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District 5710 Club News

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Overland Park	Norman Craig
Overland Park South	Patrick McCarthy, Kristy Schubert
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Club Events

June 1—Village West Rotary Club

2010 Service Club Challenge Benefiting Harvesters Community Food Network

June 1, 2010 at Kansas City T-Bones vs Fielders ball game—Tailgate, 5:30 pm
Game 7:05 pm

Ticket and Tailgate Meal—\$20 Game Only—\$7

A friendly competition with service clubs to see who can bring the most non-perishable foods to the game

Drop your food in the Rotary bin

Let's collect more food that the Lions, Optimist, Sertoma and the Kiwanis

For Tickets call 913-328-5623



June 10—Village West Rotary Club

Service With Taste

Chateau Avalon Hotel, 701 Village West Parkway, Kansas City, Kansas

Thursday June 10th—6:00 pm to :30 pm1

Tickets \$45—Business Casual Attire

The club is pleased to announce the fourth Annual Wine and Food Tasting in honor of Rotary Service around the world and to celebrate it's anniversary on June 10th. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Sunflower House and the 20/20 Leadership Youth Education and Development Program.

For tickets and sponsorship information contact
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June 11—Leavenworth Rotary Club

Leavenworth Rotary Club Wine Tasting Fundraiser

J W Crancer's

530 Delaware

Leavenworth, KS

6:00 pm

Tickets \$25—LIMITED AVAILABILITY—To Benefit PolioPlus

The event is hosted by Lansing Liquor and Wine and J W Crancer's

For tickets contact
Shay Baker—rotarywintetasting@gmail.com
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Joint Club Projects/Events

Lawrence Clubs Join Together

The Lawrence, Lawrence Jayhawk, and Lawrence Central in partnership with the City of Lawrence's Parks and Recreation Department are raising funds for a new permanent limestone sign for the entrance to the Lawrence Rotary Arboretum and two bicycle racks that will honor former Rotarian Bob Frederick which will be installed this summer. The sign is being created by Lawrence stone mason, Keith Middlemas. The three clubs pledged \$5,000 for this project and to date, \$3,000 has been raised. The City of Lawrence will provide an additional \$3,000 needed for the project's completion, as well as the labor to install both the sign and the bicycle racks.

The Rotary Arboretum was created through funding in celebration of the centennial anniversary of Rotary International in 2005. Besides trees with identification markers, the arboretum also consists of walking paths, a pergola, a gazebo and a Waterwise Xeriscape Garden.

Kansas City Day

April 5 was the Royals season home opener and therefore it was time to hit the streets selling papers for Kansas City Day. The proceeds collected for the Royals Blue Monday Newspaper Drive goes towards the Rotary Youth Camp in Lee's Summit, Missouri, the Rotary Youth Camp program set up Club 13 in Kansas City, Missouri. This camp gives underprivileged and disadvantaged kids a chance to visit and play at a camp during their summer days, giving these children lasting memories of summer camp experiences. The camp enables campers to grow in self-confidence and to experience success in physical activities and human relationships.



Clubs in the Kansas and Missouri areas partnered together to make the day successful. The clubs will reunite in May to put on work gloves and provide manual labor to clean up the camp and construct some projects that will get the children's camp in shape for the summer.

Paola and Osawatomie Share Meetings

On April 26th, the Paola club attended a joint meeting in Osawatomie with the Osawatomie Club. The meeting was a great success and both clubs enjoyed spending time together. The Osawatomie Club will visit the Paola meeting in May.

What a GREAT idea!!
Joint club meetings!



Topeka Clubs Join Together

Current and former Presidents of the Topeka Downtown, Topeka South, Topeka North and the Topeka West clubs met together to discuss club successes and issues and to discuss possible joint projects.

Lawrence Rotary Club—Safe Sleep Kids Service Project

Jane Batemena, Chair of the Lawrence Rotary Club service Committee, along with John Drees, RN and coordinator of the “Safe Kids of Douglas County Program” at Lawrence Memorial Hospital presented the Safe Sleep Kids video to the club and to the District at the club’s booth at the District Assembly & Conference. LMH with the support of the club created the instructional video for parents, grandparents and caregivers of infants under one year old, “ABC—Alone, on their Back, in a Crib”. The goal is to prevent unintended deaths from SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome).

