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District 5710 News



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Welcome in a New Rotary Year

We welcome in a new Rotary year! Wow, it's here already.

Governor Vickie has now joined the ranks of holders of the most wonderful job in Rotary, a PDG. We all thank Vickie for a job well done in leading our District to new heights of Service Above Self. In the coming months you will hear about the challenges of living up to President John Kenney's theme for this year—"THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS." He did not mean the future of Rotary is in Evanston, or with the Zones leaders, or the District Governor, but in your hands, the Rotarians of District 5710 and the rest of the world. My job as District Governor will be to make sure that each club is provided the opportunities and support to fulfill their club goals and the goals necessary to achieve a Presidential Citation. We all have a huge task in fulfilling our pledge to support the Rotary Foundation Polio Match with the Bill and Melissa Gates Foundation. I know that each and every one of us will do our best to support that effort. In the coming weeks you will hear more about our District's efforts to raise funds to end that dreaded disease in the world.



District Governor Jim Mattes

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DG Jim

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Foundation, Membership and Leadership Seminar

Saturday, August 8, 2009

*Washburn University Memorial Union
Topeka, Kansas*

Effective July 1st of this year, District 5710 is now in Rotary Zone 27. Come to this FREE seminar and hear from our new Foundation and Membership advisors. Chose from four Membership breakout sessions, six Foundation sessions and a Leadership track. Please register in advance on line at www.rotary5710.org or email your registration to Linda at the District Office at exec5710@swbell.net. Full details of the event are available on the District website.

8:15 to 9:00	Registration, coffee and pastries
11:45-1:00	Luncheon speaker, Rod Kreie, Zone Foundation Advisor
3:00-3:10	Adjourn

“Strike Out Polio”



Sunday, August 23rd
 Kauffman Stadium
 Kansas City, Missouri
 1:10 pm game between the
 Kansas City Royals and the
 Minnesota Twins

Bring your family, friends, neighbors and colleagues to Kauffman Stadium for a “Strike Out Polio” event that will involve over TEN Rotary Districts. The goal is to have at least 1,000 Rotarians and their guests attend this game. This is a tremendous opportunity to raise funds for PolioPlus/Gates Challenge and to raise public awareness of Rotary’s effort to eradicate Polio—and also a great “Family of Rotary” event.

Rotary will have a booth at the game to be used by the various districts to promote the eradication of Polio and the PolioPlus program. There will also be several Rotary “Public Service Announcements” broadcast on the scoreboard at the stadium throughout the game.

HOW CAN THIS BENEFIT YOUR CLUB?

Use a sign-up sheet at your meetings to gather names, number of people attending and a contact phone number. Once you have a ticket count for your club, call Brian Madden (Royals Group Sales Representative for Rotary—816.504.4165) and give him your order. Payment will need to be by credit card or check.

Then you collect \$26 per ticket from those attending the game. This is the regular price charged by the Royals for these seats - **Field Plaza on the 3rd base side, lower level.** However, to help Rotary “Strike Out Polio” the Royals will charge only \$12 per ticket. **Your club keeps the \$14 per ticket profit to be sent to Rotary International for your club’s contribution to the PolioPlus/Gates Challenge.** There will be an \$8 shipping and handling charge on each group order of tickets. The tickets will be mailed to your club (be sure to allow time for this) for distribution.

Why not promote this in your community! Share with the baseball and softball teams in your area. Promote at retirement villages. Hand out flyers to your co-workers. **Contact former club members. Involve your club’s new or prospective members. Send flyers** to other community clubs in your area—Kiwanis, Lions, etc. And the list goes on and on.

Flyers and instructions have been sent to club Presidents, Foundation Chairs and PolioPlus Chairs. More information is also available on the District website.

LET’S HIT THIS ONE OUT OF THE BALL PARK!!

Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA)

Over seventy high school students participated in the District's annual Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) held at the University of Kansas in Lawrence from May 31 to June 4.

The diverse group of students represented twenty-nine cities and towns in Eastern Kansas with their local clubs paying for their cost of attendance. Throughout the five days, the students participated in a wide range of activities designed to develop their leadership skills and to promote the importance of community service.



Robert Thompson of the Gardner Club and District Polio Eradication Chair and Lenet Compton of the Spring Hill Club kicked-off the program Sunday evening with an enlightening presentation on **Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio**. The students would later divide into small groups and use the information presented by Robert and Lenet to develop fundraising proposals involving Rotary and polio eradication.

