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# District 5710 News



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## Go Get Those New Members For Membership Month

August is Membership month in Rotary and we have kicked off the month with a great Foundation, Membership and Leadership Seminar at Washburn University in Topeka. Many thanks to Larry Dimmitt, Rich Barbuto, and District Trainer Gary Duggan. As usual we had a good representation of clubs at the seminar. PDG John Vandel from Laramie, WY and PDG Rod Kreie from Ulysses, KS were our Zone presenters. We are very thankful for their input and inspiring encouragement. I also want to thank the facilitators of each session for their dedication to the District and to Rotary. A special thanks to Washburn University for a great facility and the Topeka South Rotary Club for hosting the event. **Now go out and get those new members we talked about!**



District Governor Jim Mattes

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DG Jim

## Promote the Four-Way Test on its 50th Anniversary

Businesses that ignore the principles outlined in **The Four-Way Test don't have much trouble getting noticed.** Cook the books, set up a shady Ponzi scheme, or get caught cheating on your taxes **and you're front-page news.** But what about companies that abide by the test, quietly practicing truthfulness, fairness, and goodwill every day?

Ethics awards can help even the score. Presented by Rotary clubs and Districts, sometimes in cooperation with local business schools or other like-minded organizations, the awards recognize professionals who adhere to high ethical standards in their businesses and communities. They **also shine a light on Rotary's litmus test for ethical conduct.** *How can you publicize The Four-Way Test?*

- Essay and Speech Contests—Invite students to submit essays or speak on a topic related to ethics and The Four-Way Test.
- Scholarships—Establish a scholarship program that rewards ethical behavior or asks students to articulate how they will use the test in their careers.
- Teammates—Co-sponsor speakers and workshops with local business schools or chambers of commerce, or team up with national groups such as Character Counts (charactercounts.org), to support ethics education in schools.

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## A Tribute to PDG Gene Amos

On July 24th District 5710 lost a dear friend and a dedicated Rotarian, Gene Amos. Gene had been a Rotarian for 56 years and had 56 years of perfect attendance. He was a member and past president of the Lenexa Rotary Club, and before that had belonged to the DeSoto and Shawnee Mission Rotary Clubs. He helped start the Shawnee Club in February of 1997 and mentored its first full-year president, his daughter, Joni Pflumm. He attended meetings at the Shawnee Club almost every week, in addition to meeting with his own club. Gene served in a number of leadership positions in District 5710. He was District Governor in 1985-86, **when the Rotary theme was "You Are the Key." July 1, 1985, the first day on the job as District Governor, Gene and Pet Heaven hand delivered an application for the formation of the Johnson County Rotary Club to the Rotary International President in Evanston, IL.** In addition, he was a loyal supporter of The Rotary Foundation, by his gifts and his service. He was a Paul Harris Fellow as are every member of his family. Gene received the Rotary International District Service Award in 2002-03. He led the District in raising funds to eradicate polio, and was recognized by 2009-10 Rotary International President John Kenny for his long service, faithful attendance and his leadership in the fight against polio. The District also honored him in 2009 for his outstanding contribution to the campaign to eliminate polio.



Our thoughts go out to his wife, Margaret and his family, and we join them in celebrating the life of this wonderful man.

Written by Larry Dimmitt with assistance by Gene's daughter, Joni Pflumm

## Reach One, Keep One—New RI Membership Slogan

The RI Board of Directors adopted a new membership slogan, "Each Rotarian: Reach One, Keep One," at its June meeting. The slogan emphasizes the need for Rotarians to focus on both recruitment and retention in their membership growth efforts.

"Membership development is each Rotarian's responsibility," said Paul Netzel, a member of RI's Membership Development and Retention Committee and a past RI director.

"'Reach One' reminds us that because Rotary membership is by invitation, it's essential that each Rotarian reaches out and invites someone to join," added Netzel, a member of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles.

"'Keep One' reminds us that it's not sufficient to simply sponsor someone into Rotary; we must also see that new members become active and involved Rotarians. We know this is an essential element in membership retention."

The new slogan complements the Board's long-term membership strategy, which was also adopted at the June meeting.

### Member sponsor and retention recognition

At its January meeting, the RI Board adopted a New Member Sponsor and Retention Recognition program, which became effective July 1st. The program, also part of the long-term membership strategy, allows Rotary club presidents to nominate and recognize individuals for sponsoring new members while focusing on retention. There are several award categories:

- Gold pin and certificate: For Rotarians bringing 25 members into any Rotary club, with 20 still active after six years
- Silver pin and certificate: For Rotarians bringing 10 members into any Rotary club, with eight still active after four years
- Bronze pin and certificate: For Rotarians bringing five members into any Rotary club, with four still active after two years

Learn more about membership resources available to Rotary clubs and districts by visiting the Rotary International Website.

