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District 5710 News

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District 5710 Rotary Foundation

November 14, 2009
Overland Park Sheraton Hotel
6:00 Complimentary Wine Bar
7:00 Dinner



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

It's just three weeks 'till this year's District Foundation Banquet at the Overland Park Sheraton, and it looks like this one will be better than ever. Our speaker will be Phil Silvers, our Rotary International Director from Arizona, and he will both entertain and inspire you. We will feature the wonderful Rotary Foundation programs, such as Ambassadorial Scholarships and matching grants, and honor those who have made outstanding contributions to the Foundation. And now is the time for clubs to sponsor tables at the Banquet. Tables can be sponsored for :

- Paul Harris Fellowship Sponsorship—\$1,400—10 tickets, 1 Paul Harris Fellow, \$1,000 to the Foundation
- World Fellowship Sponsorship—\$2,500—10 tickets, 2 Paul Harris Fellows, \$2,000 to the Foundation

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In addition, members may order two tickets (Every Rotarian, Every Year Sponsorship) for \$170 with \$100 going to the Foundation. Individual tickets are \$85 with \$50 going to the Foundation.

PLUS 15 FOR POLIO! - Add an optional \$15 per attendee to your registration to be sent to the PolioPlus fund in support of the world-wide eradication of Polio!

So far, these clubs have sponsored tables--*Emporia, Gardner, Lenexa, Overland Park South, Shawnee Mission (two tables!), and Village West*. District Governor Jim wants every club to sponsor at least one table.

Registration forms are available on the District website—rotary5710.org. Just follow the instructions on the HOME page or click on Foundation Banquet under DISTRICT EVENTS. Registrations with a credit card can be made on the District website. If paying by check, print out the registration form, complete and mail to the District office, 420 SE 6th St, #110, Topeka, KS 66607.

So, if you haven't done so yet, time to get your order in. See you at the Banquet November 14!

Larry Dimmitt, District Foundation Chair

Banerjee Confirmed as Choice for 2011-12 RI President

Rotary International President Kenny has declared Kalyan Banerjee to be the official nominee for President of Rotary International for 2011-12. **Rotarian Banerjee's formal election will take place at the 2010 Montreal Convention.**

Banerjee has been a member of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gurarat, India since 1972. He has served Rotary as a director, Rotary Foundation trustee, committee and task force chair, **International Assembly group discussion leader, president's representative, and district governor.**

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

For more information about Kalyan Banerjee, go to the Rotary International website:



Message from RI President, John Kenny

There are many service organizations in the world today, but none so old or so successful as Rotary. There are many reasons for that, and Vocational Service is one of them. This year I wish you to place a special emphasis on Vocational Service, which is sometimes the forgotten Avenue of Service in Rotary.

High ethical standards in business and personal life are still as important today as they were in 1905. Indeed, many of the problems our world is facing today have been caused by the failure to observe such standards in business affairs.

Vocational Service, in Rotary, means that we are committed to honest business and unassailable ethics, and that we are equally committed to using our vocational skills and advantages to help others. The idea is simple enough—but it is unique to Rotary.

Many service organizations are open to anyone who wished to join. That has never been the case in Rotary. Rotarians only seek out as members those who are qualified—those who have the character, the ability, and the resolve to make a real contribution to their club.

I have long believed that the bedrock of Rotary is our commitment to ethical behavior. It has been putting what's right above what's convenient—and Service Above Self—that has made Rotary different from the rest. That is why we must always remember that whatever we do, we are each the public face of Rotary. We are each the standard-bearers of our organization. What one member does, for good or for ill, reflects on all of us.

So much of what we've achieved as an organization has come about because of the trust the world has in Rotary and in Rotarians. That trust has been a major part of our success in polio eradication—the fact that we are known in every community, and know to be people of goodwill and good hearts.

If we wish to see our organization grow and prosper, we must keep Vocational Service front and center in our minds and actions. We must seek out skilled and determined men and women of character. We must do what is right, even when it is inconvenient. And we must always, always, put Service Above Self.

Upcoming District Events/Deadlines

NOVEMBER (Rotary Foundation Month)

- 14 Foundation Banquet, Overland Park Sheraton (see page 1)
- 15 Club President Reports are due at the district office and Secretary Attendance/Membership information due on the website
Club should begin their nominations for slate of officers for 2010-11 (see December 31)

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!
- 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

FEBRUARY (Rotary World Understanding Month)

- 23 **Rotary's Birthday**

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*

NOTE THE ADDITION OF THE DATES FOR DISTRICT 5710

ASSEMBLY-CONFERENCE FOR 2010

MORE DETAILS TO COME LATER—JUST SAVE THE DATES

District 3820 Group Study Exchange Team Members are now Rotarians!