The video uses seven local families of different ethnicities to help tell the story. With the video, the goal is to save 20-30 infants per year in Kansas. The video is available for distribution and a program. The video included segments on not using the car seat for naps at home but putting the infant in their crib, having the infant sleep in their crib and not in the parent’s bed and how the babies should not sleep with blankets but alone. The video is available for a program. Contact Jane Bateman at janerb@sunflower.com.

Lawrence Central Rotary Club—Community Bicycling

Lawrence Central Rotary (LCR) is proud to announce a service project that will install a new bicycle rack at the Saturday Downtown Lawrence Farmers' Market located in the 800 block of New Hampshire.

LCR has chosen ‘Community Bicycling’ as a common theme for its service projects. The bike rack is of tubular construction and spells out “Ride Lawrence” designed by local artist Sean McCue. Sean entered his design into last year’s bicycle rack design contest to install a bike rack outside the Lawrence Arts Center.



“Although Sean’s design was not chosen for the Lawrence Arts Center rack we felt he had a great design that we wanted to incorporate into the overall biking theme for the Lawrence community,” said Scott Wagner who is the chair of the bike rack committee. “It also sparked the imagination of the club members to rally around the project by incorporating “Ride Lawrence” as the overall theme for this community initiative.”

The unveiling and dedication of the new rack will take place over the July 4th weekend in conjunction with Tour of Lawrence and Lawrence Central Rotary’s sponsorship of the Kids Zone in downtown Lawrence on Friday night during the Sprint Races and Sunday during the Downtown Criterium.

Kansas City Rotary Club Donates Dictionaries

The Kansas City Rotary Club donated 480 Spanish-English dictionaries to the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools. The dictionaries were distributed to middle schools and high schools in USD 500 to support ESL (English Second Language) program students. This was a literacy and community service project of the club.



Kansas City Rotary Club—Annual Scholarship Contest

The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club, as part of its annual Student Scholarship Contest, recognized outstanding high school students from each of the nine Wyandotte county schools. One female and one male student from each school are nominated by their respective schools to compete for \$1000 college scholarships. All the students exemplify the highest academic, service and character standards in our community. We can all be proud of what Wyandotte county has helped produce in these students. And we are excited about what they can bring in the future.

The male students, accompanied by family and school representatives, made short presentations before the club on April 13th at its weekly luncheon. The female students on April 20th.

The Club will choose one female and one male from these outstanding high school students to receive a \$1,000 scholarship at the college or university of their choice. The scholarships will be awarded at the Club's luncheon on May 4th.



L to R: Ingrid Perez (Harmon); Karolyn Miller (Wyandotte); Emily Herre (Bonner Springs); Rachel Marshall (Sumner Academy); DeMarais Bradshaw (Turner); Katherine Linman (Piper); Brittany Richardson (Washington); Kristina Reynolds (Schlagle); and Maria Elena Solis (Bishop Ward).



L to R: Jonathan Makona (Bishop Ward); Stephon Hardridge (Schlagle); Nicholas Strub (Piper); David Hutchinson (Sumner Academy); Jake Barren (Bonner Springs); Trudor McRae III (Washington); Darius Johnson (Harmon); Miles Guerra (Wyandotte); and Prashant Desai (Turner).

Kansas City Recognizes Teachers

The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club, at its May 4th luncheon, recognized outstanding teachers from each of the Wyandotte County high schools.

Annually the Club recognizes outstanding teachers from each of Wyandotte County's nine high schools. This is a program of the Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club to show appreciation to teachers in the county that represent the best of our community. The teachers were introduced by **their school's administrators and were presented a plaque** by the Club. We are grateful to these teachers who give so much of themselves to educate and prepare our youth for the future.



