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## DG Chris's Message

### CAN YOU HELP ME SPEND \$190,000 THIS YEAR?

By the end of this Rotary year District 5710 may have a \$190,000 balance in our Global Grants fund. We need motivated Rotarians, who feel called to partner in Humanitarian Projects around our Rotary World, to spend this money.

### What they support

- Humanitarian projects
- Scholarships for graduate-level academic studies
- Vocational training teams, which are groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local professionals about a particular field or to learn more about their own

### How to use them

A key feature of global grants is partnership, between the district or club where the activity is carried out and a district or club in another country. Both sponsors must be [qualified](#) before they can submit an application.

To be successful, your application must:

- Be sustainable and include plans for long-term success after the global grant funds have been spent
- Include measurable goals
- Align with one of our areas of focus
- Respond to real community needs
- Actively involve Rotarians and community members
- Meet the eligibility requirements in the grants [terms and conditions](#)

[Applications](#) are accepted throughout the year and reviewed as they are received.

### How they're funded

The minimum budget for a global grant activity is \$30,000. The Foundation's World Fund provides a minimum of \$15,000 and maximum of \$200,000. Clubs and districts contribute District Designated Funds (DDF) and/or cash contributions that the World Fund matches. DDF is matched at 100% and cash is matched at 50%.

For more information on Global Grants, please visit: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/apply-grants/global-grants>

Let's spend this money!

Chris Ford



### 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](mailto:jasonl@jasonleib.com) or 913-940-1446.

## District News & Events



### Save the Date—Foundation Banquet

Help us **celebrate** the **100th Anniversary** of the Rotary Foundation at the Foundation Banquet on **Saturday, November 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!**

**Watch your email for an invite... coming soon!**

# Rotary



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

### Speaker's Bureau

Looking for a speaker? We can help. The following is a list of speakers provided by clubs in the district. Maybe you'll find your next program!

**Jim Peters**, President of Lawrence Central Rotary Club, [jpeters1@ku.edu](mailto:jpeters1@ku.edu)

Arlington National Cemetery—Shrine to American Heroes

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute [www.osher.ku.edu](http://www.osher.ku.edu)

Do you have a speaker suggestion? Please email it to [Mandy@Rotary5710.org](mailto:Mandy@Rotary5710.org). And watch your future newsletters for more speakers!

## Rotary Leadership Institute Graduates Seven

District 5710 graduated its fifth Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) class on September 10, 2016.

RLI is a grassroots multi-district leadership and Rotary development program that engages Rotarians and in turn strengthen their clubs and increases membership retention. This three session program emphasizes both leadership skills and knowledge of Rotary. All Rotarians from brand new members to veterans including prior club presidents have participated enjoyed their experience and increased their skills be attending.



A special congratulations goes to the following Rotarians for successfully completing all three sessions of the third RLI program our district has just concluded. They are:

<b>Carol Bradbury</b>	<b>Topeka Downtown</b>
<b>Christina Hankinson</b>	<b>Village West</b>
<b>Linda Ireland</b>	<b>Topeka Downtown</b>
<b>Karen Lane Christilles</b>	<b>Topeka Downtown</b>
<b>Jeri McDonnell</b>	<b>Village West</b>
<b>Carly Kidwell</b>	<b>Topeka Downtown</b>
<b>Joanie Underwood</b>	<b>Topeka Downtown</b>

On behalf of our District leadership and RLI facilitators, thank you to all of our recent graduates for their time and very active participant.. They now join 33 other Rotarians who graduated form our first four District 5710 classes. And, special congrats to Topeka Downtown for having five members graduate in this class. That is a record for a single club in one class.

A big thank you goes to Neil Wakefield, Patrick Schaub, Ellen Bogdan, DeEtte Lombard, Sharon Sweeney and Tom Gray for being amazing facilitators. Your giving up not only the Saturday you facilitated, but also the time spent preparing for your session is appreciated.

And, last but certainly not least, another thank you – to Adam Ehlert of the Village West Club for donating space at Community America Ballpark for Sessions 2 and 3.

The next Rotary Leadership Institute Class will be in February and March 2017. The exact dates will be determined shortly.

## Charity Navigator Upgrades Rotary Foundation's Rating

The Rotary Foundation has received the highest possible score from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

In the most recent ratings, released on 1 September, The Rotary Foundation earned the maximum 100 points for both financial health and accountability and transparency.

The ratings reflect how efficiently Charity Navigator believes the Foundation will use donations, how well it has sustained programs and services, and its level of commitment to good governance and openness.

In the previous rating, the Foundation had received 97 points.