Two of the team members from our 2008-09 inbound Group Study Exchange partner, District 3820, Philippines, were recently inducted into their respective sponsoring Rotary clubs. Betty (Bets) Carreon and Bhem Abainza are very proud and happy new Rotarians, and say that they are doing their part to bring down the average age in their clubs! The pictures below are from their induction ceremonies. **Bets reports that hers had a Hawaiian theme, while Bhem's was somewhat more formal.** This news reminds us again of how GSE grows Rotarians—it is so exciting to think of how much energy and commitment our two young friends will bring to the family of Rotary. (Editors Note: Lauren Pfannenstiel was a member of the GSE team from Kansas to the Philippines. Lauren joined the Topeka Downtown Rotary in September.)

Submitted by PDG Vickie Randel



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

Register by December 1, 2009 and SAVE on your registration fee. Second savings deadline is March 31, 2010.



Indian Creek Sunset (Prov)—“An Evening of Wine From Around the World”

On Tuesday, September 22nd, Indian Creek Sunset Rotary Club Prov held its first major fundraiser, “An Evening of Wine From Around the World.” The event was held at Renee Kelly’s Caenen Castle, in Shawnee, Kansas. Club member and their friends from Rotary and the community, had a wonderful time sampling wines from Australia, New Zealand, Italy, Argentina, Spain and California. In addition to wines, Renee Kelley’s offered an excellent selection of appetizers and there was a cash bar for those who preferred other beverages to wine.

The evening was a tremendous success thanks to the staff of Renee Kelly’s, Todd Izzo of Constellation Brands and Rimann Liquors, and of course their club members and their guests.

Proceeds from the event nearly tripled the club’s charitable funds; quite an achievement for a club that did not exist a year ago. Proceeds from the fundraiser will purchase 10 water purification systems for families in Sololá, Guatemala. The club will be working with Heart to Heart International’s WASH program to provide safe, clean water.

But the club considers this to be only the beginning of many good things to come, as the Indian Creek Sunset Rotary Club strives to take its place among the great clubs of District 5710 and the world.

Many thanks to club member Scot Elston whose pictures appear with this article.

Check out the November 2009 “Rotarian”

We have a celebrity in our District!!

Check out page 11 of your November 2009 issue of the “Rotarian”

Darrel Zimmerman of the DeSoto Rotary Club is featured standing in his field of sunflowers on Zimmerman’s Farm. Darrel and members of the DeSoto Rotary Club sold beautiful sunflowers to raise money for the PolioPlus Challenge - \$3,000. Check this out!



A good time was had by all attending “An Evening of wine From Around the World.



Scott Shane entertains two of our guests.



Matt Young and their Master of Ceremonies for the evening, A. W. Pickel, look over the wine list.



Club Member (and resident wine expert), Andy Wingert, welcomes all to Caenen Castle.



Shawnee Rotary Club Projects

On Saturday, September 26th, seventeen members of the Shawnee Rotary Club worked with the local *Rebuilding Together Shawnee* committee to clean-up, fix-up and paint-up the Shawnee Community Services Center in Shawnee, Kansas. The Center has been distributing food, clothing and household goods to the needy in the Johnson County area for more than 20 years under the direction of Shawnee Rotarian and long-time community leader Evelyn VanKemseke. Earlier this year, the Shawnee Rotary Foundation gave the Rebuilding Together Shawnee not-for-profit group a check for \$6,000 so that the organization could rehabilitate more than 15 older homes in the Shawnee area.



The Shawnee Rotary Club conducted a very successful *Bike Safety Rodeo* at Mill Valley High School. This was their fifth year and they had more than 450 kids go through a seven-station agility test, were given and fitted with new bike helmets, and had their bikes checked by a local bike shop. All kids completing the course got a certificate attesting to their efforts. They targeted kids 3rd-grade through 6th-grade who wanted to ride their bikes to school. Sponsors **helped us with this year's event and helped make it a success. We also had some great help from our Interact Club at Maranatha Academy and prospective Interact Club at Mill Valley High School.**



