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## *RI President—Show and Tell*

My wife, Judie, was a kindergarten teacher for many years, and she often told stories about her “show and tell” experiences, when each of her students was permitted to bring a favorite item to school, such as a pet or toy, and to tell the other children about it. There was always a sense of wonder as the children learned about their classmate’s prized possession.

Rotarians often share that same sense of wonder as they learn about the amazing service projects conducted by other Rotary clubs. In fact, there are so many Rotary service projects performed by our 33,000-plus clubs that it is truly impossible for anyone to track them. Many of them go unknown and unrecognized, except to their sponsor clubs, but the totality of such Rotary projects is clearly making the world a better place.

It is unfortunate that we cannot have a giant “show and tell” event where every club could tell the world what it does. We have grown much too large for us to even share the news of our countless service projects with our other clubs. However, the annual conventions provide an opportunity for several clubs, districts, and multidistrict organizations to display their projects in an effective way, and this month’s RI Convention in New Orleans will feature many outstanding projects in the House of Friendship.

The New Orleans convention will be a wonderful Rotary event, and I encourage all registrants to spend as much time as possible in the House of Friendship to meet new friends from around the world, to see the displays of Rotary projects, and to enjoy some great entertainment on the two stages. It will open on Saturday morning and be open for more hours than usual during the convention. And for those who cannot attend for more than one day, there is a new Saturday-only pass for \$40 per person to sample the House of Friendship!

The convention also will give me a personal “show and tell” opportunity. I can show the base of a pillar, located in the convention center, that supports the giant highway bridge over the Mississippi River. It is the same bridge under which I sailed on a Lykes Line freighter on my way to the University of Cape Town as a Rotary Scholar 50 years ago. And I can, and happily will, tell everyone that it was a Rotary trip that has lasted a lifetime!

Ray Klingensmith

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## Dates to Remember for 2010-11

### 2011

#### MAY

16 GSE Team returns to Australia  
 21-25 **Rotary International Convention, New Orleans, LA**

#### JUNE: ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

5-9 RYLA, University of Kansas, Lawrence

#### July

1 Deadline for applications for Rotary World Peace Fellow

#### August

6 Foundation, Membership & Leadership Seminar

#### November

19 Foundation Banquet

### Upcoming Club Event

DETAILS AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT HOME PAGE UNDER CLUB EVENTS

#### TOPEKA DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB

Annual Golf Tournament

May 6

For Details: Click on CALENDAR on the District home page

#### SHAWNEE MISSION ROTARY CLUB

Spirit of Mission Days

Pancake Breakfast

May 6

For Details: Click on CALENDAR on the District home page

#### OLATHE ROTARY CLUB

Days of Wine and Rotary

May 14, Overland Park Convention Center

For Details: [www.thedaysofwineandrotary.org](http://www.thedaysofwineandrotary.org)

#### VILLAGE WEST ROTARY

Service Club Challenge

May 31 (Details provided later)

## District 5710 PETS/SETS Attendees



## District Membership Numbers

### Month of March

Clubs with zero entered for the current month's membership/attendance % did not submit a Secretary's Report to the District website for the month of March by the deadline date of April 15.

The membership count listed for July 1, 2010 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 2010-11.

## World Peace Fellow



Deadline for applications for the 2012-14 class of World Peace Scholars is July 1, 2011. Send completed application to Bill Richter at [wrichter@ksu.edu](mailto:wrichter@ksu.edu) or mail to the district office. If you would like to learn more about this program, [CLICK HERE](#) for a Rotary Peach Fellowships Brochure. To download an application and find more information about this program, [CLICK HERE](#). To view a video of this program, go to [rotary5710.org](http://rotary5710.org).

