous fellowship with social events.

Chris Ford
District Governor



We Can Do It!



2017

SAVE THE DATE!

Indoor skydiving! Top Golf!
Clay shooting! Bocce ball!
Service projects! And more!

If you like any of these activities, save the date now for the 2017 Rotary District 5710 Conference & Assembly, May 5-6, 2017 at the Sheraton Hotel in Overland Park. **We're still seeking volunteers to help coordinate the conference, especially from clubs outside of Johnson County.**

If you're interested, please contact Jason Leib at jasonl@jasonleib.com or 913-940-1446.

District News & Events



Larry Dimmitt Named New R.I. Director

We are thrilled to announce that the Nominating Committee for Rotary International Director in Zone 27 has selected our Rotarian, Larry Dimmitt, of the Rotary Club of Topeka, to be an RI Director in 2018-20.



This is a tremendous honor for Larry, and most fitting, given his service and commitment over many years to Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, our zone, district, and his club. Larry is currently serving as the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 27, he is a Past District Governor for District 5710, and he has served in many other roles throughout his Rotary career. RI President John Germ will declare Larry as director-nominee on 1 December 2016 barring any challenge put forth on behalf of another qualified Rotarian.

Many of you know and have worked with Larry through his years of very active service in our district. His selection to serve on the RI Board of Directors is an acknowledgement of his dedication to Rotary and his ability to further the purposes and objectives of Rotary International and its extension throughout the world. Please join us in congratulating Larry, and showing him how much we in his home district particularly appreciate his service.

Celebrate 100 Years of the Rotary Foundation!

Help us **celebrate** the **100th Anniversary** of the Rotary Foundation at the Foundation Banquet on **Saturday, Nov. 12th, 6:00 PM** at the Overland Park Sheraton.

This year, you'll experience an entirely **NEW** Foundation Banquet... we are **celebrating** with dinner & dance.

Will you be inspired, enjoy good food, great music and have fun? **YES!**

Will there be long speeches and copious awards? **NO!**



[Register Here!](#)

Rotary



District Polio Plus Flash FundRaiser Achieves \$6,000 !!!

Our social media Flash FundRaiser that was introduced at our FML District Conference in August has officially ended. Thanks to your contributions and matches from our District and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, approximately \$6,000 will be forwarded to Polio Plus !!

Now is the time for your club to consider a fund raiser, specifically for Polio Plus. This is probably the last year (ending June 30, 2017) that the District 5710 will match our contributions. And we know that the Gates Foundation will no longer match our contributions after June 30, 2018. Currently with matches, even a small \$100 contribution turns into \$600 !!



Congratulations by the way to Topeka South's Rotary Pumpkin Run on October 29th with all proceeds raised to be contributed to Polio Plus.

Hopefully, many of you witnessed the wonderful presentation on World Polio Day. We have made amazing progress in our fight to eradicate polio worldwide. However, the period we are now entering in this fight is considered the most critical time ever, since 1985. If you missed the World Polio Day presentation, you can still watch it at www.endpolionow.org!

If your club would like a presentation updating you on how close we are to eradicating polio, please email me at EdCoulter85@gmail.com.

Celebrate the Rotary Foundation this November

In 1917, Arch Klumph shared his vision - to create an endowment dedicated to doing good in the world – and planted the seed for The Rotary Foundation. That one idea and an initial contribution of \$26.50 (from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, MO) set in motion a powerful force for good which has transformed millions of lives around the globe. **This November, use the resources below to help us celebrate 100 years of The Rotary Foundation.**

Promote Our Foundation on social media - Let's tell the world about The Rotary Foundation:

- [Download these shareable graphics](#) and share the work of our Foundation on Facebook, Twitter, or your other social media channels during November.
- Tell your friends about why you support The Rotary Foundation and invite them to make a contribution.
- Do an act of good and share it using #100actsofgood.
- Encourage others to give by sharing this “give” link: www.rotary.org/give.

Talk about our Centennial year - Gifts to The Rotary Foundation have funded high impact, sustainable solutions to pressing needs around the world for the past 100 years. Help ensure that we are able to continue doing good for the next 100 years by being an advocate for our Foundation.

- Download the [centennial promotion kit](#) which includes a presentation dedicated to the History of The Rotary Foundation.
- Share your project photos and stories on social media and use #TRF100.
- Plan a Rotary Day in your community to raise awareness of Rotary and it's Foundation; use our [Event Planning Guide](#) to learn more about planning successful event.
- Dedicate a few minutes at each club meeting in November to educating members about The Rotary Foundation. One easy way to do this is to play a [short video](#) at the beginning of your club meeting.

Participate in **#GivingTuesday** on 29 November - Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season by participating in #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving and celebrating generosity. Last year, Rotarians gave over \$170,000 online to our Foundation. This year we want to do even more!



Rotary International Convention in Atlanta



Our goal is **100 Rotarians** from District 5710 in Atlanta for the Rotary International Convention June 10-14, 2017. So far, we are at **46%** of that goal. [Click here](#) for a list of attendees (only those who have released their info.) Find out more information about the convention at www.riconvention.org.