The students spent most of Monday at the Adams Challenge Course, participating in a series of teambuilding exercises facilitated by KU staff. On Tuesday, the Lawrence United Way coordinated several community service projects for the students to participate in, including stocking shelves in a local food and clothes pantry. That experience led into **Wednesday's sessions that featured a tremendously received presentation on civic engagement** by Dr. Barbara Ballard of the Lawrence Lunch Club. She also hosted the students for a tour of the **Dole Institute of Politics** and participated in a "mentoring lunch" along with several other Rotarians.



A true highlight of RYLA was Thursday's graduation ceremony that saw over two hundred parents and Rotarians in attendance. District Governor Vickie Randall began the ceremony with an inspiring talk on the importance of leadership and community involvement. The students then delivered formal presentations on their small group projects, demonstrating their ability to work as a team along with their newly gained knowledge of Rotary.



This was the first time for KU to host RYLA, with the program developed and coordinated by **the staff of KU's Memorial Union Corporation**. **The RYLA Committee is currently evaluating host sites for RYLA 2010 with a formal announcement expected sometime in July.**

The RYLA Committee would like to thank all the Rotarians, particularly club RYLA chairs, who helped to make the program a tremendous success!



Rotary and Heart to Heart Team Bring WASH Program to Guatemala

From May 6-13, 2009 a team of Rotarians from Leawood and Overland Park South Rotary Clubs and a Heart to Heart International volunteer participated in the implementation of the Water, Hygiene and Sanitation Program (WASH) in the communities of Patanatic, San Andres Semetabaj and San Antonio Palopo located in the department of Sololá, Guatemala. This year the clubs, with the assistance of the Olathe Rotary Club and a 2008-09 Grant, the team was able to fund 120 water filters, 11 stoves, 12 latrines, 1,200 doses of de-worming medicine, hand-washing kits, multivitamins and educational materials/training.



L to R: District Governor-Elect John Vandewalle (Overland Park South RC), Nancy Schloegel, Jake Schloegel (Leawood RC), Nancy Barber (Leawood RC), Jorge Coromac (Indian Creek Sunset, Provisional and Heart to Heart team leader), Nancy Dilley, Dave Dilley



Jake Schloegel with the portable Water Filtration System

During this Intensive Service Opportunity (ISO), the volunteer team held a meeting with the **seven school's principals** to learn about the status of the WASH program in their schools and partici-

parted in the installation of the portable water filtration systems, stoves, latrines, and hand washing education activities, as part of phase two of the WASH program.

Portable Water Filtration System Installation: The portable water filter is a 7-pound unit that can purify five gallons of water every twelve hours. In the community of San Luis Patanatic the team installed 109 portable

water filters in homes, beneficiating 545 parents and children. The team also installed 40 water filters in San Andres Semetabaj and 40 filters in San Antonio Palopo beneficiating and additional 400 students, siblings and parents.

Hand-Washing Program: Because of the current situation with the Swine Flu in Guatemala, the Rotary/HH team re-focused on the hand-washing program by presenting educational material translated in Spanish and Kackchiquel to the teachers and families of the communities of Sololá. The team also presented an educational skit to create awareness in the community about how the swine flu can be prevented in the home, the school and the community. More than 300 teachers, mothers and students from the Patanatic School were present during this performance.



Nancy Barber and Dave Dilley with a happy family who received a stove



DGE John Vandewalle assembling the Hand-Washing educational packets

Stove and Latrine Installation: Eleven stoves were installed in homes of families that were still cooking over an open fire in their kitchens. The smoke from the open fires directly exposed the families to a high level of carbon monoxide that consequently affected the health of the family and increased the chance of respiratory diseases. Also during this trip, the team provided latrines to twelve families, benefiting the sanitation and health of 60 children and parents.

Rotary and Heart to Heart Team Bring WASH Program to Guatemala (Cont)

Most of the water filters and stoves installations were completed in the village of Patanatic. The team was greeted with overwhelming enthusiasm by the principal, teachers, parents, and the children. After being taught by Jorge (Heart to Heart team leader and member of Indian Creek Sunset Provisional RC) how to assemble a water filter, they divided into two teams. With the help of each parent the team assembled the **family's water filter**. Then they proceeded up hill and downhill to each of their homes. It was important to let the families carry their own filter giving them more of a sense of ownership. The team and an interpreter from Heart to Heart set up the filter, filled it with water and explained its use.



