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When I first joined Rotary in 1961, I often heard Rotary leaders say “Keep Rotary Simple.” In fact, that phrase was part of the RI theme in 1956-57! (See Page 5). However, as Rotary has grown in both the number of members and the number of programs during the last 50 years, simplicity has become more difficult.

The revised RI Strategic Plan for 2010-13 is a refreshingly simple approach to keeping Rotary strong and vibrant in the future. The three priorities of the plan are clear and brief statements calling us to (1) support and strengthen our clubs, (2) focus and increase our humanitarian service, and (3) enhance our public image and awareness.



It is a true strategic plan because each of the three priorities has a list of measurable goals, and in turn, there is a scorecard to track progress of all the goals. We are realigning the RI budget to reflect the new priorities, and we are trying to balance the priorities in all RI activities. Even the breakout sessions at the 2011 convention in New Orleans will be balanced between the three priorities. The new plan with the simply stated priorities will not be left to merely gather dust on an office shelf!

Please note the interdependence of the three priorities. We have recognized for many years that Rotary cannot provide exemplary service projects without strong clubs and that clubs cannot recruit and retain high-quality members without significant service projects. The third priority now recognizes that in the modern world, Rotary needs the support of our communities, of partner organizations, and sometimes of governments, to conduct larger service projects, which in turn build stronger clubs.

Rotary is now on the world stage due to PolioPlus. But we are still a grassroots organization, and our strength is dependent on the health of our clubs. The three priorities of the strategic plan remind us that the success of Rotary is based on a simple formula of strong clubs, significant service projects, and a favorable public image. Thanks to Paul Harris and other Rotary pioneers, it is a simple formula that produces extraordinary results – and a better world!

Ray Klingensmith
President, Rotary International

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PDG Charles E. Neale

On February 28, District 5710 and Junction City Rotary lost PDG Charlie Neale, one of our most faithful dedicated members. He served as club president in 1980; and, as District Governor in 1989-90, he took great pride in having chartered the most new Rotary clubs in the history of District 5710. In 1996-97 Charlie was awarded the prestigious Rotary Service Above Self Award and in 2008 was presented the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service Award. In 2009, he was honored with the District 5710 Rotary Distinguished Service Award.

Within the community, he was an outstanding model of "Service Above Self" serving as president of Junction City-Geary County United Way; several terms on the vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Covenant as well as numerous position for the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas.

Known for his love of music, Charlie devoted his life to the arts. He was a founding member of the Junction City Little Theater, served as a board member and president of the Junction City Arts Council. Charlie came to Junction City in 1950 as a music teacher at Junction City High School. Later he served as the entertainment director on Fort Riley which included a tour as a USO entertainment director in Vietnam in 1966. He described this as a "dream job" because he scheduled shows and arranged tours for celebrities including the Bob Hope Show. "A person might meet a star once in a lifetime. I met them every day out there and got to talk to them and know them quite well." For several following years, he directed The Notables, a volunteer community chorus.

In August, Charlie was honored Junction City Little Theatre's first board member emeritus for more than 60 years of continuous leadership and service to the theater. At the time of his passing, he was the last surviving member of the theater's original board of directors. Following the passing earlier this fall of his wife, Mary Ann, he moved to Guatemala to live with his daughter, Linda Palacios. A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 5th by the Episcopal Bishop of Guatemala. Inurnment will take place at a later date at the Episcopal Church of the Covenant in Junction City.



Mary Ann (passed away last fall) and Charlie Neale when he received the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service Award.



District Governor in 2008-09 Vickie Randel with Charlie Neale at the 2008 Foundation Banquet.

World Peace Fellow



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

Rotary World Peace Fellow—Summer Lewis

Here is an excerpt from Summer's Blog. To read more [CLICK HERE](#). Or go to the District Home page under District Links. ENJOY!

Hello friends,

Well, I assume you are my friends. Because at some point in our interactions, we have shaken hands, right?

This week is orientation week and I've been attending international student sessions. Many of these sessions are labeled "COMPULSORY" on the schedule. The thing is, you don't sign in and nobody's quizzing you later on about the information covered. I'm starting to wonder if "compulsory" in Australia means something very different than in the U.S. Like "compulsory if you can make it" and "no drama if you don't."



