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Message from DG Jim and Elaine

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Words cannot express how proud I am of the clubs in District 5710. I want to thank each and every 2009-10 Club President and Club Secretary for making my year as District Governor a success. And there are no words to express my appreciation to the Assistant Governors who spent hours visiting and working with their clubs on my behalf.

In a tough economy when some Districts decreased in membership, our District grew! Yes, some clubs struggled to keep members, but others stepped up to the plate and flourished. Our clubs proved that tough times were not going to get them down. They put on a positive attitude and moved forward. Clubs joined together for very successful projects. See pages 14 and 15 for a year in review of picture and projects.

Our district excelled in awards this year. The Manhattan Konza received the North American Area Literacy Award, thirteen clubs received the Zone Literacy Award and thirty clubs received the District Literacy Award. (See story in next months newsletter.) Twenty six clubs received the Presidential Citation Award and twenty plus have become or are on their ways to becoming STAR Clubs by contribution \$100 or more per member to the Annual Fund. We celebrated Leavenworth Rotarian Beau Kansteiner as he completed 39 YEARS of perfect attendance. Chuck Frazier from the Emporia Rotary Club was presented the highest Rotary International Award, the Service Above Self Award. Larry Dimmitt received the Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service from the Rotary Foundation Trustees. The Service Award for a Polio-Free World was presented to Robert Thompson for his outstanding work as District Polio Eradication Chair. And many, many more awards.

At my banquet at District Conference, Laurie Oleson sang a song that sums up the attitude of District 5710 for the 2009-10 Rotary Year.

So you wanna change the world
What are you waiting for?
Say, you're gonna start right now
What are you waiting for?
Now, it only takes one voice
So come on now and Shout it out
Give a little more
What are you waiting for??



Rotarians of District 5710, I thank you for a great year, for changing the world, right now - and for NOT WAITING! Elaine and I will always cherish this past year as one of challenges, ups and downs, but always moving forward. We are so happy to count many new friends and have enjoyed visiting the clubs and Rotarians.

God Bless all of you,
DG Jim and Elaine

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PDG Chuck Frazier Receives Top Rotary Award

Rotary International has awarded the “Service Above Self” award, its highest honor and recognition of an individual Rotarian to Chuck Frazier, member of the Emporia Rotary Club. The award is given annually to less than 150 Rotarians around the world who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

Chuck joined the Emporia club in 1979. He has been very active in not only the local club but has also worked at the district, zone and international levels. Chuck served as president of the Emporia Rotary club in 1986-87. He served as District 5710 Governor in 1998-99. He currently serves Rotary International as the International Coordinator of their **Youth Services Resource Group** which covers RI’s four youth and your adult programs.



Emporia Rotarian Chuck Frazier was presented with the “Service Above Self Award,” Rotary International’s highest honor, at the District 5710 Conference. Pictured L to R: RI Representative Robin Shelley, DG Jim Mattes, Chuck Frazier and wife Nancy.

Chuck and his wife Nancy have hosted seven youth exchange students in their home. He was Emporia Rotary Club’s youth exchange committee chair for over ten years, chaired the district committee for four years and has been involved with South Central Rotary Youth Exchange, an affiliate association of Rotary International since 1986. He served many years on their board of directors and was their treasurer for five years. Chuck continues to organize 2-week summer tours of the East and West coast for nearly 150 of their students.

On a trip in 1986 to Senegal in West Africa to visit his daughter who was a Rotary exchange student there, Chuck visited a polio rehabilitation hospital funded by the Rotary Foundation. Upon returning, he became an advocate for Rotary’s effort to eradicate polio from the world. Chuck and Nancy went to Africa in 1998 to participate in Rotary’s National Immunization Day (NID) in Ghana where they assisted in administering the oral vaccine to several million children age five and younger in a 2-day period. As a result of his work in polio eradication, he was awarded Rotary’s Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World in 2000, one of only nine such awards given.

Over his years of membership, Chuck has worked on numerous matching grants with The Rotary Foundation; the most recent, a project completed in March to dig over 100 arsenic-free water wells in Bangladesh. This project is now supplying tens of thousands of residents in numerous villages with safe drinking water.