The team also installed wood-burning cooking stoves in homes. The first one was delivered to a home situated on the top of a hill. The trail seemed to be straight up! The team was led up the hill by the homeowner who was a very small 73-year old lady who was raising her granddaughters. She was the only one not out of breath at the top! The grandmother was very grateful for her stove.

On May 12, the members of the Leawood and Overland Park South Rotary Clubs joined the Guatemala Sur Club as part of their interaction between national and International clubs. DGE John Vandewalle, Jake and Debby Schloegel, and Nancy Barber shared their experiences of being a part of the implementation plan of the WASH program with the Guatemala Sur club members.



L to R: Jack Schloegel, Nancy Barber, and DGE John Vandewalle.

L to R: DGE John Vandewalle, Debbie and Jake Schloegel, Dave Dilley (seated). Behind the happy children: Nancy Barber and Nancy Dilley



Olathe Lone Elm Park

The Olathe Rotary Club, the City of Olathe Parks Department, and Barnhart Specialty Contractors joined forces to erect a beautiful 6000 pound sculpture in Lone Elm Park at the Southeast corner of 167th and Lone Elm Road in Olathe. The project for the City of Olathe began in **2003 to commemorate Rotary's 100th birthday** and was dedicated May 2, 2009.

For several decades, starting in 1821, this site served as a campground and meeting point for travelers along the Santa Fe, Oregon and California trails. It is thought to be the only site in the United States where the three famous trails crossed. There are many enhancements and projects slated for the park in the coming months and years.



L to R: Eldon Tefft, Max DaMetz

The project spanned six Olathe Rotary Presidents. Olathe Rotarian Max DaMetz was the project chair, and did a great job working with the city and everyone involved with the project. Over \$12,000 was contributed to the project from Olathe Rotary Club. There was a great turnout for the breakfast and dedication!

The original sculpture was created for Ron Barnhart of Barnhart Specialty Contractors for the exterior of the building walls that he was constructing for the Kansas Visitors Center at 119th and Strang Line Road. Mr. Barnhart commissioned Eldon Tefft, Professor emeritus of sculpture at the University of Kansas, to create the oxen and conestoga wagon sculpture. The sculpture was begun in 1994 and was set on the building at the Kansas Visitors Center in January 1995. With the closing of the visitors center in 2002, the sculpture was dismantled, awarded to the City of Olathe by the State of Kansas, and was kept in storage until designated for reconstruction. The city commissioned Mr. Tefft to restore the sculpture to its original condition. For full story, go to www.olatherotary.org.

Shawnee Rotary Club Installs Officers for 2009-10

On June 25th the Shawnee Rotary Club held its annual dinner and installation of officers at the Lake Quivira Country Club. It was attended by 70 members, spouses and guests. District Governor Jim Mattes made comments to the group and inducted the officers for the 2009-10 Rotary year. The guest speaker for the evening was Past District Governor District 6040 Carl Chinnery. He gave a very personal talk about how polio affected his family when he was growing up and further inspired the group to keep up the work to eradicate polio throughout the world. The evening also included awards for perfect attendance, member of the year and Paul Harris Fellowships recognition.



L to R: Jim Sloss, Director; Kathleen Whalen, President-Elect; Matt Zimmerman, Director; Beth Brannan, Sgt-at-arm; Doug Wesselschmidt, Past President; Doug Gibb, Treasurer; Charley Vogt, President; Patrick Hammond, Vice President; Dawn Kuhn, Director; Jeff Hudson, Direc-

Little Apple Takes on Big Apple—Running to Save Lives in NYC Marathon



The Manhattan Konza Rotary Club is excited to announce a Little Apple/Big Apple project with The Rotary Club of New York. The 62-member Konza Rotary Club, is teaming together with this triple-sized Club from The Big Apple in a friendly New York City Marathon competition. Marathoners from both clubs will be Running to Save Lives, as they help generate donations which will benefit well-known and deserving charitable causes near and far.