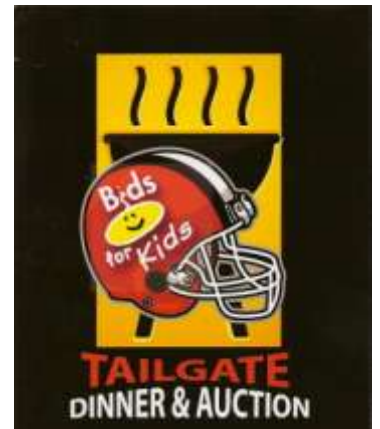
Leawood Bids 4 Kids Fundraiser

The Leawood Rotary Club worked tirelessly in preparation of their annual dinner and auction. The event was held at the Ritz Charles. This year, the theme was revised from a formal black tie affair to a kick-back tail gate theme. Balloons filled the air, and vintage cars helped add to the theme. Centerpieces were made from small coolers or grills, filled with chips, beer, cracker jacks, dips and beef jerky, just to name a few. Attendees of over 280 friends and family wore their favorite colors, jerseys and yes, even flannel PJ pants and team t-shirts. It was a blast.



President Kathy Rogers with one of the vintage cars. I think she wants this one!

The three local charities that will be recipients of the funds are First Down for Downs Syndrome, **Marillac and Synergy Services**. In addition, a special "fund a need" for Polio Eradication was part of the evening's fun. They are happy to report that for that portion of their event, they raised over \$7,100 dollars! When the final financial accounting is complete it appears that the club may meet or exceed their \$82,000 goal.



Topeka South Rotary Club New Member Red to Blue Badge

Editor Note: I had the privilege of visiting the Topeka South Rotary Club with DG Jim on his club visit. This is a young, vibrant club and DG Jim asked them to share some of their membership ideas with the District. A sample of the forms will be added to the District **website on the HOME page, gold column under DISTRICT. Click on NEW MEMBER IDEAS. A “thank you” to Kip Slattery for providing this information.**

When a member joins the Topeka South Rotary Club they are given a red badge. The new members are required to complete a list of items in order to turn in their Red badge and receive their permanent Blue name badge. They are given a “New Member Orientation Period Requirements” form that lists the tasks to be completed and who to contact in the club for information and assistance with the task. Each member must:

- Attend a New Member Orientation
- Participate in one service project
- Stand as a greeter for one meeting

In addition they are to complete three of the following:

- **Complete one makeup at another club’s regular meeting**
- Attend a Topeka South Board meeting
- Volunteer for a Topeka South committee
- Present a vocational talk
- Lead the club in the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
- Make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation



Each new member is assigned to one of the members of their Membership Committee who monitors the new members progress toward their blue badge and provides help if needed. In addition to their sponsor, each new member is assigned one of the club’s past presidents as a mentor. The new member is provided with a form that gives them the name of their mentor along with the mentor’s phone numbers and email address. The mentor is given a form with the new member information.

The club does not put a time requirement on completion of the tasks, but encourages each new member to complete the tasks as soon as they can, if possible within the first four months.

This process encourages the new member to discover the world of Rotary and accelerates their knowledge and involvement in the club.

If you have questions, contact Kip Slattery, kslattery@luminousneon.com, 785.267.2625.

Share Your Club’s Success Stories

Does your club had a membership recruitment idea? An easy fundraiser? A successful project? A way to reduce dues? A way to restructure dues? Help for members who have lost jobs?

Send your ideas to Linda Ireland at exec5710@swbell.net. Include as much detail at possible and send sample forms you have. Who knows, what your club finds ordinary might be just what another club is looking for!! You can also fax information to 785.232.8126 or mail to District 5710, 420 SE 6th St, #110, Topeka, KS 66607.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS!!

District Governor Jim Mattes September Club Visit Pictures



1—Lawrence Rotary Club President Ann Evans with DG Jim. Seated are Jim Ralson, club song leader and Stan Shumway, pianist for the club.



2—DG Jim and Olathe Santa Fe Trail Rotary Club President Sam Logan

Did You Know?

Log on to the District website (rotary5710.org) and you will be taken to the District ADMIN screen where you can find under “For Members”:

Know someone’s first name or last name but don’t know what club they are in?

- Click on the “Search Member eDirectory” - Add the First name OR Last name and a list of possible matches will appear on the screen.

Under “RI District 5710 eDirectory,” you can download a file in PDF or Word format

- Governors Executive Committee
- District 5710 Organizational Directory
- Club & District Leadership Directory
- Directory by Club (select club)

Under “District Directory” you can download in PDF or Word format

- District Organization & Presidents (with photos!)
- District & Club Leaders

This all starts after you log on to the website!

Don’t know how?

