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District 5710 News



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Message from John Kenny, RI President

Lord Byron wrote, "The days of our youth are the days of our glory." For me, that is the line that springs to mind whenever Rotary's youth programs are mentioned. In Rotary, September is New Generations Month—a time to focus our attention on our programs for youth and the role they play in shaping the Rotarians of tomorrow.

Our youth programs—Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange—are some of the most

important programs of Rotary. I say this because of the unparalleled potential they have to influence young minds and souls toward peace, goodwill, and harmony. That potential is the greatest in youth because the experiences of our early years never leave us; they shape who we later become. In the words often attributed to St. Francis Xavier, "Give me a boy until he is seven, and I will give you the man." For myself, I would give it a bit longer than that—but there is no doubt that the experiences of our youth have a greater formative power, and a greater ability to shape character, than any we may have in our adulthood.



DG Jim's wife Elaine Copp, DG Jim, RI President John Kenny and his wife June.

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When a teenager from the United States has the chance to travel to India to participate in a National Immunization Day, or when a student from Brazil spends a year studying in Japan, that person will be forever changed. These young people will have formed connections and affections that will endure. They will never think about their own country, or the world, in the same way again. Their perspective, their priorities, and their values will have been permanently shaped by that experience in a way that no later experiences will have the power to do. Your hard work ensures that these experiences continue to be possible—that these programs continue to be available, to be well run, and to earn the trust of the participants and their families.

The impressions of youth are strong, and they are lasting. There is never a second change at them. We may grow and change as we get older, and we are surely changed by all of our experience. But there is never another change to build who we are. That happens only once; in our youth.

The days of our youth truly are the days of our glory—but through Rotary's youth programs, those days become the glory of all of Rotary.

*John Kenny
President, Rotary International*

September is “New Generations” Month

September is New Generations Month, when Rotary celebrates its commitment to youth and young adult programs, including Interact, Rotaract, RYLA and Rotary Youth Exchange. But what are these programs?

Facts about Rotaract

- Rotaract is a service club for young professionals and students ages 18-30. Sponsored by local Rotary clubs, Rotaract clubs provide young people with opportunities to foster leadership, responsible citizenship, and promote international peace and understanding.
- Rotaract will be celebrating its 42nd anniversary in 2010.
- The first Rotaract club was chartered on March 13, 1968 in North Charlotte, North Carolina.
- India has the most Rotaract clubs in the world (1,899), followed by Brazil (643), the United States (565), the Philippines (508), and Italy (401).
- Rotaract clubs can be organized at a college or university or in a community, and they must be sponsored by at least one local Rotary club.
- **Rotaract’s motto is “Fellowship Through Service.”**
- In 1989, over 450 Rotaractors from around the world gathered in Seoul, Korea, to participate in the first Rotaract Preconvention Meeting. This annual two-day event, which takes place immediately before the RI Convention, brings together Rotaractors and interested Rotarians to discuss a wide range of Rotaract topics in interactive workshops, to listen to interesting and informative speakers, and to build lasting friendships. The next meeting will be held June 18-19, 2010 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

What is Interact?

Interact is Rotary International’s service club for young people ages 14 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting. Club membership varies greatly. Clubs can be single gender or mixed, large or small. They can draw from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools in the same community.

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of:

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

As one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service, with more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries and geographical areas, Interact has become a worldwide phenomenon. Almost 200,000 young people are involved in Interact.

What is Youth Exchange?

A Rotary Youth Exchange student, will spend up to a year living with a few host families and attending school in a different country. Whether they **participate in Rotary’s long-term or short-term Youth Exchange programs, They’ll learn a new way of living, a great deal about themselves, and maybe even a new language.** These youths will be an ambassador, teaching people they meet about their country, culture, and ideas. The students can help bring the world closer – and make some good friends in the process. More than 8,000 young people each year have experiences like these through Rotary Youth Exchange. **It’s the opportunity of a lifetime.**

What is RYLA?

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program for youth ages 14-30. Talented young people attend a seminar, camp, or **workshop, generally three to ten days in length, organized by Rotarians at the local club or district level. Participants’ expenses** are often paid by sponsoring Rotary clubs.

The RYLA program enables young people to debate issues of professional responsibility and human relations, improve leadership and communication skills, learn about businesses and institutions, and meet Rotarians while having fun and making friends. For young adults, RYLA provides the opportunity to refine skills and explore pertinent topics with their peers and elders. For Rotarians, RYLA offers the chance to help develop leaders, share valuable expertise, and bridge the gap between generations.

Youth Exchange—How to get the ball rolling!!

School has started and this is a perfect time to get your club started in Youth Exchange. Now is the time to start identifying students who want to spend a year abroad. You can target Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. Look for outgoing students who would enjoy the challenge and adventure of spending a year abroad. You can even look within your own club. Children of Rotarians are encouraged to apply. If you locate a potential student they will fill out a preliminary application and be interviewed by members of your club to see if they would be good Ambassadors for Rotary and the United States. After that your student will fill out the long form application and submit it to the District. This needs to be completed by December 1st. District financial aid is available. The students and their parents will then be interviewed by the District Committee on December 12th. There are many countries that we exchange with. In recent years we have had exchanges with France, Germany, Italy, Turkey, Japan, Denmark, Sweden, Poland, Romania, Switzerland, Austria, Belgium, Ecuador, Brazil, Thailand and Chile.

