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District 5710 News

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Membership Development—“Two Futures”

By Rich Barbuto, District Membership Chair

Consider this scenario. The year is 2029. A teenage girl comes to her dad and says, “Dad, my homework project is to write a short biography of an ancestor. I chose your mother, Grandma Smith. What can you tell me about her that is interesting?”

“Well, your grandmother was very proud to be a Rotarian.”

“What’s a Rotarian?”

“Well, I’m not sure how to answer that. Rotary used to be an important club long ago. I remember Grandma went to meetings for lunch. I think there are still some Rotary clubs here and there but I’m not sure.”

Now, consider a second scenario. Upon learning that her grandmother was a Rotarian, our student responds:

“Grandma Smith was a Rotarian! Wow! My high school principal is a Rotarian. He has the wheel on the wall in his office. So is our dentist. And we go to the Rotary pancake breakfast every year.”

“Yes, your Grandmother was extremely proud to be a Rotarian. She even went to Africa to vaccinate children for polio.”

“I didn’t know that! Polio is gone now, right?”

“Yup, the last case was reported back in 2010. Grandma Smith was always proud of her role in eradicating that disease.”

Okay, so much for the glimpse into two possible futures. The first is a world in which Rotary slowly died out as fewer and fewer persons of good will were attracted to what Rotary offered. The second is a world in which Rotary continued to be a force for good because it was sustained by the efforts of Rotarians to bring the opportunities for service and fellowship to each new generation.

Here are some numbers for your consideration. *In June 2003, District 5710 reported 2,841 members. As of the end of September 2009, there are 2,592 Rotarians in our district. The loss over these six years is 249 Rotarians, nearly a 9% loss! Very few of these missing Rotarians can be attributed to the recession.*

The members of each club might ask themselves “Where will our club be in another six years?” If you want to pass on Rotary to the next generation in your community, you will need to dedicate some of the club’s energy to recruiting and retention right now. The alternative future is one in which Rotary is irrelevant in your community.

Next month: “What to do?”



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Foundation Banquet Big Success!

The District's Fourth Annual Foundation Banquet was held November 14 in Overland Park. About 170 members and guests attended the affair, and a little over \$17,000 was raised for The Rotary Foundation. Rotary International Director Phil Silvers from Arizona was our keynote speaker and numerous awards were presented by District Governor Jim Mattes to Rotarians who made significant contributions—in money and service—during the past year. Kevin Tubbesing was the event chair and MC, and a great time was had by all who attended. Next year we hope to double the size of this event.

Larry Dimmitt, District Foundation Chair



The Rotary Foundation Trustees recognize Rotarians who have rendered significant, active service to The Rotary Foundation. This year Larry Dimmitt, District 5710 Foundation Chair, was presented with the Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. Pictured above is our DG Jim Mattes, PDG Larry Dimmitt, RI Director for Zone 21b/27 Phil Silvers and RI Director for Zones 30/31 Fred Hahn.



#1 Top Contributing Club to the Annual Programs Fund—Shawnee Rotary Club. Pictured above, Doug Wesselschmidt, DG Jim.



#2 Top Contribution Club to the Annual Programs Fund—Leawood Rotary Club. Pictured above is club President Kathy Rogers, DG Jim, and Chuck Sweeney.



#3 Top Contributing Club to the Annual Programs Fund—Lawrence Jayhawk. Pictured PDG Bob Schwartz and DG Jim.

Foundation Banquet Big Success! (Cont)

Photos by Lois Kastner



The EREY award was presented to the Emporia Sunrise Rotary Club. Every member of their club contributed at least \$100 to the Annual Programs Fund. Pictured to the left: Ann McCauley, Club Secretary, and DG Jim.



The Lawrence Rotary Club was presented a Star Club Award. Pictured to the right: Ann Evans, Club President and DG Jim.



Major Donor Crystals were presented to PDG Vickie Randel (Lawrence) and Russ Erickson (Shawnee Mission). Major Donors are couples or individuals whose combined personal outright or cumulative giving has reached \$10,000. Pictured above to the left: DG Jim, PDG Vickie and Hurst Coffman. Pictured above to the right: DG Jim, Julie and Russ Erickson, and Hurst Coffman.



Bequest Society Crystal was presented to Todd Goodman (Shawnee). Bequest Society members are couples or individuals who have made commitments of \$10,000 or more in their estate plans. Pictured: Todd, DG Jim and Hurst Coffman.



A Paul Harris Fellow was presented to Bastian Hahn (Youth Exchange Student from Spain) by Julie and Russ Erickson. Bastian is a YE student sponsored by the Shawnee Mission club and staying with the Erickson's. Pictured: Richard Erickson, Bastian, DG Jim, Julie and Russ Erickson.

