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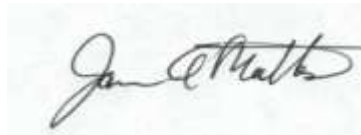
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To submit articles and pictures for the District Newsletter, send to Linda Ireland by the 15th of each month.

Message from DG Jim

My fellow Rotarians:

I have been very touched this past week reading article after article of all that you in District 5710 are doing to aid the people of Haiti; everything from donations to Church groups and the Haiti Relief Fund at Rotary International to buying SHELTER BOXES and helping to wrap personal hygiene items for Heart to Heart International. When I think of all that is wrong and evil in this world I am proud to read about the good and right things that Rotarians like you are doing to help their fellow man. As District Governor of the *Best District in Rotary*, I salute you, and I pray that all goes well with you in the remaining months of this Rotary year.



District Governor 2009-2010

Mid-Year District Training Session



DGE John Vandewalle and District Trainer Gary Duggan conduct Assistant Governor training for the next year.

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Rotary Celebrates 105th Anniversary

During the first Rotary club meeting on 23 February 1905 in Chicago, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey, and Silvester Schiele met to talk about their personal experiences. Harris then unfolded his general plan for their club meetings. This was the simple beginning of the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago. It was created because of Harris' wish to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

The Rotary Club of Chicago has big plans for celebrating Rotary's anniversary on 23 February 2010 this year. As the first club established by Rotary founder Paul Harris, the Chicago club will be marking its 105th anniversary at the same time Rotary marks 25 years of work to eradicate polio. The Chicago Club, Rotary International and Districts 6440 and 6450 have joined forces to light up the Wrigley Building in downtown Chicago with the End Polio Now logo on 23 February to celebrate Rotary's polio eradication efforts. Plans are in the works to project End Polio Now onto the sides of several other well-known landmarks on the anniversary day. Last year, the image illuminated a section of the House of Commons in London, the Colosseum in Rome, the Sydney Opera House in Australia, and a number of landmarks in Scotland.

Every club and district is encouraged to use the anniversary of the first Rotary club meeting, designated as World Understanding and Peace Day, to share the story of Rotary's local and global contributions.

Kansas City, Missouri Rotary Club Celebrates 100th Anniversary



The Kansas City, Missouri Club ("Club 13") will celebrate its 100th Anniversary May 20, 2010 at Union Station in Kansas City. And all Rotary clubs in our District are invited to join in the Celebration. The Celebration will begin at noon and will feature a Parade of Clubs, with a representative from each Club attending taking part. Rotary President John Kenny, from Scotland, pictured to the right, will be the keynote speaker, and immediately after lunch there will be a commemorative group photo taken, with President Kenny, in front of the historic Union Station.