Back Row: Scott Anglemyer, KCK Rotary Club President; Diane Bonner, Bonner Springs High School; Katie Deneault, Piper High School; Mitzi Hargis, FL Schlagle High School; Sr. Kathy Atkins, Bishop Ward High School; Ricki Dykes, Washington High School; Nancy Nash, Turner High School; Stephanie Graham, JC Harmon High School. Front Row: Jeremiah Furlow, Wyandotte High School; Kelly Gontesky, Sumner Academy

Olathe Rotary Club Raises \$90,000

WE DID IT! GROSSING \$90,000 IN TOTAL FUNDS RAISED FOR OUR CHARITIES!! The Olathe Rotary club grossed \$90,000 in first “Days of Wine and Rotary” fundraiser. Proceeds go to Deb’s House, a Romanian orphanage, Heart to Heart International and AVID, a program for kids who never thought of getting a college degree.



Elizabeth Alex discussing the needs of Deb’s House Orphanage with guests.



Rotary International President-elect Ray Klingensmith holding Days of Wine and Rotary tickets with Olathe President-elect Nichole Asquith—A ONCE IN A LIFETIME PHOTO OPI! TAKEN AT PETS/SETS!!



Rotarian Terry Lynch overseeing authentic wine tasting.



Guests viewing some of the silent auction items.



SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH—GAME AT 1:10

KC Royals vs Detroit Tiger

Tickets \$26

\$16 goes to the Rotary Foundation for Polio

To order any number or tickets

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Ottawa Rotary Club—Bikers Ride For CASA

The Ottawa Rotary Club and CASA joined for the 1st Annual Bikers Ride for CASA. The ride went through Franklin, Anderson, Coffey and Osage Counties—the Counties the 4th Judicial District serves. The riders stopped at each County Courthouse. Over the seven county ride, many posters were passed out to promote public awareness of CASA and Rotary.

Special thanks to Sara Caylor (Rotarian and Administrator of CASA of the 4th Judicial District) and Gary Williams, Bob Green, Bill Campbell and the CASA volunteers who helped make this event a success—despite the rainy weather.

A little about CASA—Court Appointed Special Advocates—Each year, approximately 780,000 children in the US are caught up in the court and child welfare maze because they are unable to live safely at home. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected **children, to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service system or languish in an inappropriate group or foster home.** They stay with each case until it is closed and the child is placed in a safe, permanent home. For many abused children, their CASA volunteer will be the one constant adult presence—the one adult who cares only for them.

Last year, more than 70,900 CASA volunteers served more than 237,000 abused and neglected children through 1,055 program offices. CASA volunteers have helped more than two million abused children since the first program was established in 1977.



Back Row L to R: Rotarians Chuck Bigham, Sara Caylor, Bob Green, Gary Williams, and Rick Johnson. Sitting L to R: Club Secretary Roberta Gloschen, Susan Webb (CASA Board Member) and President Tom Weigand.



Club News

DeSoto Rotary Club

- The club has planted seven types of sunflower seeds for their March of Sunflowers Polio Eradication fundraiser to be held in July and August. The seeds have been planted at **Darrel Zimmerman's Kill Creek Farm**. However, on May 12th a huge storm descended on DeSoto and destroyed the beautiful old red



barn. The Rotary club and community members are in the process of removing debris off the sunflower fields. The club wished to thank the **whole community of DeSoto for showing the "can do" spirit which seems to be growing stronger every day.** Darrel is looking at new Old Barns!

- The club sold packets of sunflower seeds to raise money for PolioPlus and raised over \$900.
- The club is working on a Home Make Over project in conjunction with the Keller Williams Shawnee Kansas real estate office to promote the Keller Williams RED Day local charity efforts.
- The club participated in Kansas City Day in conjunction with Club 13 in Kansas City, Missouri. Proceeds from the sale of newspaper bundles benefited the Rotary Youth Camp Program. Max Atwell and Mike Rogers sold over \$500 each in paper bundles. The DeSoto club, with the help of two giving partners—**Oklahoma Joe's BBQ and Mr. Goodcents**—raised \$2,300 for local youth charities.
- The club was awarded the District 5710 "Small Club of the Year" award at District Conference in April.**



Barbara Gerhard is selling sunflower seed packets to Bill Pettus (Guest Speaker—center) and PDG John Hollyman (on the left). Picture taken at District Conference.