Group Study Exchange Outbound Team to Brazil Announced

The Outbound Group Study Exchange Team to District 4720, Amazon Region of Brazil, has been selected and held their first meeting November 15th in Topeka. Team introductions were made and the groundwork was laid for team preparations over the next few months until their departure in April 2010. Pictured to the right, first row: Eric Sanford (Manhattan), Sarah Heidebrecht (Manhattan). Second Row: Lucas Shivers (Shawnee) Gaelynn Wolf-Bordonara (Emporia), team leader Ken Davis (Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club), member alternate Ben Champion (Manhattan), team leader alternate Rex Taylor (Shawnee Mission Rotary Club). The GSE committee thanks the following Rotary clubs for bringing forth such great GSE ambassadors to represent our district—Shawnee, Shawnee Mission, Kansas City, Kansas, Manhattan, Olathe, and Emporia Rotary clubs.



Submitted by Michelle Crozier, GSE Co-Chair

GSE Team Blog Up and Running

Ken Davis has wasted no time in setting up the communications for the GSE team to Brazil! The team blog is up and running. Put this into your favorites to keep up on the team training, what they are doing, where they are, and much more! District 4720 is the large bright green area in the upper part of the map.

The blog address is: <http://rotarygse5710-brazil2010.blogspot.com>

DISTRICT PREPARING FOR THE INBOUND TEAM FROM BRAZIL

March 25-April 25, 2010

Is your club willing to help with:

- Home hosting
- Club meeting hosting with Team presentation
- Vocational days (waiting for vocations/interests of the inbound team)
- Sight seeing/shopping days
- Sporting events
- District Conference
- Transportation

If so, please contact Doug Wesselschmidt by December 1st.
dwesselschmidt@ci.shawnee.ks.us



Camille Dubos is Youth Exchange Student at Free State High School, Lawrence

The Lawrence Jayhawk Breakfast and Monday Noon Rotary clubs are sponsoring Rotary Youth Exchange student Camille Dubos.

Camille is from Fretin, France and is a senior at Free State High School. She was a member of the FSHS gymnastics squad, known as the Magnificent 7, which shared the 2009 Kansas State Gymnastics championship title with Newton High School. Camille competed in the uneven bars and vault events.

Her father, Eric, is an agent for EDF, an electrical company in France; her mother, Sylvie, is an auxiliary nurse; and her older sister, Mathilde, is a student.

Dr. Carolyn Johnson, Monday Noon Rotarian, and her children, Emily, a senior at FSHS, and Evan a freshman at West Junior High School, are serving as the host family for Camille. (Emily and Evan's grandfather is Stan Teeter, member of the Topeka Downtown Rotary, past District Governor of District 5710 and current District Treasurer).



Youth Exchange Student Camille Dubos is shown with her U.S. sister, Emily Johnson. Both young women are seniors at Lawrence Free State High School.

Camille indicates that she enjoys her classes at Free State High School and is having a wonderful time experiencing life in the United States.

From Lawrence Jayhawk Breakfast Club Newsletter

Andrea Brown, Youth Exchange in Switzerland—Sponsor, Leawood Rotary Club

Andrea Brown, the club's Youth Exchange student, continues her amazing blog. In October Andrea used her general subscription ticket, which Rotary paid for, to ride the train to Bern, where she attended the Paul Klee Center. With a general subscription ticket, you can ride at no cost on trains, buses and boats throughout the country for an entire year. Using her ticket, Andrea traveled to Bern, got on a boat and went to the City of Luzern. During fall break, her host family took her to Aletsch Glacier, located in the heart of the Alps near Fiesch.

CHECK ANDREA'S BLOG - IT IS AMAZING!!

www.andreainswitzerland.blogspot.com

EDITOR NOTE: Andrea is an amazing photographer! These are just few of the beautiful pictures on her BlogSpot. And she writes with humor—making cookies in a foreign country—who would have thought it would be that hard!



Pictures from Zone Institute in Oklahoma City



Left to Right: World Health Organization Polio expert, Bruce Aylward, PDG Vickie Randel and Rotary Foundation Trustee Ron Burton.



DG Jim Mattes discussing polio eradication issues with Bruce Alyward, World Health Organization Polio expert.

