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Tune in on New Year's Day to the Rose Parade



The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee Inc presents our 2011 Float: "Building Communities, Bridging Continents" the theme of 2010-2011 Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith. Eight bears—actually seven bears and one koala—are outfitted to represent the continents, as in "Bridging Continents."

Nine Rotary Club members will be riding on the float, and eight will be walking with the float. Each one—wearing the traditional costume of their country of origin or the USA—represents one of the continents where 33,000 Rotary clubs form a global network of community volunteers, more than 1.2 million strong!

Our **Float Riders** and **Outwalkers** have been selected by the District Governors of the seven southern California and southern Nevada Rotary Districts whose clubs and members provide seed money to start building the float. Funding is completed by donations from Rotary clubs and members across the USA and Canada.

DISTRICT 5710 CLUBS CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROSE PARADE FLOAT

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JOHNSON COUNTY

OVERLAND PARK

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Dates to Remember for 2010-11

2011

JANUARY: ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

- 1 Semi-annual dues to Rotary International
- 3-6 Rohan Radhakrishna's Club Visits (see page 2 for details)
- 11 New District Club Information Meeting (see details to the right)
- 16-22 DG John Vandewalle to 2011 International Assembly San Diego, CA
- 28 SCRYE Winter Conference, Tulsa, OK (South Central Rotary Youth Exchange)

FEBRUARY: WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

- 19 Pre-PETS EAST, Location TBD
- 23 Rotary's birthday (1905)

MARCH: LITERACY MONTH

- 5 Pre-PETS WEST (Location TBD)
- 15 Ambassadorial Scholarship Applications Due
- 26 Ambassadorial Scholarship Interviews, Atchison
- TBD District Educator of the Year applications due
- TBD Presidential Citations due

APRIL: ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

- 7-9 President-Elect, Secretary-Elect training in Salina - ALL incoming Presidents are required to attend.
- 15 GSE Team from Australia to Kansas
- 19 Paul Harris's birthday
- 29 **District Assembly, Overland Park**
- 29 **District PDG Dinner, Overland Park**
- 30-5/1 **District Conference, Overland Park**

MAY

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

JUNE:: ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

District Forming New Club

The district is planning the formation of a new club, the Rotary Club of Western Johnson County.

The new club's geographical area is targeted west of I-435 in western Shawnee and Lenexa, a growing residential and commercial area. The club will meet Tuesday mornings, the location to be determined, but it will be close to the K-7 Highway corridor.

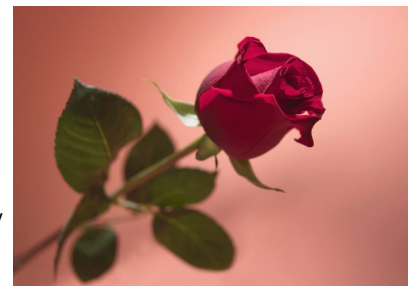
The goal is to have the provisional club up and running in early 2011. A recruitment and information meeting for potential members will be held at 7:30 am, January 11, 2011 at the Country Club Bank Building, Shawnee Mission Parkway and Monticello Road, Shawnee.

If you have a potential member for this club, please send the email address of the potential member to Dave Huston at: davidh9946@gmail.com.



January Club Event

Johnson County Rotary Club will begin to take orders for roses for their annual Valentine's Day fundraiser. Roses will be delivered on February 14 with the proceeds from the sale of the roses benefiting Higher M-pact and the Lee Ann Britain IDC. To place an order or for more information, contact Dirk Ochs at dirk@careerathletes.com.



Gardner Rotarian Robert Thompson Attends the West Africa Project Fair



Severine and Robert at the Project Fair.



Severine is distributing de-worming medicine at a school in Accra, Ghana.

Gardner Rotary Club Rotarian Robert Thompson embarked on a trip to Africa and Europe in November. While in Africa, Robert, along with former exchange student, Severine Bruwier, participated in the 6th Annual West Africa Project Fair in Accra, Ghana. The Fair in Ghana was for Rotary clubs from West Africa to show off their humanitarian projects. Their hope was to get additional funding from other Rotary clubs around the world and to build friendships with fellow Rotarians from around the world. Severine Bruwier was a Youth Exchange Student from Belgium staying in Manhattan, Kansas during the 2008-09 school year. While in Europe, Robert spent the majority of his time visiting current and former exchange students and the families of exchange students here in the States.