Go to the website HOME page then look for the gold column on the left. Under DISTRICT, click on “Logon Instructions” for step-by-step instructions. You will need to have your email address on the website first. If it is not there, ask you club secretary to add it or send an email to Linda Ireland (exec5710@swbell.net) and I will add it for you

Upcoming Club Events—See District Website for details (rotary5710.org)

OCTOBER

- 31 Oskaloosa Rotary Club “Chili Cook Off” at the Oskaloosa School, 404 Park Street. 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cash Prizes.
Information: Quentin Davis, 785.863.2092.

NOVEMBER

- 14 Burlingame Rotary Club No-Limit Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament, 4-H Building at Kelly Park, registration at 5:00 pm and play begins at 6:00 pm, RSVP appreciated but not required. Information: djl@mchsi.com, 620.364.3642.
- 21 Frankfort Rotary Club Wine Tasting and Art Auction, Cigna Center, 402 N Maple Street, 7:00 pm wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres, 8:00 pm auction, \$20/person or \$30/per couple in advance or \$25/person, \$40/per couple at the door. Information: Dean Dalinghaus, dalingd@usd380.com. To purchase a tickets make checks payable and send to Frankfort Rotary Club, Attn: Dean, 801 Pine Street, Frankfort, KS 66427 along with your name, phone number, email address and any art request that you would like seen to be auctioned off. Reserve by 11/16 and receive an additional raffle ticket . Must be present to win.

Maranatha School Track Team Gives Away Metals and Receives a PHF

The Shawnee Rotary Club gave a Paul Harris Fellowship to Bernie Zarda, the Maranatha Track Coach, and his team for the following act of the Four Way Test—Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? The club thought so. Here is the story . . .

The 3,200-meter relay team of senior Ali Bailey, Juniors Bethany Zarda and Mallory Keith and freshman Christa Courtney won a state title in 10 minutes, 7.38 seconds. The time shattered the old Maranatha school record of 10:16, which allowed the Eagles to accomplish their main goal at state.

Later, they gave their medals away to the team from Pittsburg-St. Mary's Colgan, which won the race but was disqualified for an exchange zone violation. The violation occurred when a St. Mary's Colgan runner's toe crossed the line when she reached to grab the baton from a teammate who had collapsed. The Eagles decided that, regardless of the violation, the St. Mary's Colgan runners earned first place.

"They deserved it. They ran their hardest," Zarda said. "And the fact that they had someone collapse and they still beat us proves that they're faster."



Topeka South Rotary Club and Greensburg Rotary Club—'9/11 Drill for Safety'

The Topeka South Rotary club recently partnered with the Greensburg Rotary Club to participate in the Safe America Foundation's '9/11 Drill For Safety' texting exercise to teach Americans the importance of being resilient. The texting drill encouraged participants to use their cell phones to send a text message to family, friends and co-workers a pre-determined 'test message' that could then be used in the event of a future disaster or other unplanned event. During the exercise, a total of 100 Rotarians from the two clubs participated in the drill, texting nearly 500 contacts. Pictured at the right is Topeka South Rotarian Chuck Banks as he shares the results of the Topeka South and Greensburg Rotary club's texting exercise with attendees at a Safe America Foundation event at USA Today newspaper corporate headquarters in Washington, D. C.



Ambassadorial Scholar Ryan Klataske

Ambassadorial Scholar Ryan Klataske has filed his first report. "It seems so long ago that I stood in front of Rotarians in Atchison and enthusiastically accepted a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. Finally, after just over two years since that day, I am beginning my 'ambassadorial' experience in the southern African county of Namibia. Before I go on, I want to sincerely thank District 5710 for this opportunity and all the Rotarians who helped to make this scholarship possible. In particular, I greatly appreciate the immense support of the Manhattan Rotary Clubs and the many members who have encouraged, mentored, and done so much for me in many aspects of my life—in and beyond Rotary. I am very grateful to serve as your ambassador."



District Membership Numbers

Month of September

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 September by the deadline date of October 15, 2009.