Speaker/Program Ideas

- Joe Perrion:** G. Joseph “Joe” Pierron is a judge on the Kansas Court of Appeals. He grew up in Olathe, graduated from Olathe High School, Rockhurst College and received a degree from the University of Kansas School of Law in 1971. He was then an assistant county and district attorney for 11 years and a trial judge in Johnson County for 9 years. He was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1990. He moved to Lawrence in 2003. He has three children; Sam, who works for the Kansas City wizards soccer team; Abby, who works for the Kansas Historical Society and Museum; and Dan, who has an engineering degree from KU and is in his second year of Law School in Chicago. He is married to Diana Carlin Pierron who is a professor at KU (and also on the speaker list on the district website). Joe joined the Olathe Rotary Club in 1971 and served as President. He is currently a member of the Topeka Downtown Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Joe produces a mock trial using club members as his actors and drives home an interesting concept. His presentation is both entertaining and educational. Joe comes highly recommended by the DeSoto Rotary Club. Contact: pierronj@kscourts.org, office 785.296.5408.
- Command College in Leavenworth has students from around the world who come to the college to learn how to better lead their armies in their respective countries. These leaders speak excellent English and are available for speaking engagements. The men talk about their country, about the military and how they are learning different perspectives about how different cultures think. The DeSoto club had Bill McCollum at bill.mccollum@us.army.mil—913.684.4152. To have other leaders speak at your club contact Steve Boylan at steven.boylan@usarmy.mil or call Jane Wray at Strategic Communications at 913.684.3267.
- Paul Bosworth:** a former prisoner of war, he gives a delightfully entertaining saga of his experience as a prisoner. He lives in Olathe and can be reached at 913.764.1828.

Manhattan Konza Rotarians Reaching Out to Help the Unemployed

As one of their Vocational Service Committee projects, the Manhattan Konza Rotary Club has launched a new project which helps people learn of jobs in their vocational fields in the region by placing informational flyers in display racks of high-traffic, public places such as public libraries, public-info bulletin boards at grocery stores etc. The flyers highlight the KansasWorks.com website, a state-administered, taxpayer-based site which includes a job board of Kansas job openings. Use of the no-cost Kansas job board and other employment related services on the website are available to both jobseekers and employers. For example, jobseekers are able to **search and view “all jobs within 50 miles of xxx city in Kansas. The use of the advanced search function will also pull in about 400 other major job boards into one search, including familiar sites like monster.com, career builder, nationjob, usajobs, hotjobs, etc.** For **more information about this project, please contact Cheryl Philippi, Chair of the Manhattan Konza Rotary club’s Vocational Service Committee at Cheryl@peopleschoice4mortgages.com.** NOTE: The flyer will be added to the district website under Club Projects.

Lawrence Rotary Club—Paul Harris Fellows

On October 19, 2009, the Lawrence Rotary Club was able to recognize current members of the club and community members with Paul Harris Fellows because of the generous support of our former club members who are no longer living.

Rotarians receiving the recognition were:

- John Conard, Jr, a member of the Jayhawk Rotary Club, was recognized for his leadership of the Group Study Exchange program through the support of the Rotary Foundation by his father and longtime Rotarian, John Conard, Sr. John is a Paul Harris Fellow plus 2.
- Jane Bateman was recognized for her leadership of the club, serving as Past President, chair of the very active Community Services Committee and her outstanding service to our District as chair of the 2009 District Conference. Jane's recognition was a Paul Harris Fellow plus 1 recognition.
- Curtis Marsh was recognized for his exemplary work in overseeing the charter of the Kansas University Rotaract Club and his ongoing support and mentoring of its members in their Rotaract activities.
- Doni Mooberry-Slough was recognized for her many years of outstanding service to the club as the Treasurer, her work with the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy and her steadfast and highly professional attention to the many administrative affairs of the club.
- Andrea Norris was awarded and Paul Harris Fellow plus 2 recognition because of her inspiring, dedicated, enthusiastic and capable service to the club through the International Service and Group Study Exchange committees. And this recognized her three years of service to the district as chair of the Foundation Grants committee.

Non-Rotarians receiving the Paul Harris Fellowships were:

- Julie Hack's recognition was made possible through the contributions to the Rotary Foundation by her late husband and club member Al Hack. Both Julie and Al have served the community with their many leadership roles.
- **Barbara Nordling's was awarded because of the contribution of her late husband, Bernie Nordling. Bernie was an active member of the Hugoton Rotary Club from when they moved to Hugoton in 1949 until they moved to Lawrence in 1999 and he joined this club.**
- **Sylvie Johnson Rueff's recognition was made possible by her late father, Dr. Robert Johnson, long time member and past president of the Topeka Rotary Club.**
- And Marty Smith was honored in recognition of support of the Foundation by her late husband Dr. Lynwood Smith, a long time member of the Rochester, N.Y. Rotary club before they moved to Lawrence and he joined this club in 1994.