This upcoming Youth Exchange year will be extra special. Ray Klinginsmith will be our RI president. He is an avid supporter of Youth Exchange and has asked that our multidistrict have exchange student representation from every certified district within Rotary. He also wants to have our students active at the international conference in New Orleans. Our district will be working hard to increase our numbers and will be hosting at least two students from countries we have never hosted from before. Last year was our largest year ever and for the upcoming year we would like to top that. Please help us achieve our goal.

If you have any questions about this program or how to get your club started in Youth Exchange please email Stephen Wheatley at wheatleydc@sbcglobal.net.

Submitted by Steve Wheatley, District Youth Exchange Officer and Chair, Outbound

Youth Exchange applications are due to the District Office by December 1st



Rotaract News

KU ROTARACT

KU Rotaract has adopted a special needs elementary school in Lawrence, East Heights Early Childhood Development Center. The club has assisted with landscaping, meal preparations, and just about everything in between.

Early childhood programs include Early Childhood Special Services, Preschool for four year olds and Parents as Teachers (PAT). At East Heights Early Childhood Family Center there are two half-day classrooms for children with disabilities. Joining them are children enrolled as Peer Models. School district efforts to support young children with disabilities began nearly 37 years ago. Today, there are six preschool classrooms at East Heights. This program is designed to provide income-eligible families with a quality preschool program for children age four. Classrooms serve 13 to 16 children who play and learn together in an all-day program.

K-STATE ROTARACT

The KSU Rotaract is off to a great start this semester! We had a great turnout at our Welcome Back BBQ thanks to the Rotarians who attended! Our goals for this year include increasing our membership and putting emphasis on involvement with our Birthday Book Program that is in conjunction with the Manhattan Rotary Club. For the Birthday Book program, KSU Rotaract takes children books that the Manhattan Rotary Club has purchased and wraps them. We then schedule a time once a month to visit the children at Northview Elementary School in Manhattan. During this time, the children whose birthday falls within the month (or specified time period) are invited to come and receive their Birthday Book. This has been and will continue to be an excellent opportunity to share the love of reading with the young people in our society.

KSU News submitted by Rachel King, KSU Rotaract President



Andrea Brown—Outbound Youth Exchange Student to Switzerland

Andrea Brown is a current outbound Youth Exchange student to Switzerland. She is sponsored by the Leawood Rotary Club. Andrea has set up a blog to keep in touch with her friends and Rotarians in the United States. You can keep in touch with Andrea at her blog or send her a card at:

<http://www.andreainswitzerland.blogspot.com>

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District Foundation Banquet

November 14, 2009
Overland Park Sheraton

Mark your calendars for the District's Fourth Annual Foundation Banquet on November 14, 2009 at the Overland Park Sheraton. This is a major District event and everyone is encouraged to attend. The purpose of the banquet is to celebrate our wonderful Foundation and to generate additional support for it. Last year the banquet raised \$17,000 for the Foundation—LET'S DOUBLE THAT THIS YEAR!



The speaker for the banquet will be Phil Silvers from Arizona, Rotary Director of our new Zone. Those in our District who have made major contribution to the Foundation, both financially and by their service, will also be honored at the banquet.

Here are the ways that you or your club can contribute to the banquet.

- World Fellowship Sponsorship—\$2,500—10 tickets, 2 Paul Harris Fellows, \$2,000 to TRF in sponsor's name
- Paul Harris Fellowship Sponsorship—\$1,400—10 tickets, 1 Paul Harris Fellow, \$1,000 to TRF in sponsor's name
- Every Rotarian, Every Year Sponsorship—\$170—2 tickets, \$100 to TRF in your name
- Individual Ticket—\$85—1 ticket, \$50 to TRF in your name
- *PLUS 15 FOR POLIO! - Add \$15 per attendee to your registration to be sent to the PolioPlus fund in support of the world-wide eradication of Polio!*

Forms and information are available on the District website—rotary5710.org. Just click on Foundation Banquet under DISTRICT EVENTS on the HOME page. Individual registration can be made on the website (for the \$85 only, cannot add extra \$15) and charged to a credit card. All other registrations can be made by printing the form and sending to the District office.

District Conference Golf Tournament Contribution

The final accounting is in and the District Golf Tournament held at Conference raised \$675—half for the Annual Programs Fund and half for PolioPlus. A BIG hand to Well Mills and Del Coleman (both members of Bonner Springs Rotary Club) for their many hours of dedication to make this tournament a big success.