## PolioPlus Needs Another \$1.5 Billion? Are You Kidding ?

I thought polio cases were down 99.9% worldwide!! In 1988 there were 350,000 cases of wild polio virus. So far in 2016, there have been less than 50 cases reported. **Why then is there such a need for another \$1.5 billion?**

This is a question that I know for a fact that many Rotarians are “silently” asking themselves. Hasn’t Rotary already contributed \$1.5 billion of the \$10 billion spent worldwide to eradicate polio since 1988? Proudly, it has. But another \$1.5 billion funded by governments and donors such as Rotary will be needed through at least 2019 to finish the job. One might say, it seems as though polio is basically gone, so can’t we move on to support other initiatives locally and globally? We could, but there is no doubt that if polio rebounds, more than 200,000 children worldwide could be paralyzed every year within the next 10 years. Until polio is eradicated **everywhere**, no unvaccinated child is safe **anywhere**.



Did you know that the vaccine itself is not the largest expense in a vaccination campaign? In fact, Rotary rarely funds vaccines. Even though we are “this close”, it will be necessary to increase resources in this final phase to more than half of all that has been spent so far! The final phase will be the most difficult of all. Problems with security, logistics, access to remote areas and populations that refuse to cooperate have to be overcome.

So, how will another \$1.5 billion be used? Here are just a few examples of what your contributions will support:

- Rental cars to canvass neighborhoods – for volunteers to go door to door in large cities as well as in remote areas.
- Training and support of community volunteer vaccinators
- Establishing vaccination points in highly trafficked transit areas
- Setting up of environmental sampling in remote areas of the countries
- Supporting the network of 145 highly sophisticated laboratories around the world that can identify the disease
- Continued vigilance when a case of paralysis is reported – take specimens and analyze them
- Establishment of additional Permanent Transit Points to provide shelter for polio teams
- Funding for continued logistical planning by technical experts
- Large scale communication efforts to share the benefits of vaccinations
- Vaccine carriers, water coolers, umbrellas, solar refrigerators

Once the final case of polio is recorded, it will take three years to ensure that the last case, is in fact, the final one.

Fund raising is so vital at this time. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will discontinue their 2:1 match in 2018. This will also probably be the last year that our District will match your contribution, 1:1. **Currently, a \$20 contribution with the two matches balloons to \$120!**

We will be celebrating World Polio Day on October 24, 2016. Between now and October 24, 2016, look for emails and social media posts from the District indicating ways to support PolioPlus. Please consider sharing this information, particularly with non-Rotarians. If you would like a presentation updating your club on how close we are to eradicating polio (including fund raising ideas), just email me at [EdCoulter85@gmail.com](mailto:EdCoulter85@gmail.com).

## 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 **42%** 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](http://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 September 2016

<b>Atchison</b>	Robert Flack
<b>Emporia</b>	Richard O'Leary
<b>Gardner</b>	Julieann Hunter
<b>Lawrence Jayhawk</b>	Scott Willette
<b>Leavenworth</b>	John Crary, John Robinson, L. Winters
<b>Leawood</b>	Justin Scicluna
<b>Overland Park</b>	Brad Vaughan
<b>Overland Park South</b>	Jason McCandless
<b>Santa Fe Trail</b>	Shawn Whitcomb
<b>Topeka Downtown</b>	Ramin Mahmoudian, Ingrid Pearson, Lucinda Stocker
<b>Western Jo Co</b>	Adriana Bates, Amy Loehr, Becky Metcalf, Kim O'Connor, Matt Wright



## World Polio Day October 24

Rotary's fourth World Polio Day celebration, on 24 October, will highlight extraordinary progress in the eradication campaign and emphasize the work that remains before we wipe out the virus for good. With the number of new cases worldwide nearly halved from this time last year, we have the opportunity to rally our resources and see the last case of polio this year.

Health officials and Rotary's celebrity polio ambassadors will head to Atlanta, Georgia, USA, for the event, the first to be held at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It will be streamed live and then will be available for viewing anytime at [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org).

[Download the World Polio Day toolkit](#) for information and resources on planning and promoting a successful World Polio Day event, such as a viewing party or fundraiser:

[Register your event here](#) for a chance to be recognized in Atlanta, or to be featured on our website and social media pages.

Use our graphics like the picture on the right to craft engaging social media posts, and use #endpolio to follow and join the global conversation.

Write to local media and government officials: Pitch a story about your club's contributions to the campaign, and remind them why it's important to keep fighting.





## 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



### Topeka South's Pumpkin Run to Benefit Polio Plus

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Topeka South Rotary Pumpkin Run will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am at Shawnee Lake in Topeka, KS.