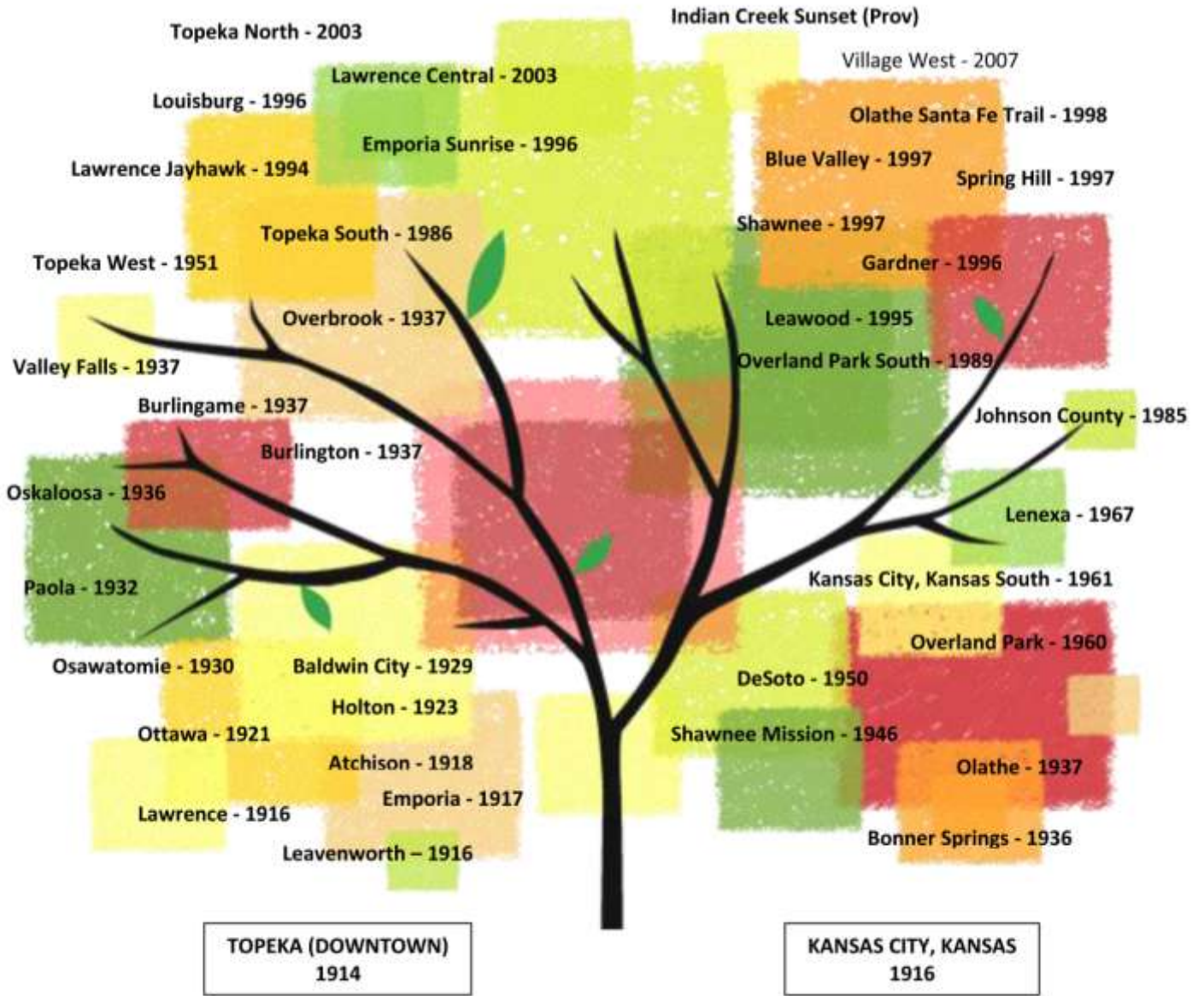


The event will honor 100 years of service with a service project. Those attending are invited to bring canned and paper goods for a Rotary Youth Camp located in the Kansas City Metro Area. (For details on the Celebration and service project, see www.rotary13.org/centennial.)

The Centennial Committee has created a Power Point presentation *Rotary Service in Kansas City. . . One Club at a Time*. The presentation contains information on Rotary and service projects over the last 100 years. Committee members are available to give the program to any clubs in our District from now until April 30th. Contact Rotarian Evie Craig, ecraig@restartinc.org, if interested in the program.

Of special interest to Rotarians in our District is that many of our clubs grew out of Club 13. That Club was chartered in 1910 and it chartered the Topeka (Downtown) Club in 1914. The Topeka Club then sponsored seven clubs and those seven clubs sponsored fourteen more clubs, as listed on the left side of the District Tree ([see page 3 of this newsletter](#)). In 1916 Club 13 sponsored the Kansas City, Kansas Club. The Kansas City, Kansas Club sponsored three clubs and those three clubs sponsored fourteen more clubs in our District as listed on the right side of the "District Tree. *So 38 clubs in District 5710 descended directly from Club 13, as shown in "date chartered" order on the District Tree on page 3.* To see how the clubs of the Kansas portion of Club 13 descended, [CLICK HERE](#). Centennial Committee members Fred Krebs and Larry Dimmitt compiled the Kansas "Tree" information. To see a chart showing all the clubs in Kansas and Missouri that have descended from Club 13, [CLICK HERE](#).

District Tree—Clubs Descended from Club 13



Kansas City, Missouri (Club #13) - 1910

District Tree lists clubs in District 5710 that descended from Club 13. The District clubs are listed on the tree by the date chartered with Rotary International.

Membership Development—Lighting the Fire

Last month we discussed the first two steps in the membership development process. The first was to get a **good handle on your club's membership situation going back a few years.** The second was to improve your club such that business or professional persons will want to join immediately. While you are probably still **tackling those steps, let's investigate step three – Lighting the Fire.**

As you were doing steps one and two, presumably the club's leadership team came on board in whole-hearted support of improving membership development. Now the club's leaders need to ignite that sense of urgency with the membership at large. Remember, when it comes to recruiting, informing, and retaining new Rotarians, your club will be much more successful if the effort is supported by everyone and not just the current officers. How does the club leadership light the fire?



Perhaps the first move is to review the membership situation with the members, perhaps at a club assembly. Go over membership numbers for the past several years, new members as well as terminations. Did your investigation discern any trends in why good people departed the club? Address average age and diversity in the club – be frank. **Discuss the possibility that the goodness of Rotary may be lessened [or disappear] in the community if trends aren't reversed.** Then review with your members the findings from the “Healthy Club Checklist” and “Look in the Mirror.” Tie these in to your efforts to improve the club. Let me suggest that these two reviews be presented by club officers other than the president. Club members need to see two things: that the club needs to address membership and that the club leaders are all behind this effort. At this point, a few **members not among the club's leadership team may be offering suggestions. This is healthy. However, you are not quite at the point where best to implement new ideas.** These people who stepped forward may be exactly the folks to populate your Membership Committee.

Membership Committee? Yup! If you don't have one, put one together now. Some of the club leadership team may be on this committee but it will be best to ensure that the rank and file members who want to work membership issues are put to work here. You need buy-in from the membership in order to succeed. The immediate goal of the membership committee is to review how the club currently does business. Specifically:

- How does the club identify potential members?
- How does the club approach them?
- How does the club help them make a good decision to join or not?
- What is the paperwork flow to get them signed up?
- Finally, how does the club get the new member involved immediately?

Do these suggestions fly in the face of how you currently work membership development? Let me just say: “If you always do what you always did, you will pretty much get what you always got.” Time to change how you think about membership development!

Next month: The Membership Development Plan!

Submitted by Rich Barbuto, District Membership Chair

District Assembly and Conference

April 23—District Assembly, Reception and Banquet honoring 2010-11 Club Presidents

April 24—District Conference—The morning session will feature the Presentation of the Flags by the District Youth Exchange and presentations by the Rotaract and Interact Clubs. The Model Luncheon speaker will be Bill Pettus, the Regional Foundation Coordinator for Zone 27. He will speak on “The Relevance of Rotary.” There will be a Reception and Banquet honoring the 2009-10 Club Presidents in the evening.