Research by the Manhattan Konza Rotary Club discovered the Rotary Club of New York to be one of the few charitable organizations selected by the NYC Marathon organizers to receive guaranteed runner slots to use for charitable fundraising purposes. Envisioning a lively, spirited match-up, the Manhattan Konza Rotary Club requested and received one of those highly-sought-after runner slots and is now an official member of the Rotary Club of New York NYC Marathon Team.

Aptly described as “Running To Save Lives,” all donations received by check or cash by the Manhattan Konza Rotary Club will equally benefit these well-known, worthy causes: the *Manhattan KS Konza Rotary Club Polio Plus* fund, a Rotary International program to eradicate polio in the world; *Gift of Life*, a program which saves the lives of children born with congenital heart defects; *Ronald McDonald House*; *RCNY Foundation* for projects such as their inner-city soup kitchen efforts; and the *Manhattan KS Konza Rotary Club* for local community projects.

The experienced 26-mile runner who will represent the Little Apple’s Manhattan Konza Rotary Club in the world’s largest marathon is Ms. Hannah Merle. A Kansan for the past seven years, Hannah is a high school art teacher at Wamego High School, Wamego, Kansas, as well as a founding member and officer of The Little Apple Road Runners Club. No stranger to New York, Ms. Merle was born in a small town outside of Buffalo, and ran the NYC Marathon last year. With many marathons under her belt, this avid 35-year-old marathoner is ecstatic to be representing the Manhattan Konza Rotary Club in this year’s NYC race. Hannah is focused and training hard toward reaching her personal goal of 3 hours and 40 minutes for this year’s NYC Marathon, which would also qualify her for the Boston Marathon.



“In the hopes of creating a fun and unique ‘Little Apple/Big Apple’ Rotary club project, it was exciting to connect with the Rotary Club of New York to find out more about their New York City Marathon involvement,” Deb Rodenbaugh, President of the Manhattan Konza Club explained. “When I contacted David Del Monte, their marathon project chair and club president, to pitch the idea of a ‘Little Apple’ running slot on the ‘Big Apple’ running team, he was in total agreement in the partnership potential for the project.” Both surprised and intrigued to hear the idea and to hear that Manhattan, Kansas is truly all things ‘Little Apple,’ Mr. Del Monte agreed by saying, “This friendly competition will be great fun while helping to raise money for very worthy Rotary causes.” For details on this project, how to volunteer and how to donate, Debra asks interested persons contact her by e-mail at: dar83wu@gmail.com

Note from Manhattan Konza President Debra Rodenbaugh. The race will be held on November 1, 2009 and the club has already raised over \$4,000!

District Governor Jim Mattes Remaining Club Visits

July Club Visits

- 22 7:15 am— Overland Park South
- 23 7:00 am—Lawrence Jayhawk
- 24 7:00 am—Desoto
..... Noon—Lenexa
- 28 7:00 am—Overbrook
- 29 Noon—Shawnee Mission
- 30 7:15—Johnson County
..... Noon—Paola

August

- 3 Noon—Overland Park
- 4 Noon—Kansas City
- 5 Noon—Baldwin City
- 6 7:30 am—Gardner
..... Noon—Topeka Downtown
- 11 7:30 am—Blue Valley
..... Noon—Emporia
- 12 Noon—Louisburg
- 13 Noon—Blue Rapids
- 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

Leavenworth—First Club Visit of DG Jim’s 2009-10 Year



Elaine and DG Jim



DG Jim presented new RI them banner to President Mike Lehnerr



DG Jim presented the "Silent Rotarian" award to Beau Kansteiner.

Lawrence Rotary Supports Local Community Organizations

The Lawrence Rotary Club presented philanthropy awards to eight Lawrence community organizations totaling \$10,000.

- Bert Nash Mental Health Center received \$1,000 to be used for printing manuals to teach mental health first aid.
- **Community Children's Center and Head Start Program accepted \$1,200** to be used to replace classroom tables and for the purchase of a 6-toddler stroller buggy.
- Douglas County AIDS Project was awarded \$1,000 for new filing cabinets, a refrigerator to hold medicine, and office equipment.
- Douglas County Child Development Association received \$500 to acquire updated reference **materials and DVD's for professional development of patrons and teachers.**
- An award of \$2,300 was given to the Douglas County Dental Clinic to be used for new carpet for the clinic.
- Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK) received \$1,200 to purchase food warming equipment and to replace dining room tables and chairs.
- Lawrence Arts Center received \$1,500 to support the preschool program, *Art in the Garden*.
- Lawrence Community Theatre received \$1,500 to purchase a laptop computer, software and an oversize printer.