Burlington Rotary Club

- The club presented four students from Burlington High School a \$500 scholarships at their graduation.

Emporia Rotary Club

- The club has a new website up and running through ClubRunner. Jason Bosch, club secretary, is thanked for his hard work and efforts.
- Fellow club member Charles (Chuck) Frazier was honored at the District Conference as one of the recipients of the "Service Above Self Award" from Rotary International, its highest honor given to an individual.** The club congratulates Chuck on the award, and is honored to have him as a valuable member of the club. (See full article in next newsletter)

Howard Rotary Club

- The club performed highway trash pickup for a two mile stretch of K-99 Highway north of Howard. Nineteen members and volunteers participated.
- Partial funding was provided to a local students to attend a meeting in Washington, DC.

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Gardner Rotary Club

- Rotarians and Friends of Rotary gathered at Austin's Bar and Grill in Gardner for a fundraiser on Thursday evening. The event focused on the need for ShelterBoxes around the world. Melissa Mundt, Chair of the International Service Committee for the club said, "I am so happy with the turnout this evening. People are so generous with their resources. Because we will be able to purchase three ShelterBoxes, 30 people will have shelter and supplies following some disaster that will certainly happen." Prior to this event the club's goal was to raise \$2,000 to purchase two ShelterBoxes. Happily, the club raised \$3,000 for three ShelterBoxes. Pictured to the right: Mandy Shelton, President-elect, examines the ShelterBox display at Austin's Bar and Grill (picture from Gardner-EDGE newspaper).



Indian Creek Sunset (Prov)

- The club held its Spring Wine Festival at Renee Kelly's Caenen Castle in Shawnee and raised \$1,100 which was donated to the rotary International Haiti Relief Fund.
- The club also donated \$700 to the Heart to Heart International Water for Life project in Guatemala.
- The club has been working with Leader One Financial, club member A.W. Pickel's company, to make charitable donations to area non-profit agencies. Leader One employees pay a fee to wear jeans on Fridays and those dollars are combined with the Happy Dollars and donated in the name of the Indian Creek Sunset Rotary Club. \$490 has been contributed by Leader One employees and the first contribution of \$500 has been sent to Fox 4 Love Fund for Children.

Junction City Rotary Club

- "Little Scottie" was retired for the year after exceeding his goal of collecting \$1,000 for PolioPlus. Member swere warned he will come out of "retirement" next year to take another "bite out of Polio".
- The club donated \$100 to the Dorothy Bramlage Public Library for the Children's Summer Reading Club.
- The club hung the final piece of hardware at the "Open Door" to symbolize the completion of the project.
- Donated \$1,500 to the local YMCA for the Youth Sports Program.
- New members Matt Junghans and Harold Marion Jr. were inducted.



L to R: Dr. Deanna Post President-elect, Matt Junghans, Harold Marion Jr., Rex Matney Rotarian and Willie Thornberg President

Overland Park South Rotary Club

- Club member took a field trip to Heart to Heart International to learn more about the operations and projects they participate in.
- Club 13 proved the club with a presentation on the history of Rotary in the Kansas City area.