April 25—Memorial Service followed by the Foundation Breakfast.

MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE COMING SOON. WATCH YOUR INBOX!!

District 5710 Calendar and Deadlines

FEBRUARY (World Understanding Month)

- 27 Pre-PETS for the Eastern part of the District. 8:00 am-12:00 pm, Shadow Glen Golf Club, Olathe.
- 27 Bonner Spring Rotary Club—A Roast to Honor Roger Miller, Lake of the Forest Club House, 6:00 pm Cocktails—7:00 pm Dinner. Tickets \$55 regular and \$85 VIP. Contact: Marva at 913-441-2584 or purchase tickets online at www.bonnerrspringsrotary.org

MARCH (Rotary Literacy Month)

- 4 Garden City Club—Project Shelter Box, Austins Bar & Grill, Moonlight Road in Gardner, KS, 5—7 pm, \$50 (see p 7 for details)
- 5 Lenexa Club Shrimp Fest & Bingo, Lenexa Community Center, 5:30 pm, \$20 adults, \$10 kids 6-12, under 6 free. Contact: Pete Black at 913-888-3680
- 10 Nominations for Educator of the Year due
- 13 Pre-PETS for the Western part of the District. 8:00 am-12:00 pm. Washburn University Memorial Union, Kansas Room.
- 22 GSE Team Leader Application for Australia Due
- 27 Ambassadorial Scholarship Interviews, Atchison Heritage Conference Center, 710 S 9th Street, 8:00 am. [APPLICATIONS DUE BY MARCH 14TH](#). Contact: Carrie Sowers, csowers@atchchildcare.org
- 31 2009-10 Presidential Citation forms are due to DG Jim and the District office—details on the website under District, Presidential Citations

APRIL (Rotary Magazine Month)

- 1 GSE Team Member Application for Australia Due
- 6 **Indian Creek Sunset Club Wine Tasting, Renee Kelly's at Caenen Castle, 12401 Johnson Drive in Shawnee, 5:30-8:00 pm, Tickets \$40.** Contact: Rich Hankison, rhankison@earthlink.net
- 8-10 PETS-SETS (President/Secretary Elect Training Sessions) - Heartland Multi-District Training Session, Bicentennial Center, Salina Kansas. Registration, agenda and much more available at heartlandpets.org. President-elects are REQUIRED to attend, according to Rotary International rules. It is HIGHLY recommended that the club secretary-elect also attend. This training session is open to all members of the District.
- 23 [District Assembly, Overland Park Doubletree—DETAILS COMING SOON—SAVE THE DATE!](#)
- 24-25 [District Conference, Overland Park Doubletree—DETAILS COMING SOON—SAVE THE DATE!](#)

MAY

- 1 Olathe , The Days of Wine and Rotary. Details at 2www.thedaysofwineandrotary.com
- 20 Kansas City Centennial Celebration—luncheon at noon. Historic Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri. [RI President John Kenny will be here to help Kansas City, Missouri Rotary Club #13 celebrate their 100th birthday.](#) (See page 2)

JUNE (Rotary Fellowships Month)

- 6-10 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) - Kansas University Campus, Lawrence, Kansas. Contact: John Curran at jjcurran@msn.com.
- 20-23 RI International Convention—Montreal, Quebec, Canada. REGISTER BY MARCH 31ST TO SAVE ON REGISTRATION RATES!

Rotary World Peace Fellowships

All Rotary Clubs in District 5710 are encouraged to recruit and nominate candidates for Rotary World Peace Fellowships. Unlike Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships, which are normally awarded to college-age students, a Rotary Peace Fellow applicant must already have a college and substantial experience with peace and/or conflict resolution. Members in every club in our district know individuals involved in international charitable endeavors, law enforcement, social work, or other careers related to conflict resolution who might be potential Rotary Peace Fellows.

The fellowships are for study at one of the six Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution to **obtain a master's degree** in international relations, peace studies, conflict resolution, and related areas, or a professional development certificate in peace in conflict studies. The Rotary Centers have been established by The Rotary Foundation in partnership with prestigious universities throughout the world.

During their studies, Rotary World Peace Fellows work to advance knowledge of issues related to peace, causes of conflict, and world understanding. The fellows participate in Rotary Center seminars and commit to careers related to international relations, peace, and conflict resolution. Rotary World Peace Fellowships are for up to two academic years and provide funding for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, and other limited expenses. The certificate program is for three months.

Rotary District 5701 has had two winners of these highly-competitive fellowships in the last three years. David Kozar is completing his master's degree at Queensland University in Australia. Summer Lewis is scheduled to begin her fellowship at Queensland University later this year. Both Kozar and Lewis are from Manhattan and are alumni of Kansas State University.

The six Rotary Centers for International Studies involve the following seven university partners:

- Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (certificate program)
- Duke University and the University of North Carolina, USA (joint center)
- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

Further information is available from William L. Richter, wrichter@ksu.edu, who chairs District 5701 RWPF Subcommittee. Applicants can also consult the Rotary International web site at www.rotary.org/rotarycenters for more information. To download an application form, a brochure and the *Program Guide for Rotarians* go to the district website: rotary5710.org, on the home page under Foundation.