RI Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada—June 20-23, 2010

Register by **December 15, 2009** and **SAVE** on your registration fee. **Second savings deadline is March 31, 2010.**

Register online at rotary.org—OR—print registration form and fax or mail to Rotary International.



District Membership Numbers

Month of October

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 October by the deadline date of November 16, 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.

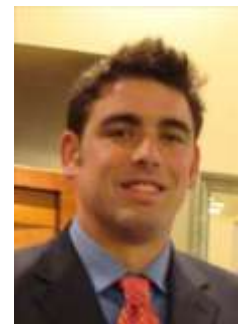
CLUB	7/1/2009 Membership	Membership As Of 3-10/31/2009	Membership Goals	March Atten- dance
Atchison	74	73	75	50.00%
Baldwin City	14	14	15	66.00%
Blue Rapids	20	0	21	0.00%
Blue Valley	12	11	13	80.00%
Bonner Springs	25	0	26	0.00%
Burlingame	12	12	13	58.33%
Burlington	32	31	33	57.90%
Council Grove	47	0	48	0.00%
De Soto	37	37	38	52.43%
Emporia	71	70	72	47.64%
Emporia Sunrise	17	15	18	45.00%
Frankfort	24	0	25	0.00%
Gardner	64	66	65	69.97%
Garnett	25	24	26	62.00%
Holton	24	23	25	64.00%
Howard	17	0	18	0.00%
Indian Creek Sunset (Prov)	17	18	18	64.00%
Johnson County	45	43	46	79.82%
Junction City	89	87	90	39.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	15	0	16	0.00%
Kansas City	62	61	63	62.50%
Lawrence	188	191	189	49.68%
Lawrence Central	28	0	29	0.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	66	68	67	67.33%
Leavenworth	95	93	96	71.00%
Leawood	55	54	56	90.00%
Lenexa	37	42	38	63.00%
Louisburg	43	40	44	47.00%
Manhattan	204	197	205	65.20%
Manhattan Konza	61	62	62	67.58%
Marysville	45	48	46	74.00%
Olathe	85	0	86	0.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	38	34	39	55.00%
Osawatomie	24	23	25	60.00%
Oskaloosa	31	32	32	60.00%
Ottawa	21	19	22	60.00%
Overbrook	33	0	34	0.00%
Overland Park	155	156	156	65.80%
Overland Park South	94	92	95	66.57%
Paola	31	31	32	69.00%
Shawnee	61	59	62	81.00%
Shawnee Mission	63	62	64	61.00%
Spring Hill	19	17	20	56.00%
Topeka Downtown	194	189	195	50.81%
Topeka North	19	18	20	65.00%
Topeka South	118	118	119	64.00%
Topeka West	19	19	20	92.00%
Valley Falls	20	20	21	82.00%
Village West	37	39	38	68.00%
TOTALS/Average Attendance	2627	2308	2676	61.79%

WELCOME—New Members For October

Atchison	Tim Becker
Emporia	Jami Reeve
Gardner	Frank Denning, Andrea Moll, Shawnak Patel, Sheryl Slyter
Garnett	Josh Morrill
Indian Creek Sunset (Prov)	Shannon Brady
Junction City	Vincent Brooks
Lawrence Jayhawk	Bryan Culver, Margie Lawrence, Kyle Tucker
Leavenworth	Billy Blackwell
Louisburg	Becky Hallagin
Manhattan	Douglas Meloan
Manhattan Konza	Karen Hibbard, Travis Say
Paola	Dustin Lansdown
Shawnee	Rob Moser, Brian Newby, John Thomas
Topeka Downtown	Melissa Masoner, Janlyn Nesbett-Tucker



Bryan Culver, Lawrence Jayhawk
New Member



Kyle Tucker, Lawrence Jayhawk
New Member

List downloaded from District website for the month of October. If your new club members are not listed, they have not been added to the District website yet.

Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for October

Will your club be listed here next month?

Topeka West	92.00%
Leawood	90.00%
Valley Falls	82.00%
Shawnee	81.00%
Blue Valley	80.00%
Johnson County	79.82%
Marysville	74.00%
Leavenworth	71.00%

*Average Club
Meeting
Attendance for the
month of October:*

Clubs between 65%-70%: Baldwin City, Gardner, Lawrence Jayhawk, Manhattan, Manhattan Konza, Overland Park, Overland Park South, Paola, Topeka North, Village West

Club News

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

*Linda Ireland,
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Include details and pictures if available.*

Blue Rapids Rotary Club

- Club members volunteered to take tickets at all Valley Heights High School football games.
- On October 14th the club hosted a Rotary Foundation Dinner at the historic Weaver Hotel in Waterville. A catered dinner was served and the club foundation chair provided an informative presentation on The Rotary Foundation. There were a total of 28 members and guests present. Several Marysville Rotary Club members also attended this event.