In 2004 Chuck was appointed to be the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator by the chairman of The Rotary Foundation. He served in that position for three years, working with thirteen Rotary district across seven states. As a result of his multiple efforts in fund development and education of Rotarians about their programs, The Rotary Foundation awarded him the Citation for Meritorious Service. In 2006 he received The Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor from The Rotary Foundation for his continued humanitarian work. In addition to his many efforts with Rotary and its project, Check has over ten years of perfect attendance to Rotary club meetings and continues to serve on the board of directors of the Emporia Rotary Club.

Awards Presented at District Conference



DG Jim, Robert Thompson receiving the Service Award for a Polio-Free World, RI Rep Robin Shelley III.



District Rotary Educator of the Year, Karen Tritt, DG Jim



Bob Wilhelm receiving Significant Achievement Award for Olathe Rotary Club, DG Jim



L to R: Significant Achievement Awards presented by DG Jim to Deb Rodenbaugh for the Manhattan Konza Club; to Crag Gaffney for the Village West Club; to Bob Charley Vogt for the Shawnee Club; to Kathy Lovitt for the Paola Club



DG Jim presenting the Small Club of the Year Award to Barbara Gerhard for the DeSoto Rotary Club



DG Jim presenting the Medium Club of the Year Award to Bob Wilhelm for the Olathe Rotary Club



DG Jim presenting the Large Club of the Year Award to Sue Maes for the Manhattan Rotary Club

Miles of Smiles at District Assembly



And the Smiles Continue at the District Conference



The Future of the District —Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotaract at Conference



SPECIAL THANKS TO Lois Kastner (Bonner Springs Rotary Club) for donating her time to take these wonderful pictures at the District 5710 Assembly and Conference.

PETS/SETS—Blazing New Trails in Rotary with Cowboy Logic



RI President 2010-12, Ray Klingensmith

District 5710 with RI President for 2010-11, Ray Klingensmith—87 Attendees—44 clubs represented—40 Presidents Elects—9 President-Elect Nominees— 7 Secretary-Elects—6 Secretaries—4 Trainers—6 Assistant Governors—2 Past District Governors—13 Club and District Leaders!

Article by Nancy Barber, Leawood Rotary Club

Riding to Salina for PETS/SETS for the third year in a row, I thought I would be traveling the same path with just a little different zig or zag than I had taken for the past years of attendance. Boy, was I off course, we are “Blazing New Trails in Rotary with Cowboy Logic.” This is the Theme of our 2010-2011 District Governor, John Vandewalle, so let’s all saddle up and sally forward.



RI President 2010-11 Ray Klingensmith

John pointed out the need for “Clarity of Direction” with a three to five year strategic plan and future vision for our clubs, the District and RI; thus, providing for a unified front and continuity of purpose with the club leadership plan and the goals for the Presidential Citation with Distinction! Notice the addition, not just the presidential citation, but THE PRESIDENTIAL CITATION WITH DISTINCTION. Cowboy logic says, “Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.” It seems like time for us to revisit what we are doing now—“if it is broke, then fix it.” Just because we have done it a certain way in the past, doesn’t mean we should do it the same for the future. So now we regroup and think on our long range planning.

Ray Klingensmith, Rotary’s International President for 2010 2011, was also in the saddle and as far as I know, this may be the only time we will be lucky enough to have the RI President in our campground. Ray was a Rotary Foundation ambassadorial Scholar in 1961 studying in Cape Town and John Vandewalle grew up in South Africa. . . small world with like mind sets or so it seems to me. Our RI President came on stage announcing, “I didn’t wear a tie because young people don’t want it. Most don’t like to sing and you better get a hold of an effective way to handle your attendance requirements. Fast track your new young members into leadership positions. Teach your members about internet make ups.”

Along that same vein and reflecting on some of John’s words and goals for growth in our district, these words of his come to mind:

1. See district membership grow to 3,000 by 2015 (3% per year). Our clubs need to play a stronger role in the membership drive, start new clubs, plan strategically and get team training on its way.
2. Leadership at the club level should be healthy with a 3-5 year plan and 100% Presidential Citations with Distinction. Our district has a 5 year plan including a succession plan.
3. We strive to achieve our commitments to The Rotary Foundation with a \$100 from every Rotarian every year.