I attended a COMPULSORY international student welcome yesterday morning. I woke up very early (well, for me) in order to get to school by the 8:30 am start time. Arriving at the building, another fellow and I were engulfed in the swarms of people standing outside. Finally around 8:40 someone opened the auditorium and we flooded inside—air con! After finding seats, we waited. And waited. Around 9:00 someone announced "We'll be starting at 9:30." Seriously? I could have gotten some more sleep. Does this mean my 7 pm classes don't really start until 8 pm?

The session finally got underway and I felt like a little kid at an assembly. Lots of people were introduced and lots of talking ensued, most of which I did not understand. Yes, I speak English.

Here's what I learned at the session:

- 1) You can shake hands with people to make friends with them.
- 2) There are 669 Chinese students at University of Queensland and 369 U.S. students.
- 3) Mumbling Australians with faulty PA systems are generally not effective at communicating information to an auditorium full of international students.

Lest I sound like an ingrate, I did gather practical information from my "Safety Down Under" session today. Here we learned about all the stuff that can kill you in Australia—from drunken Aussies to spiders, snakes, jellyfish, and sharks. We were warned about the birds here that will swoop down and pull tufts of hair out of people's heads. The speaker suggested putting your "sunnies" (sunglasses) on the back of your head so the bird will think you are looking at them. I couldn't tell if she was serious or not. Still trying to get the hang of Australian humor. (On a side note, another fellow decided that my new Australian nickname should be "Sunnie." Great—I mean AWESOME! as they say here all the time). We were also taught that if we are in danger, we should SCREAM! Personally I find pepper spray to be much more effective, but apparently it is illegal here.

After the session I went to look at a double bed base and discovered these "when nature attacks" stories were chillingly commonplace. The person selling the bed told me that he was moving furniture last year in Brisbane and got bit by something, on his foot. Pretty soon his toe turned black and things went downhill from there. He almost lost his leg.

So the moral of the story is—if you see a spider, SCREAM!

The Rotary Japan Disaster Recovery Fund has raised more than US\$500,000 as of 25 March.

In response to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on 11 March, The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund, which will support long-term recovery projects in affected areas.

Rotarians and non-Rotarians can [donate online](#). Clubs and districts can contribute cash and District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations to the fund. The deadline for contributing to the fund is 31 December 2011.



The 9.0-magnitude quake, Japan's largest in history, and the tsunami that followed it caused widespread devastation, paralyzing much of the northern coast. More than 10,000 people have been killed, and thousands are missing. Millions have been left without clean water or power, and at least 550,000 people have been forced from their homes.

A series of explosions at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, 140 miles northeast of Tokyo, damaged reactors and forced the evacuation of tens of thousands. The Japanese government is working to contain the situation. Damage from the earthquake and tsunami is estimated at US\$170 billion.

RI President-nominee Sakuji Tanaka, of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, was in Lisbon, Portugal, on Rotary business during the disasters. He was able to reach his wife, Kyoko, on the phone to confirm her safety.

"She said it was the most horrifying experience she'd ever had," says Tanaka. "The northern region of Japan is still in chaos. We are unsure when this chaos will end or when things will get better. However, I am most thankful to know that Rotarians around the world care for us."

Japanese RI directors Masaomi Kondo and Masahiro Kuroda, as well as staff at Rotary International's Japan office, are confirmed to be safe.

Rotary clubs and districts worldwide are mobilizing efforts to bring urgently needed aid to victims.

"I've received many messages from Rotarians all over the world," says Noriko Futagami, the Public Image Resource Group coordinator for Zone 2. "I also have reports that Rotary clubs have begun to start planning projects for immediate help. Unfortunately, there are many Rotarians and families who haven't been able to be contacted. Rotarians in Japan worry for their safety."

Tanaka says he is grateful for the warm support of Rotarians worldwide.

"The great thing about Rotarians is that we share everything, including each other's joy and sadness. They have the ability to put themselves in the position of others and act to help," says Tanaka. "Despite the unthinkable hardship we're experiencing now, the people of Japan will not give up on efforts to rebuild their communities."