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Lawrence Rotary Club

- Youth Exchange Student, Camille Dubois, from France continues to enjoy attending Lawrence Free State High and especially enjoyed **going to her senior prom. She is hosted by Dr. Carolyn Johnson's** family. Dr. Johnson is a member of the Lawrence Central club.
- Members of the Lawrence Rotary clubs hosted Andrea Kawaletz. **Andrea is a student intern from Lawrence's Sister City of Eutin, Germany.** She interned in local banks before returning to her bank position in Eutin.
- Robert Foster, retired Professor of Music at KU and Director of Bands for 31 years and long time member of the club, was installed as a member of the Kansas Music Educators Association at their annual meeting this spring. Bob has been director of the Lawrence City Bank which performs every Wednesday in the summer in the Gazebo in South Park. **This is a true Lawrence event and Bob's leadership** has been key to this.
- **Kelly Rettig was named "Educator of the Year" by the club.** Kelly is a kindergarten teacher at Cordley School and also serves on the mathematics committee for USD 497.
- Karin Feltman, R.N. was presented a Paul Harris Fellowship. Karin is a non-**Rotarian and is a 'Patient Advocate' nurse at Lawrence Memorial Hospital** and most recently worked in the emergency department where she also coordinated the E.D. volunteer program.
- Carl Locke, PH.D, was honored with a Paul Harris Fellowship. Carl is a member of the club and the former dean of the KU School of Engineering, and is a former president of the Lawrence club. Carl has been instrumental in starting and nurturing the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars program at KU.



L to R: Judy Wright, Karin Feltman, Ann Evans President



Carl and Sammie Locke, Stan Roth, and Glee Smith

Lawrence Central Rotary Club

- The club was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission. The club received this same grant in 2009 and installed the first bike rack (pictured to the right) in front of the Lawrence Arts Center. See story on page 3.
- The club was the recipient of a \$7,500 grant from LiveWell Lawrence (associated with the Douglas County Community Foundation). This two-year grant (without matching requirements) will allow the club to implement a family bike ride, install two to four **artistic bike racks, and continue to grow the club's biking initiatives**—supporting activity and healthy living.



Oskaloosa Rotary Club

- The club met all the requirements for the 2009-10 Presidential Citation Club Award.
- State Representative Lee Taffanelli was a guest speaker in April and discussed the State of the State.

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Leavenworth Rotary Club

- The club participated in a city-wide Spring Clean-up Day. Twenty Rotarians conducted area police call, covering both sides of a 2.5 mile area on 20th Street Trafficway.
- Hosted over 20 international officers from the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth.
- The club donated \$1,000 to The Heifer Project, which will provide two calves to a village in a yet to be determined African nation.
- **Billy Whiteside's family and Rotary family, gathered to dedicate a tree to his memory in the 10th Avenue Park (see picture above).**
- Club member Linda Scheer donated her time and talent to make new banners to display pennants from visiting Rotarians from around the world. In 94 years, dozens of pennants have been presented to the club. Linda has cataloged each one by city, state or country (see picture of one of these new banners above).
- Vicky Kaaz became a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. She was presented a Paul Harris pin with one sapphire (over \$2,000 to The Foundation) by club Foundation chair, John Donovan.



Lenexa Rotary Club

- The club held its annual Shrimpfest and Bingo fundraiser, netting a record amount of over \$12,000 to fund various programs. This year the bulk of the proceeds will be used to purchase educational toys for Johnson County Christmas Bureau, which provides food, clothing, toys, gifts and personal care items for low-income families at their annual Holiday Shop held in December.



A fan of Shrimpfest and Lenexa!



Lenexa Mayor Mike Boehm



Shrimpfest Committee Chair and ADG Moe Cougher in the spirit!



Rotarians Tom Hedrick and Bill Nicks restocking.



WHICH ONE DO I CHOOSE?