Paola Rotary Club

- **The club hosted its Annual Farmer's Night on October 22. This is the club's opportunity to feed the farmers who feed them.** The event was a huge success with a turnout of 151 people including 131 area farmers. The club fixed 170 steaks and a good time was had by all.
- The club suffered a major loss when longtime member, Bob Harrington, recently passed away. Bob was an exemplary Rotarian who donated countless hours to Rotary projects and other non-Rotary projects throughout the community. Bob was a true example of service above self. His spirit will live on and will be an example for this club in years to come.
- The club continues its membership drive. The hard work of the members and the committee has paid off with the addition of new member, Dustin Lansdown. The club goal is to add four new members by the end of the year.

Burlington Rotary Club

- Recent programs at club meetings have included: Emporia State University President Michael Lane highlighting recent accomplishments at **the University; Gene Merry telling of his adventures in the Kansas Explorer's Club and also sharing oil production history in Coffey County; Neodesha pastor Jim Logan sharing his recent medical mission trip "Operation Renewed Hope" to El Salvador; and Tom Byler providing information about the Kansas Small Business Development Center at ESU.**
- The club expanded their dictionary project to provided student dictionaries to 124 Coffey County third-graders during October. President-elect Ken Hughes is pictured to the right presenting dictionaries to Burlington Elementary School students. New this year, Shirley Hughes personalized each dictionary by printing the name of the recipient inside the cover. Dictionaries were presented to third-graders in Burlington, Lebo, Waverly, LeRoy and Gridley.
- Participated in a Backpack For Food program for elementary school students.



Indian Creek Sunset (Prov)

- The club donated \$700 for Heart-to-Heart's WASH program, which distributes water filters, antibiotics and basic hygiene items to families in Guatemala.
- **Purchasing two boxes of dictionaries for Manute Bol's Sudan Sunrise school project in Turalei, Sudan.**
- In October, Will Shields, former Kansas City Chiefs star, spoke to our club about his Will to Succeed Foundation.

"Will to Succeed" seeks to inspire, guide and improve the lives of abused, battered and neglected women and children. Will Shields, former Kansas city chiefs All-Pro Right Guard, along with his wife, Senia, created the "Will To Succeed" Foundation in 1993.



Lawrence Rotary Club

- The club held its annual fall work day at the Lawrence Arboretum. The Rotary Clubs in Lawrence founded the Arboretum in partnership with the Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department. Club members instrumental in this project are George Woodyard and David Ambler.
- The club has received grants for three projects. The Bolivian project is lead by club member and KU professor Craig Adams in partnership with the Rotary Club of La Paz, Bolivia and the KU chapter of Engineers Without Borders. The KU students will build composting toilets for a village in the mountains and will train the village residents on maintaining the toilets. The Panama project will be lead by club member Dr. Dick Meidinger. A team of doctors, nurses and dentists will assist the residents with medical supplies and sanitation equipment. While on sabbatical in India, Rev Peter Luckey was hosted by a local Rotary club and learned about their water purification needs. He has proposed a project to assist with these needs.



L to R: Stan Shumway, Phil McKnight, George Woodyard, and David Ambler.

Overland Park South Rotary Club

- The club presented Paws to Freedom with a check for \$800 from their club Foundation to help provide an assistance dog to a child.
- The 2008-09 Pledge class and spouses had a social gathering and invited the current class to join them.
- Inducted Joyce Eacock as a new member.
- Freedom Bank hosted a happy hour for the club.



Lenexa Rotary Club

- As it does each year, club members volunteered at the Shawnee Mission College Clinic night at Shawnee Mission East High School by assisting with security and providing hospitality to the college representatives. The club also had a table to help promote the upcoming Wes Fry 4-Way Test Speech contest.
- Dictionaries were purchased and delivered to area 3rd-graders. The club was responsible for delivering 562 dictionaries to children at nine local schools.
- The club concluded their Thailand Shoe project. They raised \$815 directly and received matching funds from a District Simplified Grant of \$650 for a total of \$1,465 for the project. This provided over 260 pairs of shoes for school children in Thailand, the largest single contribution to the project to date.