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

CLUB	7/1/2009 Membership	Membership As Of 9/30/2009	September Attendance
Atchison	74	68	50.00%
Baldwin City	15	14	63.00%
Blue Rapids	21	19	75.60%
Blue Valley	12	11	85.00%
Bonner Springs	25	25	72.00%
Burlingame	12	12	52.08%
Burlington	32	32	64.06%
Council Grove	45	44	65.00%
De Soto	37	37	52.35%
Emporia	77	70	51.53%
Emporia Sunrise	17	15	66.00%
Frankfort	25	25	84.00%
Gardner	64	62	71.78%
Garnett	27	27	65.00%
Holton	24	25	60.00%
Howard	17	17	55.29%
Indian Creek Sunset (Prov)	17	13	62.00%
Johnson County	51	44	78.89%
Junction City	89	86	45.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	15	0	0.00%
Kansas City	63	60	65.60%
Lawrence	196	197	49.37%
Lawrence Central	29	28	51.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	65	64	67.94%
Leavenworth	95	95	74.00%
Leawood	55	51	92.00%
Lenexa	41	42	62.00%
Louisburg	39	36	56.00%
Manhattan	218	205	62.00%
Manhattan Konza	59	60	64.17%
Marysville	45	47	77.00%
Olathe	93	93	66.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	47	38	71.00%
Osawatomie	26	25	76.00%
Oskaloosa	32	30	65.00%
Ottawa	21	25	60.00%
Overbrook	34	31	74.00%
Overland Park	162	157	63.64%
Overland Park South	95	93	60.84%
Paola	31	31	65.00%
Shawnee	63	59	76.00%
Shawnee Mission	62	62	61.38%
Spring Hill	16	17	62.00%
Topeka Downtown	196	191	52.55%
Topeka North	19	18	60.00%
Topeka South	118	115	68.00%
Topeka West	19	20	85.00%
Valley Falls	20	19	83.00%
Village West	37	35	71.00%
TOTALS/Average Attendance	2692	2590	63.03%

WELCOME—New Members For September

Blue Rapids	Richard Coleman, E. Frank Popejoy
Emporia	Kenton Myers, Tommy Thompson
Gardner	David Drovetta, Terri Gregory
Indian Creek Sunset Prov	Joanna Bramlett, Karmen Mudd, Thomas Stroud, Michael Vanasse
Junction City	Shannon Watkins
Lawrence	Christopher English, Catherine Shenoy, Jeremy Taylor
Leawood	John Wurzer
Lenexa	Jim Blaufuss, Zach Luea
Overbrook	Dale Beaulieu
Overland Park	Tracy Ellenz
Overland Park South	Jason Bush, Darcy McGrath
Shawnee	Michelle Land
Topeka Downtown	Lauren Pfannenstiel, Brenda Price



NEW MEMBER CONNECTIONS

Indian Creek Sunset Provisional

- Joanna Bramlett—her mother belongs to the Overland Park RC
- Tom Stroud—former Rotarian from Oregon

Topeka Downtown

- Lauren Pfannenstiel—a member of the 2008-09 GSE team to the Philippines

Blue Rapids

- E. Frank Popejoy—transfer from another club

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

Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for September

WILL YOUR CLUB BE LISTED HERE NEXT MONTH?

Leawood	92.00%
Blue Valley	85.00%
Topeka West	85.00%
Frankfort	84.00%
Valley Falls	83.00%
Johnson County	78.89%
Marysville	77.00%
Osawatomie	76.00%
Shawnee	76.00%
Blue Rapids	75.60%
Leavenworth	74.00%
Overbrook	74.00%
Bonner Springs	72.00%
Gardner	71.78%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	71.00%
Village West	71.00%

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

ALMOST TO THE 70% MARK

Council Grove, Emporia Sunrise, Garnett, Kansas City, Lawrence Jayhawk, Olathe, Oskaloosa, Paola, Topeka South

Who do you know who is:

Related to a member of Rotary

A former Rotarian

A past GSE team member

A past World Scholar

A Rotaract graduate

A past Youth Exchange Student

A past Ambassadorial Scholar

A person who volunteers often

A giving, caring person

**THEY CAN'T SAY "YES"
IF YOU DON'T ASK!**

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



Club News

Atchison Rotary Club

- The Mancini Scholarship, which is handled by the club, went to biology students Andrew Bishop and McLean Severson of Benedictine College in the amount of \$500 each.
- The club awarded their District International Student Scholarship at a picnic meeting at the Benedictine College Campus. Benedictine College students receiving the scholarships were: Hoi Fong Vincent Wong (\$500), Sumie Ono (\$250), and Yui Suzuki (\$250). Edward Shikuku (\$500) from Highland Community College also received a scholarship.
- Steve Caplinger **single-handedly cooked over 300 steaks for the club's fundraiser for PolioPlus.** After the October Motorcycle Poker Run the club will have met their PolioPlus promise.
- Rotarian of the Month went to Steve Caplinger.