CLUB	7/1/2010 Membership	Membership As Of 3/31/2011	March Attenu- dance
Atchison	79	73	50.99%
Baldwin City	15	16	68.00%
Blue Rapids	21	0	0.00%
Blue Valley	14	12	88.00%
Bonner Springs	26	24	83.00%
Burlingame	12	13	57.69%
Burlington	33	31	59.26%
Council Grove	48	51	61.60%
De Soto	39	42	48.14%
Emporia	68	67	54.14%
Frankfort	24	23	73.00%
Gardner	61	62	71.08%
Garnett	30	0	0.00%
Holton	24	27	53.00%
Howard	19	19	63.30%
Indian Creek Sunset (Prov)	6	0	0.00%
Johnson County	43	41	71.43%
Johnson County Sunset	0	25	69.00%
Junction City	86	78	32.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	17	0	0.00%
Kansas City	54	59	68.90%
Lawrence	197	198	47.03%
Lawrence Central	32	29	57.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	66	70	63.75%
Leavenworth	94	93	65.05%
Leawood	55	57	82.27%
Lenexa	43	49	81.67%
Louisburg	42	41	48.00%
Manhattan	210	216	61.40%
Manhattan Konza	73	82	62.55%
Marysville	50	48	69.00%
Olathe	93	0	0.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	39	34	55.00%
Osawatomie	22	24	64.00%
Oskaloosa	34	35	67.00%
Ottawa	17	30	65.00%
Overbrook	32	32	81.00%
Overland Park	146	140	67.94%
Overland Park South	89	93	63.84%
Paola	32	35	65.00%
Shawnee	60	63	77.00%
Shawnee Mission	62	0	0.00%
Spring Hill	16	17	75.00%
Topeka Downtown	196	194	51.66%
Topeka North	16	22	55.00%
Topeka South	114	113	75.22%
Topeka West	21	23	84.00%
Valley Falls	18	18	71.00%
Village West	38	39	63.89%
Western Johnson County	0	20	70.00%
<b>TOTALS/Average Attendance</b>	<b>2626</b>	<b>2478</b>	<b>** 62.14%</b>

\*\*Percentage for Clubs Reporting

**Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for March**

*Will your club be listed here next month?*

Blue Valley.....	88.00%
Topeka West .....	84.00%
Bonner Springs .....	83.00%
Leawood .....	82.27%
Lenexa .....	81.67%
Overbrook.....	81.00%
Shawnee.....	77.00%
Topeka South.....	75.22%
Spring Hill .....	75.00%
Frankfort.....	73.00%
Johnson County.....	71.43%
Gardner .....	71.08%
Valley Falls .....	71.00%
Western Johnson County (Prov).....	70.00%

*Average  
Attendance (for  
the reporting  
clubs) for the  
month  
of March:  
62.14%*

**Clubs with 65% to 70% Attendance:**

Johnson County Sunset—	69.00%
Marysville—	69.00%
Kansas City—	68.90%
Baldwin City—	68.00%
Overland Park—	67.94%
Oskaloosa—	67.00%
Leavenworth—	65.05%
Ottawa—	65.00%
Paola—	65.00%

**New Club Members for March**

Emporia .....	Dennis Fish, Marshall Havenhill, Bill Noblitt
Johnson County .....	Jill Quigley
Junction City.....	Sarah Talley
Kansas City .....	Chris Meiers
Lawrence.....	Tracie Howell
Lenexa.....	Alan Kruckemyer
Louisburg .....	Jack Kline
Oskaloosa .....	Thomas Knutzen
Ottawa .....	Delton Graves
Overland Park South .....	Holly Miriani, John Rasmus
Shawnee .....	John Christiansen, Sandra Moore
Topeka North .....	Kerry Crotinger
Topeka South.....	Scott Clatterbuck, Jamie Stafford
Topeka West .....	Norm Nellis, William (Bill) Tregemba
Western Johnson County .....	Kelly Bosak, Marla Williams