[Learn more](#) about how to contribute to the Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund established by The Rotary Foundation.

Three Targets

Editors Note: On page 1, RI President Ray Klinginsmith refers to the 1956 message, “Keep Rotary Simple.” Here is the full message behind that statement. Fifty-five years later and the message still rings true. Rotary—Timeless!!

Dear Club President:

You and I have received a great honor and, as team mates for this year, we have assumed a challenging, and rewarding, responsibility.

Our year holds more than the usual challenge. Explosive world problems call for more knowledge—and much understanding. If, however, we Rotarians choose and think and act wisely, there is much that we can do to assist in averting a world catastrophe.



Our duty is clear! We must practice the ideal of “Service Above Self” in our own daily lives—and we must seek to get it accepted by others.

I am inviting you—yes, challenging you—to this task in your own club and to share with me an eventful year which will move all of us—

TOWARD BETTER UNDERSTANDING!

I suggest three Targets for our year together:

1. Keep Rotary Simple
2. More Rotary in Rotarians
3. Learn More About Each Other

If you will place these Targets before your fellow Rotarians—discuss them, make plans about them—I am confident that our combined efforts will be equal to the challenge that confronts us.

My warmest greeting and good wished to you and to the member of your club

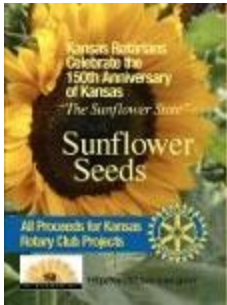
Sincerely yours,
Gias Paolo Lang
RI President, 1956-57

*“Risk more than others think is safe. Care more than others think is wise.
Dream more than others think is practical. Expect more than others think is possible.”*

—Claude Bissel

District 5710 - Kansas Sesquicentennial PolioPlus Projects

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



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

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

Aha Moment Tour

Mutual of Omaha has reached out to the District Rotary Clubs and invite our members to share their “aha moments.” The 2011 Aha Moment Tour will be stopping in Topeka, one of 25 cities chosen, on August 22 and 23 to film powerful and inspiring stories of people who will share their experiences. For the fourth year in a row the company is hitting the road in their 34-foot Airstream mobile film studio to interview people around the country about their “aha moments.” In past years, they have collected more than 2,000 incredible stories. You might have seen one of their ads on television — Mutual of Omaha, proud sponsor of life's ah moments — which feature real people they filmed during the 2009 and 2010 Aha Moment Tours.



During the stop in Topeka, they invite regular members of the community into their mobile studio to talk on film about their life moments and experiences. The campaign is about honoring individuals and their inspiring moments in life—some will be big, small, funny or sad but all are worth sharing.

If you have a GSE team member, Ambassadorial Scholar, member of one of the water projects, been on a Polio NID, Interact or Youth Exchange Student—or any participant of Rotary programs in your club or associated with your club, I bet they have an “ah moment” to share.

What is an aha moment? It is a moment of clarity where you gain real wisdom, wisdom you can use to change your life—a light bulb moment—a revelation or realization—everything just clicks—something outside of your comfort zone—the unexpected—life changing—a “we can do this, nothing can stop us” attitude—these are just few of the aha moments possible.

Make of a list of your members and their aha moments and send it to Linda in the District office.

Dates to Remember for 2010-11

2011

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
- 29 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

July

- 1 Deadline for applications for Rotary World Peace Fellow

August

- 6 Foundation, Membership & Leadership Seminar

November

- 19 Foundation Banquet



Conference Program—[CLICK HERE](#)

Mail in Registration Form—[CLICK HERE](#)

Online Registration—[CLICK HERE](#)

Upcoming Club Event

DETAILS AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT HOME PAGE UNDER CLUB EVENTS

TOPEKA DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB

Annual Golf Tournament

May 6

For Details: Click on CALENDAR on the District home page

SHAWNEE MISSION ROTARY CLUB

Spirit of Mission Days

Pancake Breakfast

May 6

For Details: Click on CALENDAR on the District home page

OLATHE ROTARY CLUB

Days of Wine and Rotary

May 14, Overland Park Convention Center

For Details: www.thedaysofwineandrotary.org

VILLAGE WEST ROTARY

Service Club Challenge

May 31 (Details provided later)



April 29th — May 1st

Johnson County Community College

12345 College Blvd, Overland Park

Hotel: Holtz Executive Village

11400 College Blvd, Overland Park

888-446-5893

Make Hotel Reservations by April 1

District Membership Numbers

Month of February

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 March 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.

