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2011-12 Theme—Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



RI President-elect Kalyan Banerjee will ask Rotarians to *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity* during the 2011-12 Rotary year.

Banerjee unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2011 International Assembly, a training event for incoming district governors. He urged participants to harness their inner resolve and strength to achieve success in Rotary.

“In order to achieve anything in this world, a person has to use all the resources he can draw on. And the only place to start is with ourselves and within ourselves,” Banerjee said.

“Discover yourself, develop the strength within you, and then unhesitatingly, unflinchingly, go forth and encircle the world, to embrace humanity, he said.

To read the full article by Joseph Derr, [CLICK HERE](#).

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Words from DG John

DG John Vandewalle was at the International Assembly in San Diego, California. DG John will also be our District Governor for the 2011-12 Rotary year.

“This is a great theme for our District. We can continue the amazing projects developed over the past years and expand them – continue our efforts Internationally and take action to continue to solve problems within the communities of our clubs. The focus of the year will be on family, continuity and change. This is going to be an amazing year for our District.”

To download the new theme graphic, [CLICK HERE](#).



Other Versions of the 2011-12 Theme Graphic

Visit *The Library of Graphics for Rotarians*
[CLICK HERE](#)

This is a wonderful site for Rotary Graphics! The Library of Graphics for Rotarians was developed by Tord Elfwendahl to provide Royalty-Free (for Rotary Clubs) graphics. Tord is a Past President of The Rotary Club of Stockholm Strand.

If you use any of his graphics, please be sure to credit his website: www.graphics-for-rotarians.org.



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

A transparent graphic for colored backgrounds



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Just a few of the many graphics available from this website.



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



A NEW End Polio Now Graphic

New Provisional Club in our District

A NEW club—The Rotary Club of Western Johnson County—is currently forming and planning to charter in early spring. The club is being sponsored by the Lenexa, Shawnee and Johnson County Rotary Clubs. Beginning on February 8, the club will meet on Tuesday mornings from 7:30 am to 8:30 am at the Shawnee Country Club at 6404 Hedge Lane Terrace, Shawnee, Kansas. (K7 and Shawnee Mission Parkway). The permanent meeting day and location will be determined by the forming club members. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Lori Maher, lori@mahergroupllc.com or call at 913-829-6941.

Editors Note: The provisional club has 18 signed up so far, but need 25 members to charter. If you know of someone who lives or works in the western Johnson County area and would make a good Rotarian, please pass this information to them or give the name to Interim President Lori Maher.

Foundation Alumni Reception and Ambassadorial Scholars Banquet

Rotary International, Districts 6040, 6080 and 5710

Foundation Alumni Reception and Ambassadorial Scholars Banquet

Saturday, March 5, 2011

Tiffany Greens Golf Club, 6100 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri

Reception 5:30 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

Foundation Alumni, including GSE team members and leaders, Ambassadorial and World Peace Scholars and Rotary Volunteers, are invited to attend the Fourth Annual Foundation Alumni Reception in Kansas City, MO. There is no charge for the Reception, but if you wish to stay for the Banquet, the cost is \$25 per person.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE EVENT FLYER](#)

Kansas Sesquicentennial—150 Years

On January 29, 2011, Kansas officially began a year-long celebration in recognition of its 150th year. The Kansas Sesquicentennial celebration promises to be a huge, grass-root undertaking with activities planned by organizations and groups across the state. Many exciting plans are percolating.

“I am excited about these Kansas Sesquicentennial projects that supports the statewide celebration. At the same time they provide the opportunity to produce significant financial support for PolioPlus. Having hundreds of license tags and window decals in Rotarians cars across District 5710 and the whole state, and Lemon Queen Sunflowers popping up everywhere provides the opportunity to simultaneously support Polio-Plus and, very importantly, to promote Rotary International,” say DG John.



The Topeka Downtown Rotary club will participate in the Sesquicentennial celebration. As the plans were developing, it became clear that their project could be shared with interested clubs in the district as well as across the state as a win-win endeavor.

License plates (shown to the left) have been developed for Rotarians to celebrate the sesquicentennial. (Window Clings and bumper stickers are also being considered.) The estimated cost of the plate is about \$7. The plates will be sold at cost (plus shipping) to district clubs, and then the clubs make them available for a suggested price of \$20. All Profits will go to PolioPlus, with the individual clubs sending their donations directly to Rotary International’s PolioPlus in their club’s name, as part of the state’s sesquicentennial project. For more information about this project, contact Anita Wolgast, Rotary Sesquicentennial Project chair at: awolgast@cox.net.