Lawrence Rotary Provides Support for Project in Bolivia

Twelve member of the University of Kansas student organization, Engineers Without Border, along with their faculty advisor and Lawrence Rotary Club member,



Dr. Craig Adams, spend June in a mountain village in Bolivia working with the indigenous people building the first sanitary latrines in their village. The students taught the villagers how to properly use and maintain the facilities. The students will be returning to the village next summer with the goal of building sanitary latrines for each family and donating solar showers for each family home. Partial funding was provided by the Lawrence Rotary Club and the club is planning to raise funds to complete this project .

Need Graphics for Rotary Promotions?

Need a graphic of the Rotary Wheel, the current Rotary theme logo, perhaps a different version of the Wheel?

A wealth of Rotary graphics is available to all Rotarians around the world thanks to a generous Rotarian in Sweden. Should you use one the graphics, please give appropriate credit to the graphics-for-Rotarians.org website and its creator Rotarian Tord Elfwendahl. Many of the graphics from the District Newsletter are from this website.



Graphics-for-Rotarians.org

District Membership Numbers

Month of June

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 July 15, 2009.

The membership count listed for July 1, 2008 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 2008-09.

CLUB	7/1/2008 Membership	Membership As Of 6/30/2009	Membership Goals	March Attendance
Atchison	71	71	74	47.00%
Baldwin City	12	14	14	68.00%
Blue Rapids	20	0	21	0.00%
Blue Valley	10	0	14	0.00%
Bonner Springs	28	0	32	0.00%
Burlingame	10	12	11	52.08%
Burlington	36	0	39	0.00%
Council Grove	47	0	49	0.00%
De Soto	41	36	46	53.38%
Emporia	77	72	82	45.98%
Emporia Sunrise	18	17	20	46.00%
Frankfort	23	0	25	0.00%
Gardner	60	64	66	74.22%
Garnett	25	26	28	52.00%
Holton	27	25	29	72.00%
Howard	16	17	18	61.76%
Johnson County	46	45	51	76.53%
Junction City	82	89	102	49.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	18	0	20	0.00%
Kansas City	66	62	71	61.00%
Lawrence	205	192	215	51.64%
Lawrence Central	30	28	36	54.20%
Lawrence Jayhawk	64	66	66	60.16%
Leavenworth	86	97	87	68.00%
Leawood	52	53	53	86.00%
Lenexa	47	37	65	0.00%
Louisburg	42	42	43	50.00%
Manhattan	203	216	205	57.00%
Manhattan Konza	56	61	59	48.09%
Marysville	42	44	45	75.00%
Olathe	89	91	94	62.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	47	45	48	46.00%
Osawatomie	26	27	29	66.00%
Oskaloosa	25	0	27	0.00%
Ottawa	23	26	24	59.00%
Overbrook	28	33	30	78.00%
Overland Park	162	156	170	64.91%
Overland Park South	93	94	98	83.59%
Paola	35	32	39	69.00%
Shawnee	67	62	69	70.00%
Shawnee Mission	66	63	85	56.00%
Spring Hill	15	0	17	0.00%
Topeka Downtown	205	194	210	50.68%
Topeka North	19	18	21	66.00%
Topeka South	116	118	118	61.80%
Topeka West	22	20	26	90.00%
Valley Falls	21	19	23	78.00%
Village West	34	37	41	67.00%
TOTALS/Average Attendance	2653	2332	2855	61.02%

WELCOME—New Members For June

Council Grove	Debbie Goins, Angie Schwerdtfeger
Indian Creek Sunset Prov	Jorge Coromac
Lawrence	Beverly Smith Billings
Lawrence Jayhawk	Jacob (Jake) Letourneau
Overland Park South	Reggie Kemna
Spring Hill	Robert Guess, Ann Jensen, Teresa Kiesling
Topeka Downtown	Larry McCoig



Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for June

WILL YOUR CLUB BE LISTED HERE NEXT MONTH?