Club News

Leawood Rotary Club

- The club made a donation in response to Reverend Adam Hamilton, Pastor of Church of the Resurrection in Leawood. He personally visited Haiti after the earthquake and was touched that Rotary was **delivering a “house in a box” kit to displaced Haitians.** (These kits include a tent, water purification and other items to provide shelter for up to 10 persons.) He passionately spoke to our club regarding the urgency that is at hand. The Haitian people will be entering the rainy season and that illness and further devastation could be avoided by providing basic shelter by way of the ShelterBox. He challenged the club to collect \$1,000 for a ShelterBox and encouraged members to personally go on a mission trip to Haiti over the next year.
- Vocational talks were given by Neil Sommers (architect), John Wurzer (insurance industry), Dr. **Mike Catausan (new “concierge” medical practice) and Matt Schloegel (insurance industry. We found out that we don’t want to try to out run Matt as he is triathlete.**
- The club donated \$170 to the Power Flour Action Network. This network was created to make an impact on the lives of infants and severely malnourished children and adults. Power Flour has targeted malnourished populations in 65 countries to date. By adding a very small amount of barley malt flour to cooked starchy staples, such as rice, wheat or maize, this supplement helps digest the starch converting it into sugars the body can absorb quickly and easily. The **sugars “power” the body so that it can grow and function.**
- The club donated \$750 to SAFE, i.e.. SAFE (Swaziland Arts for Education) is a registered 501 C(3) **that was the idea of Rotarian Dick Wetzler’s daughter, Kristin, that she formulated while in Africa.** SAFE imports batiks, baskets, bowls and jewelry from Fair Trade artists. All profits from the sales go back to sponsor orphans and vulnerable children in Swaziland. SAFE expect to send \$5,000, which will sponsor the educational needs of more than 20 children. The children are identified by SWAAGA (Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse). Swaziland is a small country of around a million people that is just north of South Africa and separated from the east coast of Africa by Mozambique. Swaziland has the highest percent of HIV in the world.
- *Club President Kathy Rogers recognized Chuck Sweeney for achieving the **United States President’s Volunteer Service Award signed by President Barrack Obama.** This is the second time Chuck has received this award!*



Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club

- The club provided lunch for Teachers Appreciation Day to staff at East Heights School. **Digital cameras were also donated to the school’s classrooms.**
- Two club members hosted Andrea Kawaletz in their homes for three weeks. Andrea was in Lawrence for five weeks as a banking intern in a business exchange program between the **University of Kansas and Lawrence’s sister city, Eutin, Germany.**
- Rotarians of the week for March and April were: Mike Chapman, Dave Loch, Dick Stuntz, John Esau, Doug Paul, Teresa Kempf, Lori Madaus, and Kent Beisner.
- Trinity In-Home Care selected club member Marguerite Carlson as the March Employee of the month. Trinity provides relief by offering quality in-home services to older adults and individuals with disabilities.



Club News

Atchison Rotary Club

- Awards Day recipients: Front row, L to R: Mark Pruitt, Atchison County Community High School Principal; *Alex Maxwell*, ACCHS Student of the Year; Jim Krone, Atchison Middle School Principal; *Cathy Coronado*, Teacher of the Year, Atchison Public Schools, Cathay is a 20-year librarian and English teacher; *Roger Reynolds*, Citizen of the year, a 20-year school board member and local pharmacist and small business owner. Back Row, L to R: *Kevin Shanks*, Student of the Year, Atchison High School; Forrest Covey, Atchison High School Principal.
- The club hosted the Ambassadorial Scholarship interviews. Seven wonderful students competed for two scholarships totaling \$26,000 each. (See article in next newsletter)



Manhattan Konza Rotary Club

- The club received a "Club Significant Achievement Award" at District Conference.
- The club had a "Portuguese Language" lesson by a KSU professor in preparation for the visiting GSE team from Brazil.
- Held the first Spring walking trail clean-up.
- The club awarded two \$500 technical college scholarships.
- The Manhattan Konza and the Manhattan clubs jointly participated in selecting students for the scholarship program for International students. The Konza club will sponsor two students: KSU, Subhojit Sinha from India and Manhattan Christian College, Taweechai Saengsirikhur from Thailand.
- Cup money collected for Manhattan Crisis Center.

Manhattan Rotary Club

- The club received the "Large Club of the Year" award at District Conference.
- Congratulations to Shelbi Doehling and Peter Ramundo, Manhattan High School Students of the Month for April. The club is please to honor these outstanding students and wish them well as they complete their education at MHS.
- Stormy Kennedy was introduced as the newest club member.



L to R: Bill Richter, nominator, Stormy Kennedy, and President Lyle Butler



L to R: President Lyle Butler, Peter Ramundo, Shelbi Doehling and Helen Wimsatt, Student of the month Committee

Club News

Olathe Rotary Club

- The club grossed \$90,000 at their first “Days of Wine and Rotary” (see page 5).
- The club awarded \$4,000 in high school scholarships to deserving high school seniors.
- Inducted their 21st new member year-to-date—Shelby Austin—bringing the club membership to 103.
- The club was awarded a “Club Significant Achievement Award” and received the “Middle Size Club of the Year Award” at District Conference.