**All the proceeds raised from this event will be contributed to Polio Plus!**

**This is a family FUN event .**

We expect to see a lot of interesting characters on the trail. Dressing up in costume is highly encouraged! There will be a costume contest with a delicious Perkin's Pumpkin pie as the prize for one lucky adult and one lucky child. We all hope you can find a way to participate in the 2016 Pumpkin Run at 8:30am on 10/29/2016. Shawnee Lake will be very colorful that morning.

If you would like to participate by running, walking or strolling, you can register [here](#) or fill out one of our brochures [here](#) and mail it in to Faron Barr.

The committee would like to thank the following people and businesses who have already helped sponsor our event.

Key Staffing – lead sponsor

Community Bank

T & M Financial, Inc.

CoreFirst

Glenn Jagodzinski – DJ sponsor

Jenalea Randall – in memory of Tony Randall

We also have commitments from several other businesses that have agreed to help with the underwriting. If you would like to be a sponsor please [contact](#) Faron Barr.



## Lawrence Rotary Clubs Host Ukrainian Delegation

The Lawrence Rotary Club, the Lawrence Central Rotary Club, and the Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club co-hosted a delegation of six educators from Ukraine through the Library of Congress Open World program. The team was in Lawrence from September 23 through October 1. They had a very full itinerary hearing from education leaders of USD 497, Kansas University, Haskell Indian Nations University, Baker University, Johnson County Community College, and the KU Edwards Campus, observing teaching methods, touring school facilities, and learning about innovations in education that they will be able to share in their home cities. In addition, they met with federal, state, city, county, and school board representatives and visited cultural sites in Lawrence and Kansas City.

The Open World Program was founded to promote mutual understanding between the United States and countries of Eurasia by introducing current and emerging Eurasian leaders to their U. S. counterparts and to U. S. democratic and free-market institutions. Key concepts for exchanges include transparency, accountability, civic initiative, and volunteerism.

The delegates were home-hosted by Rotarians, and were able to meet many other club members who volunteered to drive and attend sessions with them, by attending a meeting of each of the three clubs, and sharing an evening open house held in their honor.

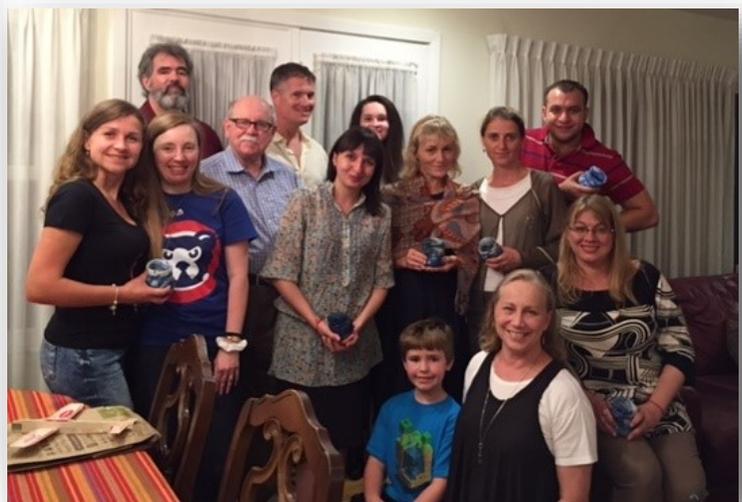
Applications to host a delegation are solicited annually by the Open World Leadership Center, through Rotary International. This is a wonderful way to build goodwill, form international friendships, and share vocational knowledge.



The delegation at the Lawrence Rotary Club meeting Sept. 26. L-R: Halyna Kaluzhna, Oksana Puha, Yaryna Datskiv, interpreter Vladimir Bassis, Asia Zaiets, Oksana Domaratska, and Oleksandr Elkin.



Oksana learning the drums with student Guthrie, at Liberty Memorial Central Middle School.



Welcome gathering at the home of Doni Mooberry Slough, with some host family members.

## Leavenworth Happenings

High School Senior Student Visits at our meetings are ongoing; shown at right are students from Lansing High School with President Mark. To date, we have had visitors from all four area high schools (Lansing, Leavenworth, IMAC and Pleasant Ridge).



Membership is growing (with high hopes of meeting President Mark's membership goal this year). Shown at left are Sponsor Karel Sigtenhorst with returning member, Dennis Fackler and new member, L. Blake Waters with sponsor, Mark Schoenemann.



Special guest, COL Jung Kyunghwan, Korean LNO to the Combined Arms Center, receiving a coin after his great presentation on the Republic of Korea; COL Kyunghwan was a guest of Rotarian Wujeong Duncan.