Contributions on February 23 at Rotary International

In honor of Rotary's birthday on 23 February, [online contributions](#) of \$100 or more to the [Annual Programs Fund](#) received double recognition credit.

Because of Rotarians' generosity, The Rotary Foundation raised about US\$ 4.1 million through the double Paul Harris Fellow recognition incentive. These donations will make a difference in the lives of the thousands of people who benefit every year from humanitarian projects funded by the Foundation.

CLUB	7/1/2010 Membership	Membership As Of 2/28/2011	February Attendance
Atchison	79	76	52.13%
Baldwin City	15	0	0.00%
Blue Rapids	21	0	0.00%
Blue Valley	14	12	85.00%
Bonner Springs	26	24	77.00%
Burlingame	12	13	57.69%
Burlington	33	31	62.96%
Council Grove	48	49	51.00%
De Soto	39	43	50.00%
Emporia	68	64	46.99%
Frankfort	24	23	75.00%
Gardner	61	63	67.06%
Garnett	30	0	0.00%
Holton	24	24	64.00%
Howard	19	19	62.50%
Indian Creek Sunset (Prov)	6	5	60.00%
Johnson County	43	40	80.89%
Johnson County Sunset	0	22	63.60%
Junction City	86	77	38.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	17	16	40.00%
Kansas City	54	58	71.30%
Lawrence	197	199	51.88%
Lawrence Central	32	30	53.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	66	70	60.40%
Leavenworth	94	93	68.44%
Leawood	55	57	84.84%
Lenexa	43	49	74.05%
Louisburg	42	39	25.00%
Manhattan	210	216	58.20%
Manhattan Konza	73	82	51.43%
Marysville	50	48	80.00%
Olathe	93	103	66.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	39	33	54.00%
Osawatomie	22	23	68.00%
Oskaloosa	34	34	65.00%
Ottawa	17	29	83.00%
Overbrook	32	32	81.00%
Overland Park	146	141	70.17%
Overland Park South	89	92	64.42%
Paola	32	34	68.00%
Shawnee	60	62	71.00%
Shawnee Mission	62	53	50.24%
Spring Hill	16	18	81.00%
Topeka Downtown	196	197	52.41%
Topeka North	16	20	60.00%
Topeka South	114	112	60.36%
Topeka West	21	22	87.00%
Valley Falls	18	12	83.00%
Village West	38	38	63.64%
Western Johnson County	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS/Average Attendance	2626	2597	** 61.11%

**Percentage for Clubs Reporting

Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for February

Will your club be listed here next month?

Topeka West	87.00%
Blue Valley.....	85.00%
Leawood.....	84.84%
Ottawa	83.00%
Valley Falls	83.00%
Overbrook.....	81.00%
Spring Hill.....	81.00%
Johnson County.....	80.89%
Marysville	80.00%
Bonner Springs	77.00%
Frankfort.....	75.00%
Lenexa	74.05%
Kansas City	71.30%
Shawnee.....	71.00%
Overland Park	70.17%

Average Attendance (for the reporting clubs) for the month of February: 61.11%

Clubs with 65% to 70% Attendance:

Leavenworth—	68.44%
Osawatomie—	68.00%
Paola—	68.00%
Gardner—	67.06%
Olathe—	66.00%
Oskaloosa—	65.00%

New Club Members for February

Atchison.....	Phil Baniewicz, Lee Hendon
Kansas City	Henry Chamberlain
Leawood.....	Sally Barchman, David Murrell
Manhattan Konza	Brad Fagan, Willie Novotny, Matthew Ruhnke, Monty Wedel, Jason Williams
Oskaloosa	Josh Ney
Ottawa	John Powell
Overland Park	Chris Logan, Michael Tracy
Paola	Terri Cole
Shawnee Mission	Cory Scheer
Topeka Downtown	Vickie Brokke, Gregory Simms, Ira Stamm
Topeka West	Donna Eberly
Valley Falls	Megan Royer
Western Johnson County	Jeffrey Kilgore