The DeSoto Rotary Club each spring has grown fields of sunflowers to sell to everyone as a fundraiser for PolioPlus. This year they would like to sell packets of Sunflower Seeds for the Lemon Queen Sunflower—a poly-headed variety with blooms 3’ to 5’ with a light brown center surrounded by bright lemon-yellow petals. These sunflowers make great table arrangements!



The seed packet will have a picture of the sunflower and instructions on one side and list 2011 Kansas Sesquicentennial with the Rotary seal on the other side. Each club can purchase 1,000 seed packets for \$250 (25 cents per package). The suggested price to sell would be \$2—\$1.75 profit per package. This represents the potential for each club to raise \$1,250 for PolioPlus. Order 2,000 seed packets and raise \$2,500!! The packets will sell very quickly. What better present to purchase for a school teacher, your grandchildren, a boy scout/brownie troop, the little league baseball team, a prospective member to your club - the list is endless. Or you can give the packets away to spread the good word about Rotary. Details of this project will be sent to clubs this week. For more information, contact Graham Gordon at: thegordons2@gmail.com, 913-832-7954.

**LET’S RALLY AROUND THESE PROJECTS!
PUT AN END TO POLIO WORLDWIDE!
KANSANS CAN DO IT!!**

Dates to Remember for 2010-11

2011

FEBRUARY: WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

- 19 Pre-PETS (East), Alvamar County Club,
Lawrence, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
(See District Website for details)
- 23 Rotary's birthday (1905)

MARCH: LITERACY MONTH

- 5 Pre-PETS (West), Ramada Inn, Topeka,
8:00 am—12:00 pm
(See District Website for details)
- 5 Foundation Alumni Reception and
Ambassadorial Scholars Banquet, Tiffany
Greens Golf Club, Kansas City, MO
- 9 2011 Educator of the Year Nominations
Due to Marie Pyko
- 16 Ambassadorial Scholarship Applications
Due to Frances Strieby
- 26 Ambassadorial Scholarship Interviews,
Atchison, 8:00 am, Atchison Heritage Con-
ference Center
- TBD Presidential Citations due

APRIL: ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

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

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

SAVE THE DATE

- April 28—PDG Banquet
April 29—District Assembly
April 30—District Conference
May 1—Memorial Service and Foundation Breakfast

The 2011 District Assembly and Conference will at held at the Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas.

- PDG Banquet will be on Thursday evening
- District Assembly will be on Friday afternoon
- Friday evening function TBD
- Conference will open Saturday morning
- District Banquet will be on Saturday evening
- Memorial Service and Foundation Breakfast will be on Sunday morning

Upcoming Club Event

DETAILS AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT HOME PAGE
UNDER CLUB EVENTS

JOUNSON COUNTY ROTARY CLUB

Order your roses for Valentines Day!

To place an order, contact Dirk Ochs: dirk@careerathletes.com

FRANKFORT ROTAY CLUB

A Fine Evening of Art, Wine and Hors D'oeuvres
February 26—7:00 pm Wine Tasting, 8:00 pm Auction
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

BURLINGTON ROTARY CLUB

No-Limit Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament
March 5—Registration 2:00pm, Play Begins at 3:00pm
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

LENEXA ROTARY CLUB

Shrimp Fest and Bingo Fundraiser Event
March 5—Shrimp Fest 5:30 pm, Bingo 7:00 pm
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

TOPEKA WEST ROTARY CLUB

A Benefit for Marian Clinic—Old Fashion Kansas Barbeque
March 5—Social Hour 6:00 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

District Membership Numbers

Month of December

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 December by the deadline date of January 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.

RI Convention in New Orleans

As the New Orleans Convention approaches, please take a look at how the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (IFMR) are traveling there. They would love to have you join them!



IRMR has announced plans for motorcycle rides to the New Orleans convention to promote awareness and raise money for PolioPlus. The Rotary Foundation is working closely with IRMR and the Convention Promotion Committee to help insure the success of this innovative effort by a Rotary fellowship group.