Foundation, Membership & Leadership Seminar

Note from Editor: Last newsletter featured pictures from the FML Seminar. I printed a picture of the eight members from the Overland Park South who attended the seminar BUT overlooked that the Johnson County Rotary club ALSO had eight members in attendance. This is an especially significant number as the club has 45 members so that makes 17.78% of their club members in attendance! A huge thank you to all the clubs in attendance—Atchison, Baldwin City, Emporia, Frankfort, Gardner, Indian Creek Sunset (Prov), Johnson County, Junction City, Lawrence, Lawrence Jayhawk, Leavenworth, Leawood, Lenexa, Manhattan, Manhattan Konza, Olathe, Ottawa, Overbrook, Overland Park, Overland Park South, Shawnee, Shawnee Mission, Spring Hill, Topeka Downtown, Topeka South, Topeka West, and Village West.



Members from the Johnson County Rotary Club, L to R: Larry Williams, Larry Huff, Roger Crawford, Dave Gras, Lyle Curtis, Ron Tennissen, Dirk Ochs and David Soxman.

Music 4 Jeremy's Cherubs

Overland Park South Rotarian, Mike Meyer, is collecting used musical instruments that can be refurbished and donated to Music 4 Jeremy's Cherubs. Music 4 Jeremy's Cherubs continues the work started by Jeremy S. Frye, a lifelong musical student who lost his life in 2008 to a brain tumor. Jeremy graduated from Baker University and had prepared to begin his first teaching job, giving back to the children and youth what he had gained. M4JC brings together a wide variety of family, friends, musicians, and educators dedicated to carrying out Jeremy's vision of bringing music into the lives of needy children.



"This is a time of year when all kids in 4th through 7th grades begin band and orchestra. Many kids who would like to participate simply cannot afford to procure the instruments," says Mike Meyer. If anyone has an instrument to donate, contact Mike at: Meyer Music, 10122 West 119th St, Overland Park, KS 66213. Mike's phone number is 913.491.6636.

“Strike Out Polio” Day at the Royals Game

Over 550 Rotarians and friends attended the Royals vs Minnesota Twins game on August 23rd. There were Rotarians from District 5710 and Rotarians from Missouri and Iowa also. A busload arrived from the Topeka area. Many of the attendees wore “End Polio Now” t-shirts and more t-shirts were sold at the game. The great news—the event raised nearly \$7,500 for PolioPlus. Now if the Royals had just won



Pictured L to R above: District 6080 (Springfield, MO) District Governor Steve Montgomery, our own District Governor Jim Mattes, and Larry Dimmitt District Foundation Chair.

Pictured to the Right: Inbound Youth Exchange Students. In the top photo they are with the Royal’s mascot, Slugger.



Rotary Day in Photos

Got a keen eye with a digital camera? Want to promote your Rotary club or youth program?

On October 10th, Rotary International is asking clubs worldwide to take photos of Rotarians in action, to be included in a special “Rotary Day in Photos” feature that will showcase all aspects of Rotary life.

You can e-mail up to three of your club’s best high-resolution photos to Rotarian@rotary.org or share them with RI’s “Rotary Day In Photos Flickr” group at flickr.com.

Get your club members together and get creative!



AND OF COURSE, SEND THE PICTURES TO LINDA AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE ALSO—exec5710@swbell.net

Is Your Club Looking for a Program or Speaker for a Meeting?

Several new speakers have been added to the District Website. Go to rotary5710.org and navigate to the HOME page. In the gold column click on **“Speaker/Program Ideas”** under **Site Pages**. **This will take you to another screen. In the center, is a list of** District Leaders who are willing to present programs to clubs. In the gold column are others who are willing to present programs. Several clubs have had some of these speakers and gave rave reviews.

New Additions:

“Of Monkeys, Men and Magic” - Michael Ashcraft (Olathe Rotary Club)

Michael Ashcraft speaks passionately about *Social Capital* and the impact service clubs can have on the quality of life of their community. His presentations mix a lighthearted yet serious dimension of how Rotary leadership can change the world for the less fortunate around us. He tailors his remarks to fit the needs of each club but covers leadership, engagement and growing the future.

Michael was born in Kentucky and obtained his Masters degree from the University of Alabama. He has held responsible positions with several local and State governments including with Governor Frank Keating in the 1990s and more recently with the city of Olathe, KS.

While in that role, Michael led award winning community based strategic planning efforts for Olathe in 2000 and 2003. He also developed and led an award winning facilitation program that has been recognized both regionally and nationally.



In addition to being involved in many community activities and programs, Michael’s efforts have been published and he is recognized for his efforts to increase “social capital” in many communities. He frequently works with individuals and groups on civic engagement and cultural (re)development. Since 2008, Michael has been in private practice offering leadership and community development services to clients in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Contact Information: Michael Ashcraft, mail@MichaelLAshcraft.com, 913.706.0766

Tyrone Flowers, Higher M-Pact (Serves At-Risk-Youth)



Higher M-Pact engages in the lives of high-risk youth and the communities in which they live by providing positive guidance and creating mentoring relationships.