Emporia Rotary Club

- Club welcomed new member Jami Reeve.
- Club members assisted with Emporia's "Clean Sweep" cleanup campaign in October. The program allowed Emporia citizens to discard/clean-up trash, metals, furniture, appliances—even old tires—without a direct disposal cost for them. The items and materials could be taken to designated drop off points, or citizens could call a special number to have items picked up by volunteers. Items were also sorted by workers at the drop off points so that metals, papers and other recyclable materials could be separated from the trash. The campaign was funded through grants, donations, and city budgeted funds.
- The club is preparing dictionaries that will be distributed in December to 3rd, 4th and 5th graders in Emporia schools as well as Emporia's Adult Education Learning Center. A combination 4-way test/student identification label will be placed on the inside cover of each dictionary.



Club News

Atchison Rotary Club

- Held an Atchison Rotary Club day at the American Royal Rodeo/Sarah Evans Concert in October. Twenty-eight members attended.
- Added two new members in October: Dr. Andrea (Onnie) Bock-Kunz, and Diana Weaver, Librarian Atchison Public Library.
- Held the Motorcycle Poker Run to benefit PolioPlus in October. It was freezing, but the fellowship was warm. The riders ate at the Grainery Saloon in Oskaloosa and had five stops. A special thanks to Valley Falls Rotary club for the water.

Poker Run participants!! Carrie (President Atchison Rotary Club) and her husband, Dan Sowers are in the front.



Leavenworth

- On a cold, rainy day a dozen hearty volunteers showed up for their ongoing project to keep 20th Street Trafficway attractive and free of litter. Club members helping were, Larry Turgeon, Tony Kramer, Dennis Fackler, Paul Kittle, Mike Gould, Shari Hansen, Rick Hansen, Tom Gray, Derald Linn and Tom Dials. Sixteen bags of trash were picked up. Tony Kramer opened his office as a meeting place and furnished coffee and rolls.
- Certificates were awarded to club members who helped with the 1st City Festival Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. Pictured left to right: John Persyn (Chair), Karel Sigthenhorst, Jo Burkett, Tom Gray, Scott Miller, Beau Kansteiner, Mike Gould, Marguerite Strange, Jayne Aylward, and Jim Cruer. Also receiving certificates, but not pictures were: Shay Baker, Vicky Kaaz, Dru Wheatcroft, Keith Rickard, Larry Turgeon, DeEtte Lombard and Jo Burkett's husband, Jack Burkett. The event was held at the new Haymarket Square Pavilion.



Village West Rotary Club

- The club was awarded a matching \$750 District Simplified Grant for the Maurice Holman Academy Store to Success Campaign which will allow them to provide \$1,500 for this program. Marilyn Alstrom spearheaded the grant application efforts.
- The Village West Rotary Board voted Scott Bond as President-Elect and Adam Ehler as club Vice-President due to the resignation of Mac Taylor whose new job took him out of the Village West/Legends area..

Topeka South Rotary Club

- The club continues serving at Let's Help, working with the Avondale West Elementary Pen Pals, Lunch Bunch and Mighty Mentors.
- The club raised \$1,600 during the silent auction at the "Uncorked II" wine tasting event in October.
- 30 members have made a \$100 contribution to the Rotary Foundation so far this year! The club goal—100% of the members!!

Council Grove Rotary Club

- The club added two new members: Sandy Bachura, Emprise Bank; and Genevieve Nichols, Council Grove/Morris County Chamber of Commerce.

Oskaloosa Rotary Club

- The Chili Cook-off was held on Halloween. Nineteen teams competed for three places and the Peoples Choice Award for the best decorated booth. The event was a great success and will be repeated next year—even bigger and better.
- International Students Night was held in October. Eight students from KU ISSS program attended the tour of the city/county government and dinner. Thirty-one member and guests attended the dinner.

International Students Night



Peoples Choice Award



1st Place Award

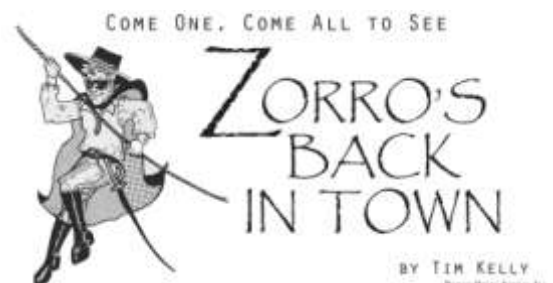
Shawnee Mission Rotary Club

- The club conducted their annual Dictionary Project in October. Dictionaries were purchased by the club and handed out to two classrooms of 3rd-graders at Rushton Elementary School in Mission by Mason Ormsby, Nathan Ourada, Chris Hope and Russ Erickson. The children were quite excited to receive their new dictionaries. Pictured L to R: President Russ Erickson, Chris Hope and Nathan Ourada.
- The club voted to partner with the Olathe Rotary Club in "Heart to Heart" for their next international project.
- The club is happy to welcome back DG Jim Mattes to his home club after many weeks of visiting clubs throughout the District.