Want more information? [CLICK HERE](#)



| CLUB | 7/1/2010 Membership | Membership As Of 12/31/2010 | December Attendance |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Atchison | 79 | 74 | 51.16% |
| Baldwin City | 15 | 16 | 71.00% |
| Blue Rapids | 21 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Blue Valley | 14 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Bonner Springs | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Burlingame | 12 | 13 | 66.67% |
| Burlington | 33 | 33 | 56.36% |
| Council Grove | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| De Soto | 39 | 43 | 52.33% |
| Emporia | 68 | 64 | 48.17% |
| Frankfort | 24 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Gardner | 61 | 65 | 64.00% |
| Garnett | 30 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Holton | 24 | 24 | 65.00% |
| Howard | 19 | 20 | 63.20% |
| Indian Creek Sunset (Prov) | 6 | 5 | 60.00% |
| Johnson County | 43 | 39 | 73.33% |
| Johnson County Sunset | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Junction City | 86 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Junction City Flint Hills | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Kansas City | 54 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Lawrence | 197 | 199 | 49.90% |
| Lawrence Central | 32 | 30 | 54.00% |
| Lawrence Jayhawk | 66 | 70 | 61.06% |
| Leavenworth | 94 | 95 | 64.64% |
| Leawood | 55 | 55 | 89.09% |
| Lenexa | 43 | 48 | 75.74% |
| Louisburg | 42 | 38 | 43.00% |
| Manhattan | 210 | 217 | 0.00% |
| Manhattan Konza | 73 | 77 | 57.02% |
| Marysville | 50 | 50 | 67.00% |
| Olathe | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Olathe Santa Fe Trail | 39 | 34 | 75.00% |
| Osawatomie | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Oskaloosa | 34 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Ottawa | 17 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Overbrook | 32 | 32 | 77.00% |
| Overland Park | 146 | 140 | 68.58% |
| Overland Park South | 89 | 92 | 70.45% |
| Paola | 32 | 34 | 56.00% |
| Shawnee | 60 | 62 | 74.00% |
| Shawnee Mission | 62 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Spring Hill | 16 | 18 | 71.00% |
| Topeka Downtown | 196 | 194 | 49.11% |
| Topeka North | 16 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Topeka South | 114 | 114 | 75.00% |
| Topeka West | 21 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Valley Falls | 18 | 18 | 70.00% |
| Village West | 0 | 39 | 78.38% |
| TOTALS/Average | 2382 | 2052 | * 55.68% |

* Percentage for Clubs Reporting

Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for December

Will your club be listed here next month?

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| LEAWOOD..... | 89.09% |
| Village West..... | 78.38% |
| Overbrook..... | 77.00% |
| Lenexa..... | 75.74% |
| Topeka South..... | 75.00% |
| Olathe-Santa Fe Trail..... | 75.00% |
| Shawnee..... | 74.00% |
| Johnson County..... | 73.33% |
| Spring Hill..... | 71.00% |
| Baldwin City..... | 71.00% |
| Overland Park South..... | 70.45% |
| Valley Falls..... | 70.00% |

*Average
Attendance (for
the reporting
clubs) for the
month
of December:
55.68%*

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

Overland Park - 68.58%
Marysville—67.00%
Burlingame—66.67%
Holton—65.00%

New Club Members for December

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Emporia..... | Julia Pyle, Mark Remmert |
| Gardner..... | Linda Townsend |
| Lawrence..... | Albert Decker, John Hampton, David Rivers, Jeffrey Vitter |
| Lenexa..... | Robert Kobler |
| Louisburg..... | Christian Toman |
| Manhattan..... | Greg Denver |
| Overland Park..... | John Yorke |
| Topeka Downtown..... | William Buntten, Cheryl Whelan |

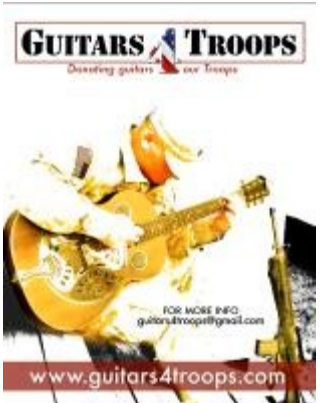


Guitars 4 Troops—New Cause for Music 4 Jeremy’s Cherubs Foundation

Harold Frye, Overland Park South Rotarian, formed Music 4 Jeremy’s Cherubs Foundation in memory of his son, Jeremy, a victim of a brain tumor. This foundation puts music in the hands of children and a lifetime of love in their hearts by collecting and reconditioning used musical instruments. Music 4 Jeremy’s Cherubs has taken on a new cause—Guitars 4 Troops . Guitars 4 Troops will expand to another “community” in need of support—our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq—away from families and friends while they defend our freedom.