Tyrone knows these at-risk youth well, because he was one of them. No father or mother, a series of foster homes, detention centers, reform schools, diagnosed with behavior problems and learning disorders, no one had any hope for his future. Determined to make something of himself, he returned to high school and excelled on the basketball team. He was offered basketball scholarships, but was shot by a friend during an altercation, which put him into a **wheel chair for the rest of his life. While in the hospital he heard the phrase, “I can and I want to!”** That became his motto for life. He went to college, law school and now serves high-risk urban youth. Higher M-Pact programs are aimed at changing the heart, head and habits of these youth to ignite a spark and invoke the leadership skills within them.

Tyrone Flowers can be reached through the Higher M-Pact website: higherpact.org or contacting Deloris Hazley, Executive Administrative Assistant for Higher M-Pact at dhazley@higherpact.org.

District Governor Jim Mattes Remaining Club Visits

September

- 21Noon—Lawrence
- 22Noon—Garnett
- 23Noon—Lawrence Central
- 247:30—Olathe Santa Fe
- 28Noon—Marysville

October

- 6Noon—Ottawa
- 8Noon—Manhattan
- 97:15 am Manhattan Konza
-Noon—Burlingame



DG Jim's August Visit to Oskaloosa Rotary Club

Pictured Left to Right:
Club President Allen Wise, DG Jim,
and Assistant Governor
Maggie Mahoney.

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

SEPTEMBER

- 25 Olathe Santa Fe Trail “West Fest: at Mahaffie Farmstead. Tickets are \$15
- 26 Olathe Santa Fee Trail “OmelleFest.” Tickets are \$5. Information for both of these: Sam Logan, slogan@foulston.com.
- 26 Leawood “Bids 4 Kids” Dinner/Auction. Ritz Charles, Overland Park. \$75 per ticket. Information: Gary Bussing 913.647.4405, Andy Anand 913.239.0735.
- 28 Louisburg 10th Annual Golf Tournament, Metcalf Ridge Golf Club. \$85 per person, includes green fees, cart, dinner, soft drinks and BEER. Shotgun start at 1:00 pm. \$25,000 CASH prize for a hole-in-one on par 3's. Information: Doug Bower, dbcrown@hotmail.com, 913.837.5155.

OCTOBER

- 1 Village West 3rd Annual “Parade of Heroes” at 7:00 pm along Village West Parkway in Kansas City, Kansas. I Information: Shelly Fabac, Shawnee@signarama.com, 913.962.9317.
- 3 Atchison Poker Run for Kids and PolioPlus, 9:00 am registration, 10:00 am depart. \$25 per rider, \$10 per passenger. Approximately 120 miles through scenic eastern Kansas. \$100 Best Poker Hand, \$50 2nd Best, \$25 3rd Best. Information: Carrie Sowers, 913.367.6441.
- 31 Oskaloosa “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.

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.



Building Peace, One Act At A Time

Lisa Monette knew she wanted to do something for her class project that would have a lasting impact.

Monette, a Rotary World Peace Fellow at Chulalongkorn University, joined forces with three other peace fellows who were thinking along similar lines. Together, they dreamed up A Million Acts of Peace, an effort they launched online 27 August to encourage one million people to carry out one act of peace each.

"The idea sort of grew out of the thought that people can do little things that may not mean that much," Monette says. "But if you have a million people doing little things, you can have a big impact."

Monette's collaborators include Gregorio Hernandez Jr., a major in the Philippine army; Raseema Alam, a peace-building trainer and consultant from Canada; and Virender Singh Malik, a retired colonel from India. All have now completed the three-month program. In addition to the Web site (millionactsofpeace.com), the peace fellows created a page on Facebook and are heavily promoting their effort through Twitter.

Their Web site defines an act of peace as "anything you do to further your understanding of another person, place or culture." It can also include efforts that help the vulnerable, outcast, or needy. So far, Monette says the group has tallied about 150 acts of peace, counted as people e-mail them or contact them via Facebook.



"Communication really is the key to preventing conflict. And dialogue is the key to solving conflict," she adds. "If we can get people talking and working together with others, we have achieved our goal."

Monette was sponsored for the Rotary World Peace Fellowships program by the Rotary Club of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. She took a short leave from her job as a spokesperson for the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, specializing in issues related to Asia and terrorism and security worldwide.

She says her grandfather was a Rotarian, and her father, aunts, and uncles participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange program. As a high school student, she took part in a one-week program sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ottawa that brings students to the Canadian capital to teach them about citizenship and develop their leadership skills.

"I fell in love with Ottawa," says Monette, who attended Carleton University to earn a degree in communications and political science.

She says she and her collaborators hope to hit their mark by the end of the year. But she admits she won't be terribly disappointed if they fall a bit short of their target: "To get so many people thinking about peace to us is the most important thing."

They are taking their message to Rotary clubs and districts to solicit as much help as possible. "We really think this has a good connection to Rotary," she says. "It fits with Rotary's values. Rotary is all about peace."

By Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary International News, September 14, 2009



Gregorio Hernandez (left) and Lisa Monette (right) plant trees in Thailand as an act of peace. *Photo courtesy of Lisa Monette*

District Membership Numbers

Month of August

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 August by the deadline date of September 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 8/30/2009	August Attendance
Atchison	74	68	57.00%
Baldwin City	15	14	71.00%
Blue Rapids	21	19	68.40%
Blue Valley	12	11	90.00%
Bonner Springs	25	0	0.00%
Burlingame	12	12	61.11%
Burlington	32	32	64.06%
Council Grove	45	0	0.00%
De Soto	37	37	48.65%
Emporia	77	70	59.32%
Emporia Sunrise	17	17	54.00%
Frankfort	25	25	80.00%
Gardner	64	60	78.01%
Garnett	27	27	65.00%
Holton	24	24	68.00%
Howard	17	0	0.00%
Indian Creek Sunset (Prov)	17	0	0.00%
Johnson County	51	45	75.00%
Junction City	89	86	40.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	15	0	0.00%
Kansas City	63	61	69.30%
Lawrence	196	194	51.74%
Lawrence Central	29	28	65.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	65	65	69.23%
Leavenworth	95	0	0.00%
Leawood	55	52	94.00%
Lenexa	41	41	70.80%
Louisburg	39	36	36.00%
Manhattan	218	205	63.00%
Manhattan Konza	59	61	65.74%
Marysville	45	47	73.00%
Olathe	93	0	0.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	47	38	60.00%
Osawatomie	26	26	75.00%
Oskaloosa	32	0	0.00%
Ottawa	21	0	0.00%
Overbrook	34	31	68.00%
Overland Park	162	156	67.32%
Overland Park South	95	92	70.54%
Paola	31	31	72.00%
Shawnee	63	58	78.90%
Shawnee Mission	62	62	62.74%
Spring Hill	16	17	52.00%
Topeka Downtown	196	193	51.46%
Topeka North	19	0	0.00%
Topeka South	118	115	68.00%
Topeka West	19	20	89.00%
Valley Falls	20	19	70.00%
Village West	37	35	70.00%
TOTALS/Average Attendance	2692	2230	63.14%

WELCOME—New Members For August

Frankfort	Richard Flores
Lenexa	Garrad Speer
Manhattan Konza	Trent Dansel
Overland Park	Kathy Howell
Topeka Downtown	Nancy Johnson
Topeka South	Paige Eichert, Janalea Randall, Chris Spargo
Topeka West	Forest Kidney

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

Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for August

WILL YOUR CLUB BE LISTED HERE NEXT MONTH?

Leawood	94.00%
Blue Valley	90.00%
Topeka West	89.00%
Frankfort	80.00%
Shawnee	78.90%
Gardner	78.01%
Johnson County	75.00%
Osawatomie	75.00%
Marysville	73.00%
Paola	72.00%
Baldwin City	71.00%
Lenexa	70.80%
Overland Park South	70.54%
Valley Falls	70.00%
Village West	70.00%

*Average Club
Meeting
Attendance for the
month of August:
63.14%*

ALMOST TO THE 70% MARK

Blue Rapids—Garnett—Holton—Kansas City—Lawrence Central—Lawrence Jayhawk—Manhattan Konza—Overbrook—Overland Park—Topeka South

WOW!! WAY TO GO CLUBS!! For the past two months the district has only had 9 or 10 clubs with attendance over 70% - this month there were 15 and 10 more clubs that almost hit the 70% mark!! And the average percentage of attendance has gone from 60.19% to 63.14%. **KEEP UP THE GOOD ATTENDANCE—ACTIVE ROTARIANS ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS!!**



MEMBERSHIP



Mullarky's Minute

From the Kansas City Rotary Club Newsletter, The War-Whoop

Bill Mullarky gave his "Mullarky's Minute" on membership. He talked about how members might approach a prospective member. Bill used the idea of two Rotarians going together and talk with a prospective member. He asked members at each table to pick a partner and next week approach a prospective new member.

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



“The Final Inch”

HBO's 38-minute film “The Final Inch,” filmed with Rotary's help and nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary Short, is available for purchase at <http://www.thefinalinch.org>. Filmed primarily in India, it gives a front line view of the battle to eradicate polio.

When you click on “purchase now” you will be directed to amazon.com where you can purchase the DVD and see a trailer of the film. The cost of the DVD is \$7.50. The proceeds generated from the sale of the DVD will be donated to Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge.



Club News

Atchison Rotary Club

- The 3rd grade children of Atchison Child Care School gathered pennies for three weeks for Polio. The club created lesson plans so the children could learn about polio. The children made posters with facts about polio. The club members showed the film “The Final Inch.” (See sidebar about this film).
- The club members walked their local mall stopping people and sharing information about polio and asking the public to donate their change. “Please donate come change so Rotary can make a change.”
- 29 members and guests attended the Royals “Strike Out Polio” event.
- Club is planning a “Poker Run for Kids & PolioPlus.” See Club Events on page 8.



Blue Rapids Rotary Club

- The club formed a team to participate in the Marshall County Relay for Life with all money raised being donated to the American Cancer Society. The Rotary team raised over \$1,600 for the cause.