—Submitted by Bill Richter, District 5710 Rotary World Peace Fellowships

A little about Summer Lewis: Summer is a 2005 Kansas State University graduate in Spanish, sociology and women's studies. After receiving her undergraduate degree, Summer worked for Equal Exchange, a fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate cooperative near Boston. Since June, she has been in Chittagong, Bangladesh, working as a liaison for guest and employee relations at the Asian University for Women.

"Through the fellowship, I will be able to study how human security and gender issues play into larger conflicts and security concerns," Summer said. "I will acquire the knowledge for recognizing and addressing underlying causes of conflict and make connections with people and organizations building peace."

Summer plans a career where she can help build sustainable food systems, with a focus on women, in both the developed and developing worlds.

"I plan to ally myself with organizations with a demonstrated commitment to social responsibility, shared decision making and effective stewardship of funds," she said.



Gardner Rotary Club—Project Shelter Box

The Gardner Rotary Club's International Committee would like to invite you and your friends to an important fundraising event to be held at :

Austins Bar and Grill
Moonlight Road, Gardner, KS
5—7 pm
Thursday, March 4th
Cost is \$30

Includes appetizers and a \$20 donation toward a Shelter Box



The event is to raise funds to purchase Shelter Boxes for people around the world that are impacted in a disaster. The Gardner Rotary Club will match the first \$1,000 donated. \$1,000 buys a box that will provide basic needs for up to 10 people for six months. The club goal is to raise at least \$2,000 and to purchase two boxes.

Come and see an actual Shelter Box and donate to this worthwhile humanitarian project.

GSE Team 2009-10 to Brazil



District 5710 Outbound Group
Study Exchange Team to Brazil in
April 2010.

Pictured L to R: Eric Sanford, Manhattan;
Amanda Dura, Gaelynn Wolf-Bordonaro
and Christine Pearson, Emporia; and Ken
Davis (Team Leader), Kansas City, Kansas.



GSE Team 2010-11 to Australia

District 5710 and District 9500 (South Australia) will participate in a Group Study Exchange. District 5710 will **send a team to Australia September 30 to October 30, 2010** which is their summer season. The District 9500 team will come to Kansas April 16 to May 16, 2011.

TEAM LEADER APPLICATION DEADLINE: **MARCH 22, 2010**—[CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION](#)
TEAM MEMBER APPLICATION DEADLINE: **APRIL 1, 2010**—[CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION](#)



District 9500 embraces most of South Australia and half of the Northern Territory. It covers 1,700,000 kilometers and stretches from the Southern Ocean, Kangaroo Island and Adelaide on the south to beyond Alice Springs in the north, extending to the Western Australia/South Australia border in the west. Currently there are about 1600 Rotarians in 53 Clubs. Most of the population live in a narrow coastal belt near the Capital city, Adelaide (pop 1,175,000).

INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrea Norris Outbound GSE Chair at asnorris@earthlink.net

Manhattan and Manhattan Konza Joint Project

The Manhattan and the Manhattan Konza clubs partnered for a Free Ice Skate event for children and families on Martin Luther King Day in January. Each club donated \$700 to help purchase new ice skates for the community's new ice skating rink. Twelve volunteers from each club assisted with ice skate check in and check out, cleaned and shelved ice skates, helped children put on their skates and helped take them off and served LOTS of hot chocolate! The free skate lasted 5 1/2 hours and 503 children and family members had a great time. The event was promoted on several local radio station as Public Service Announcements. The event was such a success, the City of Manhattan Parks & Recreation Department has requested this become an annual Rotary event for their community!



- L to R: (#1) Deb Rodenbaugh, Manhattan Konza; Sheila Hochhauser and daughter, Sam, Manhattan; Tom Phillips, Manhattan Konza and Joyce Glasscock, Manhattan Konza.
- Jud Gladin, Manhattan Konza (#2) and Tom Roberts, Manhattan (#3) clean skates. Ron Fehr, Manhattan Konza (#4) takes returning skates.
- Joyce Glasscock, Manhattan Konza (#5) and Lyle Butler, Manhattan (#6) serving hot chocolate.
- Pictures below show how much fun everyone had skating and learning to skate! Both Manhattan Clubs had a great time helping and serving—service above self—in the funnest of ways!!!



News from the Leavenworth Rotary Club

- The club has made a \$1,000 donation to Heifer International. See the information to the right to find out about this worthwhile project.

- The newest member of the club to join the ranks of Paul Harris Fellows is Mike Gould. Club President Mike Lehnerr (on the right in the picture), a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, awarded recognition points to Mike Gould (on the left in the picture) to recognize a newer member who exemplified the **principles of Rotary**. He cited Mike G's involvement in Rotary projects such as roadside clean-up, bell ringing, pancake breakfast and as assistant chair of the Meals on Wheels service project.



- For the first time in the 40-year history of the club's **Rotary Football Pool**, a female was the luckiest picker! Teri Yunghans (pictured to the right) received the plaque with her name engraved with all the other winners, which is hers to keep until the next year. The pool was started by Ted Sexton who ran the pool for 29 years. Rod Rivard has administered the pool for the last ten years. Teri out selected Brett Napier for the title in the last round of the competition. This project raised \$640 for the RI All Purpose Fund.