If you have a gently used guitar, electric or acoustic, that you would like to donate, contact Harold Frye at hfrye@bakeru.edu. No Guitar? Make a donation to help defray mailing costs. For more information go to:

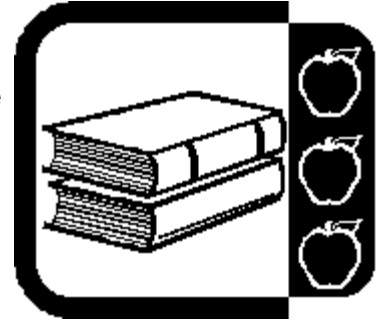
www.guitars4troops.com -or- www.music4jeremyscherubs.com



Time to Nominate Your Club's 2011 Educator of the Year for District 5710

Rotary District 5710 would like to again honor and encourage educators from kindergarten through grade 12. The district will award teachers that are outstanding in their field and teachers who exemplify excellence. In doing so, we hope to also improve the perception of teaching as a viable and important vocation for future generations.

As in the past, the nominations will be reviewed by a panel of judges and three winners selected. These winners will be honored at the District Conference on April 30 at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas.



Nomination forms are due to Marie Pyko, District Literacy Chair, by Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Mail the forms to Marie Pyko, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66604 or fax to 785-580-4496 or submit electronically to mpyko@tscpl.org.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR INSTRUCTIONS.](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR THE NOMINATION FORM.](#)

Ambassadorial Scholarship Day

The Atchison Club will host the Annual Ambassadorial Scholarship interviews on March 26, 2011. Students will compete for the two, \$24,000 scholarships to be awarded that day. Interviewers from Rotary Clubs across our District #5710 will meet at the Atchison Heritage Conference Center, 710 S 9th Street at 8:00 SHARP! (The phone number to the conference center is 913-367-1162). We will interview the students and make the final selections.

The Atchison Rotary Club has served as host for this event for thirty-eight years and it has become an important activity for all club members.

Applications are still available. There are still clubs in our district who have not asked for applications. Contact Frances Strieby for information at 913-367-6441 or fstrieby@atchchildcare.org. Students will need a Rotary Club in #5710 to sponsor them. If you know any student who would be interest in applying for the scholarships, let them know that the **applications are due by March 16, 2011.**



[CLICK HERE to download the 2012-13 Ambassadorial Scholar Application](#)

If you are interested in being an interviewer please contact Carrie Sowers by March 16, 2011, csowers@atchchildcare.org or 913-367-6441.

Francis Strieby
Carrie Sowers
District Ambassadorial Scholarship Co-Chairs

District Youth Exchange Corner

Today we highlight two of our “adopted children”. Last summer our placements were complete for our outbound students but that didn’t mean our work was done. Through our multidistrict SCRYE (www.scrye.org) we found out there were still unplaced inbound students needing homes. We couldn’t find any placement here in our district so we began working with District 5690 (West of our district) and helped place Carolin Sydow from Germany and Hector Gonzalez from Argentina. Carolin was originally supposed to go to Northeast Missouri and Hector to Northeast Iowa. Carolin is now spending her exchange year way out west in Hill City, KS. Hector is in Russell, Kansas. Because they are isolated and the only two students in their district we have been including them in all of our activities as if they were our own. This way they get the full experience. Geography makes some of our meetings impossible but even our Inbound Coordinator, Robert Thompson, has traveled out to Hill City (over 5 hours each way) for an orientation.



Hector Gonzalez from Argentina

Hector always seems to have a smile on his face. He comes from Corrientes, Argentina. His mother is a Nurse and his father is in the Army. He has two brothers and a sister. For his exchange he wanted to learn about our culture and teach others about life in Argentina. He enjoys volunteering and helping others. In Argentina he volunteered at a shelter for children and was in charge of their birthday parties.

Carolin also always seems to be smiling. She is from Menden, Germany. Her father owns an aluminum die casting company that produces parts for Mercedes and other car companies. Her mother works in her parents family business with her sister. They are the 4th generation to run the company and they import hats and accessories from all over the world. With her exchange she hopes to meet people from all over the world and to improve her English. She hopes to be a business woman like her mother.