## Banerjee is Choice for 2011-12 RI President

Kalyan Banerjee, a member of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India, since 1972, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2011-12. Banerjee will become the president-nominee on October 1st if there are no challenging candidates.

**Banerjee said he would like to see Rotary blossom from being the world's most recognized service organization to being the most important nongovernmental organization in the world. "Rotary, it is said, has the strength of a government and the tenderness of a parent," he added.**

Banerjee has served Rotary as a director, Rotary Foundation trustee, committee and task force chair, International Assembly group discussion leader, president's representative, and district governor.

The chair of the Southeast Asia Regional PolioPlus Committee, Banerjee has served as a member of the International PolioPlus Committee for many years and has attended international meetings with the World Health Organization and UNICEF in that capacity.

**Banerjee noted that Rotary's strengths include its ability to attract leaders from different vocations around the world, as well as its role in promoting peace. "Rotary needs to become the preferred organization for today's generation to join and participate in, to make the world better and safer and happier," he said.**

Banerjee's wife, Binota, is a social worker and Inner Wheel club member. The couple have two children and four grandchildren.

For more information about Kalyan Banerjee, go to the Rotary International website: [rotary.org](http://rotary.org).



## Information From Your Club Trainer—Gary Duggan—And The Magical Gold Column

If you missed out on the Foundation, Membership and Leadership Seminar (see recap article on page 4-5), you can still find lots of information on the District Website ([rotary5710.org](http://rotary5710.org)). Go to the HOME page and locate the *gold column* on the left. Scroll down to District/Club Leadership under Committees. When you click on this heading in the *gold column* you will be directed to another page that will list upcoming training dates for the District. Also on this page is a link to more training information—just click on Training Resources in the *gold column* and then on Training Pages also in the *gold column*. Have you figured out the trend?—*THE GOLD COLUMN ON ALL SCREENS ON THE WEBSITE HOLD A MIRIAD OF INFORMATION FOR CLUB MEMBERS AND LEADERS*. If you can't find something, let Linda at the District Office know what you need and she will get the information added to one of the magical gold columns.

### Here are a few dates to add to your calendar:

January 24, 2009—Mid Year District Leadership Meeting, Lawrence, KS

February 28, 2009—District Team Training, Assistant Governors and Committee Chairs, Location TBD

April 8-10, 2009—Club President and Secretary Elect Training, Salina, KS

April 23, 2009—District Assembly (District Conference will be on April 24-25, 2009)

August 7, 2009—District Foundation, Membership and Leadership Seminar, Topeka, KS

## Very Successful Foundation, Membership and Leadership Seminar

Your District Foundation, Membership and Leadership (FML) Seminar was a great success! Our keynote speakers were from our new Rotary Zone, Zone 27. John Vandel is a Zone Membership advisor from the Rotary Club of Laramie, WY. Rod Kreie is a Zone Foundation advisor from the Rotary Club of Ulysses, KS.

Your District Foundation Chair, PDG Larry Dimmitt, and your District Membership Chair, Rich Barbuto, arranged many breakout sessions that provided the attendees a wealth of knowledge on Foundation and Membership topics relevant to what your club is doing and striving for today! Foundation Giving: Annual Programs and Permanent Fund, Foundation forms—Ambassadorial and World Peace Scholars—Group Study Exchange—Grants—Polio—Foundation Alumni—Retention of your Club Rotarians—Freshman Rotarians—Membership Development Plan—Membership Recruitment

If you were one of the attendees, you already know how much information and many ideas were shared during the four breakout sessions where you chose what topic to attend. The Leadership track contained relevant topics like understanding the leadership principles of the different generations; Myer Briggs personality assessment and how to use in motivating Rotarians; a session on “Leading Volunteers”; and a take-charge offering, “Taking the Reins”. Thanks to all who attended and to the discussion leaders who gave their time to help make our Rotary better tomorrow than it is today. —Submitted by Gary Duggan, District Trainer

CONGRATULATIONS to Overland Park South Rotary Club for having the most members present—8 members!! Missed a photo-op for Francis Strieby, Ambassadorial Scholars; Don Duncan, Permanent Fund; J.J. O’Toole-Curran and Myer Briggs, Leadership



