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Guatemala Peace Ambassador Awards

The 2011 Guatemala Peace Ambassador Award was given to Lenexa Rotary Club Rotarian Jorge Coromac (Latin America Coordinator for Heart to Heart International) and Olathe Rotary Club Rotarian and Past District Governor of District 5710 R. Wesley "Wes" McCoy. The



L to R: Jorge Coromac, Eddy Armas (Secretario de la Paz) and Wes McCoy

award has been given annually since 1996 when

Peace treaties were signed ending decades of violence in Guatemala. The award is given to individuals who lead unique initiatives that promote peace, education, health and democracy in the country. The last recipient was Ban Ki Moon, General Secretary of the United Nations.

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Wes McCoy and Jorge Coromac signing the Guatemala Ambassador's book.

The award was given to Jorge and Wes in recognition of their humanitarian work that is helping over 5,000 indigenous Guatemala Mayan people in Patanatic with health care, dental care, clean drinking water, food, teaching English, hygiene education, coffee production, chicken/poultry production, deworming campaign,

ventilated cooking stoves and sanitation control to eliminate water pollution.

A special ceremony was held in the National Palace of Guatemala on June 17, 2011. The name of the event is: "el cambio de la Rosa de la Paz" (The Peace Rose Change). Over 380 people attended the event along with students of the Patanatic School who presented a cultural program at the closing of the ceremony.



Rosa of Peace Monument at the Guatemala National Palace.

Rodney Wilson—An Extraordinary Rotarian

Rodney Wilson, the Charter President for the Shawnee Rotary Club, passed away at KU Medical Center on Sunday evening, June 5, 2011. Rodney was a member of the Shawnee Mission Rotary Club and “loaned” himself to start the Shawnee Rotary Club. He was a lifelong member of the Shawnee Mission Rotary Club to the end. Rodney was a “Service Above Self” Rotarian who silently lead and influenced the members of his clubs and paved the way for these clubs to excel today.

Rodney received five major awards from Rotary International Foundation: Citation for Meritorious Service, Distinguished Service Award, Service Above Self Award, Rotary Volunteer in Action and was a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. He was one of the first Rotarians in the world to receive all five of these awards.



Below is a tribute from PDG Fred Krebs:

Rod Wilson was a man of greatness who never aspired to greatness. As a Rotarian he received the two highest awards of the Rotary International Foundation, the Citation for Meritorious Service (1991) and the Distinguished Service Award (1997). In 1994 he received one of the earliest Service Above Self Award (the very first one awarded in our district), the highest honor that Rotary International awards to an individual Rotarian. He was always surprised by these awards, because he was in Rotary to help people in poverty which he said, “all of us want to do, and I just found out how to do it.”

Rod learned the procedures for getting Rotary Matching Grants and Humanitarian Grants. He did projects in Mexico, Portugal, Ghana, and Jamaica ranging from water supply, health clinics, immunizations, and hospital surgery rooms. Along the way he taught the Shawnee Mission Rotary Club and District 5710 “how to do it” and floods of projects have been coming every since. Rod served RI as a grant evaluator and for two years he was a grant consultant to the TRF Trustees. Rod was one of the “candles” on the “birthday cake” for the Rotary Foundation’s 75th Anniversary.

*Rod thought and did Rotary. He lived Rotary. His was a legacy of expansion—expanded service, expanded goodwill, and expanded love, hope and peace. **Vaya con Dios, Senior Rod.***

2007-08 Project in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

By PDG Larry Dimmitt

During PDG Chuck Trimble’s year as District Governor, District 5710 was involved in several projects in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Bay St. Louis, Mississippi (Just outside New Orleans) was hit hard by the storm and our District contributed funds to help restore the Community Center in the town. We also contributed \$5,000 to help replace an electronic sign in front of the Bay St. Louis High School. While attending the New Orleans International Convention in May, Larry and Lois Dimmitt went out to Bay St. Louis to view the improvements that had been made.



PDG Larry Dimmitt at the base of the Bay St. Louis High School.

Pictured is the school sign and the dedication plate recognizing District 5710.

Western Johnson County Rotary Club Chartering Luau

Over 75 Rotarians and guests joined to celebrate the chartering of the new Western Johnson County Rotary Club at their Chartering Luau. The club chartered with 30 members and it chartered as a 100% Paul Harris Club. WOW—History in the making!