To R: Carola from Austria (sponsor Manhattan Rotary Club) and Carolin Sydow from Germany

We will be gearing up in the next few months to find host families for our inbound students for this coming August. If you need any information about hosting please contact us. Thank you.

Stephen Wheatley
District 5710 YEO

A rare moment captured by Phil Putnam at the Outbound Interviews. L to R:

Robert Thompson, District Polio Eradication Chair
DG John Vandewalle
PDG Greg Peterson
and
Steve Wheatley, District 5710
Youth Exchange Officer



Youth Exchange 2010 December Social in Pictures

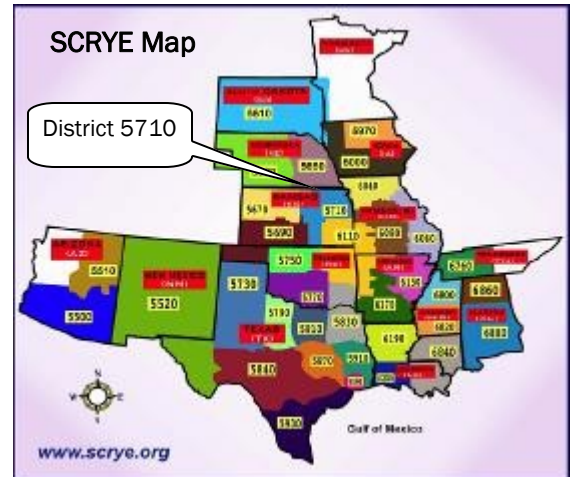


Special thanks to Phil Putnam for the marvelous pictures of the student events.

Steve Wheatley Nominated to be President of SCRYE for 2012-13

Steve Wheatly, District 5710 Youth Exchange Officer, has been nominated to be the President Elect of SCRYE (South Central Rotary Youth Exchange) and will service as president for the 2012-13 Rotary year. SCRYE consists of 36 member districts that cover 15 states in the south and central part of the country. SCRYE is tied with ESSEX (Eastern States Student Exchange) for the largest multidistrict with Rotary International. SCRYE averages about 180 outbound students and 230 inbound students a year. District 5710 is one of the charter members of SCRYE.

Steve has displayed excellent leadership in our district and the Youth Exchange program. We are proud of his work and know that he will make an outstanding president of SCRYE.



Emporia Rotary Club Sponsors First Middle School Interact Club

Since Rotary International lowered the age of Interact to 12-18 years of age, it has opened the door to establish Interact Clubs in the Middle Schools.

The Emporia Rotary Club, working with the Emporia Public Schools, has established the FIRST District 5710 Interact Club at the Emporia Middle School. Robert Ovsak will be the sponsor for the club. Robert has had experience with the Rotary club and is really excited to get started. Plans are to start meetings the beginning of February and plan to have two meetings per month. The Emporia Rotary Club plans to roll Interact into the High School in the near future.

RYLA 2011 SCHEDULED

The University of Kansas in 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 jjjcurran@msn.com.

For a copy of the RYLA registration form, [CLICK HERE](#).

Foundation Thought

SERVICE: "Having fun while helping others is what Rotary is all about. Too often we forget that giving of our money, our time, and our talent to help others through The Rotary Foundation and through local community service projects is one of the most important ways that Rotarians have fun. Sometimes it is working together on a local hands-on-service project or fundraiser. Sometimes it is informing people about all that Rotary does for both the world and our local community through The Rotary Foundation. And sometimes it is just that warm, satisfied feeling that comes from knowing we are helping others." — Rotarian Ronn Kerr

Rotary Prescription

EDITORS NOTE: This was listed on the Leavenworth Rotary Club website. I enjoyed it and thought you might too. Jeffrey was at the 2010 Heartland PETS/SETS in Salina. He is a delightful and funny guy to talk to!

Rotary Prescription

by Jeffrey Cadorette, PDG
District 7450
Rotary Club of Media, PA

Have you been feeling the urge to serve...do you have an increasing urge to give back to your local and or global community? Do you feel isolated and have an urge to network and be connected to others? Do you have a fellowship deficiency? Do you get frustrated with the situation in the world when you read the morning paper or watch the evening news??

Talk to your doctor about a once weekly dose of [Rotary](#).

Taken weekly, [Rotary](#) can reverse your fellowship deficiency. Within weeks of the initial dose it can help you to feel more networked and connected to your community. While it will not help with ALL of your urges, it will definitely help with your urge to serve others. (your doctor can suggest additional medications for your OTHER urges.)