CENTENNIAL EVENTS

The yearlong celebration of The Rotary Foundation and 100 years of Doing Good in the World culminates at the Atlanta convention. Help us celebrate in the city where it all began:

Explore The Rotary Foundation Centennial exhibit

Attend the “Doing Good in the World” book signing

Enjoy a special centennial birthday party

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to an unparalleled lineup of speakers, entertainment, and events, this year’s convention offers once-in-a-lifetime activities, including:

Special movie screening of “Gone With the Wind” at the historic Fox Theatre

Presidential Peace Conference

Memorable Foundation centennial festivities

DISCOVER ATLANTA

Atlanta is a gracious, warm-hearted city whose rich history and modern, thriving metropolitan area offers something for everyone. Plan now to:

Visit family-friendly attractions like the World of Coca-Cola and the Georgia Aquarium

Enjoy Southern cooking during Restaurant Night

Honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the King Center

[Click here](#) to register online.

New Members for October 2016

Council Grove	Josh Sciacca
Emporia	Robert Wright
Johnson County-Sunset	Victoria Shevchenko
Lawrence	Alex Delaney, Carl Lejuez
Leavenworth	Charles Raney, Stella Stewart, Douglas Tystad
Louisburg	Nathan Law
Manhattan Konza	Shawn Drew
Olathe Noon	Tim Allin, Jason Armstrong, Jerry Hirt, Darien Lame
Ottawa	Joshua Robinson
Overland Park	Lauren Crowder, Dave White
Overland Park South	Tori LoGrasso, Bryan Sarff, Amiee Seck
Shawnee Mission	J. Beason, Jenna Bentrap



Zone Participants Create World-Record Cog

Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and resettled refugees from around the Salt Lake City area got to be a part of a Guinness World Records for the most people in a human image of a cog—the Rotary Logo!

They needed 250 to make a record and they had 412 people there!!



District 5710 members participating in the record-breaking event. Don't they look good in yellow?!

We Can Do It!



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CLUB/DISTRICT EVENTS

**Mark your
calendars
now...**

President-Elect Training
(PETS) will be
March 23-25, 2017
in Wichita this year!

More info on registration
and hotels coming soon!

Club News & Events



No Tricks, Just a Treat for Western Johnson County Rotary to be Able to Help

No ghosts or goblins here, but we sure collected a lot of treats for the Johnson County Multi-Service Center. The Western Johnson County Rotary Club collected 152lbs of necessity items for those that may not be able to afford them. All month long in October, members were asked to bring donations to each meeting and as always they stepped up to help.



Members also donated to the Uplift Organization Inc. the night of the club's fire-side chat, hosted by charter member Lori McCombs. Gloves, hats, blankets and plastic bags were left with Lori to deliver to Uplift so those that live on the streets in the KC Metro area will be a little warmer. Uplift has no government funding and relies on groups like the Western Johnson County Rotary club to help out, especially as the weather gets colder.



Club members also cleaned up Mill Creek Streamway Trail in October and collected a lot of debris that was left over from the heavy rains in September. This is all part of the Shawnee Adopt a Spot program and members are glad to be able to keep their neighborhood clean.

Garnett Rotary Holds Annual Pancake Feed

Garnett Rotary Club will hold its annual Pancake Feed on Tuesday, November 8th from 11am to 1pm and 5pm to 7pm.

Adult tickets \$6

Children \$3

Location: Methodist Church (basement)

205 S Oak St, Garnett KS 66032

We hope you can join us!



Topeka Downtown Rotary Completes Several Projects

Peace Camp

Continuing with the Topeka Downtown Rotary and Topeka Center for Peace and Justice partnership, the Topeka Downtown Rotary grant continues to impact lives in our community. The Topeka Center for Peace and Justice was again able to offer their annual Peace Camp. Peace Camp this year was a tremendous success with 40 campers this year ages Kindergarten to 5th grade. The mission of Peace Camp is to teach children about anger management, conflict resolution, and anti-bullying and nonviolent solutions.



Justice Circles

Funding from the Topeka Downtown Rotary grant also assisted with the Justice Circles program, offered by the Topeka Center for Peace and Justice. Justice Circles is a conflict resolution program that has proven successful in reducing the number of fights, office visits, in school suspensions and out of school suspensions in Middle and High Schools across the country. Piloted at Eisenhower Middle School this past year, the number of fights in that school were reduced by 50%, Suspensions were reduced from 189 in 2014-15 to 32 in 2015-16. Training was conducted by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution out of Bethel College in Newton, with 30 people from USD 501 and USD 437 and from Downtown Rotary on 9/30—10/1. Funding for this program is made possible by a \$20,000 grant from the Downtown Topeka Rotary Club.

Clock Dedication

To further enhance the Rotary Crossroads to Freedom pocket park in beautiful Downtown Topeka, Topeka Downtown Rotary presented the new Rotary clock in a dedication ceremony on October 20th. It was a great turnout with remarks from Topeka Mayor Larry Wolgast and champagne christening.