Council Grove Rotary Club

- Started Junior Rotary Program for high school senior for 2009-10 school year.

Emporia Rotary Club

- The club will hold its annual golf outing at 1:30 on Tuesday, October 6th.
- Cynthia Patton was recognized with a PHF +1 pin.

Frankfort Rotary Club

- The club hosted a back-to-school picnic for their school. Club members barbecued hamburgers and everyone brought covered dishes. They served over 200 people at the event. After the BBQ the school held a pep rally to start off the school year.

Gardner Rotary Club

- The club had a float in a parade with inbound/outbound students along with Gardner Interact students.
- The club sold 60 tickets to the Royals “Strike Out Polio” event.
- PHF + was presented to Jan Dodds.

Indian Creek Sunset Rotary Club

- The club has MOVED its meeting day to TUESDAY from 5:30-6:30. Come early at 5:00 for social time.

Club News

Kansas City Rotary Club

- Programs for the month of August included presentations by members who had traveled overseas for mission and service projects. Greg Shondell gave a presentation on his recent GSE trip to the Philippines at the team leader. Mark Holland spoke on his mission trip to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Mark accompanied eight members of his church on the mission trip. Karen Smart of MADD gave a presentation on their victim services activities.

Lawrence Rotary Club

- **The “Sole Patrol” project raised funds to provide a pair of shoes for 240 children, grades K through 3rd** in partnership with the Ballard Community Center. Children must qualify for free and reduced meals **and be considered “at-risk” to receive a pair of shoes. The children received the shoes when they** picked up their backpack and school supplies which the Ballard Center provided. The purposed was to help the children start the new school year in the best way possible. This was the second year for the project. Funds were also donated by Hallmark Cards and Payless ShoeSource.
- The clubs second Ambassadorial Scholar, Hyeri Kim, arrived in July from Korea. She has been accepted in the two-year program of the University of Kansas School of Law. Tom Mulinazzi is her host and sponsor. Sungmin Jung from South Korea will be entering his second year in the KU Masters of Special Education program. Carl Locke is his host and sponsor.
- **The August “Blue Cup” funds were donated to the Family Promise Project which provides support for homeless families.** \$380 was donated.
- Youth Exchange student, Camille Dubos from France was welcomed to Lawrence. She is being hosted for the first semester by Lawrence Jayhawk Rotarian Dr. Carolyn Johnson and second semester by Lawrence Rotarian Doni Mooberry and their families.
- Speakers at club meetings in August included Senator Sam Brownback and Representative Dennis Moore. Earlier in the summer Governor Mark Parkinson spoke to the club.

Lawrence Central Rotary Club

- **The club visited The Oread hotel for a “Hard-Hat’ tour of the largest new hotel project in the state in a decade.** The hotel is at the top of Oread Hill and overlooks the town of Lawrence.
- The club held a fall picnic at Clinton Lake. Members invited family and friends to join in some casual fellowship.

Leavenworth Rotary Club

- Club continues its 10th Avenue Park Clean-up each month. The volunteers pick up trash and do light gardening. The club has installed park benches with their local logo and the club has developed the Rotary Memorial Tree Garden where the club buys a tree to honor completed Rotarians.
- The club hosting of International Officers attending Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth is back in full swing.
- The club inducted two new members—LTC Stacy Bathrick a transfer from Hawaii and Marguerite Strange a recipient of the Royal Brown Memorial Paul Harris Fellow and a long-time public servant to the city of Leavenworth and its surrounds.
- **48 members and guests attended the Royals “Strike Out Polio” event. The club raised \$750 for polio eradication of the Rotary Foundation.**



Little Apple Big Apple NYC Marathon Update

Original goal was to raise \$5,000, but have already raised \$4,262 to they are just going to keep right on going until their October 31st end date!



L to R: New members and their sponsors, Jayne Aylward, Marguerite Strange, Stacy Bathrick and Deb Snider.

Club News

Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club

- Welcome back-to-school baskets were presented to the East Heights Early Childhood Family Center.
- A tree was planted at the Rotary Arboretum in honor of Madge Fraley, deceased wife of club member Dick Fraley. A plaque was also donated by Delmar Falen to honor Jayhawk Rotarian Dick Fraley (pictured to the right).
- The club celebrated 80% member attendance the first week of August.
- Rotarian of the week was presented to: Pat Roach Smith, Chris Barteldes, Leonard Steinle, and Joe Snyder.



Left to Right: Kelly Riordan, Kimberly Williams, Lisa Keys and Leslie Lefebvre. At the center back are Kathy Rosencrants and Lana Seibel.



Jayhawk Rotarians Peter Steimle (left) and John Esau (right) with East Heights Principal Cris Anderson.



Kenneth Johnston, Lawrence Parks & Recreation staff member after he set the plaque honoring Jayhawk Rotarian Dick Fraley. Plaque donated by Delmar Falen.