PETS/SETS—Blazing New Trails in Rotary with Cowboy Logic (Continued)

As John points out, “We need to have a picture in our mind of what we want our horse to do. Risk, do not follow the common path, go where there is no path and leave a trail.” This time in Salina was an inspiration, it was creative and fun and most importantly, it brings new and long range challenges to each member.

Using John Vandewalle’s Cowboy Logic once again, “If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a room with an active mosquito.” With all of us pulling together in District 5710, we can make John’s dreams, RI’s dreams and our dreams real.



Ray signing a POLIO ball cap for Robert Thompson (District Polio Eradication Chair) to auction as Polio fundraiser item.



L to R: District Governor Nominee Kevin Tubbesing, RI President 2010-11 Ray Klingensmith, Larry Dimmitt (District Foundation Chair)

Leavenworth Rotary Club Created Rotary Wheel

Pictured here is the new “Rotary Wheel” the Leavenworth Club has just finished. It made its debut at the “Strike Out Polio” tailgating party at Kauffman Stadium. The club worked with a local firm to create the wheel—and now the firm has the templates, the experience and the RI license to recreate a wheel for other clubs. The “Wheel” folds in half for travel and storage.

Interested in the “Rotary Wheel” for your club event? Contact John Donovan at donovan_john@bah.com.



GSE Team from Brazil

Manhattan Rotaract Club Visits State Capitol

Article from Darrel Brensing, Co-Sponsor K-State Rotaract Club and District Rotaract Chair

The K-State Rotaract Club joined members of the Manhattan Rotary Club and their spouses to tour the renovation and restoration project for the State Capitol in April. They had a first class tour with an all star lineup of tour guides for this event and were given the “royal treatment.”



The tour was arranged by fellow Rotarian Dr. Mel Chastain who has been hired as a consultant to provide video and audio documentation for the entire renovation and restoration project. The tour was led by Barry Greis, Statehouse Architect; Vance Kelly, Principal/Project Manager with Treanor Architects; and Jim Rimmer, Senior Project Manager with J.E. Dunn Construction Company, the general contractor for the entire project. Prior to this position, Vance Kelley was with the Kansas State Historical Society in charge of identifying building of significance in the state of Kansas.



This was a “once in a lifetime” experience and all appreciated the effort that went into making this event possible. It was an excellent opportunity for the Rotarians and the Rotaractors to meet and enjoy one another.

Beau Kansteiner Presented the Four Avenues of Service Citation

It was Beau Kansteiner Day at the Leavenworth Rotary Club when Beau was presented the Four Avenues of Service Award in recognition for his years of service to Rotary and the community. Beau has been a member of the club since 1971 and *has perfect attendance for 38 years*. He demonstrated support of the Object of Rotary through active participation in each of the Four Avenues of Service: Club, Vocational, Community, and International. The award was presented by District Governor Jim Mattes and signed by Rotary International President, John Kenny.

Pictured L to R: Beau Kansteiner, DG Jim Mattes.



Million Dollar Dinner in Kansas City

On May 19, 2010 Rotary International President John Kenny attended a “Million Dollar Dinner” in Kansas City in his honor, joined by Rotarians from Districts 5710 and 6040 in Missouri. The million dollars raised for The Rotary Foundation in connection with the Dinner was contributed by Rotarians in amounts of at least \$100,000 each. Two of the contributors are from the Topeka Downtown Club in District 5710. They are James M. Caplinger, Sr., Major Donor Level IV, and Hurst Coffman, Bequest Society Level IV. District 5710 Governor Jim Mattes and his wife Elaine, and District Foundation Chair Larry Dimmitt and his wife Lois, also attended the Dinner. The next day Rotarians from District 5710 joined Missouri Rotarians in celebrating the Kansas City Club’s 100th Anniversary. President Kenny was keynote speaker for the Centennial Celebration held at Kansas City’s historic Union Station.



L to R: Larry Dimmitt, John Kenny, James Caplinger, Sr.