Overland Park Rotary Donates Books

Overland Park Rotary has around 24 pallets of books ready to give as gifts to local agencies and groups. We are now accepting requests for cases - around 30,000 brand new books! Please spread the word to your favorite agencies and groups who would like books before the holidays!

Please share this request form: <https://goo.gl/forms/OQthGdMpiSJiyw6J3>

Some things to note:

- Books are available on a first come, first served basis.
- Once they are gone, they are gone – until we request the next truckload of books (likely in the spring).
- We'd like books to be picked up and in the hands of the end users by the holidays.
- The only requirements for receiving books are that they are NOT resold, and we ask that they put Rotary stickers inside the books before they distribute them.
- The titles of the books are in the request form. I recommend googling the titles if you aren't sure of what age range they are targeting.
- Books are brand new and come with one title per case, so you cannot mix and match, but you can have cases of multiple titles.
- Agencies/individuals will need to coordinate with Rotarians for pick up of the books.



The book project committee is led by [Mike Meyer](#), [Donna Deeds](#) and [Brad Vaughan](#). Please contact them with any questions!

RINC Playground Project a Club Collaboration

On Sat. Oct 22, Rotarians from, Olathe, Leawood, Lenexa, Shawnee, Gardner, and family members painted a large US Map on the playground of Ridgeview Elementary in Olathe.

The project was determined by the RINC Advisory Board as a way to spread the word about Rotary through a service project.

The stencil and material will make it possible for more maps to be painted at schools within the District.



Gardner Rotary Lends a Helping Hand to City Events

The Gardner Rotary Club, in partnership with the City of Gardner, participated in two amazing events; Make a Difference Day and Boo Bash 2016.

Make a Difference Day is one of the largest national days of community service. Celebrated on the fourth Saturday in October, thousands of volunteers unite in a common mission to improve the lives of others. Club President Michael Blanchard, Past District Governor Gary Duggan, and Exchange Student Chair Tamela Stockton, with the support of a few family members, helped for the second year by picking up trash and litter around the community. Once finished with cleaning up around the local park and community garden, they moved their efforts



over to the Gardner Historical Museum and provided assistance with a few projects.



Boo Bash celebrated its 20th year with the largest community turnout in its history. The Gardner Club always provides a large group of volunteers to help support the event. This community event allows kids of all ages a safe place to wear their costumes and participate in an evening of ghastly games, spooktacular activities, lots of candy, prizes, a hay-rack ride along the park trails and much, much more!

Bonner Springs Rotary Annual Holiday Fundraiser

Don't miss the Bonner Springs Annual Holiday Banquet!

Bonner Springs Rotary Annual Holiday Fundraiser for
Vaughn-Trent Community Services.

Thursday, December 1 at 6:00 at the
National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame

630 N. 126th Street in Bonner Springs

Tickets: \$25, payable at the door. R.S.V.P. to Marva at 913-441-2584
or by email to bonnerrotary@gmail.com



The Bonner Springs Rotary Club
cordially invites you to attend our

Annual Holiday Banquet

December 1, 6 p.m.
Event Barn at the National
Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame
630 N. 126th Street
Bonner Springs, KS

Festive libations, good cheer, a holiday
dinner, and a live and silent auction.
Please join us to kick off the holiday
season and improve the holidays for
those served by Vaughn-Trent.

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October --- A Busy Month for Rotary Club of Leavenworth



Recently, Rotary Club of Leavenworth welcomed three new members. New members pictured are Douglas Tystad, Stella Stewart and Charles Raney (front row); pictured with our new members are their sponsors/stand in sponsors, Rotarians Mark Schoenemann, Tony Barton and Joan Murnane-Rendall (back row). The addition of these new members helps our club towards in meeting a "new member" goal of 35 new members before 30 June 2017; our club membership looks forward to serving with Doug, Stella and Charles; welcome to the Rotary Club of Leavenworth!

Final Park Clean Up of the Year; pictured at right are Rotarians DeEtte Lombard, Shari Hansen, Rick Hansen, Ellen Bogdan, Dennis Fackler and Brian Voorhees...special thanks to Tony Kramer who chairs this activity and all volunteers every month spring, summer and fall.



Co-Sponsored (with the Lansing Lions Club) an OTC Medicine Drive for our local Saint Vincent's Clinic; pictured at left are Lansing Lion, Chris Southard and Rotarians Matt Nojonen, Tom Dials and Mike Lehnerr; thanks to all Rotarians (and Lions) who supported this activity.

Bi-Annual Back Pack Buddies; twice a year we assist our USM Rotaract Club pack week-end meals for elementary school students; 444 meals were packed for Lawson Elementary School; pictured are Rotarians Brian Voorhees, Tamara Sevcik and Don Murphy; thanks to all who helped make this program a success.



Rotarians and friends of Rotarians (Maria Minchew, Mary Gregerson, Joan Murnane-Rendall, Matt Nojonen and Maria's sister, Kathy) having a little fun at the City of Leavenworth's Haunted Depot this evening; over \$130 worth of candy was handed out by our group at this event...WOW!

Upcoming Events for our Club: Veterans' Day Pancake Breakfast & Parade, OISS Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner and City of Leavenworth's Holiday Lighted Parade.