Caution. Rotary can only be taken by adults. There are milder forms under the brand names of [Rotaract](#), [Interact](#), Early Act, [RYLA](#) and [Youth Exchange](#) that can be taken by younger people. Rotary should not be taken by those who are taking Kiwanis, Optimists or Lions but you may want to talk with your physician about switching your prescription to Rotary as it has been shown to be faster acting and better tolerated by those in clinical studies.

Rotary should not be taken while operating machinery or driving a car as it may cause drowsiness ... depending on the speaker. It is recommended Rotary be taken with meals although those meals can cause, heartburn, acid reflux, constipation, diarrhea and allergic reactions.

For optimal effect Rotary must be taken consistently. While weekly dosing is recommended, 2-3 times a month has been shown in clinical trials to be effective. If you leave home without your Rotary, you will find that people in other communities around the globe will typically be happy to share their Rotary with you so that you don't miss your weekly dose.

From the time it was discovered over 105 years ago until 1988 it was thought that Rotary was unsafe if taken by women. Since that time women have been taking Rotary in ever increasing numbers and studies have shown that it is very effective now in both men AND women. While no definitive research has been done, anecdotal evidence is that not only is Rotary not unsafe for women..they actually do better on it than men.

Side effects include the tendency to sit in the same seat at the same table every time you take your dose of Rotary. Talk with your physician about ways to overcome this. It may be a sign of deeper issues. Severe cases of this have been known to require aggressive psychiatric treatment.

Do not take Rotary if you feel that more people should be [disadvantaged](#) or suffer from hunger, poverty, illiteracy and [disease](#) as people taking Rotary tend to want to alleviate these conditions. Tell your physician if you have an aversion to world understanding and peace. There may be other treatments more beneficial for you ... like a dose of humanity.

If your urge to serve lasts longer than 4 hours. consult your physician immediately. This condition is common in past club presidents and past district governors. For a free trial of Rotary go to www.rotary.org and find out where it is being dispensed near you. Rotary..helping people for over 100 years with their urge to serve.

Talk to your doctor today.



Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club Recognized

On December 9, 2010 the Lawrence Schools Foundation recognized the Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club as the 2010 Friend for Early Childhood Education in Lawrence. Susan Esau, Executive Director, presented President Bruce Roberts and Past President Jane Blocher with a plaque and thanked the club for supporting the preschool program for at risk four-year-olds.

The club began its relationship with the program in 2009 providing treats for the staff as they opened the 2009-10 school year. The club held its meeting at the school to meet staff and to learn more about the program from Principal Cris Anderson. The club also presented clothing for the children, digital cameras for the teachers. The Early Childhood Education Program moved from East Heights, a former elementary school, to Kennedy Elementary School in 2010, forming six classes totaling 130 students.

Club members contributed over \$500 in hats and mittens for the children, which Bruce and Jane presented to the school during the recognition ceremony.



Early Childhood class performs carols at Lawrence Schools Foundation recognition ceremony at Kennedy Elementary School.



L to R: Past President Jane Blocher and President Bruce Roberts.

Gardner Rotary Club Adds Members to Paul Harris Society

The Gardner Rotary Club recognized their two newest members of the Paul Harris Society, Neil Wakefield and Ron Yarbrough. These two fine Rotarians recognize the outstanding work accomplished by The Rotary Foundation and have committed to donating \$1,000 every year to its good work. Thank You!

What is the Paul Harris Society?

The Paul Harris Society recognizes those Rotarians that pledge annual, ongoing support to The Rotary Foundation through contributions of \$1,000 or more annually. The Rotary Foundation supports the goal of advancing international understanding, goodwill and peace. Participation in the Paul Harris Society is an especially meaningful and significant commitment.



L to R: Neil Wakefield, Ron Yarbrough, Gary Duggan.

[CLICK HERE for a brochure about the Society.](#)

CLUB NEWS

Olathe

- PDG Wes McCoy is headed to Guatemala with Heart to Heart International in January.
- The club hosted its annual Christmas luncheon, complete with a visit from Santa Claus.
- Congratulations to Rotarian Karin Brownlee who was named Kansas Secretary of Labor.