DGN John Vandewalle and Gary Lucas at Registration



John Vandel—Zone Advisor



Rod Kreie—Zone Advisor



DG Jim Mattes



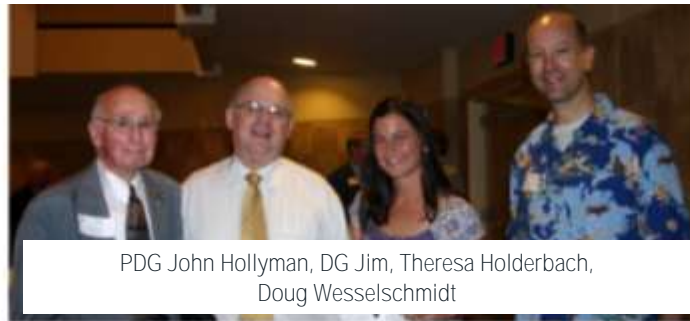
Membership Development



Overland Park South—Club with most members attending



Membership Recruiting



PDG John Hollyman, DG Jim, Theresa Holderbach, Doug Wesselschmidt



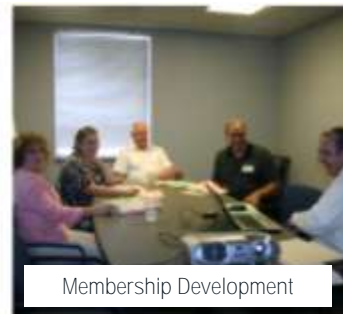
Grants



Leadership



Membership Retention



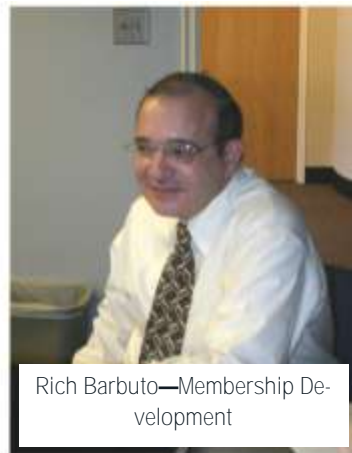
Membership Development



PDG Fred Krebs-Foundation Alumni



PDG Vickie Randel—Membership Retention



Rich Barbuto—Membership Development



Robert Thompson—Polio



Doug Wesselschmidt—Group Study Exchange



Carrie Sowers—Ambassadorial Scholars, Bill Richter—World Peace Scholars



PDG Bill Kromer—Foundation Giving



Andrea Norris—Grants



Dave Gras—Membership Recruiting



Gary Bussing—Freshman Rotarian



Tom Gray—Leadership

## Reversing a Membership Freefall—Establish Priorities

Is your club at a plateau—do you have the same number of members at the start of the 2009-10 Rotary year that you had at the start of the 2008-09 year? Is your club on the downward freefall with less members to start this Rotary year?

Why is this happening to so many clubs? What are the issues and how does your club overcome them? Here are a few guidelines to consider.

- **ESTABLISH PRIORITIES**—To reverse the decline in not a one-person show; it requires the cooperation and help of many. What are the needs of your members? Effective clubs advance **the Object of Rotary, which satisfies their members' networking, friendship, and achievement needs. Focus on becoming more effective by satisfying the members' needs. Find out why new members joined the club. Why do long-time members stay?**
- **CREATE A POWERFUL GUIDING COALITION**—Your club Board is a logical place to start building a coalition, but don't leave out long-time or new members. Be sure to ask present and future leaders to join the coalition.
- **ESTABLISH AN ATTAINABLE VISION**—Your membership coalition must establish goals that are attainable within a reasonable length of time.
- **CREATE A PLAN WITH SHORT-TERM ATTAINABLE MILESTONES**—Real change takes time, but the vision will be lost if the coalition does not build in short-term successes.
- **COMMUNICATE**—Plan to communicate priorities and timely updates to all members. Share the coalition's membership/retention plans and keep the members' of the club up-to-date with information where the club stand relative to the long term and short term goals.
- **REMOVE OBSTACLES**—Obstacles will arise as your club proceeds on the path to success. Many try to side step or ignore impediments rather than deal with them. The most common **obstacle are those who "fight the wind of change."** Find a way to satisfy their needs as well as the needs of the club members ready to move forward and upward.
- **DO NOT DECLARE THE MISSION ACCOMPLISHED TOO SOON**—Once you have meet your desired goal, refine the priorities until the new customs and practices become operational norms. Only then can your club continue to grow.



*Reversing your club's Membership Freefall must be the number one priority of all members*

*Reversing the membership freefall must receive top billing in letters, newsletters, training sessions, web pages, club bulletins, speeches, awards, projects; otherwise the growth will not happen and the enthusiasm of those who want change will cease.*

*Simply put—“THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS”*

Adapted from several articles on [membership33-34.blogspot.com](http://membership33-34.blogspot.com)

## Installation Banquet for DG Jim Mattes



Newly installed DG Jim presents Vickie Randel with her PDG pin, while PDG Fred Krebs stands by.



DGN Mo Greenwood (L) with the guest speaker for the evening, PDG John Hollyman (R).



L to R: PDG Fred Krebs, PDG Bill Kromer



DG Jim's grandchildren, Clint and Lucy, entertained with a piano duet. The gorgeous sunflowers on the piano were from the DeSoto Rotary Club Sunflower Sale.