ADG Shelly Fabac Delivers Books for Village West

Children from St. Benedict's Preschool and the KCK Community College Preschool program were delighted when Village West Rotarian and Assistant District Governor, Shelly Fabac, visited them before the Thanksgiving holiday to deliver much needed books for their learning and enjoyment.

The Village West Rotary Club donated \$450 for the purchase of 150 books titled *Up, Down and Around* to be



distributed to preschoolers as part of the

Kansas Read program. The State of Kansas funded these books for pre-kindergarten age children. The club's generous donation was used to supply these delightful books to the 3 and 4-year olds in preschool who are not old enough for Kindergarten next year.

Additional books were made available from the Rotary District Simplified Grant request approved last month. The \$450 grant allowed the Village West Club to provide additional books for preschool programs in District 5710.

CLUB NEWS

Atchison

- The club is again supporting the “Adopt a Family” program where all members are asked to purchase presents, food, gift certificates for local families who are in need of assistance during the holidays. These gifts will be distributed to the families by the club.
- Conducting a “Coach Bag” raffle to raise fund the their Foundation.
- Rang bells for the Salvation Army.

DeSoto

- The Picnic Bench Area located at Riverfest Park was completed and presented to the City of DeSoto. Club members present at the dedication ceremony are pictured in the far right picture. The plaque located at the site reads:



Presented by the DeSoto Rotary Club
 Bridging Continents—Building Communities
 In memory of Irv Hoffmann

This project used DSG funds, club funds and donations provided in the memory of recently deceased Rotarian Irv Hoffmann.

- Thanksgiving Turkeys were provided to needy, less fortunate families in the DeSoto area. This was done in coordination with the DeSoto Methodist Church.
- The Ecocina stove donation was received by the Stove Team International program. These stoves are energy efficient and produce significantly less harmful emissions.
- The Books for Kids drive was completed with 279 books presented to the Olathe Head Start program. This project was done in coordination with the Johnson County Rotary Club. Pictured (right) at the presentation are club members Larry Johnson, Graham Gordon, Larry Kroemer, Kris Johnson (project chairman) and Fran, the Olathe Head Start Volunteer Coordinator.



Emporia

- A team of Rotarians descended on Pizza Ranch, rolled up their sleeves and bused tables for the hungry patrons. In addition to clearing off the dirty dishes and wiping down the tables for the next customer, they also acted as greeters and told many folks about Rotary, the polio effort, and handed out brochures about not only the polio matching campaign but literature about the club as well. Thanks to the 15 Rotarians who gave of their time to help, the club netted over \$400 from a portion of the evenings proceeds plus tips that were given to help the polio project. The evening also resulted in some great fellowship and showed that the club is still willing to get their hands dirty for a cause!
- Dictionaries are being delivered to all Emporia 3rd graders in December. Dictionaries are also being given to the ESL (English Second Language) students.
- The club donated funds for two water filters for the Panama Water Filter Project.
- **The club has developed a Vision Plan for 2014: 1) 70 members with an annual growth of 10-15%, 2) signature event in place, 3) strong financial reserve, and 4) active Interact Club in the middle school and high school.**



CLUB NEWS

Gardner

- Members of the club's Vocational Committee visited all of the elementary schools in USD 231 to deliver dictionaries to every third grader. This project was made possible through a District Grant.
- Food collected in the Rotary Barrels at the local supermarket was picked up and delivered to the Gardner Multi-Service Center which receives continued support from the Gardner Rotary Club. The club also collects Happy Dollars from the first meeting of each month for the Multi-Service Center.
- The Interact Club at Gardener-Edgerton High School made Christmas cards for residents at local nursing homes.
- The club kicked off the holiday season with a quick and easy fundraiser by selling nuts from the Osage Nut Company. The quick two-week fundraiser produced a net of over \$800 for the club, which was about 400 pounds of nuts!
- The club had a table at the Foundation Banquet where member Ron Yarbrough was recognized for becoming a new Paul Harris Society member, pledging to give \$1,000 annually to the Foundation.



Garnett

- Held a pancake feed that raised \$3,400 for the club's scholarship fund.
- Installed a welcome sign at the entrance to the city.
- Held a Christmas party at The Kirk House in Garnett.

Howard

- Held a fundraiser at the Elk Falls Outhouse Festival.

Johnson County

- The club is continuing its Books for Kids project which involves many clubs throughout the district. So far they have received a total of 3,551 books which will be provided to Head Start programs throughout the city. Overland Park is the lead club having donated 2,100 books with Johnson County a distant second at 753 books. Overland Park South (297 books), DeSoto (279 books) and Shawnee Mission (122 books) clubs have also donated books to the project.