Chartering members of the Western Johnson County Rotary Club

To the left: Mark Schumacher (President for the 2011-12 Rotary year with Lori Maher (Club Chartering President).

District “Service 4 Self” Award” Goes To . .

Beginning with the 2011-12 year, DG John Vandewalle has added a new award for our District—“Service 4 Self Award” in the shape of a toilet! There will be TWO trophies traveling throughout the District—he will present this coveted award to two clubs to get this started. BUT, as much as you would like to keep this treasure, your club MUST pass it on to another club. *How to do this? Your club has to have 25% of your members participate in any activity of another club—meeting, project, social, get together for coffee, etc.* Then your club presents the “trophy” to that club and the process goes on and on . .

**DON'T GET CAUGHT SITTING ON THE TOILET,
I MEAN TROPHY!!!**



DG John presents the “Service 4 Self” trophy to the Western Johnson County Rotary Club to start the coveted award on its journey through the District! Chartering Club President Lori Maher is watching (and secretly thinking, “ I am glad this will be Mark’s challenge!”

Clubs Change Meeting Locations

JOHNSON COUNTY ROTARY CLUB
Cleveland Chiropractic College
10850 Lowell Avenue. Overland Park
Thursday—7:15 am



VILLAGE WEST ROTARY CLUB
Dave and Buster’s
1843 Village West Parkway, Kansas City
Thursday—7:15 am

DeSoto Rotary Club Sunflowers in Full Bloom

DeSoto Rotary Club's Sunflowers are in full bloom! They are the best yet. There are seven different types and they are in PERFECT condition.

The club will be selling sunflowers July 2nd thru the 4th from 8:00 until 11:00 for those who want to add some color to their 4th of July weekend. Also, make plans to attend the Sunflower Artfest 2011.



SUNFLOWER ARTFEST 2011
 5TH ANNUAL FINE ARTS SHOW BY THE DE SOTO ARTS COUNCIL
 FRIDAY JULY 8, 6-9 & SATURDAY JULY 9, 8-6
 AT ZIMMERMANS KILL CREEK FARM
 IN RURAL DE SOTO, KANSAS
 9210 KILL CREEK ROAD NW CORNER OF K-10 & KILL CREEK ROAD
 TWO DAYS OF FINE ARTS FESTIVITIES, FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT
 ALONG WITH DE SOTO ROTARY'S SUNFLOWER PROJECT

The honor system allows everyone to cut sunflowers at any time. Bring your scissors and a bucket for your flowers. Need more information about the Sunflower Field—contact Larry Johnson on his cell at 816-289-1428.

Leawood Rotary Club and Open World Program

In conjunction with Avila University, the Leawood Rotary Club was extremely pleased and excited to host six Russian social workers through the Open World Program. The Open World Program enables emerging Russian and Eurasian leaders to experience US democracy and free enterprise in action in communities across the United States. During ten-day trips, Open World participants examine how the US private and nonprofit sectors help meet social and civic needs. The program is sponsored by Rotary International and the Library of Congress.

The Russian visitors participated in day long exchanges with members of the Sociology Department and Department of Education teaching faculty and students at Avila University and then visited several social service organizations in the Kansas City area, including the KC Autism Training Center, The Whole Person Center and Horizon Academy. The delegates also had a lunch meeting with Senator Claire McCaskill's staff. Hardly all work and no play, the club hosted the visitors to several Kansas City highlights including the Steamship Arabia Museum and the Nelson Atkins Museum, dinner at The Gaslight Grill, Waldo Pizza, Capital Grille and then shopping at Town Center, Nordstrom's and on the Plaza. Ron Slepitzka hosted a dinner at his home the final night and everyone agreed it was a marvelous experience and great fun. Much thanks to Avila University for their great assistance.



L to R: Ken Selzer, Russian friends, Natalya, Yelenga, Olga, Yelena, Oksana and Natalya, DG John Vandewalle and Ron Slepitzka.



To the left: Rotarian Stu Sharpe and the Russian visitors at a BBQ held in their honor at Stu's farm on Mission Road.

District 5710 Ambassadorial Scholar, Laura Kelley

Laura Kelly, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar for District 5710 and Leawood resident was the guest and program for the Leawood Rotary Club in June. Laura is headed to Tanzania to study for a year. She has a masters in Health Policy from George Washington University and she will be studying health policy and delivery in Tanzania. Her Rotary project, sponsored by the Leawood Rotary Club, is to initiate a running/exerciser program with children in the schools. The Leawood Rotary Club has provided Laura with 500 pedometers to hand out to children to encourage their activity. Pictured to the right are DG John Vandewalle, Laura Kelly, Leawood Club International Chairman Ron Sleptiza and Leawood Club President Gary Bussing.