JOHNSON COUNTY NEW MEMBER  
L to R: Ray Makalous, and new member Jill Quigley

**WELCOME**



## District Youth Exchange Corner

Dear fellow Rotarians,

We are now smack in the middle of our placement of students for next school year. Four of the fourteen have been claimed by clubs and our Inbound Coordinator Robert Thompson is working hard to place the rest of our students. We have another great group coming in this year and will have a broad range of countries represented. We are hosting students from: Taiwan, Japan, Chile, Romania, Austria, Switzerland, France, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, and Belgium. We will be contacting clubs looking for hosts in the next month or so. If you are interested in hosting please contact Robert Thompson at [ratratrat@yahoo.com](mailto:ratratrat@yahoo.com) or Stephen Wheatley at [wheatleydc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wheatleydc@sbcglobal.net). Remember that host families do not need to be Rotarians.



L to R: Ana (hosted by Paola) and Carola on the plane on a recent trip to New York.



L to R: Carola and Joe' (cohosted by Shawnee and Lenexa) taking a break in an atrium across from Ground Zero during the New York Trip.

Our last student to highlight from this class is Carola Bereuter from Wolfurt, Austria. Carola is being hosted by the Manhattan Rotary Club. She is one of the youngest students we have ever had but has proved herself up to the challenge of being an exchange student. In Austria she was an avid gymnast on a travelling team. Her father is the general manager of a factory that produces paper tubes and cores. Her mother is a housewife and seamstress. Carola is the youngest of three girls. Her goal



Carola, Ana and Okhanna (hosted by Overland Park) on top of the Empire State Building at sunset.

on her exchange has been to improve her English and she has done wonderfully at it.

On the way home from New York (Sunday night April 3rd) our plane was struck by lightning three times coming into KCI. We had to divert to St. Louis and sit on the ground there for a few hours while the plane was inspected. Quite the experience.

Stephen Wheatley  
District 5710 YEO

## RYLA 2011 SCHEDULED



The University of Kansas is Lawrence will once again host District 5710's Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) from June 5 to June 9. Cost per student is \$300 (\$275 registration fee paid by the sponsoring club and \$25 application fee paid by the student). Over 70 students attended last year's RYLA, engaging in a wide range of leadership development, communication, and community service activities. Application are due to the District Office by May 6. For questions, please contact John Curran of the Olathe Rotary Club at [jjcurran@msn.com](mailto:jjcurran@msn.com). For a copy of the RYLA registration form, [CLICK HERE](#).

## District 5710 Ambassadorial Scholars Chosen

The Atchison Rotary Club hosted the Ambassadorial Scholars Interviews on March 28. A special thanks to Francis Strieby and Carrie Sowers, Atchison club members, for coordinating this outstanding event. They have helped lead this event for the past few years and their club and district thank them for a job well done. Derek Wohlgemuth, also with the Atchison Club, is stepping up to help coordinate this event next year.

Ambassadorial Scholars selected are:



L to R: Sean Webck (1st Runner-Up); PDG Larry Dimmitt, Laura Dean (1st Nominee); PDG Jim Mattes; Lauren (Abby) Hannifan (2nd Nominee); and Bethany Caldwell (2nd Runner-Up)



L to R: Laura Dean, Abby Hannifan

First nominee: Laura Dean, (first nominee) sponsored by the Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club. She attends the University of Kansas studying Political Science-Graduate Certificate in Women Gender and Sexuality Studies. She hopes to use the Rotary Scholarship to attend the university of Kharkov, Ukraine.

Lauren (Abby) Hannifan (second nominee) is sponsored by the Leawood Rotary Club. She currently attends Vanderbilt University and studies medicine, health and society. Laura hopes to use the Rotary Scholarship to attend the London School of Economics; London, United Kingdom.

## District 5710 - Kansas Sesquicentennial PolioPlus Projects

The **Topeka (Downtown) Rotary Club** has designed a Kansas Sesquicentennial license plate for Rotarians (pictured to the right) and your club has the opportunity to join in this project for PolioPlus. Your club can purchase these license plates for only \$7.00 (which is the cost of the plate and the shipping costs) and ask for a \$20.00 donation for each license plate. You can market these plates to Rotarians, family members, friends—with all profits from the donations going toward your club’s PolioPlus goal. If your club would like to be included in this project, contact **Anita Wolgast** ([awolgast@cox.net](mailto:awolgast@cox.net)) and a license plate and project details will be sent to your club.