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Johnson County Sunset

- On December 9th, seven members of the club and three guests volunteered at the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. This is the 50th year the Christmas Bureau has helped provide Christmas to the needy, and Rotary is just one of many organizations that support this group. The club is proud of the fact that they had over 25% of the members of their relatively new club participate. They may be small in numbers, but mighty in their dedication to service.
- *Jennifer Kaveny attended the club's chartering banquet as a guest and quickly decided she wanted to be a part of this club. At the December 14 meeting, Jennifer was welcomed as the first non-charter member. Pictured to the right is Jennifer with club president, Cindy Huston.*



CLUB NEWS

Lawrence Central

- The Lawrence Central Rotary family was busy Saturday 12/4 as they worked double duty on Mass Street downtown in Lawrence. They staffed the Salvation Army Kettle drive in front of Weaver's Department Store for the day and also helped with crowd control for the annual Downtown Lawrence Old-Fashioned Christmas parade. It was a little chilly, but it was great to be out supporting their community and seeing old friends and new.



Charles Branson and John Wilkinson



Club President Carolyn Chinn-Lewis



Past President Scott Wagner, daughters Abby (left) and Ava in Scott's arms. Scott began ringing bells for his Rotary club in 2004 and started bringing his kids a year later. Since then it has turned into a holiday tradition for them.

Lawrence Jayhawk

- The club held a club assembly to review the club's budget, elect new officers, and to discuss the results of their planning survey.
- At the November 11 meeting to commemorate Veteran's Day, the club welcomed 25 cadets and staff of the KU Army ROTC program. Lt Col Victor Hamilton spoke to the club about the challenges of staffing today's military.
- Don Duncan and Brad Finkeldei were appointed to serve on the interclub committee for the Rotary Arboretum.
- The club dedicated their Good News revenue for the month and member gifts to send a \$100 contribution for the Rotary Rose Parade Float.



Holton

- The club took tickets for the high school home games as a way of saving the school district money. Ticket takers to the right are: Bernie Clark, Marvin Criqui and Wes Clark.



Frankfort

- The football, volleyball and cross country coaches gave a presentation about their hopes for the year and the number of students participating in sports.
- The club collected at the gate for the home football games.

CLUB NEWS

Leawood

- The club has had a busy month in December. The club's normal practice was to bring five canned goods or contribute \$5 at the first meeting of every month. The food and money is given to Blue Valley Multi Service Center. For November and December the club decided to double the contribution to ten canned goods or \$10 dollars. The total for November and December was over 800 cans of food, 20 packages of diapers and \$680 to BVMSC.
- The club held a "coat drive" for BVMSC and collected 88 coats.
- One of the most successful parts of the clubs Annual Bids for Kids fundraiser is the raffle. This year the club was divided into two teams to compete against each other for most tickets sold. The losing team had to serve breakfast to the winning team.
- The highlight of the month of December was the club's Annual Holiday Auction where members bring items to auction to the club. The auction covered the two meetings prior to the Christmas break. The club raised \$1,700 in the first week and expect to more than double that at the second meeting. The proceeds of the auction will be split between BVMSC and Urban Rangers.
- The club had 26 members sign up to work at the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. This is an annual Community Service project for the club.



Pictured are Dan Broyles, Jim Rawlings, Chris Armer and Charles Lusk preparing to deliver the coats to BVMSC.



Pictured at the Johnson County Christmas Bureau: Rick Waldron, Ken Selzer, Marc McCarty, Rick Robinson and Wayne Starr.



The "losers" preparing to serve the winning team. Nancy Barber, leader of the "losing" team serves breakfast to Jake Schloegel, leader of the winners!



Club auctioneers Jake Schloegel and Stu Sharp.

Olathe

- Hosted a drive to collect travel sundries for active military stationed abroad.
- Approved additional funds for a Heart to Heart International trip to Guatemala.
- Two club members were elected to office. Lance Kinzer was re-elected Kansas State Representative and Michael Ashcraft was elected to the County Commission, 5th District.