## Is Your Club Looking for a Program or Speaker for a Meeting?

Several new speakers have been added to the District Website. Go to [rotary5710.org](http://rotary5710.org) and navigate to the HOME page. In the gold column (that magical column again!) and click on "Speaker/Program Ideas" under Site Pages. This will take you to another screen. In the center, is a list of District Leaders who are willing to present programs to clubs. In the magical gold column are others who have contacted the District Office and are willing to present programs also. Several clubs have had some of these speakers and gave rave reviews.

### New Additions:

Spofford Home is a 93-year old non-profit service for children ages 4 through 12 with emotional and behavioral disturbances due to abuse, neglect or mental illness. Contact: Amanda Hallier, [Amanda.hallier@spoffordhome.org](mailto:Amanda.hallier@spoffordhome.org).

Kansas Farm Management Association, NE— contact Lynn to have one of their economists give a presentation to your club on local farm economy. Contact: Lynn Hennigan, [Hennigan@ksu.edu](mailto:Hennigan@ksu.edu)

## District Governor Jim Mattes Remaining Club Visits

### A Few of DG Jim's July Club Visits

#### August

- 19 ..... 7:00 am—Emporia Sunrise
- ..... Noon—Council Grove
- ..... 6:30 pm—Howard
- 21 ..... 7:15 am—Topeka South
- ..... 12:15 pm—Holton
- 26 ..... Noon—Oskaloosa
- 31 ..... Noon—Osawatomie

#### September

- 1 ..... 12:30—Spring Hill
- 2 ..... Noon—Olathe
- 9 ..... 7:00 am—Topeka West
- ..... Noon—Topeka North
- 15 ..... Noon—Junction City
- 16 ..... 7:00 am—Junction City Flint Hills
- ..... 12:10—Frankfort
- 21 ..... Noon—Lawrence
- 22 ..... Noon—Garnett
- 23 ..... Noon—Lawrence Central
- 24 ..... 7:30—Olathe Santa Fe
- 28 ..... Noon—Marysville

#### October

- 6 ..... Noon—Ottawa
- 8 ..... Noon—Manhattan
- 9 ..... 7:15 am—Manhattan Konza
- ..... Noon—Burlingame



#### SHAWNEE MISSION ROTARY CLUB

DG Jim presenting the theme banner to Club President Russ Erickson.

DG Jim is the 5th District Governor in the history of the Shawnee Mission Club.



**LENEXA ROTARY CLUB** Pictured, Front Row, L to R: Assistant DG Moe Cougher, DG Jim, Club President Jason Leib, Club Treasurer Andy Hoedl. Back Row L to R: Club President-Elect Becca Coleman, Board Member-at-Large Pete Black, and Club Vice President Milton Jeffrey.

#### LAWRENCE JAYHAWK ROTARY CLUB

Pictured L to R: DG Jim, Club President Jane Blocher and Assistant DG to the Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club, Moe Cougher.





## Ambassadorial Scholar Laura Kelley at Leawood Rotary Club



District 5710's Ambassadorial Scholar Laura Kelley spoke to the Leawood Rotary Club about her plans as an Ambassadorial Scholar to Africa. Laura is a Leawood native and graduated from Rice University. She recently has been working for the Gates Foundation in Washington, DC. Prior to her work in Africa, Laura is planning to begin a Masters of Health at Columbia University in New York. Her interests are in maternal and child health, which she plans to incorporate into her service work for Rotary. Laura has been accepted to Kansas University School of Medicine where she plans to attend when her Rotary scholar work is completed.

Pictured to the right is Laura Kelley and Leawood Club President Kathy Rogers.

### “Stick”y Seating—Mix Things Up!

*Note from Editor: Do you have members who always sit at the same table with the same people? This idea came in from the Gardner Rotary Club by Karen Weston Club President and is a great way to find out what your club members' need are (see Reversing A Membership Freefall on page 6)—and so much fun!! Just had to share!*

Karen painted tongue depressor “sticks” (number of members divided by number of full tables at their meetings). The club has 64 members so she prepared 8 tables with 8 seats. Karen painted the “sticks” 8 different colors. Then each table is assigned a color. The color sticks are put in a container on the check-in table and everyone pulls a stick and sits at that color table.

Karen said, “This mixes things up a bit and I did get a little flack at first from the ones that like to sit in the same place ALL the time. It was a little quiet the first couple of times as well. It really is quite a way to get to know your fellow members and the majority seem to like it. I have had some interesting comments and suggestions, but I’m “sticking” to it. LOL!!”

The Sergeant of Arms is now in charge of picking a day to not use the sticks—maybe the same day each month when something else is happening. The Gardner Rotary Club brings in food for the food pantry the first meeting of each month and picked that day to sit where “they” want.