Blue Rapids Rotary Club

- The club welcomed new members Pastor Richard Coleman and Frank Popejoy who transferred from his previous Rotary Club.

Burlington Rotary Club

- The club will hold a **No-Limit Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament on November 14, 5:00 PM at the 4-H Building at Kelly Park** to raise funds for their High School scholarship fund. (See Club Event Calendar)
- The club has started their annual Hog and Freezer Raffle with the winning name being drawn at the first home high school basketball game.
- A new program has been started with the Burlington Grade School where one member each week reads with a child.

Emporia Rotary Club

- **Club members assisted with Emporia's "Clean Sweep" cleanup campaign in different areas of the city.**
- Approximately 50 people attended the LemurFest sit-down dinner at the Emporia Zoo.

Emporia Sunrise Rotary Club

- The club donated funds to support identical twins, Craig and Michael Saalfeld, who have significant hearing impairments. The twins participated in the Deaflympics in Taipei, Taiwan as members of the USA Deaf Track and Field team.
- **The club donated funds to install four new signs at the entrance to the city. The signs read "The Founding City of Veterans Day."**
- Ran a snow cone booth at the Great American Market to raise funds for the Emporia East Side Park project. The next phase of this project, which the club will support, is the installation of basketball courts.
- Club members served meals at the Abundant Harvest Food Kitchen, a service of the Emporia Rescue Mission.

Frankfort Rotary Club

- The club will be hosting a Wine Tasting and Art Auction to be held on November 21st in Frankfort. **Wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres will be served during the preview of art with the auction at 8:00.** Proceeds will benefit the Frankfort pool and other community projects. (See Club Event Calendar)

Club News

Gardner Rotary Club

- The Youth Exchange students went to Worlds of Fun and had a sleep-over at the home of Donna Mertz.
- Sandy Reiger presented Paul Harris +6 to Gary Duggan.
- Karen Weston received Paul Harris + pin.



Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club

- The club is collecting socks and underwear for the 4-year old kids attending East Heights Early Childhood Center.
- The club has granted \$1,000 in funding to Susan Andersen for her medical mission and water purification project in Panama during the Spring of 2010. This amount was matched by an anonymous club member.
- Ambereen Shaffie, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, make a special presentation to the club about the year she spent in Egypt.
- Bruce Roberts, President-Elect, organized a Kaw River Float for club members that was led by Laura Caldwell, Kansas Riverkeeper. Laura provided important environmental issues that impact the Kansas River. The float trip culminated with a cookout on a sand bar.
- Rotarians of the month were Demar Dalen, John Conard, Bob Rhoton and Peter Steimle.
- Teresa Mulinazzi Kempt was inducted into the 2010 Leadership Lawrence Class.



Lawrence Central Rotary Club

- The club unveiled a bike rack in front of the Lawrence Arts Center. Mark Emge, a local designer, won the competition for an artistic bike rack for the design pictured to the right. The competition was organized by the Bike Theme Committee led by Scott Wagner and Carolyn Chinn Lewis. The City of Lawrence matched the clubs funds of \$500 to enable a \$1,000 award to the winning design.



Leavenworth Rotary Club

- The club provided a pancake breakfast in support of the Leavenworth River Days city celebration. They raised over \$300 in support of their Polio-Plus Bill Gates challenge.
- Hosted 12 International Officers attending Command and General Staff College.
- The club held their annual Fall picnic at the Hunt Lodge on historic Ft. Leavenworth. They shared **stories, steaks and "sauce" (beer and wine) on a near perfect evening.**
- New Member Dallas Eubanks is pushing the club towards its goal of 100 members by the end of the Rotary year.
- Jack Divine received his 3rd Paul Harris Fellowship—proof positive of his continuing support in his retirement years.



Sponsor John Donovan (L) with Dallas Eubanks (R). Dallas transferred to the Leavenworth Rotary Club from Holland, MI.



Jack Divine (R) receives his third PHF from Leavenworth Rotary Club Foundation Chair, John Donovan.

Club News

Leawood Rotary Club

- Continue to collect food once a month to deliver to the Johnson County Food pantry.
- Visit of the Russian Judges: The Russian judges completed a successful, engaging and enjoyable visit to the Greater Kansas City area. The visit was sponsored by the Open World Leadership Center and hosted by the US District Court Western District of Missouri, Kansas City Plaza Rotary Club and the Leawood Rotary Club. Three Leawood Rotarians (Ed Buckley, Will Ramsey, and Ron Slepitz) hosted four of the judges. It was a tremendous experience to meet and get to know the five judges from the Belgorod Region of the Russian Federation. Kathy Rogers, Leawood President, wrote, **“While communication was at times difficult since the Russian judges spoke limited English, it would be fair to say we learned ways to communicate. In fact, as the week transpired and we got to know each other, we all came away with the deep sense that we have so much more in common than we have differences.”** The judges visited with judges at various judicial levels, met with lawyers, students and faculty and enjoyed the food and hospitality of Kansas City.