Rotarian Kurt Seelbach wins our big pot of money by drawing the Joker during our 50/50 Raffle drawing; Kurt donated his winnings of \$317 to our local Rotary Foundation.

### Upcoming events for Rotary Club of Leavenworth:

Over-the-Counter Medicine Drive partnering with Lansing Lions Club; the two clubs meet on a bi-annual basis for a community collection of OTC Meds for our local Saint Vincent Clinic.

Pancake Breakfast on Veterans' Day (11 November) where disabled vets eat breakfast at no cost & the Veterans' Day Parade.

Here are some photos from the Annual Club Picnic—where fun, food and fellowship were enjoyed by all.



## Topeka Downtown Stays Active in Its Community

### Peace Party 2016

The Topeka Center for Peace and Justice announced to the community the partnership with Topeka Downtown Rotary and the impact of our club's \$20,000 grant will have on life in our community during their 2016 Peace Party. The Topeka Center for Peace and Justice's mission is to promote justice and peace through education and action for social change by working with individuals and organizations in the greater Topeka community. Featured are Jim McCollough, Executive Director, and Lindsey Schwartz, Programs Director & Bullying Prevention Specialist



### Grant Awards



Topeka Downtown Rotary received \$5,271 in grants from the District. \$4,271 will go towards Sole Mates & Covered in Coats to help support our mission to provide shoes and coats to the youth in need in our community; and \$1,000 goes to our partnership with Washburn Institute of Technology for Washburn Tech Career Days, a day of student interaction designed to expose young students to ideas for their future school and career paths. The project is a partnership with USD501, Washburn Tech and Downtown Rotary. Prior to this year, tours consisted of less than 100 identified students from each middle school and this past year we were only able to provide tours for three of the schools due to transportation limitations. This year - for the first time - due to additional financial support from

our district - we were able to support tours for ALL USD 501 seventh grade students....totaling around 1000 students!

### 17th Annual Topeka Water Festival

The Topeka Downtown Rotary club participated in the 17th annual Topeka Water Festival on September 15th. Approximately 1,200 fourth grade students attended the 26+ outdoor and 3 indoor areas for hands-on activities and to learn about the importance of water.

### Combat Air Museum Visit

Topeka Downtown Rotarians enjoyed our meeting at the Combat Air Museum in Topeka, KS on September 15th. We toured the museum and got a view into the passion of many volunteers who spend much time and effort to ensure this museum continues to educate the citizens of our communities of the sacrifices made for the freedom of our country.



## Rotary Club of Johnson County Presents Oktoberfest



The Rotary Club of Johnson County Charitable Foundation presents Oktoberfest as a fundraiser to benefit Higher M-Pact. Join us for an evening of music, food, drink, fellowship and silent auction.

**Thursday, OCTOBER 13, 2016**

6:00pm to 9:00pm

Boulevard Brewery

2501 Southwest Boulevard

Kansas City, MO 64108

All proceeds benefit Higher M-Pact.

\$50 per person

(\$25 of your ticket price is tax deductible)

[Register Here](#)

## De Soto Rotary Busy in its Community

The De Soto Rotary Club has been busy. The club participated in the De Soto Days Parade over the Labor Day weekend.

The weekend of September 23rd to 25th the Club participated in the Sunflower Artfest 2016 at the Barn at Kill Creek Farm.

The Rotary Club brought awareness to the Polio Plus project by selling sunflowers.

October 29th is the date of the Club's Chili Cook-off also to be held at The Barn at Kill Creek Farm. This will be an event open to the public for competition and tasting and held in conjunction with the Oktoberfest at the Barn.

The Club lost a charter member when Eugene Gower, 86, passed away on September 15th. Gene, as he was known to our club, served as our song leader for many years and had 50 years of perfect attendance.



## Junction City Awards Paul Harris Fellow & Donates to Polio Plus

Junction City Rotary awarded a Paul Harris Fellow to Aileen Cray. She was the director of the Junction City United Way for 20 years. Due to health reasons she had to retire early. According to President Karen Carroll, "She is a blessing to our community and our Rotary Club."



Karen also reports that the club presented a check for \$298 to District Polio Chair Ed Coulter from its recent fundraiser for Polio-Plus.



Charles Volland and Aileen Cray

Karen Carroll, Ed Coulter and Mary Hogan

## Lawrence Rotary Helps with MS Bike Ride

Members of the Lawrence Rotary Club helped out with the MS Bike KC event on September 17 at South Park in Lawrence, handing out snacks and drinks to the riders, selling t-shirts and vintage jerseys, and collecting registrations for next year's event.