If you have guest they can pick the same color stick as the sponsor picks, or choose to join the fun and meet other members.

*An Editor Suggestion: Why not pick an outgoing member to sit at each table for a few weeks and be in charge of the conversation so you won't have the quite. Have questions of the week that each table can “talk” about. What is your favorite color, holiday, . . . and why? Why did you join Rotary? What keeps you active? What is one thing about yourself that most people do not know? What hobbies do you have? Tell everyone about your family, job . . . , and on and on. The object is to get to know your members.*

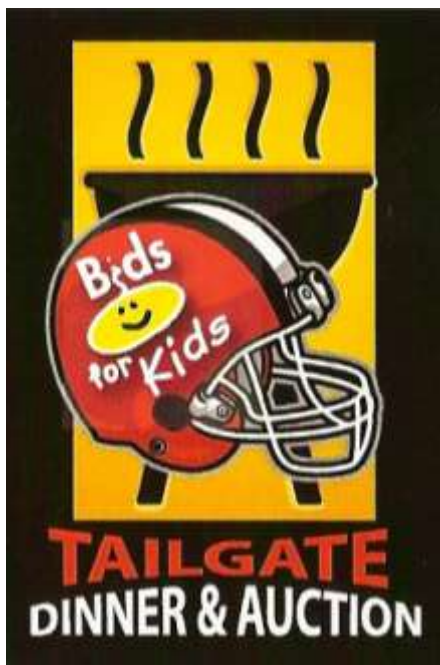
## Village West Rotary Club Planning 3rd Annual Parade of Heroes

The Village West Rotary Club is planning their 3rd Annual Parade of Heroes which will be held October 1st at 7:00 pm along Village West Parkway in Kansas City, Kansas. The Parade will be celebrating heroes from all walks of life and also focus, in a special way, our military heroes.

Is there a local veteran, school teacher, police officer, or citizen in your area that should be part of this celebration? Please come out and help support this community service endeavor. Parade proceeds will be given to a charity supporting our heroes. The club will provide signage and a classic car for your hero. In addition, there will be a reception following the event at Cheeseburger in Paradise. Please contact Shelly Fabac via email at [shawnee@signarama.com](mailto:shawnee@signarama.com) or at 913.962.9317 if you should have any questions. There is a flyer about the event that can be downloaded from their website: [www.villagewestrotary.org](http://www.villagewestrotary.org).



## Leawood Rotary Club—Bids for Kids



Rotary Club of Leawood, invites you to participate in its 13th annual "Bids for Kids" auction to be held Saturday, September 26th at 6:00 pm at the Ritz Charles-Overland Park. Bids For Kids 2009 is a dinner event featuring silent and live auctions and dancing following the auctions. Individual tickets are \$75 each.

### *How Can You Help?*

- Join them at the celebration
- Become an event sponsor
- Donate auction items

For additional information, please contact:

- Co-Chair Gary Bussing 913.647.445
- Co-Chair Any Anand 913.239.0735

2009 Recipients are: First Downs for Down's Syndrome, Marillac, and Synergy Services



## Thank You Olathe Rotary Club 2009 Paul Harris Fellows



Listed in Alpha Order

David Andrew  
 Barbara Dunn  
 Dwight Douglas  
 Tom Hall  
 Charlene Hughes  
 Mary Ann Hinkle  
 Ron Hinkle  
 Gail Hicks  
 Frank Jenkins  
 Ann Johnson  
 Shirley Knappenberger  
 Orville W. Love  
 Todd Lynch  
 Shirley Lynch  
 R. Wesley McCoy  
 Darrel McDaniel  
 Gary Morsch  
 Jon North  
 Sherry Rakes  
 Dave Robinson  
 Clark Stewart  
 Rosemary Treu  
 Bill Treu  
 Titania Watkins

## Topeka North Projects—Bicycle Rodeo and Blood Collection Van

- The club conducted their Bicycle Rodeo in July at the Topeka North YMCA parking lot in conjunction with the Safe Kids Topeka organization and the YMCA.
- The club participated in a project with the Rotary Club Mumbai Ghatkopar in Mumbai, India and with support from Districts 5710, 6060, and 3140 to custom build a mobile blood collection van.



## Rotary Books For Kids Project

For the past three years Kansas City area Rotary Clubs have partnered to provide more than 16,000 books for the six-county area of Head Start programs.

Thousand of KC area children have gained experience and books from the Head Start experience to better prepare them for school. There will be an additional 2,000 kids entering the program this year so many more books will be needed.

The Autumn project will have a projected end-date of December 9 at the UMKC-WSU basketball game when all the Rotary Clubs that participated will be honored at half-time.

The Johnson County Rotary Club will once again be coordinating the collection and delivery of books to the Head Start Center so that all areas of the metro are covered. Rotary is committed to Literacy.