Gardner

- The Board distributed \$3,000 from the Multi-Service Center/Food Pantry Account to the Gardner Multi-Service Center for use in helping with local Utility Assistance during the winter. Money in this savings account is collected as happy dollars at the first meeting of every month and also through donations at Food Drives over the past year.
- The Gardner Edgerton High School Interact Club had its Holiday Party hosted at the home of Rotarians Randy and PDG Sandy Rieger. Approximately 20 students attended, plus the club sponsor, Janet Wittkopf.
- The club donated \$100 to the Brent Bays Foundation. The Brent Bays Foundation is an organization of volunteers whose purpose is to raise money for individuals in and around the Gardner area who have been financially impacted by a battle with cancer.
- A community service project for a new fence to be constructed at the TLC in Olathe was completed. Gardner Rotary Club and the Olathe Rotary Club each put in \$1,250, with a matching grant from the District of \$2,500, to total \$5,000. The fence is needed because of the proximity of TLC to I-35.



Overland Park

- Rotarian Christina Eldridge delivered school supplies to 2500 children in Mali, Africa, made possible by a contribution from the club.
- The club held their annual Holiday Party and had over 120 individuals in attendance who enjoyed the Jazz piano of Tom Whitmer.

Burlington

- **And the Winner is:** The Burlington Rotary Club completed another successful fundraising project to raise money for scholarships for Burlington graduating high school seniors. This year's project was a raffle for a half of a beef, plus a freezer to store it in. Ticket sales began in October and continued up until the first home basketball game of the Burlington Wildcats on December 17. The drawing was conducted at half time, when it was announced that Candy Alvarado, a nurse at Coffey County Hospital, was the bit winner. Congratulations to Candy.

Emporia

- The club raised in excess of \$500 for the local Salvation Army.
- The club has a new ClubRunner website. A presentation was made showing all the club members the new website.



CLUB NEWS

Atchison

- The club distributed “Adopt a Family” presents in December. This is an annual event that the club had participated in for the last several years. With the donations, many needy families ended up with presents or gift certificates for food.
- **COWBOY LOGIC—THINKING OUTSIDE OF THE BOX:** The club members chose to meet throughout the holiday season. Those who attended appreciated the programs and the fact that the club held meeting during this time. President John Jacobson was please to report in the last two weeks of December, the meeting attendance was higher than it had been all year! As well, two individuals who were guests will be joining the club in the next 30 days.



Manhattan

- Jay Merrill was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow by the Manhattan Rotary club in December. Jay joined the club on May 1, 2008. Congratulations to Jay for his support of Rotary programs and outstanding service to others.
- Greg Denver was introduced as a new member of the club and John Broberg is a transfer member from the Salina Rotary Club during the month of December.
- Congratulations to Chelsea White and Kyle Bachamp, Manhattan High School Students of the Month for December.



Rick Gwaltney, presenter, Jay Merrill and President-elect Mark Queen.



President-elect Mark Queen and Greg Denver



President-elect Mark Queen, Kyle Bachamp, Chelsea White and Jim Gordon, Student of the Month Committee.

Leawood

- The Leawood Club is honored to sponsor Ambassadorial Scholar Laura Kelley for this Rotary year. Laura was home from school in Washington, DC for winter break and joined the club for breakfast and reported on her preparations for her trip to Africa. The club was also pleased to have Abby Hannifan join them for breakfast as well. Abby is a student at Vanderbilt and is interested in applying for an Ambassadorial Scholarship. The club arranged for Abby to come to breakfast to meet Laura and discuss the application process.

Howard

- The club held a Family Night with great attendance.

CLUB NEWS

DeSoto

- DeSoto Multi-Service Center: The club provided funds again this year to help the underprivileged in the DeSoto community during the holiday season.
- Rotary members served a Soup Dinner to attendees at the DeSoto Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Hall in DeSoto. Donations were collected for Community projects.
- On December 17 the breakfast meeting was held at the Hillside Retirement Home where longtime Rotarian, Willard Kibbee (wearing a hat in the picture to the right) resides. Rotarian Dennis Gower provided musical entertainment.
- The club held its annual Christmas Dinner/Gift Exchange in December.



Lawrence Jayhawk

- On December 9 the club was recognized as the 2010 Friend of Early Education by the Lawrence Schools Foundation. See story on page 12.
- Twenty-three club members rang bells for the Salvation Army in Lawrence.
- The club made a \$100 contribution to support the Rotary International Rose Parade Float.
- ADG Maggie Mahoney selected Dick Stuntz for recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow. Dick is a member of the Lawrence Jayhawk club and is the CEO of Alvamar, where the club meets.