- Jayne Aylward (pictures to the far right) is Leavenworth Rotarian of the Year! Jayne was **described by Teri Yunghans, last year's Rotarian of the Year, as the complete Rotarian. The club motto is "We Serve" and no one exemplifies the motto as well as Jayne.** A club member since 2003, she immediately became a board member. She was program chair and Vice President in 2006-07; president-elect and membership chair in 2007-08; and president in 2008-09. Jayne received the Presidents Award for meeting the **"outstanding club" standards. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and a sustaining member.** Jayne helps with all the club projects including, Irish stew dinner (usually the pea cook), roadside clean-up, bell ringing, meals on wheels, pancake breakfast, popcorn sales, **ladies night out, Rotary Clock . . The list goes on and on. Teri cited Jayne's outstanding and outgoing personality as a prime determining factor in her selection. Teri said, "she is a positive and very upbeat person, who is fun to be around."**



Heifer's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth.

By giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, they empower them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope.

With gifts of livestock and training, Heifer International helps families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. They refer to the animals as "living loans" because in exchange for their livestock and training, families agree to give one of its animal's offspring to another family in need. It's called Passing on the Gift – a cornerstone of Heifer International's mission that creates an ever-expanding network of hope and peace.



Speaker/Program Ideas

Two new speaker/programs have been added to the District website. If you have a speaker or program to recommend to other clubs, send the information to Linda Ireland at exec5710@swbell.net or call at 785-232-7216. To view more program ideas and a speaker listing, go to rotary5710.org— on the home page in the gold column under Speaker/Program Ideas.

Geocaching: If you have cabin fever and/or a sense of adventure, this program is perfect for you. Elizabeth Ellis (Louisburg area) will share the secrets of Geocaching. Geocaching is high-tech hide-n-seek. Using a GSP, follow coordinates and clues you get from the website www.geocaching.com to find hidden treasures anywhere in the world. It is a great event for families and groups of people who want to stay active and solve mysteries. You can even create caches of your own—a great marketing tool for your club. Contact Elizabeth at youth@louisburglibrary.org.

Kansas Office of the Securities Commissioner: The goal of the Investor Education Program is to provide Kansans with basic information about investing. Information can be an investor's best defense against becoming a victim of fraud or dishonest sales practices. Their office is available for presentation to your club members at your regular meetings.

The mission of the office is to protect and inform Kansas investors, to promote integrity and full disclosure in financial services, and to foster capital formation. The Kansas Securities Commissioner administers and enforces the Kansas securities laws and regulations. Securities laws and regulations require brokers and investment advisers to do business honestly, fairly and in the best interest of their clients.



Indian Creek Sunset Chartering Ceremony Coming Soon

A tentative date has been set for the Chartering Ceremony for Indian Creek Sunset Rotary Club. The date is May 4th and the ceremony will be held at the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art on the Johnson County Community College campus. SAVE THIS DATE—IT IS TIME TO CELEBRATE!! More details will be available in the next few months.

Indian Creek Sunset Rotary Club has settled on a permanent meeting day, time and location. Please make a note of these:

Tuesday—5:30 pm, Social—5:45-6:30 pm, Meeting
Haywards Pit Bar-B-Que, 11051 S. Antioch, Overland Park, KS

What is a “Sunset” club? The club offers an affordable, time-saving way to be a Rotarian. It is a “dues only” club—not a dinner club. There are no meal fees. Food is optional and at the individual's own expense. A handful of member share a few appetizer plates during the social time and a few stay to socialize over dinner after the meeting. Most of the attendees grab something to drink and leave as soon as the meeting is over. This keeps the cost of membership low and allows the members to have time for their families - and still be part of the Rotarian family. The club raises funds for their charities through “Happy Bucks” and fundraisers.

As suggested in the last newsletter, if you have a member of your club that is considering dropping their membership due to schedule or financial issues, encourage them to transfer to the Indian Creek Sunset Rotary Club.



District Membership Numbers

Month of January

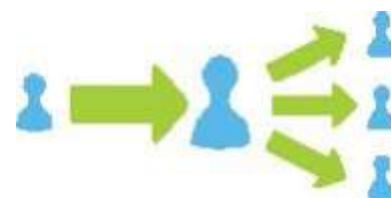
Clubs with zero entered for the **current month's membership** (highlighted in blue) did not submit a **Secretary's Report to the** District website for the month of January by the deadline date of February 15, 2009.

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 1/31/2010	January At- tendance
Atchison	74	75	52.00%
Baldwin City	15	13	64.00%
Blue Rapids	21	21	66.70%
Blue Valley	12	12	95.00%
Bonner Springs	25	25	73.00%
Burlingame	12	12	75.00%
Burlington	32	31	68.55%
Council Grove	45	48	59.90%
De Soto	37	38	44.74%
Emporia	77	68	49.57%
Emporia Sunrise	17	14	60.00%
Frankfort	25	24	74.00%
Gardner	64	67	67.92%
Garnett	27	28	62.00%
Holton	24	22	65.00%
Howard	17	18	80.88%
Indian Creek Sunset (Prov)	17	20	52.00%
Johnson County	51	45	78.52%
Junction City	89	87	35.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	15	13	61.54%
Kansas City	63	61	70.20%
Lawrence	196	196	48.22%
Lawrence Central	29	31	52.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	65	66	67.69%
Leavenworth	95	0	0.00%
Leawood	55	54	95.00%
Lenexa	41	43	68.00%
Louisburg	39	37	37.00%
Manhattan	218	215	62.30%
Manhattan Konza	59	67	58.21%
Marysville	45	49	73.00%
Olathe	93	98	61.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	47	39	50.00%
Osawatomie	26	25	76.00%
Oskaloosa	32	32	60.00%
Ottawa	21	16	70.00%
Overbrook	34	30	81.00%
Overland Park	162	153	64.69%
Overland Park South	95	90	63.53%
Paola	31	31	72.00%
Shawnee	63	62	72.60%
Shawnee Mission	62	61	58.16%
Spring Hill	16	13	85.00%
Topeka Downtown	196	189	53.76%
Topeka North	19	17	65.00%
Topeka South	118	119	68.00%
Topeka West	19	19	92.00%
Valley Falls	20	18	60.00%
Village West	37	37	67.00%
TOTALS/Average Attendance	2692	2549	61.72%