To donate books, contact:

Larry Johnson (Retired Teacher) at [lwilliams3@kc.rr.com](mailto:lwilliams3@kc.rr.com)

Gina Sink (Johnson County Librarian) at [harrypenguin@msn.com](mailto:harrypenguin@msn.com)



## District Membership Numbers

### Month of July

Clubs with zero entered for the current month's membership (highlighted in blue) did not submit a Secretary's Report to the District website for the month of June by the deadline date of August 15, 2009.

The membership count listed for July 1, 2009 reflects the information Rotary International received on club Semi-Annual Reports (SAR's) submitted for that date. This is the number that will be used to calculate membership growth in our District for 2009-10.

CLUB	7/1/2009 Membership	Membership As Of 7/31/2009	Membership Goals	July Attendance
Atchison	74	0	74	0.00%
Baldwin City	14	14	14	68.00%
Blue Rapids	21	0	21	0.00%
Blue Valley	10	11	14	90.00%
Bonner Springs	25	25	32	60.00%
Burlingame	12	12	11	70.83%
Burlington	33	32	39	57.50%
Council Grove	44	44	49	68.00%
De Soto	36	36	46	55.78%
Emporia	72	71	82	44.26%
Emporia Sunrise	17	0	20	0.00%
Frankfort	25	0	25	0.00%
Gardner	64	61	66	68.05%
Garnett	26	26	28	62.00%
Holton	25	0	29	0.00%
Howard	17	17	18	63.53%
Johnson County	45	45	51	77.78%
Junction City	89	89	102	35.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	18	0	20	0.00%
Kansas City	62	62	71	57.40%
Lawrence	205	197	215	50.47%
Lawrence Central	28	28	36	70.50%
Lawrence Jayhawk	66	66	66	68.36%
Leavenworth	96	97	87	76.00%
Leawood	53	53	53	86.00%
Lenexa	42	40	65	65.00%
Louisburg	42	0	43	0.00%
Manhattan	216	208	205	57.00%
Manhattan Konza	61	61	59	62.78%
Marysville	44	44	45	76.00%
Olathe	94	0	94	0.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	45	42	48	41.00%
Osawatomie	27	26	29	65.00%
Oskaloosa	32	30	27	65.00%
Ottawa	26	26	24	56.00%
Overbrook	33	31	30	68.00%
Overland Park	156	155	170	63.33%
Overland Park South	94	93	98	61.34%
Paola	32	0	39	0.00%
Shawnee	63	62	69	57.65%
Shawnee Mission	62	63	85	56.00%
Spring Hill	16	19	17	57.00%
Topeka Downtown	194	194	210	49.17%
Topeka North	18	17	21	63.00%
Topeka South	118	115	118	68.00%
Topeka West	20	20	26	92.00%
Valley Falls	19	19	23	63.00%
Village West	37	36	41	66.00%
TOTALS/Average Attendance	2653	2332	2855	60.69%

## WELCOME—New Members For July

Lawrence	Rob Chestnut, Rick Doll, Kristin Eldrige, Kent Fry, Randy Weinkauff
Lenexa	Frank Denning, Janis Dickey, Jerry Henson, Monica Wagner
Louisburg	Julie Baalman, Art Beasley, Donna Cook, Kathy Fitzke, Jenny O'Brien, Scott Tow, Scott Walter
Manhattan Konza	Chuck Bartlett
Ottawa	Felix Burrows, Ed Coulter, Nick Robbins
Overbrook	Richard Fairchild
Overland Park	Randy Williams
Overland Park South	Jim Carl
Topeka Downtown	James Caplinger, Roxanne Kelly



## Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for July

*WILL YOUR CLUB BE LISTED HERE NEXT MONTH?*

Topeka West	92.00%
Blue Valley	90.00%
Leawood	86.00%
Johnson County	77.78%
Leavenworth	76.00%
Marysville	76.00%
Shawnee	73.30%
Burlingame	70.83%
Lawrence Central	70.50%

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*Average Club  
Meeting  
Attendance for the  
month of July:  
60.69%*

## ZONE MEETINGS

GETS and GNATS will be from September 29th— October 1st

Rotary Institute will be  
October 1-4  
Oklahoma City  
Sheraton Oklahoma City

## New Rotary Zone 27



Did you know that we changes Rotary Zones July 1, 2009? Our new zone number is 27 and it runs into Canada and west as far as Utah. The new website address is:

[www.rotaryzones21b27.org](http://www.rotaryzones21b27.org)  
Zone Director: Phil Silvers

Rotary Institute is open to ALL Rotarians. For the ultimate in training and fellowship, register online at the new zone website.

To submit Club News, include in monthly President Report or email to

Linda Ireland,  
exec5710@swbell.net  
Include details and pictures if available.