<i>Topeka West</i>	<i>90.00%</i>
<i>Leawood</i>	<i>86.00%</i>
<i>Overland Park South</i>	<i>83.59%</i>
<i>Overbrook</i>	<i>78.00%</i>
<i>Valley Falls</i>	<i>78.00%</i>
<i>Johnson County</i>	<i>76.53%</i>
<i>Marysville</i>	<i>75.00%</i>
<i>Gardner</i>	<i>74.22%</i>
<i>Holton</i>	<i>72.00%</i>
<i>Shawnee</i>	<i>70.00%</i>

*Average Club
Meeting
Attendance for the
month of June:
61.02%*

Ottawa Rotary Club Youth Exchange Students

The Ottawa Rotary Club Youth Exchange students, Laura Stienen (Switzerland) and Olivia Rauchegger (Austria), each presented programs with PowerPoint presentations and shared tscrapbooks of their adventures and experiences of being an exchange student. The club honored the Dennis and Kari Butler family who hosted Laura (in picture on the right) for the entire year. The family shared some of their experiences and spoke very highly of Laura.



Club News

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

*Linda Ireland,
exec5710@swbell.net*

Include details and pictures if available.

Topeka North Rotary Club

- The club held its 6th Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser on Friday, June 19th at Lake Shawnee Golf Course in Topeka. The weather was terrific and golfers had a great day. The club raised \$1,000 for polio and met their club goal for fundraising for their community and international service projects.
- Outgoing club President Michael Bush was awarded a plaque for his service and dedication as Club President in 2008-09.

Burlington Rotary Club

- The club plans to increase their four local High School Scholarships from \$500 to \$750 each. To raise the funds, the club is planning a **Texas Hold'em Tournament in November.**
- The club is donating their raffle money from each meeting to their local **God's Store House.**



Emporia Rotary Club

- The club continues to use their Happy Bucks towards their \$25,000 fundraiser to help rebuild the lemur exhibit at the Emporia Zoo. In September, the fundraising committee is planning a gala dinner under the stars at the Zoo.
- Five members received PHF+1 recognition at the final meeting of the 2008-09 Rotary year. The members were Lee Nelson, Marshall Miller, Dan McClenny, Teresa Walters and Stan Sommers.



Gardner Rotary Club

- Held a food drive for the local food pantry.
- Welcomed home the Outbound students and held a farewell gathering for Inbound students leaving for home.
- Marlin Chanay was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship at the Annual dinner for his Service Above Self.

Valley Falls Rotary Club

- The club presented awards to the Valley Falls Student of the month.
- **The club's Youth Exchange student from Poland, Olympia, was honored as a guest.** The club presented her with a going away present from the membership before her return to Poland and her family.
- At the June 25th meeting, four members were presented the Paul Harris Fellowship which makes all members except one a Paul Harris Fellow. The PHF recipients in June were Charles Hamon, Rick Sweeney, Ken Hartle and Jacques Molleker.



Club News

Ottawa Rotary Club

- Hosted a reception after a Suzuki Strings concert for over one hundred attendees. This gave the club exposure to the Community of Rotary and how it provides Service Above Self.
- Chuck Bigham, 2008-09 President, received on behalf of the club the 2008-09 Presidential Citation. (See picture to the right)
- The club inducted two new members into the club: Robin Flory (Library Director) and Dr. Felix Burrows (Minister).



Johnson County Rotary Club

- Presented three new Paul Harris Fellows
- Presented checks for \$4,100 to each of two local project recipients: Higher M-Pact and the Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center.
- Planted a memorial tree at the Merrium Historical Cemetery.
- The club sent in an additional \$590 to EREY for a total of \$5,800 or \$108 per member.
- Held their Annual Banquet with 57 diners present. ADG Duletski installed their new officers and presented the District Club of the Year Plaque to the members. Twenty-three perfect attendance pins were presented to club Rotarians. Carol Hockenberry and Lyle Curtis were named "Rotarians of the Year." President Larry Williams handed over the gavel to Bill Kadyk and his new Board of Directors.



Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club

- Dr. Jake Letourneau joined the club on June 25th, bringing the club to "Net Two" for the 2008-09 year.
- Bob Photon was presented with his Paul Harris Fellowship +1.

Lawrence Rotary Club

- Past President Ted Haggart was recognized by PDG Vickie Randel with a District Governor's Citation for his excellent leadership of the Lawrence Rotary Club. Then President Ann Evans awarded Haggart with a Paul Harris Award for his commitment to Rotary and his enthusiastic leadership of the club.