Village West—Service Club Challenge

The Village West Rotary Club's Community Service committee (led by Denise Hays) and the Public Relations committee (led by Allison McLain) rallied together the entire District 5710 clubs for a resounding Rotary win the fourth-annual Service Club Challenge. This event is held each year at a T-Bones ballgame and allows service clubs to collect donations of money and canned goods for Harvesters Area Food Network. The money is tallied and the canned goods weighed and the service organizations with the most wins the trophy for the year.

For three straight years Rotary has come in second place—forcing Village West Club President Adam Ehlert to hand the trophy to ANOTHER service club. This year, two of the club's committees took it upon themselves to change the game and improve strategy! Working hand in hand with Harvesters, an aggressive on-line giving campaign was devised . . . And Rotary won with a nearly ten-fold margin! “It was thrilling that Rotary could come out on top, as well we should—but more exciting to know that we provided in excess on 15,000 meals to those who need them, especially during the often-forgotten summer months,” said President Adam Ehlert.



We have VERY good news to report on the Service Club Challenge from Tuesday. **Rotary won** by a **LARGE** margin over the Kiwanians--**900%** to be more specific! **Rotary District 5710 raised enough to provide almost 12,000 meals!!!** Kiwanis raised about 1,300...and NO.....that's NOT a typo folks!

(From an email from Allison McLain)

A Little Trivia for You!

Did you know—July has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays, and 5 Sundays
This only happens every 823 years!

Dates to Remember for 2010-11

2011

July
31 GSE to Finland Applications Due

August

6 Foundation, Membership & Leadership Seminar
 7 GSE Team Leader Interviews, Topeka
 20 GSE Team Member Interviews, Topeka

November

19 Foundation Banquet

2012

February—World Understanding Month
 25 District Assembly, Topeka Area

March—Literacy Month

3/16
 to 4/16 GSE D5710 to D1380 (Finland)

April—Rotary Magazine Month

4/28-29 District Conference, Location TBD

Upcoming Club Event

DETAILS AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT HOME PAGE
 UNDER CLUB EVENTS

DeSOTO ROTARY CLUB

Sunflower Sales for PolioPlus
 Zimmerman's Kill Creek Farm, Corner of K-10 and Kill Creek
 Beginning July 1 until sunflowers are gone!
 Honor system—pick your flowers anytime
 Contact: Larry Johnson, Cell 816-289-1428

LAWRENCE CENTRAL

Lawrence Community Bike Ride—FREE
 July 16—9 am to 11 am
 Details at lawrencecentralrotary.org

VILLAGE WEST

Charity Campout at the Community America Ballpark
 July 30—Details to follow

BONNER SPRINGS

33rd Annual Tiblow Trot—a 5 mile race or 2 mile walk
 August 27

BONNER SPRINGS

75th Anniversary Ball
 Celebrate the Club's 75th Anniversary
 October 7

Joplin Tornado Relief Day

Rotary Club members from District 5710 and their families and friends traveled to Joplin on Saturday, June 18, to assist with tornado cleanup. They followed their efforts by grilling lunch for those in the surrounding heavily damaged neighborhood. The group of volunteers were given Parr Hill Park to clean. The was considered a priority by the city in an attempt to get public places back to normal. [To read the full story and see more photos, go to the District website. To see videos of the day go to the NEW Eastern Kansas Rotary District 5710 Facebook page.](#)



More News . . .

On the NEW Eastern Kansas Rotary District 5710 facebook page

Videos for the Joplin Clean-up Project . . . Video of Youth Exchange at New Orleans Convention . . . Video of Fred Krebs receiving the Service Above Self Award . . . Club News . . . And more to come . . CHECK THIS OUT!

District Membership Numbers

Month of May

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 May by the deadline date of June 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.

Group Study Exchange

In 2011-12 the Group Study Exchange will be with Rotary District 1380 in Finland. GSE is funded by contributions to The Rotary Foundation and provides a month-long expense-paid visit to another country for a Rotarian team leader and four team members.

The outgoing visit to Finland will take place from March 16 to April 16, 2012.