Leawood Rotary Club

- The club continues to promote their Tailgate Dinner & Auction for Bids For Kids on September 26th. Margie Valentine and Kathy Rogers were on KCMBC-TV to promote the event. Over \$70,000 in auction donations have been received.
- Twelve member of the club participated in the blood drive held at the Church of the resurrection.
- Cheryl Graves of Downey Side Adoption Agency shared the good work that they do to get children in the local foster care system placed into permanent families. This agency provides low cost adoptions for children in the foster care system, provides great cost savings to adoptive families, and permanent long term families for these needy children.
- Karl Dicapo did a presentation on the Liberty memorial. Over \$1.3 million has been raised for renovations for this fabulous monument to the men and women who fought in the war.
- **Held a Club Assembly to discuss WHAT'S HAPPENING in the club.**



Lenexa Rotary Club

- Club members volunteered at the Lenexa Waterfest event, staffing the recycling stations and the cane pole fishing station. Pictured to the right is Mallory, Jason Leib's daughter, at the cane pole fishing station. Jason is President of the Lenexa Club.
- **The club sold 18 tickets to the Royals "Strike Out Polio" event.**
- Rotarian Fred Spears is spearheading a project to provide shoes for school children in Thailand. The club is well on its way to providing funds for 100 pairs of shoes.



Club News

Louisburg Rotary Club

- The club supported their local Booster Club by working the concession stand at the first home football game. About 20 Rotarians participated and all had a ton of fun!
- Louisburg World War II veteran Raymond Wood visited the club in August. Raymond fought in the battle on Okinawa. It was a tremendous honor to have Mr. Wood visit our club.

Manhattan Rotary Club



- The club's Relay for Life team participated in the Riley County relay and raised \$2,980 for the American Cancer Society. Pictured to the right is Relay for Life Chair Bill Richter presenting the bronze award earned by the club to President Lyle Butler in recognition of the club contribution.
- Jerry Boettcher was named a Paul Harris Fellow and John Struve, Don Rathbone and Bill Muir were presented Paul Harris Fellow Plus pins. Pictured to the left are Bill Muir, Don Rathbone, John Struve and President Lyle Butler.



Olathe Rotary Club

- One of the club's members, Reverend Dwight Douglas, is in need of a second heart transplant and his insurance will not cover the cost (\$500,000) of the operation. The Olathe Board initiated a campaign to match, up to \$2,000 donated by individual members of the club. So far the club has collected \$2,125 which with the board match, Dwight will receive at least \$4,125 from the Olathe Club for a new heart. **ANYONE IN THE DISTRICT WHO WOULD LIKE TO DONATE OR LEARN MORE ABOUT DWIGHT SHOULD VISIT HIS WEBSITE, www.heartfordwight.com.**
- Olathe Rotarian, Elizabeth Alex is in Botosani, Romania taking brand new school clothes, school supplies, book bags, hygiene, **medical and medicinal supplies to Deb's House Orphanage** donated by the club and Heart to Heart International.
- The club has inducted seven new members since July 1st with three others who are scheduled for induction. The club goal is to have a net gain of 13, going to 105 member by year-end. Dave White is the club Membership Chair.
- Clark Stewart received a Paul Harris Fellowship.

HEART  DWIGHT



Oskaloosa Rotary Club

- The club is getting ready for their 1st Annual Chili Cook Off to be held on October 31st, 11:00-4:00 pm. Cash prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. For detail, contact: Quentin Davis at 785.863.2092.
- International Students Night is scheduled for October 21st. Up to 12 students from KU ISSS program will attend the tour of the city/county government and dinner.

Club News

Olathe Santa Fe Trail Rotary Club

- The club completed its school supply drive for the benefit of foster children with KVC Behavioral HealthCare.
- Wilma Wilcox will represent the club on a Guatemala Water project trip planned for November 4-11 with Heart to Heart International. The club is supporting her in efforts to obtain financial assistance for the trip through a District Grant and from the club by fundraising.
- **The club continues to actively plan and promote West Fest, the club's second annual fundraiser to be held on September 25th at Mahaffie Farmstead in Olathe. A portion of this year's proceeds will benefit Temporary Lodging for Children in Olathe. The club will hold its 11th Annual OmelletteFest on the morning of September 26th. Tickets are \$15 for West Fest and \$5 for OmelletteFest and can be obtained from club president, Sam Logan (slogan@foulston.com) or event chairperson, Jessica Luth (jluth@kidstlc.org).**



**DISTRICT
SIMPLIFIED GRANT
APPLICATION
DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

Application is available on the District Website:
rotary5710.org
(under Foundation/Grants on the HOME page)

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Ottawa Rotary Club

- The club is working with CASA to distribute dictionaries to 5th grade students. The club is also working with the library and USD 290 to develop RIF (Reading Is Fun) program for the school district.
- Members who contributed their time and efforts for the 18 basket disc golf course at Kanza Park were recognized at a club meeting. Special recognition was given to Gene Beauchamp for completing the disc golf course signs with Rotary designations.
- The club is purchasing shirts with the Rotary logo for identification of members participating in projects.
- **A picnic was held at club member Tom Weigand's home to introduce the club's new foreign exchange student, Magdalena from Austria.**

Overbrook Rotary Club

- The had great fund preparing the float for the annual Overbrook Fair Parade. Three members availed themselves for the comedy setting for a second place finish.
- **The club sold 13 tickets for the Royals "Strike Out Polio" event.**
- Karol Jon Wilhite was recognized with a special pin for Paul Harris award.