WELCOME—New Members For January

Gardner	Steve Devore
Holton	Jeffrey Warner
Indian Creek Sunset Prov	Mark Hines
Junction City	Beverly Davis, Mary Hogan
Junction City Flint Hills	Ron Jackson
Lawrence	Terry Bredemus, Gina Pacumbaba-Watson, Susan Tate
Lawrence Jayhawk	Scott Risley DC, Dee Weber
Leawood	Michael Catausan
Lenexa	Linda Khan
Manhattan	Frاند Beer, Nancy Muturi, Bradley Schoen
Overbrook	Yolanda Dickinson
Paola	Mark Oehlert, Tara Rockers
Topeka Downtown	Norma Pettijohn
Topeka South	Pat Hyland



NEW MEMBER CONNECTION

Nancy Muturi, Manhattan, was a Rotary World Peace Fellow in 2009 at the University of Nairobi in Kenya.

MEMBERSHIP



COMMUNICATION IS KEY

If your club is in a downward membership slope—if you lose more members than you gain—maybe it is time to take a good look at communications within the club.

Try a verbal exit interview with members who give up their membership. If the same reason occurs often, maybe it is time for a change. This is a great project for your past club presidents.

If you consistently have less than 60% membership attendance at your meetings, ask the 40% what keeps them from the meetings. A simple change may net your club a big reward.

Several clubs are following the ideas of Rich Barbuto (see p 4) and conducting member surveys, holding club Assemblies—finding ways to improve the communications within the club.

What is your club doing? If you have something that is working, send your idea to Linda Ireland at exec5710@swbell.net.

Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for January

Will your club be listed here next month?

Blue Valley	95.00%
Leawood	95.00%
Topeka West	92.00%
Spring Hill	85.00%
Overbrook	81.00%
Howard	80.88%
Johnson County	78.52%
Burlingame	75.00%
Osawatomie	76.00%
Frankfort	74.00%
Bonner Springs	73.00%
Shawnee	72.602%
Paola	72.00%
Marysville	73.00%

Average Club Meeting Attendance for the month of January: 61.72%

Clubs in the 65% to 70% Attendance

Blue Rapids, Burlington, Gardner, Holton, Lawrence Jayhawk, Lenexa Topeka North, Topeka South and Village West.

To submit Club News, include in monthly President Report or email to
Linda Ireland,
exec5710@swbell.net
Include details and pictures if available.



Oxford House describes a democratically run, self-supporting and drug free home for those recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. This publicly supported, non-profit 501(c)3 corporation is the umbrella organization which provides the network connecting all Oxford Houses and allocates resources to duplicate the Oxford House concept where needs arise

Club News

Atchison Rotary Club

- Club hosted special guest Lynn Jenkins, State Representative who visited about Washington DC's news and happenings. The club had a "snow day" because of 7" of snow and 11 degrees below 0 temperatures.
- Moe Cougher, Assistant Governor, visited the club in January.

Burlington Rotary Club

- The club held its Annual Sweetheart Dinner at the Rock Creek Country Club. The club's secretary and treasurer were awarded gifts for all their hard work.

Emporia Rotary Club

- The club is proud to report that three of the GSE team members for the trip to Brazil are residents of Emporia.

DeSoto Rotary Club

- Making plans for their second March of the Sunflower Polio fundraising project.
- The club purchased two Shelter Boxes and had them sent to the Haiti Rotary relief program.



Gardner Rotary Club

- The club will hold a fundraiser—Project Shelter Box on March 4th. See page 7 for details.
- The club presented their in-bound Youth Exchange student, Noemi, with a birthday card and spending money for an upcoming trip.
- Welcomed Steve DeVore as a new club member.

Indian Creek Sunset Prov Rotary Club

- The club will hold its next wine tasting event on Tuesday, April 6th at Renee Kelly's at Caenen Castle, 12401 Johnson Drive in Shawnee from 5:30—to 8:00. Tickets are \$40 and may be purchased from Rich Hankison, club secretary/treasurer or any club member. All proceeds will be donated to the Rotary Haiti Relief Fund.
- Tentative chartering ceremony is set for May 4th!! The ceremony will be held at the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art on the Johnson County Community College campus. See page 10)

Overland Park South Rotary

- The clubs' Happy Hour kicked off the new year with their bi-monthly, Rotarians sharing time together.
- The club is collecting men's suits and dress attire to donate to Oxford House (see information to the left) to provide the residents with professional attire to wear to job interviews.
- The 2009-10 Pledge Class has been meeting and learning about Rotary International and the club.