The District is seeking applications for a ROTARIAN Team Leader AND four (4) NON-ROTARIAN Team Members for this exciting exchange.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JULY 31.

Go to the LEFT column on the District website (rotary5710.org), and click on Group Study Exchange to download the applications and for more information.

CLUB	7/1/2010 Membership	Membership As Of 5/31/2011	May Attendance
Atchison	79	74	55.11%
Baldwin City	15	17	64.00%
Blue Rapids	21	22	62.18%
Blue Valley	14	12	88.00%
Bonner Springs	26	0	0.00%
Burlingame	12	13	53.85%
Burlington	33	31	50.62%
Council Grove	48	0	0.00%
De Soto	39	41	56.91%
Emporia	68	65	52.58%
Frankfort	24	23	78.00%
Gardner	61	62	71.77%
Garnett	30	28	41.40%
Holton	24	27	63.00%
Howard	19	18	54.50%
Johnson County	43	39	75.48%
Johnson County Sunset	0	0	0.00%
Junction City	86	77	43.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	17	0	0.00%
Kansas City	54	59	69.80%
Lawrence	197	198	51.72%
Lawrence Central	32	29	44.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	66	66	73.20%
Leavenworth	94	88	65.40%
Leawood	55	56	86.12%
Lenexa	43	49	65.03%
Louisburg	42	45	48.00%
Manhattan	210	217	55.30%
Manhattan Konza	73	83	40.73%
Marysville	50	47	74.00%
Olathe	93	0	0.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	39	34	44.00%
Osawatomie	22	24	70.00%
Oskaloosa	34	35	65.00%
Ottawa	17	29	0.00%
Overbrook	32	30	79.00%
Overland Park	146	143	72.79%
Overland Park South	89	90	62.32%
Paola	32	36	64.00%
Shawnee	60	59	71.00%
Shawnee Mission	62	54	73.15%
Spring Hill	16	18	70.00%
Topeka Downtown	196	191	52.57%
Topeka North	16	22	50.00%
Topeka South	114	116	66.38%
Topeka West	21	23	86.00%
Valley Falls	18	18	73.00%
Village West	38	43	60.12%
Western Johnson County	0	28	78.10%
TOTALS/Average Attendance	2620	2479	60.37% **

**Percentage for Clubs Reporting

Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for May

Will your club be listed here next month?

Blue Valley	88.00%
Leawood.....	86.12%
Topeka West	86.00%
Overbrook	79.00%
Western Johnson County	78.10%
Frankfort	78.00%
Johnson County.....	75.48%
Marysville.....	74.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk.....	73.20%
Shawnee Mission.....	73.15%
Valley Falls	73.00%
Overland Park	72.79%
Gardner	71.77%
Shawnee	71.00%
Osawatomie	70.00%
Spring Hill.....	70.00%

*Average
Attendance (for
the reporting
clubs) for the
month
of May:
60.37%⁰⁰*

Clubs with 65% to 70% Attendance:

Kansas City—	69.80%
Topeka South—	66.38%
Leavenworth—	65.40%
Lenexa—	65.03%
Oskaloosa—	65.00%

New Club Members for May

Atchison	Stefanie Lief
Blue Rapids.....	Charles Penning
Johnson County.....	Linda Werner
Manhattan	Scott Waters
Manhattan Konza	Curt Loupe
Marysville.....	Todd Frye
Overland Park	Soni Dodani, Bill Ebel
Paola.....	Jason Camis
Topeka Downtown	Martha Hagedorn-Krass
Village West	Anthony Adams
Western Johnson County	Samuel Thomas



Manhattan Rotary Club

L to R: Tom Walters, Proposer; Scott Waters, President Sue Maes.

Scott is a THIRD generation Rotarian following his father and grandfather.

WELCOME

CLUB NEWS

Atchison Rotary Club

- The “old” and “new” board had a combined planning session towards the end of May. President-Elect Goldie Brown led the discussion. The club focused on goals needed to achieve next year’s Presidential Citation Award, fund raising ideas/goals, as well as having in place a master club calendar for next year.
- Vice President Reed Berger is putting together a Rotary Club Bowling team to raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Atchison County in July.
- The club presented two Paul Harris Fellows in May—Jonathon Mize received a PHF and Dennis Hine received the PHF +1.