Ottawa Rotary Club

- Robin Flory with her assistant librarian, Shannon Leonard, were recognized for their untiring work **organizing and carrying out the club’s 4th-grade reading project, Rotary Reading Champs.**
- The club held a bike helmet fitting for 3rd grade students in April. The students were also given a new bike helmet. The club also assisted the Ottawa Police Department to teach the students bike safety.
- **The club’s Youth Exchange Outbound students (one to Ecuador for a year and one to France for six weeks) were introduced at a club meeting and each gave a portion of the program.**
- The club thanks members Sara Caylor for organizing the CASA/Rotary fund raiser (see page 7) and Wynndee Lee for organizing the bike helmet project.
- **Club President Bill Campbell and his wife Kay took the club’s Austrian exchange student, Magdalena, to Lawrence, Kansas to show her the University of Kansas museums, student union and campus. They then stopped downtown for lunch and shopping, ending the day with dinner and a movie. Bill encourages all Rotarians to spent time with your exchange student—it is such a rewarding experience for all.**



Overland Park Rotary Club

- The club’s 2010 Star Spangled Spectacular fundraising team has raised over \$75,000 for four local charities.
- The club’s own Youth Leadership Institute has over 40 applicants for the week long program this summer.

Holton Rotary Club

- The club held its Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament and raised over \$1,700 for scholarships and the Linscott Park Project.



Club News

Shawnee Rotary Club



- The club received a “Club Significant Achievement Award” at District Conference.
- The club increased the Foundation giving from \$26 to \$118 per member to qualify for the District “Star Club Award” a fourth year in a row.
- The club completed the necessary requirement to obtain the 2009-10 Presidential Citation.
- The club has devised a new 7-session member orientation process. More about this new process in next months newsletter.
- Eight club members participated in a clean-up, fix-up program in conjunction with Rebuilding Together Shawnee and Shawnee Community Services, a local agency that assist low to moderate income folks.
- Gave a special community achievement award to US Engineering for their \$350 contribution to the Rotary ShelterBox fundraiser for Haiti.

Shawnee Mission Rotary Club

- Club members are busy preparing for upcoming pancake breakfasts. They will have their griddle going for the Spirit of Mission Festival in May, Old Shawnee Days in June, and the Arts and Eats Festival in Mission in September.
- The club’s exchange student, Bastian Hahn, gave an informative and enjoyable presentation about his home country of Spain and the Rotary Youth Exchange.

Paola Park Rotary Club

- The club was awarded a “Club Significant Achievement Award” at the District Conference.
- The club hosted a social event for its members, member spouses and potential new members. The event was a great success and has led to at least two new members. The club welcomed two new members, Tim Neal and Michael Hursey. The addition of the two member bring the total to six new members added during this Rotary year.

Valley Falls Rotary Club

- The club presented “I Like Me” books to the 1st grade class and dictionaries to the 5th grade class at the Elementary School.
- The club held its annual basketball tournament raising funds for scholarships and RYLA.
- Participated in its annual Spring trash pickup along K-4 Highway on the edge of town.

Topeka Downtown Rotary Club

- Made donations to Kansas Children’s Service League, Marion Clinic.
- Presented five \$250 scholarships to Washburn University International Students.
- Held a Youth Career Day at Washburn Tech.
- The new members of 2008-09 Rotary Year held a clothing drive for the Rescue Mission.
- Presented Paula Harris +4 to Jim Ogle and a Paul Harris Award to President-elect Gordon Lansford.

Topeka South Rotary Club

- The club held Rotary Roses Day and raised \$2,000 for the RI Foundation.
- Maria Wilson was recognized with a PHF +2 Award.
- The club is closing in on its goal of \$100 per member for the EREY campaign. 80 member have reach the \$100 goal so far.