Manhattan Rotary Club

- Verl Stevens was named a Paul Harris Fellow. Earlier this year his spouse, Betty Stevens, was honored as Rotarian of the Year by the Manhattan Rotary Club which grants a Paul Harris Fellow award to the recipient. Since Betty was already a PHF, she designated this award to Verl. Verl is well-deserving of this award as one who lives daily the **Rotary motto of “Service Above Self” as he provides a wide-range of volunteer services in the community.**
- Richard Seaton received his Paul Harris Fellow PLUS pin in September. He has been a member of the club for 38 years and is a past president.
- Lindsey Curtis and Derek Kendal-Campbell were honored as the September Students of the Month from Manhattan High School. The club was proud to honor these students for their outstanding academic and athletic achievements.
- The K-State Rotaract Club sponsored by the Manhattan Rotary Club is celebrating its 20th year of service to the University and the Manhattan community in 2009-10. The Northview Elementary School **birthday book project continues as a joint project.** (See September’s Newsletter Rotaract News for more details)



L to R: Vice President Mark Queen, Verl Stevens, Betty Stevens, and Darrell Brensing



L to R: Richard Seaton and President Lyle Butler



L to R: Derek Kendall-Campbell, Lindsey Curtis and President Lyle Butler

Ottawa Rotary Club

- The club has purchased matching shirts for member to wear at functions—like when DG Jim visited the club.
- Working on a more meaningful induction ceremony for new members.
- Developing a civil servant of the year award and creating a Rotarian of the Year Award
- Developing a new club website.
- Each week a club committee is given the responsibility for the meeting.

Club News

Overbrook Rotary Club

- Several club members and one spouse participated in answering phones for a KTWU pledge drive in September. They had great fun and fielded calls from a number of communities throughout NE Kansas as they helped raise funds for public television programming.
- The club continued its monthly social gatherings with a cookout hosted by club members Gayle and Emma Warren.



Overland Park Rotary Club

- The club has developed a birthday card to send to members. They are also expanding their family of rotary committee's activities and are looking at new ways to reach out to their members.

Overland Park South Rotary Club

- Two new members, Jason Bush and Darcy McGrath were inducted into the club.
- Bob Musil was awarded his second Paul Harris Fellow.

Paola Rotary Club

- The club recently completed a fundraiser project by working at the Louisburg Cider Mill Ciderfest.
- **The club is planning for the Annual Farmer's Night in October. Farmer's Night is a steak fry for area farmers.**



Shawnee Rotary Club

- **The club's own Roy Shenkel, Shawnee WW II POW was in the Village West Parade of Heroes.** Thanks to club members Dave Huston, Joni Pflumm, Buck Hartley, Al Sanchez, Jean Nelson and Kathleen Whalen who helped Village West conduct the parade.
- Club members cleaned, reorganized, repainted shelves, rebuilt shelves and had so much fun. Phil McAnany, Kevin Bennett, Doug Gibb, Jean Nelson, Dawn Kuhn, John Thomas and son Anthony, Kevin Tubbesing and the girls, Joe Vohs, Paul Ridgway, Leon Logan, John Miller, John Beal and Charley Vogt worked with the organization Rebuilding Together Shawnee and the leaders of the Shawnee Community Services who offer a food, clothing and household items distribution center for the needy.



Shawnee Mission Rotary Club

- Club members and students from their Interact Club at Shawnee Mission East High School joined together on a "Mission Possible" project in September. They power washed a house, trimmed brush, and cleaned up the yard of a local resident who couldn't take care of these things on their own. It was a pleasure to have the club's exchange student also take part in this service project.
- Club members cooked a pancake breakfast at the annual Arts and Eats Festival in Mission, a two-day festival celebrating visual, culinary and performing arts. Money raised will help fund local projects for the year.
- The club has started a contest to promote membership. Sponsors of all new members will receive a gift card to a local business. A new pamphlet describing Rotary and the history and activities of the club was developed help promote membership.