Johnson County

- The club participated in the Salvation Army Christmas Angels project headed up by club member Joe Morris. Through the generosity of the club members they were able to provide Christmas gifts for 52 children who would not have had a Christmas otherwise.
- The club held its annual holiday party on December 17. Club member Martin Wehrenberg hosted the event at the Wall Street Tower in downtown Kansas City. Over 30 people attended the dinner and had a great time in a fun new location.
- Rotarians of the month were Joe Morris for the Christmas Angels project and Martin Wehrenberg for being brave enough to host the holiday party.
- **The club is conducting their annual Valentine's Day Rose sale which concludes with rose delivery on Valentine's Day. To place an order, contact Dirk Ochs at dirk@careerathletes.com.**

Lenexa

- Leadership Lenexa is about to start and the club will be host for the class at lunch.
- The club continues on a "Heifer Project."
- Greg Peterson has arranged for an exchange student from Sweden to be sponsored by the club. The current exchange student, Joy, will be moving to the home of a Shawnee Rotary Club member. The club thanks Rick Morton for being Joy's host for the first semester.
- Past President Jason Leib has been named to the Johnson County Courthouse Advisory Committee.
- Pete Black received a Paul Harris Award.
- **2011 Shrimp Fest on March 5 at the Lenexa Community Center. All you can eat shrimp dinner with chicken wings, salad and desserts. Bingo follows dinner with 12 games and over \$1,200 in prizes. Silent auction during the evening. \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 6-12. Children under 5 are free.**

CLUB NEWS

Shawnee Mission

- The club volunteered at the Johnson County Christmas Bureau with members helping with shopping, stocking and loading.
- Throughout the month the member of the club rang the Salvation Army bells for the Kettle Campaign. The club was responsible for each Saturday at the Wal-Mart and collected \$6,960.96 over the four weeks with an average of \$217.53 per hour.
- The club held its annual family holiday event. Club members and their guests met for dinner at the World War I Museum in Kansas City and were treated to a very interesting program on the Christmas Truce of 1914.
- *The club was presented the 100% Paul Harris Banner that was presented at the District Foundation Dinner in November. Foundation Chair Russ Erickson was the motivating force behind this prestigious recognition.*
- Members receiving multiple Paul Harris Fellowship Awards in December were Dick Grunendel, Dave Boone, and Mason Ormsby.



Spring Hill

- The club took up donations for the Spring Hill Multi Service Food Pantry as well as donations to purchase Game Boy games for a Spring Hill youngster going into the hospital for treatments. Children's Christmas gifts were purchased for needy families in Spring Hill.
- The Spring Hill club started a program called, Pounds for Polio. A club member has pledged to pay \$5 per pound toward Polio that any member loses between December 14 and February 22. No weigh in—this is an honor system!
- President Johnny Ford is great about giving out "President Awards." These are small meaningful tokens of his appreciation. December awards were presented to Scott Hannon, Pastor of Spring Hill Methodist Church, for the community open dinner program every 3rd Thursday. Senator Moran joined the club on his way to the airport, so he also received an award for his service to the community. Earl Marvin, retired Nazarene minister, received an award for his service to the community driving a school bus. President-elect Rob Guess received his award for club service putting the club brochure together.

Overbrook

- The club answered phones for the KTWU Pledge Drive in Topeka.
- The club hosted the Overbrook Blood Drive in December.
- The club held a Chili Supper at the Santa Fe Trail High School.
- The Christmas Party was held at the Brookside Community Room.
- PDG Jon Wilhite recognized Overbrook citizen, Pat Martin, with a Paul Harris Fellow. (Picture to the right). Pat is a dedicated member of the community. She has managed the food stand at the Overbrook Fair for many years. Pat decorates for the holidays and plants flowers each spring for Overbrook. She is a past-president of Overbrook Pride and works tirelessly in preparation for the Santa Fe Trail Days celebration. She is an active member of her church. The club was able to keep the award a secret and Pat was very surprised.



Bonner Springs

- The club completed their children's book drive to give books to the local head start program. Over 115 books were donated. The Head Start director for Bonner Springs was presented the books at the club meeting.
- The club raised over \$7,100 for the Vaugh Trent organization. The Vaugh Trent Organization is a local charity that provides utility assistance, a local food pantry and other services for the community.