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

### EMPORIA

Contact: Ken Martell  
burnapbros@swbglobal.net

September 19th, gala fun(d)raising dinner event at the Emporia Zoo to raise funds for the new Lemur exhibit.

October 6th—Annual Golf Outing, shotgun start at 1:30.

### INDIAN CREEK SUNSET

Contact: Lin Knudson  
lknudson@jccc.edu

September 22th, Wine Tasting Event, 7:00-9:00 pm, Renee Kelly's at Caenen Castle, in Shawnee. Ticket are \$25/person and proceed with benefit their club charities.

### TOPEKA SOUTH

Contact: Gary Lucas  
golflucas@cox.net

September 18th, Golf Tournament at Western Hills Golf Course



## Club News

### Baldwin City Rotary Club

- Club held a Community Blood Drive

### Blue Rapids Rotary Club

- Club members participated in highway trash pick-up on July 9th. The Blue Rapids RC is part of the KDOT adopt-a-highway program. After picking up trash they gathered for dinner and fellowship at the home of Rotarian Don Musil.
- On July 18th the club held a bake sale at the Hometown Foods grocery store. Proceeds generated from this bake sale will be donated to the American Cancer Society during the Marshall County Relay for Life that will be held on August 7th. The club will have a team for this event.



### Emporia Rotary Club

- Recognized four recipients of a Multiple PHF pin that were in the +1 thru +4 range of recognition.

### Emporia Sunrise Rotary Club

- Club volunteers continue their commitment to spend time serving meals at Abundant Harvest Food Kitchen, an activity of the Emporia Rescue Mission which feeds the hungry and houses the homeless.

### Gardner Rotary Club

- Assisted the American Cancer Society Relay For Life committee with registration and safety of the participants. As a team the club raised \$3,000.

### Indian Creek Sunset Rotary Club (Provisional)

- The club has adopted three miles of the Indian Creek Hike/Bike Trail in Overland Park, and the club had their first trail clean-up on July 25th. Six members and two helpers picked up trash for three hours. The City of Overland Park is going to erect a sign along the trail that says it is maintained by the Indian Creek Sunset Rotary Club.
- The club needs only FIVE more members to become a chartered Rotary Club. If you know **one who would like to join a "sunset" club that meets on Thursday, 5:30 pm at The Doubletree Hotel, 10100 College Blvd in Overland Park, please contact Lin Knudson at lknudson@jccc.edu.**

The Indian Creek Sunset Rotary Club is looking for an International Water Project. They are considering partnering with Heart to Heart or another Rotary Club. If your club is doing a Water Project and would like the help of another Rotary Club, contact Lin Knudson at lknudson@jccc.edu

### Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club

- The club met with Cris Anderson, Principal of East Heights Early Childhood Center, to discuss an initiation of a partnership between the club and the school for this school year.
- Vocational Profiles/Rotarian of the Week were completed for Nancy Vogel, Wayne Whitney, Doug Wasson and Sandra Wiechert this month.
- Craig Penzler received the Paul Harris Fellowship award on July 16th.

## Club News

### Junction City Rotary Club

- The club inducted Bev Greenwood into their club. Bev is District Governor-Elect **“Mo” Greenwood’s bride and is also a past Rotary Group Study Exchange Team Leader.** *Bev is pictured on the right with Club President Willie Thornberg.*



### Lawrence Central Rotary Club

- The club visited Spencer Museum of Art and learned about the museum and various ways it provides learning opportunities for community members.

### Leawood Rotary Club

- Efforts to participate in the Annual Community Blood Center drive began with a sign-up sheet and discussion of the drive, being held on August 31st and September 1st at the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood.
- The Leawood REACH (Rotary Encouraging Academic Collegiate Help) Committee, announced its **“new and innovative” program to help improve every avenue of the clubs goals and criteria for REACH.** The program is a valuable initiative between the club and selected students at Bishop Ward High School.
- The club’s Youth Exchange student, Andrea North, has arrived in Switzerland.** She has sent the club a note that she has passed her French and German proficiency tests and is getting ready for class.



### Leavenworth Rotary Club

- The club continues the program on hosing International Officers assigned to the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth. Every IO attends a club meeting during the year and presents the club with their country flag. In turn, a club banner is presented to each IO, increasing the awareness of Rotary with the hopes that they will become members when they return to their native countries.
- Board member DeEtte Lombard presented club member John Persyn with a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of his emulation of the Four-Way-Test.
- Paul Kittle made a pitch for the “Strike Out Polio” Rotary Fundraiser with the Kansas City Royals.** *See next months newsletter for a recap of the event.*



Paul Kittle, Leavenworth RC, as he promoted the “Strike Out Polio” Fundraiser.