Club News



Spring Hill Rotary Club

- The club held a pet show to help fund their annual fun event for the Spring Hill Special Olympic athletes. Six dogs showed off their talents and costumes.
- The annual scholarship golf tournament was a success. Lots of fun, sunshine and food and prizes.

Topeka Downtown Rotary Club

- **The club made a donation to the Children's Discovery Center.**
- Two scholarships of \$500 each were presented to two Washburn Technical School students.

Village West Rotary Club

- The 3rd annual Parade of Heroes was a huge success. Entrants included many high school ROTC groups, marching bands, and military preservation vehicles. Julius Novak, a World War II veteran won Best in Show.
- Immediate Past President Shelly Fabac was invited by past and present District Governors to attend the Rotary Zone Institute in Oklahoma City.
- Courtesy of Country Club Bank, Rotarians from Village West and the Downtown KCK Club participated in the Kansas City Kansas Chamber Business Expo to promote the good deeds of Rotary to the business community and recruit prospective members.

Lawrence Rotary Club

- During September, members donated at each meeting to the **"Blue Cup" funds with the funds donated in the amount of \$300 to The Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen.**
- Lawrence young people sponsored by the club who attended Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) at the University of Kansas were guests of the club. The students gave an excellent presentation on their experiences. Barbara Ballard chairs this club committee. Pictured L to R: Representative Barbara Ballard, Pace Leggins, Andrew Stussie, Amber Hicks, Jevan Bremby and President Ann Evans.



Bonner Springs Rotary Club

- Each year the City of Bonner celebrates its founding with **"Tiblow Days."** **The city was founded by the Delaware Indian, Henry Tiblow, as he had a ferry across the Kansas River at the foot of Oak Street. The club was active in several ways. They sponsored the Mayor's Banquet where the past mayors were honored and the community Citizen of the Year was announced. The ice cream social during the City Band Concert was hosted by the club. The 31st annual "Tiblow Trot," a 5-mile run has been sponsored by the club since its beginning. Over 150 runners and walkers (2 miles) participated. Over \$2,000 was raised for PolioPlus.**



L to R: Wes Mills, Charlie Thomas and Judy Cox dipping ice cream in their new Rotary shirts.



Club News

Valley Falls Rotary Club

- Each month the club presents a Valley Falls Rotary Student of the month to a senior at their high school. The September student of the month was Justin Sales.
- Did a their Fall trash pick-up along K-4 Highway.
- **The club participated on the Atchison Rotary Club's Poker Run for Kid's and PolioPlus by furnishing drinks at the Valley Falls stop on the trip.**
- The club ran the gate for the school at all home football games.



Topeka South Rotary Club

- Twenty members have made \$100 contributions to the Rotary Foundation so far this year. The club goal is for 100% participation in Every Rotarian Every Year.

Olathe Santa Fe Trail Rotary Club

- Club member Bruce Hovey completed a 162-mile ride on the MS Ride for Missouri.
- **The club's second annual West Fest was held in September at Mahaffie Farmstead in Olathe. Great fun was had by all and considerable funds were raised for future club activities and this year's charity, Temporary Lodging for Children in Olathe.**
- The club held its 11th annual OmeletteFest and served 255 guests.
- Jessica Luth, West Fest Chair and Bruce Hovey (President Elect) deserve huge credit for their efforts.



Olathe Rotary Club

- The club presented Dwight Douglas with a check for \$5,150. Olathe Club Rotarian Dwight is in need of a second heart transplant, as his body is currently rejecting his current transplanted heart. Insurance will no pay for the second heart, so a communitywide and nationwide effort has begun to raise \$500,000. A fund called SAMARATIN AVIATION has been established so you can give and receive a tax deduction.. Make your donation check to Samartin Aviation and send to Ernie Hicks, Olathe Rotary Club, PO Box 4376, Olathe, KS 66063. For more information about Dwight go to: www.heartfordwight.com.



L to R: Danna, Dwight's daughter, Dwight and Ernie Hicks, Club Treasurer



Four Topeka Rotary Club Join Topeka WaterFest

- Topeka Downtown, Topeka North, Topeka South and Topeka West joined in the funding of and participation in the 10th Annual Topeka Water Festival. Nearly 1,100 area 4th grade students attended the festival held at Garfield Park Community Center. The students learned about "pluggings" in your house pipes and played water quality hopscotch. They also made their own landfills using milk jugs, cereal, ketchup, syrup, vinegar and baking soda. The mixture was poured into a "lake" and the students could watch as their lake became polluted. And lots of other activities.