The riders started at the Garmin facility in Olathe and rode to Lawrence. Some rode back the same day while others spent the night in Lawrence and rode back on Sunday.

Pictured are club members Mark Buhler, club president Larry Chance, Amanda Gress, Jane Bateman, and Jason Snell.



## Lawrence Jayhawk Starts Habitat for Humanity Home

On Saturday, September 24, Jayhawk Rotarians started the Habitat for Humanity home at 902 LaSalle. Shown at right are Randy Krehbiel, Sandra Wiechert, Bob Rhoton, Wayne Whitney, John Clinger, Danny Freeman, Doug Paul, Brandon Young, Jonathan Groene, Scott Willette, Stan Rasmussen, and Mason Gilliland.

Not pictured: Doug Houston and Lindsey Slater.



## Overbrook Sponsors 8th Annual Children's Fishing Derby

Overbrook Rotary recently sponsored the 8th annual Overbrook Children's Fishing Derby. A total of 97 kids participated and all went home with some sort of prize. The fishing derby is a joint effort sponsored by the Overbrook Rotary Club and the Overbrook Parks and Recreation department.



## De Soto Rotary Loses Charter Member Gene Gower

Eugene L. Gower, 86, of De Soto, Kansas passed away Thursday September 15, 2016 at Shawnee Mission Hospital in Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

Eugene was a member of De Soto Rotary Club, with 50 years perfect attendance. He served in the 82nd Airborne. He was a member of the De Soto United Methodist Church.

Survivors include: JoEtta his wife of 66 years; his three children Steve, Connie, and Dennis; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a brother William Gower and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association or The American Kidney Foundation in care of the funeral home, Cedar Crest Memorial Chapel, Box 101, De Soto, KS 66018.



## Obituary for Past District Governor Gordon Lowry of Valley Falls, KS

Gordon Kemmery Lowry died Monday, September 5, 2016, at Midland Care at Linwood Park Assisted Living in Valley Falls, Kansas.

Gordon was born July 25, 1918, in Meade, Kansas, the son of James C. and Ruby E. Kemmery Lowry. He lived in Meade until moving to Topeka in 1934 and graduated from Topeka High in 1936. Gordon graduated from Washburn College where he played basketball. His law studies were interrupted by service in the United States Navy in World War II.

After graduation from the Midshipman program, he completed amphibious training and led boat groups during invasions in the Marshall Islands, Saipan, Palau, and Leyte Gulf in the Philippines. He rose to the rank of First Lieutenant and received the Bronze Star for actions in the Saipan invasion and the Purple Heart for wounds suffered at Palau.



Gordon and Margaret Lowry

Gordon graduated from Washburn Law School following the war and served as law clerk to The Hon. Walter A. Huxman of the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1947 he opened a law office in Valley Falls and practiced until 2005. He was a member of the Jefferson County, Kansas, and American Bar Associations and served as President of the City Attorneys Association of Kansas. He was active in organizing watershed districts in northeast Kansas and providing counsel to electric cooperatives.

He was a member of the Valley Falls Rotary Club from 1947 until his death, was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow and held the office of Rotary District Governor in 1956-1957. He sat on Boards for the Jayhawk Area Council of Boy Scouts, the Washburn University Alumni Association, the Valley Falls Chamber of Commerce, the American Red Cross, and the Salvation Army. He was a member of the Valley Falls United Methodist Church and held offices including Sunday School Superintendent for many years.

He married Margaret Huffman June 21, 1941. They enjoyed 73 years of marriage until her death on August 31, 2014. He is survived by two daughters, Susan Lowry (Richard Armin) of Toronto, Canada and Lynne Lowry (Donna Sanker) of Long Beach, California, three sons, Gordon Kemmery Lowry, Jr. (Junko) of Honolulu, Hawaii, James Corwin Lowry (Cathy) of Lenexa, Kansas, and Stuart Scott Lowry (Lauren) of Hays, Kansas. He is also survived by granddaughters Jaime McGinnis Lowry and Meghan Dorsey Lowry, grandsons, Cameron K. Lowry, James Bryce Lowry, Gordon Connor Lowry, John Griffin Lowry, Jack Thompson-Sanker and Ryan Thompson-Sanker, and great-grandsons Skyler James Lowry and Duncan Sloan. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Memorial Services were held Friday, September 9, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. at the Valley Falls United Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to the Valley Falls United Methodist Church, Jefferson County Friends of Hospice, or the Washburn Law School Foundation and sent c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 6, Valley Falls, Kansas 66088.

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