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### *District Governor for 2011-12*

Morris "MO" Greenwood who was scheduled to be the District Governor for the 2011-12 Rotary year has resigned the position for personal reasons. But District Governor John Vandewalle has stepped in and volunteered to be our District Governor for another year. Our district is in great shape and will continue our forward momentum with strong leadership. If you are interested in a leadership position on the district level, please contact DG John.

### *Merry Christmas!*

# Holidays

May your  
holidays  
be  
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## *Goin' to the New Orleans Rotary International Convention?*

Goin' to New Orleans for the 2011 Rotary International Convention? If you are, consider coming two days early to join our neighboring Rotarians from Missouri in a service project to honor our longtime friend, RI President Ray Klinginsmith. Organized by the 2008-09 District Governors of our District 5710 and Districts 6040, 6060, and 6080 in Missouri, the project will create a library and reading room in the New Orleans Mission. The Mission provides shelter, support and services for homeless men and women of New Orleans. On May 19 and 20, 2011, Rotarians from our four districts will complete interior wall repair, painting, installation of light fixtures, bookshelf and furniture assembly, book inventory and shelving and post-renovation cleaning. A completion-dedication ceremony is planned for the morning of Saturday, May 21, 2011 at the Mission.



If you'd like to volunteer for this service project, please contact PDG Vickie Randel for additional details. ([vrandel@sunflower.com](mailto:vrandel@sunflower.com); 785.841.1717). Besides providing a meaningful and permanent tribute to President Ray, and furthering the cause of literacy to deserving men and women of New Orleans, this will be an excellent opportunity for friendship and fellowship with Rotarians from other districts. Volunteers will be scheduled to work either Thursday, May 19 or Friday, May 20, or both, as they choose. All you'll need to bring is a pair of work gloves and a set (or two) of grubby clothes you won't mind getting dirty. The volunteer coordinator needs to know how many will be attending by the end of January, so please check in with Vickie soon if you're interested in being a part of this.

## *Rohan Radhakrishna Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Visits District*

District 5710's 2009-10 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Rohan Radhakrishna, has returned from his Ambassadorial year in India. He is looking forward to sharing his experiences from his year with the District. He will be in Kansas for the holidays and will be the guest speaker at four (4) of our clubs the first week in January. If you can attend one of these meetings, contact the club so they can arrange for extra guests.

January 3—Lawrence Rotary Club (noon meeting)  
Lawrence Holidome, 200 McDonald Drive, Lawrence, KS 66046  
Contact: Vickie Randel, [vickier@FirstStateKS.com](mailto:vickier@FirstStateKS.com)

January 4—Overbrook Rotary Club (7:00 am meeting)  
Brookside Community Room, 700 W 7th, Overbrook, KS 66524  
Contact: Yolanda Dickinson, [vdickinson@kpers.org](mailto:vdickinson@kpers.org)

January 5—Topeka North Rotary Club (noon meeting)  
Topeka North YMCA Board Room, 1936 NW Tyler, Topeka, KS 66608  
Contact: Joe Fazio, [joseph.fazio@usbank.com](mailto:joseph.fazio@usbank.com)

January 6—Topeka Downtown Rotary Club  
Ramada Inn, 420 SE 6th Street, Topeka, KS 66607  
Contact: Blanche Parks, [blanch.parks@aging.ks.gov](mailto:blanch.parks@aging.ks.gov)

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FOR A COMPLETE BIO  
FOR ROHAN



Rohan Radhakrishna has traveled to more than 35 countries, spent 2 years in South America and many months in Africa doing health projects, but he has never done projects or stayed in his motherland of India for more than a couple weeks until last year. He is very grateful to Rotary for offering him this life-changing opportunity and plans to use it to build his capacity as a global health ambassador dedicated to peace and human rights. Next year he will begin his residency training to become one of the "endangered species" known as a family physician general practitioner.

## Those “Revolving Door” Rotarians

By Rich Barbuto, District Membership Chair

Are you in a club that brings in 4 or 5 new members each year but loses 5 or 6? Members seem to leave more quickly than they enter. Net losses accrue over the years. Your membership erodes and you wonder what happened? It is a sad reality that half of all new Rotarians will leave Rotary in their first three years of membership. Most often, this is a result of a perception that the benefits of membership are outweighed by the obligations. Let's take a closer look.



There is a life cycle in membership in any organization. At first, the new member is full of enthusiasm and hope. The newbie is meeting new people, making useful contacts, learning more about the community, participating in worthwhile projects, and generally feeling very good about the situation. Expectations are being met.