Blue Rapids Rotary Club

- The club joined “Carol’s Caring Crew” team in Relay for Life of Marshall County. The club raised over \$1,000 and the team as a whole raised around \$4,000 to benefit American Cancer Society.
- In the May the club hosted its annual graduating Seniors Appreciation Banquet. The program for the event was Susan Andersen and Bob Schwartz (Lawrence Jayhawk Club) talking about trips to Panama. Over half of the graduating seniors attended.



Bonner Springs Rotary Club

- Planning is underway for the club’s 33rd Annual Tiblow Trot—a five mile race or two mile walk as part of the Bonner Springs Tiblow Days Celebration. The proceeds from the race will go to the scholarship program while the walk proceeds go to PolioPlus. Last year there were 329 participants. The goal for 2011 is 350. The event is August 7.
- October 1 the club will hold an Anniversary Ball to celebrate their 75 years of Rotary. Mark your calendars to attend—it will be a great evening of fun and entertainment by Allegro Children’s Community Choir and dancing to the Kick Band. In addition to the fun, the club is highlighting and raising funds for a HALO orphanage in Uganda.
- *The club is saddened by the sudden death of their club secretary Larry Berg. Larry was a former club president and a great supporter of service to his fellow man. Larry was one of those individuals that had a difficult time saying no and was always helping and supporting the community. Larry was a former city council member, a teacher and band director. He was best know for his starting and directing the Bonner Springs Community Band for 33 years. Due to his efforts the band has over 100 members.*
- Paul Harris Fellows were awarded to Larry Berg (awarded posthumously), Mike Miller, Warren Hanks and Jim Bishop. New giving levels were recognized for Roger Miller (PHF +1), Bruce Coleman (PHF +4) and Del Coleman (PHF +5).
- 87% of the club members are PHFs. The giving to The Foundation was \$3,100 (average \$142.55 per member). The club achieved Star Club status!



L to R: Mike Miller, Warren Hanks, Del Coleman and PDG Vickie Randel.



L to R: Del Coleman and PDG Vickie Randel.



L to R: Roger Miller, Del Coleman and PDG Vickie Randel.

CLUB NEWS

DeSoto Rotary Club

- The Field of Sunflowers are ready to pick! Come to Zimmerman's Barn in DeSoto—the sunflowers will be in full bloom the July 4th weekend. Flowers will be sold by the stem as a fundraiser for PolioPlus.
- The club supported the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce by providing parking attendants at the "Night on the Kaw" concert at Riverfest Park.
- The club formed a team and participated in the Annual Relay for Life. The team raised the most money of all the teams participating in the fundraiser to fight cancer.
- The club hosted the Australian VTT team's Farewell Barbeque at Kill Creek County Park on May 15. Pictured to the right is Phil Coolidge (District GSE Inbound Chair) saying farewell to the team. Over 50 members from throughout the District attended.
- The club held its "change over" dinner in June. Graham Gordon passes the gavel to new president, Larry Kroemer. At the dinner, Linda Zindler was presented the DeSoto Rotary Club "Person of the Year" award.



President Graham Gordon (L) passes the gavel to the new President Larry Kroemer (R)



L to R: Graham Gordon, Larry Kroemer and Linda Zindler—DeSoto Rotary Club "Person of the Year"



New President Larry Kroemer (L) and Dennis Zwahlen (R), new President-Elect

Gardner Rotary Club

- Two \$500 scholarships were awarded at Gardner Edgerton High School senior night. The recipients were Ethan Platt and Rachelle Anderson.
- The club received its Star Club Award at District Conference for average contributions of \$154/member.
- Members of the Gardner and Olathe Rotary Club gathered at TLC to recognize the combined effort of funding a fence outside of the TLC property. A district grant also helped fund this project.
- Gary Duggan and his wife Melinda attended the RI Convention in New Orleans. Robert Thompson and the District 5710 Youth Exchange students also attended the convention and "rocked" the opening ceremony!
- Beth Chanay is the newest Paul Harris Fellow for her contribution to The Rotary Foundation.