Club News

Lawrence Rotary Club

- **The club has purchased children's books. Each club speaker is asked to write an inspirational message in each book. The books are donated to Cordley Elementary School.**
- The club is hosting two Ambassadorial Scholars who are studying at the University of Kansas. Sung-Min Jung is from Korea and is working on his masters in special education. Hye-Ri Kim also from Korea and has two law degrees in Korea and is working on her JD. The scholars spoke to the club in January about their educational experiences at KU. Special recognition was given to Carl Locke and Tom Mulinazzi who are the counselors for these students.
- The club is raising matching funds for the three international projects which the club is supporting that are being led by club members. They are a sanitation project in Bolivia, composting project in India and water purification and medical mission to Panama.
- Paul Harris Awards were given to David Ambler, Phil Rankin, Dolph Simons, Jr and Tim Van Leer. They were all awarded the PHF+1. Bob Georgeson was awarded the PHF+2.
- David Ambler was awarded the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award and Judy Billings was awarded the **Chamber's Athena Award for Outstanding Leadership by a Woman. Both David and Judy are Past President's of the club and Paul Harris Fellows.**

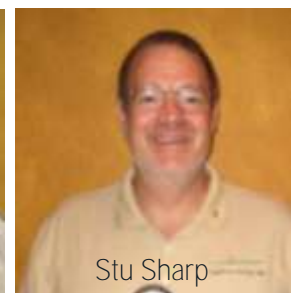


Leawood Rotary Club

- The club held their 15th Anniversary Dinner in January at the Leawood South Country Club. It was a blast. That night KU played K-State. They had a big screen playing in the background as all the guests sat in their dressy attire and dined on prime rib and Atlantic salmon and whooped it up. (See picture to the right.)
- Julie Marshall with Blue Valley Multi-Service Center of Johnson County gave a presentation to the club. The club is supporting the center each month with food and clothing donations. The Blue Valley Multi-Service Center provides a food pantry and clothing closet for the needy of Johnson County. They also provide short term utility, mortgage and medical assistance. Families needing these services are then led to other more long term sources of aid. The need for these services has grown 77% from 2008 to 2009.
- Dave Anderson, Community Service Chair, announced a new program in **January. The program is called "Warm the Homeless," a clothing and toiletry drive for the Johnson County Human Services organization. Phil Gibbs announced that the employee's from his company, Continental Consulting, had collected \$200 for "Warm the Homeless." The club thanks Phil for the great example and for getting this drive kicked off properly!**
- Stu Sharp announces that an organization has been formed to collect shoes for the people of Haiti. Stu will be collecting shoes of all types and all conditions **for the next few club meeting. The program is called "Soles for Souls."**
- Rotary member Dave Berson and his wife Susan (pictured to the left), received a Paul Harris Fellowship Award, presented by Chuck Sweeney, Foundation Chair (pictured to the far right).



Phil Gibbs



Stu Sharp



Club News

Lenexa Rotary Club

- The club held the finals for its annual 4-Way Test Speech Contest for local high school students. Twenty students competed in the contest for over \$3,000 in scholarship funds. Shown in the picture to the right are Rotarian Rick Morton (contest Chairman), Victoria Brazen (3rd place), Angela Chu (2nd place), Molly Allison (1st place) and club President Jason Leib.
- The club raised over \$450 for Haiti relief that will be forwarded to Haiti Episcopal Learning Partnership (HELP).
- Marshall Rimann received the Paul Harris Fellowship +2 recognition.
- **The club's annual fundraiser, Shrimp Fest & Bingo, will be held March 6th at the Lenexa Community Center at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 kids 6-12, under 6 are free. All you can eat shrimp, chicken wings, salads and desserts. Bingo prizes up to \$1,200. For Shrimp Fest ticket information, call Pet Black at 913-888-3680.**



Louisburg Rotary Club

- The club is collecting usable old computers for local churches and shelters for those looking for employment who cannot afford a computer or internet access. If you have an old computer that doesn't work, donate them to the E-Recycling project on Saturday, April 3rd at the Louisburg Middle School parking lot. Contact Kiersten Allen for more information at kallen@louisburglibrary.org.
- Elizabeth Ellis shared the secrets of Geocaching, a high-tech hide-n-seek. Using a GPS you follow clues to find hidden treasures anywhere in the world. More information about this exciting, unusual program is available in the Speaker/Program section on the newsletter on page 10.



Manhattan Konza Rotary Club

- The club purchased and packaged items for 64 care packets for Haiti relief and also donated shipping dollars plus \$225 in general donations, all to assist Haiti in their time of need.
- The club will have Dori Milldyke and Deb Rodenbaugh (pictured on the right with Dr. Meidinger, a member of the Lawrence Rotary Club) as two members on the multi-club team traveling to Panama for a clean water project, departing on February 27th and returning on March 6th.
- The club held an after-work Club Social and New Member Recruitment event at Kites East which included a KSU game-watch.



Paola Rotary Club

- The club hosted the Harlem Ambassadors Group for a charity basketball game at Paola High School. The game and pre-game chili feed were a hit and netted \$2,500 for Paola High School seniors.
- The club suffered another major loss when member, Dale Everhart, recently passed away. Dale was a longtime Rotarian who donated countless hours to Rotary projects, and he will be greatly missed.
- Despite this very sad news, the club is excited to announce that it has added its fourth new member within the past several months. The club continues with its new membership drive and anticipates adding 3-4 new member by the end of May.