Overland Park Rotary Club

- The club is starting a local books program drive with past president Jeff Goodman in charge.
- **Special recognition was given to Steve Siegal who has prepared the club's accounting forms for the past 10 years and Mike Hockley for his service to the Overland Park Rotary Club Foundation.**

Paola Rotary Club

- The club has put in place a new procedure for recruiting potential new members. A list of potential members has been identified. In the coming weeks, the committee will be inviting these potential members to a weekly club meeting.

Club News

Overland Park South Rotary Club

- On August 26th, the club presented checks totaling \$30,000 to three local charities that benefit children. The recipients of the donations were the Fox 4 Love Fund, Marillac and Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center. The club raised money for the donations through its 2009 Jazz in the Woods festival.
- In August members and their families canoed down the Kaw River for a social activity.
- Happy Hour was held at Nick and Jakes, one of the Jazz in the Woods sponsors.
- The club is now on facebook!



L to R: James Thomas, Lisa Herron, Joyce Eacock (all from Fox 4 Love Fund), Anne Bowman, Angie Hoer (from Marillac), Arell Wasson (Club President), Amy Milroy, Sheila Park (from Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center, and Jamie Clark (Jazz in the Woods Chairperson)

Shawnee Rotary Club

- Held annual Bike Safety Rodeo at the Mill Valley High School. 450 riders received safety certificates for completing seven station safety courses, had their bike inspected, and head fitted with a new bike helmet.
- The club has initiated contact with Mill Valley High School principal, Joe Novak, to pursue establishing a new Interact club.
- **43 members and guests participated in the Royals "Strike Out Polio" event. Raised \$1,000 for PolioPlus.**
- Hosted two Youth Exchange outbound students returning from Belgium and two Youth Exchange outbound students heading for France and Germany at a club meeting.
- Special recognition was given to the girls Maranatha Track team for giving away their State Meet metals to another team who had been disqualified. Two of the girls were Interact Club members.
- **Presented Kevin Tubbesing his 8th PHF. Have 10 new or additional PHF's in the hopper.**



Shawnee Mission Rotary Club

- Work has begun on their on-going Dictionary and Books for Kids projects.
- The club is pleased to participate in Youth Exchange by sponsoring Bastian Samuel Hahn from Moraira, Alicante, Spain. Bastian is living with club president, Russ Erickson's family through the end of 2009 and is attending Shawnee Mission Northwest High School. Bastian attended his first Rotary club meeting in August where he presented the club banner from the Rotary Club Javea in Spain.



Club News

Spring Hill Rotary Club



- The Spring Hill Sharks Special Olympic team was treated to a pool party hosted by the club in conjunction with the Spring Hill Recreation Commission. The Olympiads compete all year round in various sports. Their families joined them for a splashing good time complete with pizza and ice cream. Spring Hill corporate sponsors were Pizza Hutt and Sonic. The evening was capped off with a visit from the Spring Hill Fire Department so the kids could get a close up look at the equipment.



Topeka Downtown Rotary Club

- Donated to YMCA RACE Committee. The funds will be used to support the Adopt-A-School Program.
- Supporting a Youth Exchange student with a monthly stipend of \$100.
- Presented a Paul Harris +3 pin to Scott Teeter.

Topeka South Rotary Club

- The club continues its push for Every Rotarian Every Year. So far this year, 15 members have made their contributions.
- The club continues its work with Let's Help and the pen pal program with Avondale West Elementary.



Village West Rotary Club

The Parade will be celebrating heroes from all walks of life and also focus, in a special way, our military heroes. Is there a local veteran, school teacher, police officer or citizen in your area that should be part of this celebration? Contact:

- Leavenworth Rotarians Beau Kansteiner and Bill Thompson will be co-grand marshals of this year's Parade of Heroes to



- be held October 1st at 7:00 pm along Village West Parkway in Kansas City, Kansas.
- Bill Thompson served in World War II in the elite Jedburgh organization of the OSS. He parachuted into France in advance of Allied armies to assist the French resistance. Later, he parachuted into China to help the Chinese forces in their war against the Japanese invaders. A past president of the Leavenworth Rotary club, Bill has been a Rotarian for 36 years.
- Beau Kansteiner served in the US Navy, both active and reserves between 1952 and 1969 when he retired from the Reserves. He served as a Gunnery Officer on USS Gregory, a Fletcher-class destroyer, in the Formosa Straits during a time of international crisis when the Chinese communist were shelling the Nationalist Chinese Island of Quemoy and Matsu. Beau is also a past-president of the Leavenworth Rotary Club and has been a Rotarian for 37 years.