Each Spring the **DeSoto Rotary Club** has grown fields of a variety of sunflowers, selling the sunflower blooms for a PolioPlus project. This year DeSoto Rotary is selling seed packages that contain seeds to grow the “Mammoth Gray Stripe” sunflower which produces huge yellow blossoms. All Kansas Rotary Clubs are invited to participate in utilizing this to celebrate the Kansas 150th Anniversary and to spread the good word about Rotary.

The seed package will display the graphic picture to the left. Each club can order 1,000 seeds for \$250 (25 cents per package). A suggested \$2.00 donation is printed on the package. This represents a potential for each club to raise \$1,750 for each 1,000 seed packages—or \$3,500 for 2,000 seed packages! **Clubs will need to preorder seed packets ASAP**, for this year’s growing season. Contact **Graham Gordon** ([thegordons2@gmail.com](mailto:thegordons2@gmail.com) or 913-832-7954) for more information.



## *Johnson County Sunset—Sunflower House*

On April 1st and 2nd the Johnson County Sunset Club participated in a painting project for Sunflower House in Shawnee, Kansas. The first part of the project was Friday night and consisted of Mark Emley, Steve Hillyer, A.W. Picket cutting in the corners to make the project easier the next day. Then on Saturday,



April 2nd, Rich Liess, Matt Young, Michelle Herman, Jennifer Johnson, Lori Redetzke, Tom Stroud, Domenick Decaro, Any Belt were able to easily finish three meeting areas by noon. Thank you to all who were able to participate in this project and support the good works of Sunflower House.

## *Topeka West Rotary Club—Marian Clinic Benefit*

On Saturday March 5, Topeka West Rotary sponsored a “Good Old Fashioned Kansas Barbecue” as a benefit for Marian Clinic. The dinner was held at Shawnee Golf Club and featured Guy Rinehart’s delicious barbecued brisket, pulled pork, ham and tenderloin. Most of the guests came “dressed for the occasion” in a wide variety of western wear.



President Carolyn Conroy presents a check to Marian Clinic Board President, Barbara Barnard. Also present are Bob Trepinski, Executive Director and Ruth Maus, Development Director of Marian Clinic.



Rotarian Alden Hickman got into the spirit of the evening with his fantastic dress and posing with Roy, the horse, provided by Roy Frey Western.

Roy Frey Western provided the fantastic western décor with Topeka’s Judy Coder entertaining with her distinctive Kansas/western repertoire. As a result of the benefit, Topeka West Rotary presented a check to Marian Clinic for \$10,570.25.

## *District 5710 Alumni Association Banquet*

On March 4 District 5710 joined with Districts 040 and 6080 (Zone 31) in hosting the Fourth Annual Foundation Alumni Reception, held in Kansas City, Missouri in connection with the Regional Ambassadorial Scholar Orientation Seminar. Alums and other Rotarians from all three District attended the Reception and the Banquet that followed. It was at this Reception three years ago that District 5710 became the sixth District in North America to charter a Foundation Alumni Association. Officers and members of all three Associations were recognized at the Reception.



## CLUB NEWS

### Atchison Rotary Club

- The Atchison Rotary Club hosted the Ambassadorial Scholarships on March 26. (See Page 6)
- The club is hosting the Atchison Community Education Foundation. The local Kiwanis Club, along with other community leaders, will be invited to the meeting.
- 25 club members took part in a private tour of the Boulevard Brewing Company in Kansas City. The local chamber provided a bus for transportation. All had a great time.

### Burlington Rotary Club

- Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn, President-elect, received her Paul Harris Fellowship award from Ken Hughes, current President of the club. Kimberly has been a great example of "Service Above Self" and will continue to provide outstanding leadership for Rotary in the future. Picture L to R: Kimberly and Ken.