### Lenexa Rotary Club

- Many club members attended the funeral and “Final Rotary Meeting” for longtime member and Rotarian Gene Amos.** *(See tribute to Gene on page 2)*
- Club Rotarian of the Year went to Rick Morton for helping start the Shawnee Mission West Interact Club and for running the Wes Fry 4-Way speech contest.
- Moe Cougher was awarded the “Stepping up to the Plate” award for his service to the club during a difficult time.**



### Manhattan Konza Rotary Club

- The club has begun fundraising for their local community projects: Dictionary Project, RYLA scholarships, and the Ronald McDonald House.
- As part of the club’s NYC Marathon project the club as begun to raise funds to help support inner city projects in New York City (soup kitchen, youth leadership).** *Update in next newsletter.*

## Club News

### Olathe Rotary Club

- The club has begun planning and implementation of “The Days of Wine and Rotary” fundraising event scheduled for 2010. The club goal is to raise \$75,000.
- The club is partnering with Heart to Heart on a Guatemala Water Sanitation Project
- The club recognized 24 Paul Harris Fellows. *See article on page 10.*



### Olathe Santa Fe Trail Rotary Club

- Through August the club is conducting a school supply drive for the benefit of foster children with KVC Behavioral HealthCare.
- The club welcomed Sarah Chueng, a Youth Exchange student from Belgium, who is sponsored by **David Anderson, the Club's Foundation chair and the club.**
- The club is actively planning and promoting West Fest, its second annual fundraiser to be held on **September 25th at Mahaffie Farmstead in Olathe. A portion of this year's proceeds will benefit Temporary Lodging for Children in Olathe.**



L to R: Sam Logan, Club President, Sarah, and Dave Anderson, Club Foundation Chair

### Oskaloosa Rotary Club

- Club is working toward their International Students Night in October.
- Club is also working on their Chili Cook-Off on Halloween.

### Ottawa Rotary Club

- The club is looking at 12 projects. The projects have been assigned to committees for their consideration.
- Two NEW members attended the FML Seminar in Topeka. The members were recognized by DG Jim and he encouraged district members to get to know the new members.

### Overbrook Rotary Club

- The club had a successful blood drive, with increased donations from recent such events.
- The club continued its second Friday social gatherings with members stopping by the local ice cream shop.
- Plans are being made for the August float in the Overbrook Fair Parade.

### Overland Park Rotary Club

- The club held its 15th Annual Youth Leadership Institute during July.
- The club is donating money to fill a container with books bound for Africa as a joint International Rotary project.

### Overland Park South Rotary Club

- PJ Baker, PR Committee, presented the club with fliers about the club to share with potential members.
- Laura McMannama, the clubs out-going Youth Exchange student gave the club a presentation on herself, her family and Belgium where she will be studying for the next year.



## Club News

### Paola Rotary Club

- The Miami County Fair Parade was held in July and for the 60th year was sponsored by the club. The parade had over 150 entries. The club hosted a luncheon for the Miami County Fair volunteers.
- The club is putting in place a new plan for attracting new members.
- The club is sponsoring a basketball game with the Harlem Ambassadors in January, 2010.
- The club continues to receive updates from the orphanage in China that the club gives monetary support to on an annual basis.

### Shawnee Mission Rotary Club

- The Board of Directors are planning several potential projects to begin in August.
- DG Jim made his Home Club Visit in July. Jim is the 5th District Governor in the history of the club. *See picture on page 8.*

### Spring Hill Rotary Club

- The club sponsored two RYLA participants, Ellen Weiaberg and Lenzie Sudduth pictured in the picture on the right.. The girls had a great time while learning about leadership. Two aspects they felt differentiated RYLA from other leadership activities were the exposure to various leadership styles and meeting kids outside of the Spring Hill/Olathe area.
- The club presented 2008-09 attendance awards to Bill Kiesling, Dave Peterson, David McCreight, Johnny Ford, Kim Thompson, Lenet Compton, Mary Lavery, Scott Hannon, Sharon Meek and Stevie Morris.



### Topeka Downtown Rotary Club

- The club donated \$354 to Chesney Park NIA Summer Youth Camp.

### Topeka South Rotary Club

- The club is starting their annual programs with Avondale West elementary School. They have a Mighty Mentor Program where they mentor students for ten different teachers. The Lunch Bunch program involves Rotarians who buy and eat lunch with a student who has received recognition for their attitude and behavior at school. The Pen Pal Program corresponds with around 140 students throughout the school year.
- The EREY push has been well received with three more members contributing \$100. A couple of members had friends give \$100 in their names instead of giving each other birthday or Christmas gifts!

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### DeSoto Rotary Club

- The club raised \$3,500 for the Polio Eradication fund by selling home-grown sunflowers. It was a good project and almost all of the members **participated. The club is already making plans for next year's sale.**

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