L to R: Hurst Coffman and John Kenny

Kansas City Club 13 Centennial Celebration



RI President John Kenny with Group Study Exchange team from Brazil. L to R: Suellen Oliveira, Marcio Oliveira, Ary Ferreira, John Kenny and Team Leader Podalyro Neto



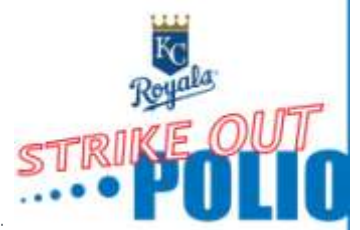
RI President John Kenney with former Kansas City, Missouri Mayor Berkley

Strike Out Polio at the Royals Fun for All

June 6 was "Strike Out Polio" Day at Royals Stadium, when the Royals hosted the Detroit Tigers. Over 400 Rotarians and guests from Kansas and Missouri and surrounding area attended the game, supporting Rotary's Polio eradication program. District Governor Jim Mattes led the enthusiastic fans from District 5710. For each ticket purchased, the Royals contributed \$16 to PolioPlus. Before the game there was a gala tailgate party, organized by Robert Thompson, District Polio Chair, and others. (See pictures.) One of the guests at the tailgate was Rotary International Director, Fred Hahn. Fred was later honored at a pre-game ceremony on the field, featuring Rotary's PolioPlus program. It was a beautiful day at the ball park, and to top it all off, the Royals won--7 to 2!



1. District Polio Chair Robert Thompson with Zone 29-30 Director Fred Hahn.
2. Seaman High School Interact Sponsor Carrie Magette and Laenii Crow, senior at Seaman and member of Seaman High School Interact Club.
3. Assistant District Governor Gina Coffman and her husband Dave, Kathleen Hickert. Gina and Kathleen are members of the Topeka West Club.
4. Leavenworth Club Rotary Wheel.
5. Lois Dimmitt, PDG 6040 John Gill, Fred Hahn.
6. PDG 6040 Jerry Franklin, Fred Hahn, DG Jim.
7. Youth Exchange students from Johnson County.



Rotary Filter Project in Ngobe

Adapted from an Article by Dick Meidinger from Lawrence Rotary Club Newsletter



The Rotary Filter Project Team under the leadership of Lawrence Rotary Club member Richard Meidinger, recently returned from completing the Rotary District 5710 Water Purification Project in the Ngobe-Bugle Indian Reservation in Western Panama. They worked with the Panama David Rotary Club in District 4240, and Heart to Heart International to provide 30 biosand water filters to provide clean water in homes, schools, and medical clinics that had no fresh water source. They were especially honored to have Jorge Coromac from Heart to Heart and member of the Indian Creek Sunset Rotary Club (Prov) accompanying them. Jorge is a native of Guatemala, and the Central and South American Director of



Services for Heart to Heart out of Overland Park, Kansas. He taught them about the filters, how to assemble and install them and educated 40 of the local Indian health and education leadership. The David Club promoted the project and selected where the filters would be installed. They provided translators and also worked with them during the filter installations.



The Ngobe Indians live in extreme poverty, and even their hospital clinics and schools have no electricity or reliable water source. Water is carried a bucket at a time from a spring or "water hole" as much as a quarter of a mile away from the school. These water sources are used for drinking and cooking water, washing clothes, and even bathing. Consequently, water-borne disease is a major problem. The biosand filters can be a significant tool to correct this.



The team installed filters in some extremely remote schools—some with barely passable roads, and at one site, the team had to carry the filter and its 150 pounds of sand and gravel for a mile down a mountain road.



The team of District 5710 Rotarians included Dori Milldyke and Deb Rodenbaugh from the Manhattan Konza Rotary Club, Susan Andersen whose spouse is in the Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club and Dick Meidinger from the Lawrence Rotary Club.

The mission was a success. The team thought this would be a demonstration project, but it was obvious immediately that these simple filters will have a profound effect on the health and well-being of each of the families and schools that received one. They already are requesting more filters!



Deb Rodenbaugh with a sweet baby.

Ambassadorial Scholar Selected

Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee Co-chair, **Carrie Sowers**, announced the **Nominee's and runner up's** for the 2011-12 scholarship year.

1st Nominee: McKenzie Ann Snow, sponsored by Manhattan Rotary Club, currently attending Kansas State University. Her area of study is political science. She wants to attend the University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom.