### Gardner Rotary Club

- The club participated in Greater Kansas City Day on March 31st. Approximately 20 Rotarians and 10 Gardner-Edgerton Interact students stood on the corners of Gardner to sell newspapers in support of the Rotary Youth Camps. The club raised just under \$1,500.

### Johnson County Rotary Club

- The club sponsored Sarah Weaver from the University of Kansas for the Ambassadorial Scholarship.
- The club presented a Vocational Service Award to Andrew Schmitt, CEO of Layne Christensen, for their outstanding work in freeing the trapped Chilean miners.
- The club inducted new member, Jill Quigley, who was sponsored by Ray Makalous. (see page 4 for picture)
- The club had several great speakers throughout the month: Marc Shaffer from the Overland Park South Club speaking about Jazz in the Woods and Young Rotarians; Tim Bair from Theater in the Park; and Angie Bowers from Alphapointe.



L to R: Andrew Schmitt of Layne Christensen and President Dirk Ochs.

### Johnson County Sunset Rotary Club

- Many clubs send representatives to PETS/SETS, but three members of the Sunset Club were flown to Salina by their President-Elect, A.W. Pickel, bringing back great ideas and enthusiasm. Pictured are Joanna WattsBramlett, Andy Belt and A.W. Pickel.
- The club participated in a painting project for Sunflower House. See page 7 for details.





## *CLUB NEWS*

### Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club

- The club has begun plans for their second annual Trivia Night fall fundraiser.
- On March 31 the club received an update from Ryan Wright and Pam Eglinski on the GSE Team trip to Australia.
- New member David Darwin was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow and Rotarian John Conard received his PHF+4 pin.

### Leawood Rotary Club

- The Club had nearly 30 members participate in Kansas City Days, selling newspapers for the Royals opening day to benefit Club 13's Rotary Camp. Leawood Rotarians were stationed on five intersections in Leawood and gathered a total of \$4,750, the best ever. Half the proceeds go to the Rotary Camp for Disabled Children, half is returned to Leawood Rotary for our charities. Pictured to the right are the early morning Rotarians ready to depart for their corners to sell newspapers.
- The club is working hard in preparation for two International visits. Leawood will host the Australian GSE team to a Royals game on Friday, April 29. In May the club will host six Russian social workers/educators as part of the Open World Program.
- The Club was very excited that Abby Hanifan from Leawood was selected for an Ambassadorial Scholarship by the District. Abby is a Senior at Vanderbilt University majoring in Medicine, Health & Society. This is the second year in a row that Leawood has nominated an Ambassadorial Scholar. Laura Kelly from Leawood was selected last year. Abby has spent a semester studying in a major Catholic university in Santiago, Chile. She has interned in Uganda and done research in Guatemala. She wants to study Public Health and pursue a masters degree with the scholarship and has five schools identified. She has superior skills in Spanish. She has a deep record of service both here and abroad. She is a truly outstanding young lady. Abby is pictured to the right.



### Lenexa Rotary Club

- The club participated in the Greater Kansas City Day paper sale for the Royal's opening day.
- The Fire Safety Vehicle the club helped purchase for the City of Lenexa was featured in "Our Town," the City of Lenexa's monthly newspaper.
- The club continues to work on a Heifer Project.
- The club welcomes transferee Alan Kruckemyer, MD from Salina.
- Congratulations to Fred Spears who was re-elected to the Overland Park City Council.

### Manhattan Rotary Club

- Congratulations to Erin Smithhisler and Dillon Mack, Manhattan High School Students of the Month for March. The MRC is pleased to honor these outstanding students and we wish them well as they complete their education at MHS.
- Four new Paul Harris Fellows were named: March 3 – Paul Bullock; March 14 – Hyde Jacobs, and March 21 – Virginia Moxley. As the club continues to emphasize the Every Rotarian, Every Year program, the number of Paul Harris Fellows continues to grow.