Then, some new Rotarians move into a different phase, one in which enthusiasm wanes. The new member no longer feels as valued or perhaps even recognized. There are fewer new people to meet. Friendships that seemed warm a few months back seem to be less satisfying. Those service projects are a bit less fulfilling on a personal level. The programs all start looking the same. The new Rotarian looks around and notices that no one else appears to be showing enthusiasm. The new member misses a meeting from time to time. No one notices. Then intermittent absences become more frequent until the member is gone several weeks at a time. When the new Rotarian shows up at a meeting, no one says “Hey! Glad to see you!” They hear instead, “Where have you been?” It has become easier to stay away than to have to make up a reason for non-attendance.



The person has reached a tipping point. The benefits of Rotary membership are now outweighed by the de-motivators. Cost wasn't an issue before. Now it is. Available time wasn't a matter of concern. It is now. Suddenly, the job needs more attention from the new member than it did before. The recession, you know. After a lengthy absence, someone from the club's leadership calls. The new member owes a pile of back dues and hasn't lived up to attendance requirements. The new member 'reluctantly' resigns and promises to re-join “when things get better with work.” Another Rotarian walks through the revolving door.

So, what is your club doing about Revolving Door Rotarians? Clearly, this is a leadership issue and maybe the club leaders need to pause from planning the next event and direct some of that Rotary energy toward retention. The time to intervene is after the first or second missed meeting. Someone, perhaps the sponsor or committee chair, needs to make that friendly call and see what's up. A frank discussion of what would bring satisfaction to the member is in order. Expressions of encouragement and assistance are appropriate. A sincere voicing that the member is appreciated might go a long way. What does the member expect and how can that expectation be met? Maybe a move to a new committee? Maybe a position of greater responsibility? Early intervention is key.



All of us, at one time or another, have been disenchanted with our clubs. But, if you are reading this, then you stuck with it and presumably are a committed Rotarian now. How would you have wanted to be treated back when you were in that cheerless time? That memory will guide you in stopping the revolving door in your club.

## District Membership Numbers

### Month of November

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 November by the deadline date of December 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. *(Not all clubs have submitted their SAR's to RI yet, so this number may change.)* This is the number that will be used to calculate membership growth in our District for 2010-11.

## Youth Exchange Interviews Extended

Though it is many months away, preparations are underway for the next group of out-bound students for Youth Exchange. The Youth Exchange committee recently completed the District interviews and accepted 9 students for exchange in August 2011. There will more than likely be another set of interviews in late January.

**If your club has a potential applicant please notify Stephen Wheatley at [wheatleydc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wheatleydc@sbcglobal.net) immediately.**

*Relatives of Rotarians ARE eligible and are encouraged to apply.*

\* Attendance percentage of clubs reporting for the month.

CLUB	7/1/2010 Membership	Membership As Of 11/30/2010	November Attendance
Atchison	79	74	54.59%
Baldwin City	15	16	62.00%
Blue Rapids	21	0	0.00%
Blue Valley	14	0	0.00%
Bonner Springs	0	0	0.00%
Burlingame	12	0	0.00%
Burlington	33	33	60.61%
Council Grove	0	0	0.00%
De Soto	39	43	51.94%
Emporia	68	0	0.00%
Emporia Sunrise	14	0	0.00%
Frankfort	24	0	0.00%
Gardner	61	65	66.15%
Garnett	30	0	0.00%
Holton	24	24	68.00%
Howard	19	0	0.00%
Indian Creek Sunset (Prov)	6	0	0.00%
Johnson County	43	40	76.92%
Johnson County Sunset	0	23	58.20%
Junction City	86	0	0.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	0	0	0.00%
Kansas City	54	59	67.00%
Lawrence	197	197	54.59%
Lawrence Central	32	0	0.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	66	70	71.43%
Leavenworth	94	96	73.68%
Leawood	55	56	83.63%
Lenexa	43	48	70.68%
Louisburg	42	37	54.00%
Manhattan	210	217	60.50%
Manhattan Konza	73	77	63.91%
Marysville	50	50	71.00%
Olathe	0	0	0.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	39	34	65.00%
Osawatomie	0	0	0.00%
Oskaloosa	34	32	65.00%
Ottawa	17	28	80.00%
Overbrook	32	32	75.00%
Overland Park	146	140	70.70%
Overland Park South	89	92	70.45%
Paola	32	34	55.00%
Shawnee	60	62	74.00%
Shawnee Mission	62	52	46.15%
Spring Hill	16	18	72.00%
Topeka Downtown	196	192	51.08%
Topeka North	16	0	0.00%
Topeka South	114	0	0.00%
Topeka West	21	0	0.00%
Valley Falls	18	18	72.00%
Village West	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTALS/Average Attendance</b>	<b>2396</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>63.40% *</b>

## Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for November

*Will your club be listed here next month?*

Ottawa .....	80.00%
Johnson County.....	76.92%
Overbrook.....	75.00%
Shawnee.....	74.00%
Leavenworth.....	73.68%
Valley Falls.....	72.00%
Spring Hill .....	72.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk.....	71.43%
Marysville .....	71.00%
Overland Park.....	70.70%
Lenexa .....	70.68%
Overland Park South.....	70.45%

*Average  
Attendance (for  
the reporting  
clubs) for the  
month  
of November :  
63.40%*

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

Holton—	68.00%
Kansas City—	76.00%
Gardner—	66.15%
Oskaloosa—	65.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail—	65.00%

## New Club Members for November

Junction City Flint Hills.....	Lyle Everett, Micheline Fields, Dave Stover
Lawrence .....	Jennifer Berquist
Lawrence Central .....	James Evers
Leavenworth.....	Brian Hodges
Manhattan.....	Richard Crowley, Elizabeth Workman
Manhattan Konza .....	Usha Reddi
Ottawa .....	Kristin Allan, Curtis Hall, Pete Townley, James Wacker
Overland Park.....	Bill Gonzalez
Paola.....	Tine Gonazles
Shawnee.....	Stan Anderson, John Taylor, John Wills
Village West.....	Taylor Aycock, Kathy Beck, DeeAnn Behrens, Glenn Harte, Sharon Klein, Wendell Maddox, G Matz, Robin Torez, Lance Vogel

## Foundation Thought

**Leaving your legacy through The Rotary Foundation.** “The Rotary Foundation has helped touch lives all over the world by putting polio drops in mouths of children, digging wells so clean water is available for drinking and bathing, providing education opportunities, and much more. By becoming a member of the Bequest Society, you can help ensure that important projects like these continue in the future. If the projects and programs that Rotary completes *today* are important to you, then please become a Bequest Society member so that Rotary is *secure for tomorrow.*” —Rotarian Jean Waltke

## 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.

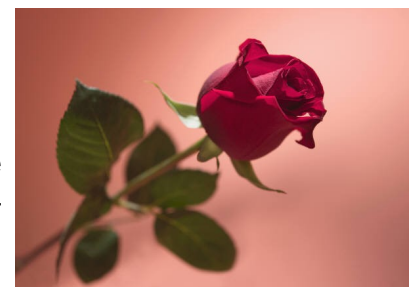
The goal is to have the provisional club up and running in early 2011. A recruitment and information meeting for potential members will be held at 7:30, January 11, 2011 at the Country Club Bank Building, Shawnee Mission Parkway and Monticello Road, Shawnee.

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



## *District Youth Exchange—Our Spanish Speaking Students*

By Steve Wheatley, District Youth Exchange Officer

Joselyn “Jozze” Cevallos is from district 4400 in Ecuador where she attended “Liceo Aduanero” Educative Unit. She graduated at age 17 and is now attending Mill Valley High School. Jozze is being hosted by the Village West Rotary Club. Her host parents are Shelly and Mark Fabac. Her mother in Ecuador is a Management Assistant at a pharmaceutical company.

Her father is a professor. She has a 10 year old brother and a 4 year old sister back in Ecuador. Her main goal for the future is to be a Pediatric Surgeon. Jozze is now 18 and says she enjoys reading and listening to music.



L to R: Oihana and Jozze at the Enrique Iglesias concert.

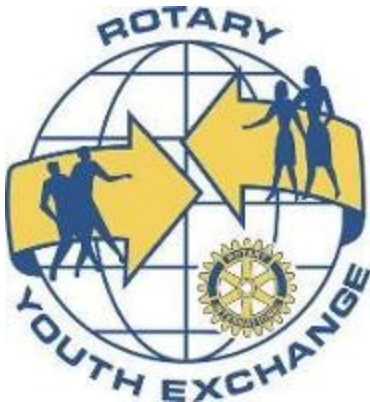


L to R: Oihana and Jozze waiting for a ride at World of Fun.

Oihana Fernandez is from District 2202 in Spain. She is currently being hosted by the Overland Park Rotary Club and attends Blue Valley Northwest. She is being hosted by Steven and Linda Roxberg. Back in Spain her father is a butcher and her mother works in a famous bakery and deli in her town called “Horno Artesano” which translates into Baked Artisan. Her town is only 15 minutes from Pamplona. She likes to dance and play soccer. She also likes movies and reading. This is her first time travelling outside Spain. She has a two younger siblings.