Overbrook Rotary Club

- The club held a fish fry for their monthly social gathering.
- Members have spent time practicing for their melodrama "Zorro's Back In Town." Tune in next month for a picture of two of our Past District Governors "dressed" to the max!!



Manhattan Rotary Club

1. Nancy Knopp, spouse of member Joe Knopp, was named a Paul Harris Fellow in October. Nancy is most deserving of this award for her contributions to the Manhattan community and in appreciation for her many years of service on the Manhattan School Board where she served as president.. Nancy is one who lives daily the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" as she provides a wide range of volunteer leadership in the community. L to R: President Lyle Butler, Nancy and presenter Mitzi Richards.



2. Doug Melloan is a new member to the club. L to R: Jack Ryan, proposer, Doug, President Lyle Butler.
3. Jonathan and Marci Spaw are new members to the club. Jonathan and Marci were members of the GSE team to the Philippines in March of 2009. L to R: Betty Stevens, proposer of both, Marci, Jonathan, President Lyle Butler.



4. Congratulations to Tristan McCarty and Prashanth Ramaswamy, Manhattan High School Students of the Month for October. The Club is please to honor these outstanding students. L to R: President Lyle Butler, Tristan and Prashanth.

Gardner Rotary Club

- The club netted \$6,000 with their Annual Golf Tournament.
- Dictionaries were distributed to six elementary schools. Many of the teachers were very appreciative and would like them to continue with this program.
- Many club members spent a Saturday to transform the landscaping and grounds around a Faith Village rehab. The home is a facility that houses underdeveloped persons that need supervision outside of their home.
- Sleep in a Box—Gardner-Edgerton Interact students, club members and other high school students spent the night to collect food for the local food pantry.
- Club members participated in the local Boo Bash community event. Members assisted with the games and other activities to keep the children safe. Entrance fee was canned food for the local food pantry.
- The club has added three new members: Terry Slyter, Andrea Moll and Frank Denning (transferee).
- *RYCOE certificates were presented to four middle school students. This is the first presentation of the RYCOE award by the Gardner club. RYCOE stands for Rotary Youth Code of Ethics Award. It was apparent that the middle school students in particular have the ability to make important changes in their families, their school, their community and the world—if they are taught to follow the guidelines of the Four Way Test.*



Junction City Rotary Club



1. The club continues meeting and planning for the "Open Door Kitchen Project." Club members Jeff Fiest, Ralph Manning, Charles Neale, Marilyn Smith and Willie Thornberg met at the Open Door to measure walls and "strategize." L to R: Charles Neale, Ralph Manning, Marilyn Smith, Willie Thornberg and Sister C. Jeff Fiest behind the camera!
2. The club's very own Assistant District Governor Charles Volland receiving his Paul Harris from Dr. Mark Stenstrom.
3. The club welcomed Major General Vincent Brooks, Commanding General, First Infantry Division as their newest member.
4. Willie Thornberg and sponsor Mo Greenwood induct Shannon Watkins as a new member. L to R: Willie, Shannon, Mo.
5. Rotarian Fred Houser presented a "certificate of appreciation" for the clubs support of the Jr. Baseball Association.

Leawood Rotary Club

- The REACH team continues to work with the students of Bishop Ward. This program involves once a week mentoring sessions with children who need guidance to further their education after graduation from high school. SEE NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER FOR DETAIL ABOUT THIS PROGRAM.
- David Anderson announced the beginning of their Books for Kids drive. Children's books will be collected until the end of November. The books are donated to the local Head Start program. The club goal is to collect 5 books from each member!

Kansas City Rotary Club

- The club held its annual recognition for public health and safety workers in October. The club recognized Captains Larry Grissom and Steve Carter from the Kansas City Fire Department for saving an individual trapped in a house fire; Officer Miguel Pena from the Kansas City Kansas Police Department for chasing and apprehending a bank robber immediately after the crime was committed; and John Cotter, Director of Environmental Health for the Unified Government's Public Health Department for a career of service in public health.
- The club is receiving a District matching grant in support of a project to provide funding for a bamboo restoration project to address water runoff and water quality in the Marinduque Province in the Philippines.
- Programs in October included a visit from PDG Larry Dimmitt (District Foundation Chair) who gave a presentation of The Rotary Foundation.
- The club welcomes two new members: Margaret Steele, Kansas Gas Service; and Major Michele Heaver, Salvation Army.