CLUB NEWS

Johnson County Rotary Club

- The club participated in a food bagging event for Numana. The effort bagged 21,000 meals being sent to villagers in Columbia whose towns were devastated by torrential flooding.
- On the sad front, long-time members Gene Denton passed away. The club will miss his great sense of humor and willingness to help out where needed, especially delivering meals.
- Bob Xidis made his farewell presentation to the club and was a good sport about his going away presents. Bob and Kathleen are moving to South Carolina to be closer to their daughter and enjoy the warmer weather. Bob is a great Rotarians and some lucky club will be gaining an outstanding member.
- The club added new member Linda Werner who was sponsored by Ray Makalous. Linda is a financial advisor with Edward D. Jones.
- Pat McNany and Lyle Curtis were presented Paul Harris Fellows. Both are multiple Paul Harris Fellows.



L to R: Multiple PHFs Pat McNany and Lyle Curtis



Bob Xidis with his new "farewell outfit" as he says good-bye to the club

Junction City Rotary Club



Pictured to the right: New members inducted into the club by club Secretary Charles Voland.

Pictured to the left: Youth Exchange student from Sweden pictured with his two host mothers—Mary Hogan (R) and Bev Greenwood (L)



Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club

- The club presented a check for \$600 to purchase supplies for the Pre-K program at Kennedy Elementary School.
- Members donated \$1,200 to the American Red Cross following the Joplin Tornado Disaster. Rotarian Jane Blocher is the Executive Director for the Douglas County American Red Cross.
- PDG Bob Schwartz and his wife Jan, ADG Maggie Mahoney and President Bruce Roberts and his wife Harlanne all attended the RI Convention in New Orleans.
- The club held a Club Assembly in May and reviewed a new four-year strategic plan.
- Members James Hicks, Kurt Goeser and Pat McCandless graduated from Leadership Lawrence.
- The club awarded two \$500 scholarships to Lawrence High School seniors. Kelsi Hastings (Lawrence Free State HS) and Stewart Wakeman (Lawrence HS) were the recipients.
- Rotarian Lena Rodriguez is hosting a three-part television series on Health Care Reform for the "I've Got Issues" program for PBS-KTWU. Lena is the Urban Entrepreneur Partnership chief market and development officer for the Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City, Missouri.

CLUB NEWS

Leawood Rotary Club

- The club donated \$2,500 to Blue Valley Multi-Service Center for their “Back Pack—Back to School” program. In picture #1 is Rotarian Bill Ramsey presenting a check to Julie Marshall, Executive Director of BVMSC. Julie indicated that BCMSC will prepare and issue more than 2,000 backpacks this fall to needy children in the Blue Valley district. In addition to this special presentation, the club collects food and money on the first Thursday of every month for BVMSC.
- The club donated \$2,500 to the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. The club provides volunteers every year at Christmas time to assist with the Bureau programs. Last year Leawood Rotarians volunteered to help. In picture #2 is Rotarian Ken Selzer presenting a check to Barb McNeile, Executive Director JOCO Christmas Bureau.
- The club sponsored four students to RYLA in May and hosted the students and their parents at a meeting in June. In picture #3 are Monica Martinez, Jose Vega (both from Bishop Ward HS), Caroline Dickens and Joshua Thomas (both from Blue Valley HS) and David Anderson, Chair of the Vocational Committee.



Lenexa Rotary Club

- The club is preparing for the 4th of July Parade in Lenexa with the club “float” representing the club.
- The Fire Safety Vehicle continues to get recognition. Training continues for the Lenexa Rotary Club members as many events are scheduled for the vehicle.
- The club has begun a project in cooperation with the Lenexa Lion’s Club to collect glasses to be refurbished by prisoners at Leavenworth and distributed to those needing spectacles throughout the world.
- President-Elect Milton Jeffrey has an exciting evening planned for the club’s Installation Dinner at Sar-Ko-Par Park.

Oskaloosa Rotary Club

- In May the club had a Rotary Fun Night at their local driving range, Tee It Up. The owner of the range and golf shop, Gary Winters is a club member and he hosted a BBQ complete with good food and lots of fun golf games. Gary’s idea was to set an example for other Rotarians to host meetings at their places of business so that the Rotary club could be more active and alive in the community. It will be great to see what else develops from this event!