Village West Rotary Club

- The club will hold its 3rd Annual Village West Rotary Parade of Heroes on October 1st. The parade will take place at the Legends Shopping District and all Rotarians are encourage to attend, not only to honor veteran heroes, but heroes from all walks of life.
- The 2009-10 club board members completed a strategic planning session with Terry Woodbury, CEO of KS Communities. Terry is a well know Strategic Planning Consultant through-out Kansas and the Midwest and he is also a Rotarian.



Club News

Leawood Rotary Club



- The club has prepared and submitted their application for year three for a matching grant for the WASH project in Sololá, Guatemala. See article on pages 4-5.
- The club will host Russian judges from September 16th to October 3rd.

Overbrook Rotary Club

- Club distributed posters for the July Blood Drive.
- Club will continue the trash pickup on Highway 56.
- Club is establishing monthly social outings in addition to regularly scheduled meeting to provide opportunities for networking and socializing.

Overland Park Rotary Club



- Star Spangled Spectacular (partnered with Corporate Woods and the City of Overland Park) was a great success. Over 60,000 people enjoyed this community event. The club partnered with Farmers Insurance to feed over 700 local veterans and their families.
- **Club donated \$5,000 to fund the building of a school in Mali arising from the club's support of Boi, a boy from Mali who the club supported financially. Boi received life saving surgery in Kansas City.**
- Fifteen Paul Harris Fellowship were presented at the Installation Banquet and recent monthly meetings. **The club presented their "Distinguished Service Award" to Greg Musil at the Installation Banquet. The club's Foundation awarded its "Service Above Self" award to Ethyl Davis in recognition of her charity support work.**



SERVICE Above Self

Paola Rotary Club

- The club held the 60th Annual Miami County Fair Parade, sponsored by the club. The club also hosted a luncheon for fair volunteers.
- The club inducted two new members, Jennifer Fox and Mike Brown.
- Club presented a Paul Harris Fellow to club Past President, Lynn McBride.

Topeka South Rotary Club

- The club has begun a "Every Rotarian Every Year" campaign. Two club members made a \$100 contribution the first week.

Marysville Rotary Club

- The club recognized Kirk Bradford for his years of service to the club. Kirk has served as Secretary/Treasurer since 1996 and is retiring from the position.

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Club News

Overland Park South Rotary Club

- The club completed the 20th Anniversary of Jazz in the Woods, and Country in the Woods in June. The three days of free concerts in a family friendly environment was experienced by tens of thousands of people. Final number on the amount raised is still pending. Funds will be distributed to four charities—Overland Park South Foundation, Marillac, Fox 4 Love Fund and Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center at the end of August.
- THE CLUB CELEBRATED 20 YEARS AS A ROTARY CLUB!



Louisburg Rotary Club

- Rotarian Craig Holtzen was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship on June 17th. Craig is a past club president and a leader in the Louisburg community. Craig was awarded the fellowship by the club as a recognition of his service to his club and to the community.
- Rotarian Kiersten Allen was recognized on June 24th as Louisburg Rotary's Silent Rotarian.

Shawnee Mission Rotary Club

- Club presented proceeds from Greater Kansas City Days to Sunflower House on June 24th. The check was presented by out-going club President Ed McConwell to Cynthia Smith (President) and Allison McLain (Research & Development Director) of Sunflower House. (Picture to the right)
- Four Paul Harris Fellowship awards were presented in June—two by the club, one by a donor, and one by a club member. Pictured at right, Foundation Chair Russ Erickson presented club member Wilbur Spalding his Paul Harris Fellowship award.



Sunflower House, a child abuse prevention center, is a non-profit, United Way agency serving Wyandotte and Johnson Counties in Kansas. Founded in 1977, our mission is to protect children in our community from physical and sexual abuse through education, advocacy, forensic and medical services.

Junction City Rotary Club

- President-elect Jeff Feist has developed a survey to distribute to the members to find their availability and abilities to engage in community activities. This is the first step in **ramping up the club's community involvement initiatives.**
- The club celebrated Past President DVM Mark Stenstrom receiving his Paul Harris Fellowship award. Pictured at right is Rex **Matney (Mark's sponsor) pinning the Paul Harris pin on Mark.**