## *District Youth Exchange Corner*

*The whole group at the Muchnic Art Gallery in Atchison, Kansas during their social gathering there.*



## GSE Team Earns Gold Stars in Australia

By Pamela Boles Eglinski, Rotarian and Team Leader, District 5710

September 28 – October 28, 2010

District 9500 South Australia



L to R Front: Traci Fruit, Team Leader Pam Eglinski, Sarah Laib.  
L to R Rear: Chris Meiers, Ryan Wright

The sign read “close the gate behind you.” We heard the click and knew we’d entered another world – the Australian *bush country*. A small caravan of off-road four-wheel drives labored over parallel ruts in the red earth. The Peterborough Rotary Club was determined to show us a good time, and without question, they did just that.

Peterborough, unique because it is in *the bush* and borders the infamous *outback*, was among eight clubs we visited while on our month-long Group Study Exchange to Australia.

South Australia, one of six Australian states, is known for its many accomplishments, including the beautifully planned capitol of Adelaide. Surrounding the lush metropolis is a “greenbelt” that is sacrosanct to development. Beyond the belt, numerous suburbs form a horseshoe-like shape around the city’s perimeter, with the Gulf of Vincent to the immediate south. Our travels took us from one side of the “shoe” to the other – with geographic and climactic changes as different as you might find between California’s Wine Country and the Canyon lands of Utah.



### South Australia



From Ryan Wright’s Blog: Ron pulls a sample of port from the barrel to show me how you taste and then blend batches to arrive at just the right mix. It was a lot of trial and error, but I was committed.

We began our Australian study exchange in the city of Gawler. Our second day on the continent started with a tour of Turretfield Agricultural Research Station – home to Dolly, the cloned sheep, and biological testing that may one-day lead to cures for many of our most debilitating diseases.

North of Gawler, we were introduced to the lush vineyards of Barossa, Claire, and Eden Valley. Along with the wine tasting, came an expansive education in viticulture. And just when I thought I was beyond carrying wine home from abroad, I found myself buying two bottles, a Reisling and a Syrah, from the Bethany vineyards. “For my husband,” I explained to the GSE team.

To the immediate west of Adelaide lies Mawson Lakes, home of District 9500’s conference center. While attending the conference, we addressed over 400 participants, sharing American culture in general and more specifically the history, politics and art of Kansas. But our responsibilities didn’t stop there. We were also *the program* for eight Rotary clubs while in Australia. Our presentations were uniformly met with dozens of questions about America, and we often performed for our meals by singing, “Home, Home on the Range.” The Aussies knew the words, and joined in with us.



## *GSE Team Earns Gold Stars in Australia (Cont)*

While in Adelaide, numerous “vocational days” were booked for each of us. We were matched up with Australians that hold similar professions. Each GSE member spent hours, and sometimes days, with university staff, leading publishing houses, police detectives, children’s health clinics, and non-profits with a mission to train young people in the many aspects of leadership.

Our farewell dinner, in Walkerville, was filled with wonderful memories and splendid complements. District Governor, Ed King, praised our team for a “job well done.” We left Australia, the next day, having made life-long friends of our Rotarian hosts.

Come April 2011, our District will reciprocate the Australian generosity by welcoming their team to our great state of Kansas. We are already polishing up our singing, and I suspect they are doing the same. It wouldn’t hurt to learn “Waltzing Matilda,” before they arrive.

Below is a glimpse of the GSE Team Blog ([CLICK HERE](#)) and Ryan Wright’s blog ([CLICK HERE](#)). If you haven’t taken a peak at these yet, you are in for a real treat! Check out their YouTube “Farewell to District 9500” on the District website.



Footy is basically organized chaos. While the players are running (as in the middle of play) their support staff are running on and off of the field bringing them water; men dressed in white chuck the ball into play (backwards) when it goes out of bounds, nobody wears pads/helmets and nobody stops the play when somebody gets hurt on the field. And, of course, there are three goals at each end...center one is worth six points and the two side ones are worth one point, respectively. What’s not to love?



Over the past month, we have worked our way across South Australia and been to some amazing places. Our philosophy was simple...leave no grape unsqueezed. We succeeded.



On Monday, Traci and I found a Rotarian in distress. He needed assistance moving his flock of sheep from one paddock to the next in preparation for sheering. We knew what needed to be done and our GSE training kicked in as we sprang into action. With the speed and ability of a sloth, we commenced Operation M.H.a.L.L. (aka Mary Had a Little Lamb).

It is hard to give a proper shout out to all of our favorites, but I have tried to give you just a sample of the incredibly awesome Australian wine industry. To the men and women of this region...Barossa Valley, Eden Valley, Clare, Langhorne Creek...you gave us some amazing memories, helped us through some awkward times, caused us to buy one too many kangaroo themed items and always (somehow) ensured that we were up and ready to go in the morning. It must be something in the water...

In short, you made our trip memorable and exciting. We came to your industry as neophytes and leave with a healthy respect for your craft. You are artisans and we thank you for your service. You make our world just a little smaller with each bottle.