Kansas City Fire Department



Kansas City Police Department



Olathe Rotary Club

- Twenty-five club members worked for two days with Heartland Habitat for Humanity new house construction project in Olathe. They experienced some great teamwork for an excellent cause.
- Kicked off their Rotary Reader Program where members read a book to elementary classes in Olathe.
- The club is working on two international projects. First: Guatemala Water Sanitation Project in concert with Heart to Heart. The team departed for Guatemala on November 4th. Second: President Bob Wilhelm made contact with Botosani, Romania club president to welcome their member, Elizabeth Alex to their club on a visit there. The club is supporting an orphanage there. The visit motivated one of the Botosania Rotary member to donate \$1,200/monthly to the orphanage for the foreseeable future.
- The club is sponsoring GSE Brazil team member, Sarah Heidebrecht.
- The club recognized and thanked Darrel McDaniel for his efforts toward managing their highly successful Foundation campaign by sending him to the District 5710 Foundation Banquet, all expenses paid.
- The club has developed a website for their major fundraiser—The days of Wine and Rotary. The event will be May 2, 2010. The club goal is to raise \$75,000. The website is: www.thedaysofwineandrotary.com.

Shawnee Rotary Club

- The club is participating in the Books For Kids program with local Rotary clubs through November.
- Met with Wyandotte County Women on the Move and KU Edwards Campus to explore ways to get more needy girls into educational programs that will lead to college.
- Charley Vogt presented a Paul Harris Fellow to his wife, Valerie, for her 26 years of support of his community efforts.

Ottawa Rotary Club

- The club participated in Make a Difference Day with the Garfield School by painting the map of the United States on the playground.
- Dictionaries were distributed to 6th-grade students at Ottawa Middle School.
- **The club's exchange student from Austria, Magdalena Mayehofer, gave her club presentation.**

Topeka Downtown Rotary Club

- Kirk Johnson was presented his Paul Harris Fellow plus one pin. A first time Paul Harris Fellow went to Webb Garlinghouse.

Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club

- The club made a huge donation of socks/underwear to East Heights Early Childhood Center. They also donated two digital cameras to classrooms at the center.
- Hosted two visitors (Hans Wilhelm Hagen and Jasper Peschul) from their sister city in Eutin, Germany to discuss Business School Internship Exchange between University of Kansas and multiple businesses in Eutin and Lawrence.
- Club members participated in a fall ice cream social at Holcomb Park. Peter Steimle coordinated the afternoon social. As a service project, Jayhawk Rotarians brought canned food for local pantries or donated money online to the Lawrence Virtual Food Drive..
- Rotarians of the Week in October included: Marguerite Carlson, Bob Schwartz, John Clinger and David Bunker.
- A Paul Harris Fellow was awarded to Peter Steimle.
- Club member Brad Finkeldei received the Don Volker Leadership Award at the annual Leadership Lawrence luncheon.



L to R: Maggie Mahoney, Don Duncan, Peter Steimle. Maggie contributed \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation and recognized Peter for his service to the club as the Administration Committee Chair and coordinator of the Spring and Fall socials. Peter also is a donor for the East Heights Early Childhood Family Center project.

Upcoming District Events/Deadlines

DECEMBER (Rotary Family Month)

1. Deadline for nominations of District Governor Nominee designate for 2012-13. PDG Vickie Randel must receive the nominations by 5:00 pm on December 1st. The nominations should be in the form of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of your club naming the suggested candidate, with the resolution certified in writing by the club secretary. Send to 2408 Westdale Road, Lawrence, KS 66049. For information: vickier@firststateks.com or call Vickie at (W) 785.749.0400 or (H) 785.841.1717
1. Youth Exchange applications are due to the District Office
15. Club President Reports are due at the district office and Secretary Attendance/Membership information due on the website
15. Club Semi-Annual dues must be sent to Rotary International by January 1, 2010. Try to be ahead of the game!
15. 1st Registration deadline for Rotary International Convention (see page 7)
31. *Last day for annual election of club officers. (See January 15)*

JANUARY (Rotary Awareness Month)

1. Club Semi-Annual dues must be sent to Rotary International by January 1.
15. Club Officer information due to RI, DG Jim Mattes, and DGE John Vandewalle and the District office by January 15, 2010. (BUT YOU CAN SEND IT SOONER IF YOU HAVE THE INFORMATION)
17. DGE John Vandewalle to 2010 International Assembly, San Diego, CA

MARCH (Rotary Literacy Month)

13. Ambassadorial Scholar applications due to the district office
27. Ambassadorial Scholar Interviews, Atchison

APRIL (Rotary Magazine Month)

- 8-10. PETS/SETS (President/Secretary Elect Training) in Salina, KS. 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. More information later.
23. *District Assembly, Overland Park Doubletree*
- 24-25. *District Conference, Overland Park Doubletree*