Club News

Manhattan Rotary Club

- Frank Beer, Bradley Schoen and Nancy Muturi were introduced as new members. Nancy received a Rotary Grant for University Teachers and spent from June to September of 2009 at the University of Nairobi in Kenya teaching communications.
- Congratulations to Meghann Winkler and Malobe Sampson, Manhattan High School Students of the Month for January. The club is pleased to honor these outstanding students and wish them well as they complete their education at MHS.



L to R: President Lyle Butler, Meghann Winkler, Malobe Sampson, and Blake Bauer.



L to R: President Lyle Butler, Nancy Muturi and Betty Stevens, proposer.



L to R: President Lyle Butler, Bradley Schoen, and Jerry Boettcher, proposer.



L to R: President Lyle Butler and Frank Beer.

Olathe Rotary Club

- The club continues to work with Deb's House, a Botosania, Romania orphanage the club sponsors.
- The club added two more new member in January, bringing new member total to 16 year to date—a net gain of 15 new members!
- The club is getting ready to their fundraiser “The Days of Wine and Rotary” on May 1st which will generate \$75,000 for Deb's House Orphanage, Heart to Heart International, and the Olathe School District AVID program. For information about this project go to: www.thedaysofwineandrotary.com.



Left, Dwight Douglas and right, Bob Wilhelm presented District 5710 \$500 International Scholarship Award to Mid America Nazarene University student, Steven Barney, from Oxford, England.



Rotarian Tom Hall works on blowing out candles while **celebrating his 102nd birthday** on January 27th. Tome was club president in 1945. He seldom misses a meeting and drives himself, weather permitting.

Club News

Shawnee Mission Rotary Club

- The club received notification that their Salvation Army bell ringers collected \$2,354.57 during the holiday season.
- The club received acknowledgement that the desks they sent to a school in Africa arrived and are being put to good use.
- The club is participating in the Rotary Youth Exchange for the 2010-11 school year. The club will sponsor Phil Kroh, currently a senior at Shawnee Mission South High School. Phil will be spending the school year in Japan.



Topeka South Rotary Club

- **The club continues to support Let's Help, Avondale West Elementary Pen Pals, Lunch Bunch and Mighty Mentors.**
- The club is sending money to the District for a matching grant to be sent to a club in Volta Radonda, Brazil to benefit an AIDS Clinic.
- **The club's first president passed away in January. The club held a meeting in his honor on the first Friday in February.**
- Paul Bossert was recognized and given a Paul Harris Fellowship by his mother, Patti Bossert. Patti Bossert received her Paul Harris +5 Award. Ken Turner was recognized with a Paul Harris +1 pin.



Village West Rotary Club

- The club is planning its 2nd Annual PolioPlus Fundraiser at the T-Bones Stadium. In addition, the club's **Community Service Committee, under the leadership of Nancy Winkler, is planning an Annual Major Fundraiser** for the club as well as a community benefactor.
- The club has a new President-elect, Adam Ehlert.



Oskaloosa Rotary Club

- The club is discussing ideas for a spring project. Also working on membership recruitment.

Topeka Downtown Rotary Club

- The club donated \$393.70 to the Salvation Army and \$74.42 to the Topeka Rescue Mission.
- The club purchased books for Avondale East Elementary School.
- **Donated \$1,000 to Washburn Women's Alliance Scholarship.**
- Purchased a Shelter Box for Haiti.
- The club is purchasing Rotary shirts to promote club recognition.



Ottawa Rotary Club

- Rotarians are reading to the 4th grade students in all Ottawa elementary schools. The members discuss how reading is used in their professions and in their enjoyment.
- Planning the CASA and Rotary project fundraiser to be held April 24th—Bikers Poker Ride for CASA.
- **Each week the club asks for a "professional moment" and applaud a member as to something exciting and beneficial to their community.** Rotarian Nick Robbins, an EMT, shared the diligent work during the car/truck pile-up on I-35 with the severe ice storm.

Club News

Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club

- The club contributed \$1,000 to Susan Andersen and her team going to Panama for a water purification project..
- Rotarians of the week: Les Hannon and Web Golden. The club only met twice due to snow storms..
- The club hosted and sponsored its 3rd Annual Martin Luther King Community Breakfast. Special keynote speaker was Kansas University great, Isaac "Bud" Stallworth. **Bud, a former KU basketball player, played for the Seattle SuperSonics and the New Orleans Jazz.** Currently, he is the budget manager for the KU Design and Construction Department.



L to R: Bud Stallworth, John Conard, Jr., Christian Stallworth and Bernie Kish. John welcomed the attendees, and Bernie introduced the speaker. Christian is an eighth grader at Lawrence SouthWest Junior High School.



L to R: Reverend Leo Barbee, Virginia Conard and Helen Barbee. Helen sang "Steal Away Home" to begin the morning's program.



Club Treasurer Delmar Falen, Left, registers Mary Fry and her children, Lindsey and Andy. John Conard is shown in the background.



Annelise Lawrence, left, is pictured with her parents, Margie and Doug Lawrence. Dick Stuntz is shown at the right. Doug sang "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" at the conclusion of the breakfast program.

Kansas City Rotary Club

- The club held a mid-year Assembly for all club members. After talking about club goals, members broke into five groups and talked about the responsibilities and goals for each group. Each committee group was chaired by a club director. The committees were: Administration, Robert Kaufman and Dave Tyler; Club Membership, Bill Mullark and Frank Simonich; Public Relations, Ken Davis and Rosemary Podrebatc; Club Service, Mary Viveros and Joe Ozbolt; and Rotary Foundation, Greg Shondell.