CLUB NEWS

Lenexa

- The new Fire Safety Trailer that the Lenexa Rotary Foundation helped fund has arrived. It is stored at the fire station at 97th and Pflumm. There are more graphics to be added to the side of the trailer. The trailer should be ready to go by about February 1, when the club members will be trained on how to do the presentations at the various schools and events where the trailer will be used for safety education.
- Club members volunteered for the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. The sign in the background was made for the 2010 Shrimp Fest when the club determined to support this effort with their proceeds. The donation went to purchase educational toys. Pictured left to right: Andy Hoedl, Pat Thomas, Moe Cougher, Becca Coleman, Zach Luea and Jason Leib.
- The Lenexa Club joined with other Rotary, Service organizations and local companies for the Platoon's Forward Project. They packed and sent about 150 boxes for a Christmas shipment to be sent to soldiers in Afghanistan. The boxes also included supplies for the children. With winter closing in, the shipment included 600+ hand warmers. When the packages were received 1SG Ehlschide sent this note, "I have attached a couple of photos (below) of the Soldiers and the fruit of your hard work. Tell your team that the Soldiers are very grateful for all you and your team do. Again, thank you for all your support."



Overbrook

- The club had several special programs in November. In recognition of Foundation Month, PDG Vickie Randel shared slides and information about The Rotary Foundation. Rotarian Don Schultz introduced guests Mary Gates and Joanne Allen who shared the plans to create a Veteran's Memorial in the Overbrook City Park. The club held a membership drive. PDG Jon Wilhite gave an overview of local projects sponsored by the club and PDG Larry Dimmitt shared about the programs of District 5710 and Rotary International. Rotarian Emma Warren gave a classification talk on her work as a travel agent.
- The club was recognized as a Star Club at the District Foundation Banquet.

CLUB NEWS

Manhattan

- On November 18th, Summer and Katrina Lewis presented “Sari Sisters—A Tale of Two Sisters in Bangladesh” which highlighted their travels to Bangladesh to work for the Asian University for Women in 2009. Summer will be leaving in January to begin her studies in Australia as a District 5710 World Peace Fellow. She is sponsored by the club.
- Richard Crowley and Elizabeth Workman were introduced as new members of the club.
- Congratulation to Theresa Jardine and Jordan Nelson, Manhattan High School Students of the Month. Theresa participated in RYLA.



L to R: President-elect Mark Queen and Elizabeth Workman.



L to R: Betty Stevens, introducer, Katrina Lewis, Summer Lewis and President-elect Mark Queen.



L to R: Jack Ryan, Richard Crowley and President Sue Maes.



L to R: Chuck Rice, SOM Committee; Jordan Nelson, Theresa Jardine and President-elect Mark Queen.

Overland Park

- The club contributed over 2,000 books for Books for Kids which were distributed to area Head Start programs. Past President Jeff Goodman and his wife headed this project for the second year and used money donated by the club members to purchase children’s books at garage sales. In addition, club members donated used books to the cause.
- The club approved a \$1,000 donation to Medical Missions for school supplies in Mali, Africa. Rotarians Christina Eldridge and Kathy Howell will deliver the supplies during a trip to Africa in January.
- The club held a social at Boulevard Brewery on December 3rd that was very well attended by the club members and their guests. The club held its holiday meeting on December 20th.



CLUB NEWS

Topeka North

- The club organized and completed their “Mr Goodcents” Polio Eradication Fundraiser in November.
- Inducted two new members into the club—Hasna Salam and Kyle Hicks.

Topeka Downtown

- The club donated \$272 to the Salvation Army.

Paola

- The club held its 21st Farmers Night—annual steak dinner provided to farmer’s in and around Paola. The club fed about 100 this year.

Village West

- The club Board of Directors voted to confirm the date for the 2011 Parade of Heroes—Thursday, October 6, 2011.
- On November 11, the club meeting activities revolved around Veterans’ Day. The club made a cash donation to a local Veterans’ group. The program served to be eye-opening and inspirational, with a presentation from several active military personnel. The guests had served all over the world, and are currently at the Command and General Staff College. They included: Major Pia Romero, Major Jason Northrop, Major Kyle Head, Major Andrea Rogers, Major Mike Drost and Major Steven Tabat. These distinguished guests took their own personal time to join the club for breakfast to share their personal experiences and life lessons as Veterans, parents, husbands and wives and fellow citizens. (See picture below)
- On November 18th the club was joined by PDG Wes McCoy and Jorge Coromac, who is the Latin American Coordinator for Heart to Heart International. They presented a program on water, sanitation and hygiene projects that Rotary and Heart to Heart are working on together in Guatemala. The club responded quickly with a \$250 donation to the program.



Jeff Vaught and President Ehlert presented a check to Mr. Charlie Johns of their local Disabled American Veterans chapter. The gift was from funds raised directly from the Parade of Heroes.