CLUB NEWS

Manhattan Rotary Club

- Congratulations to Haley Winter and Evan Spilker, Manhattan High School Students of the Month for May.
- The club hosted the VTT Renewable Energy Exchange from Australia in May. The team visited the nuclear reactor and Konza Prairie at K-State during their stay.
- John W. Walters was named Rotarian of the Year by the club. John joined the club on January 5, 1989 and served as club president in 1998-99. He is a PHF + recipient. John has many years of service on the membership and new member orientation committees.
- Marlyn Walters a PHF from the club on behalf of her husband, John Walters. She is involved as a volunteer in many community activities. Even though Marlyn is not a Rotarian, she lives her life as a great example of "Service Above Self."
- The 10th Annual Manhattan Rotary Club Golf Tournament was held in May. The event was very successful with 50 Rotarians and 30 sponsors. More than \$3,500 was donated to help support the Flint Hills Community Clinic and The Rotary Foundation.
- The club is pleased to welcome Scott Waters as new member of the club. Scott is Vice-President, Waters True Value Hardware in Manhattan. He is a third generation Rotarian following his father and grandfather.



L to R: John Walters, C. Clyde Jones, Presenter



L to R: C. Clyde Jones, Presenter; Marlyn Walters; President Sue Maes



L to R: Tom Walters, Proposer; Scott Waters; President Sue Maes

Overbrook Rotary Club

- Club members presented books to the kindergarteners in the Santa Fe Trail School District.
- The club held its spring recognition picnic at the Rotary Shelter in the Overbrook City Park. Among those recognized were the student representative to RYLA, the outbound exchange student from Santa Fe Trail High School, and the junior high and high school outstanding male and female winners for 2011.
- Don Schultz was presented a PHF from the club. Don is a Rotarian and Mayor of the City of Overbrook. Picture to the right is President Gerry Coffman (R) presenting the PHF to Don Schultz with Lois Schultz participating in the ceremony.



Rotary Foundation Thought

"Some think that there is competition in Rotary between supporting local projects and giving to The Rotary Foundation. In fact, the more we emphasize what Rotary does for people through The Rotary Foundation, the more it increases our overall spirit of giving. When a club emphasizes giving to The Rotary Foundation, most often the club will discover increases in giving to local scholarship foundation, contributions to local community service, and greater participation in local hands-on projects because a club that gets into the habit of giving will give more to all causes." —Rotarian Ronn Kerr

CLUB NEWS

Topeka West Rotary Club

- The club now has 25 active members and have inducted 5 new members this year! Pictured to the right are new members Norm Nellis, Bill Tregemba, Rajini Dasaraju, Jim Herynk and Gary Smith. The new members were recruited by Don Moses, Alden Hickman, Rick Ryan and President Carolyn Conroy.
- President Carolyn Conroy was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow. Pictured to the right is Carolyn being presented with the award by Rick Ryan, Club Foundation Chair.



President Carolyn Conroy inducts Gary Smith into the Topeka West Rotary Club. Gary was recruited by Rick Ryan.



L to R: New Members Norm Nellis, Bill Tregemba, Rajini Dasaraju and Jim Herynk.

Village West Rotary Club

- The club conducted two very successful fundraising projects, working to eradicate polio, and a local project to feed the needy in our community.
- The club's Community Service committee (led by Denise Hays) and the Public Relations committee (led by Allison McLain) rallied together to mobilize the entire District 5710 for a resounding Rotary win in the fourth-annual Service Club Challenge. SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE INFORMATION.
- To honor the club's commitment to eradicate polio a couple of "Strike Out Polio" nights were held at Community America Ballpark. Many generous club members volunteered product and services, and of course their valuable time. Some good camaraderie was enjoyed as the club raised over \$1,500 through direct donations, a raffle and silent actions.



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CLUB NEWS

Village West Rotary Club (Cont)

- One of the club's best events of the year was their annual dinner called Service With Taste, held at the beautiful Chateau Avalon. Several thousand dollars were raised by auctioning off specific gift baskets donated by members. And Annual Awards were presented. Nancy Winkler's Club Service committee organized the beautiful evening. Noteworthy awards were the club's Presidential Citation with Distinction and the club's Rotarian of the Year—Allison McLain.



- #1—ADG Moe Cougher, Allison McLain and DG John Vandewalle.
- #2—ADG Moe Cougher, President Adam Ehlert and DG John Vandewalle.
- #3—President-Elect Kevin Gallagher, Secretary Bill Eggering and ADG Moe Cougher.



Lawrence Central Rotary Club

- The club is getting ready for their Lawrence Community Bike Ride, July 16, 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The FREE community bike ride promotes cycling as a part of a healthy lifestyle. You can ride a one mile easy look, three mile family ride or the full 8 mile ride. Bring your own helmet.

For more information or to preregister go to lawrencecentralrotary.org.