2nd Nominee: Sarah Jane Shier, sponsored by Lawrence Rotary Club, currently attending the University of Kansas. Her area of study is political science/history. She wants to attend the University of Auckland in New Zealand.



L to R: Todd Nicholas Dorsey, Subha Chatterjee, DG Jim Mattes, Sarah Jane Shier and McKenzie Ann Snow.

1st Runner Up: Subha Chatterjee, sponsored by Emporia Rotary Club, currently attending Emporia State University Masters Program, Lawrence, KS. Her area of study is biology/visual arts/education—graduate program: art therapy/mental health counseling. **She wants to attend Gold Smith's New Cross London, United Kingdom.**

2nd Runner Up: Todd Nicholas Dorsey, sponsored by Lawrence Rotary Club, currently attending the University of Kansas. His area of study is marketing. He wants to attend the University of New South Wales, Kensington, Australia.

2010 Leadership Kansas Class

Leadership Kansas is a nationally recognized program that aims to develop, educate and motivate future leaders in all four corner of the state and is entering its 32nd year. The program fosters greater awareness and understanding of statewide business, political and social issues.

Each year more than 600 people are nominated to apply for the program. Upon the conclusion of the application and selection process, 40 individuals are selected to participate in the class. Throughout the six-month program, the 40 members of the class are exposed to a variety of experts and educational three-day training sessions in six different Kansas communities. Discussion topics include: business, education, agriculture, public policy, societal health and development, economics and government.

Of the 40 individual selected, 21 work in cities within District 5710 and 8 of the 21 are members of Rotary. *Congratulations goes to the following Rotarians in the 2010 Leadership Kansas Class:*

- Charles Blaser, executive director for the Douglas County Community Foundation, *Lawrence Jayhawk club*
- Kristina Boone, professor and department head at Kansas State University, *Manhattan club*
- Julie Hower, vice president and trust officer for Farmers and Drivers Bank in Council Grove, *Council Grove club*
- Ashley Kallman, co-owner of the Atchison Automotive Group, *Atchison club*
- Jim Ogle, general manager for WIBW Channels in Topeka, *Topeka Downtown club*
- Denise Ott, executive director of the Junction City-Geary County Military Affairs Council in Fort Riley, *Junction City club*
- Debra Rodenbaugh, workforce response coordinator for KansasWorks of Manhattan, *Manhattan Konza club*
- Marlou Wegener, COO for the BDBSKS Foundation of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas, *Topeka South club*

[CLICK HERE](#) for complete list of 2010 Leadership Kansas Class

Youth Exchange—Andrea Brown In Switzerland

From 5 June 2101 of Andrea’s blog. To access her complete blog, go to the District website (rotary5710.org), scroll to the bottom of the gold column under “District Links” and click on “Andrea Brown in Switzerland (Youth Exchange).”

Papilloram, Plus a Fribourgeois Afternoon

Yesterday I went to a Rotary event in Kerzers at the [Papillorama](#), one of those greenhouses filled with a butterfly garden. The event turned out to be a volunteer experience, and my counselor had forgotten to tell the president of my host club that he had suggested that we come, so everyone was a bit surprised by they said I was welcome to stay and help out. The event was for disabled and very sick children to come to this place with their families and enjoy the butterflies, food, and activities for a night. I ended up cutting out paper butterflies for the kids to color on and I ended up talking to the kids about their drawings as they sat at the table. It was really nice to be around kids because I haven’t had any contact with kids at all this year. The youngest host sibling I have had so far is 15! Although that will change with my 3rd host family, which I will blog about a bit later.

Then today we had the final debriefing meeting with the people in charge of the Rotary exchange for my host district. For once we had a Rotary event in Fribourg, so I only had to take the bus in the morning! And to make things even better, some Rivella representatives were giving out free bottles of [Rivella green](#) at the train station. Rivella is a Swiss soft drink made with 35% milk whey. It’s actually pretty good. It was a bit strange the first time I tasted it but now I like it.



Paula and Andrea (on the right) in front of the train station with their Rivellas.

2009-10 Year in Review—Club Projects and Pictures—Just a Few of MANY