### Olathe Rotary Club

- The Days of Wine & Rotary is May 14 at the Overland Park Convention Center. This year the event will once again feature great wine and food from local vendors along with a sampling of craft beer! Tickets are still available for \$50 each and support children locally and internationally. Visit [www.thedaysofwineandrotary.org](http://www.thedaysofwineandrotary.org) to learn and to purchase a chance to enter a drawing for a cruise for two to the Bahamas!. Tickets are just \$10.

## CLUB NEWS

### Overbrook Rotary Club

- A special program was presented by Rotarian Yolanda Dickinson to recognize Rotary Literacy Month. Guests included the librarian from the Overbrook Public Library and the Library Foundation Board Chair. The Club learned how the library meets the needs of community members through literacy projects and current needs of the library.

### Overland Park Rotary Club

- The club participated in Kansas City Day with more than 100 volunteers and raised over \$7,000.
- The club continues to solicit high school students to participate in this year's Youth Leadership Institute. The goal this year is 50 students compared to the 44 attending last year.

### Spring Hill Rotary Club

- The club completed their community needs assessment project. The project was a gratifying experience on many levels. As a team, we learned and utilized new skills, we brought awareness to our community, there was better than expected community participation, and we learned that there is strong giving of time and money in the area of education. We also learned there are opportunities to provide more transportation to our residents. The club will continue to dig through the data to formulate the best way we can provide service above self in Spring Hill.
- The club served hot dogs, chips and drinks to families participating in the annual Spring Hill Celebration of the Young Child. This is a fun event for elementary school students and their families. There were face painting, bunnies, and karate demonstrations.
- The club picked a beautiful day to move the meeting outside. Member and Master Gardner, Nancy Kalman, hosted the meeting at her home where she gave the club information on victory gardens then made everyone get their hands muddy. Pictured to the right is member Rob Guess and his wife Bev getting instructions from Nancy on how give plants a great start.



### Topeka West Rotary Club

- The club participated in the "Dictionary Project" by donating approximately 400 dictionaries to Topeka Schools: Jay Shideler, Topeka Lutheran, Ross Elementary, Pauline Central, McClure and McCarter Elementary Schools. Students, teachers and parents loved the dictionaries. Dictionary Project Chair, Bill Nace, (pictured to the right) was instrumental in making this project a great success. Topeka West Rotarians were actively involved in the "Dictionary Project" by gathering at Bill's house to place a special Topeka West Rotary bookplate in each dictionary or by accompanying Bill to the various elementary schools.
- Topeka West Rotary members were the guests of Dr. Sanjay Tripathi at St. Francis Hospital on March 29. Dr. Tripathi, a cardio-thoracic surgeon, presented in reference to the Da Vinci robotic surgery technique. Club members were able via video to view an actual thoracic surgery.



## *CLUB NEWS*

### **Western Johnson County Rotary Club Prov**

- The club has elected officers and directors for 2011-12 and approved their by-laws. The club is actively recruiting the final member so the club can charter by the end of April. A chartering ceremony is in the planning for mid-June.

### **Frankfort Rotary Club**

- The Frankfort Club has a new location for their meetings: Second Street Restaurant at 2nd and Kansas Avenue at noon on Wednesdays.

### **Oskaloosa Rotary Club**

- The club was one of the few clubs in our district to host Daniel Seddiqui during the month of March. Daniel spoke to the club about his experiences of "50 Jobs in 50 States." He shared his experiences during this incredible journey in pictures and video with added humor. After the meeting Daniel (pictured to the right) signed books for the club members.



### **Topeka Downtown Rotary Club**

- Club contributed \$507 to the Marian Clinic.
- Club donated \$2,500 for the Washburn University Jazz Band China Trip.

### **Bonner Springs Rotary Club**

- Pictured to the right: Bruce Coleman presents awards to scholarship winners Kaylie Holloway, Angelica Harris and Chelsea Crawford. The club awards three \$1,000 scholarships each year.