Leawood Rotary Club New Members: L to R Sally Barchman, David Murrell

WELCOME

District Youth Exchange Corner

As we wind down this current Youth Exchange year it is time to look forward to next year. The next groups applications have started to arrive and we are looking for great homes to host the students that will arrive in early August. Please contact Inbound Coordinator Robert Thompson at ratratrat@yahoo.com or Stephen Wheatley at wheatleydc@sbcglobal.net for more details.



Hanna (L) and our inbound from Germany, Antonia. Taken in Atchison during a get together for the inbounds.

This month we highlight two of girls named Hiromi and Hanna.

Hanna Rikenmann comes to us from a little village in Switzerland named Altikon. She has two older brothers, both of whom have been Rotary Exchange Students. One to Tasmania, Australia and the other to Alaska. She loves animals and back home has a dog, cat, chicken, two guinea pigs, and several rabbits. She also loves to ride horses and has been riding since she was six. She wants to study medicine but her love of animals may sway her to be a Veterinarian. She likes to read and watch movies.

As all of our thoughts are on Japan we bring to you Hiromi Ueki. Hiromi is one of only 7 exchange students from Japan (Out of about 250 total students) within our multidistrict. There are 3 in Nebraska and one in Texas.



Hiromi in the snow



L to R: Hiromi and Hanna at Worlds of Fun last fall.

Fortunately Hiromi lives far away from the devastation we have been witnessing in the News. Hiromi is from Yamaguchi Japan. She loves to dance and plays the piano. She bikes 7 kilometers to school each day. She wants to go to college and study English so that she can be an interpreter someday.

Yours in Rotary

Stephen Wheatley
District 5710 YEO

Hiromi (far right) with the other girls from Japan at the SCRYE annual meeting in Tulsa. Many of them dressed in native clothing.



Foundation Thought

Rotarian Treacy Duerfeldt asks, "If two-thirds of the world — about four billion people — can live on \$2 per day, then shouldn't the rest give at least that much?"

Consider making your annual gift today.

Topeka North Rotary Club—Supports Molly with LifeStraws

The Topeka North Rotary Club is working in cooperation with Molly Rockefeller who is a junior at Washburn Rural High School in Topeka. She developed a plan to provide 1,000 “LifeStraws” to needy children and adults in Africa, Central or South America. She contacted the club and gave her presentation last September. The club helped her make contact with other local Rotary Clubs in Topeka and Lawrence along with the Interact Clubs at Washburn Rural and Seaman High schools and gave her some ideas about what she should do going forward. Since September, Molly has given her program and information at several clubs and both Topeka Interact Clubs. She has completed three fundraisers at Washburn Rural, received \$422 in cup money from Topeka Downtown Rotary Club, been pledged matching funds for any money the Seaman Interact Club can raise up to \$500 and has received the North Topeka’s club sponsorship of \$125. Molly has raised an estimated \$980 and a potential pledge of \$500 of her goal of \$5,000. The club will continue to work with Molly on helping her branch out to other clubs in the district to raise awareness and funds so that she can see her great goal come to completion.



What is LifeStraw? LifeStraw is a portable water filter that effectively removes all bacteria and parasites responsible for causing common diarrhoeal diseases. LifeStraw requires no electrical power or spare parts and can be carried around for easy access to safe and clean water.



If or your club would like to help Molly reach her LifeStraw goal, contact:

President Patrick O’Donnell - podonnell@linpepco.com

Secretary Jeri Greeves—jgreeve@cbtks.com

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. Applications 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](#).

Emporia Rotary Club Awards Grant to Corner House

With the assistance of a District Simplified Grant, the Emporia Rotary Club installed appliances for Corner House.

Emporia Rotary Club President Barbara Wry and Corner House Inc. Executive Director Ruth Owens-Jurgens are pictured in the new kitchen that features a new oven/range, refrigerator exhaust hood, dishwasher, and microwave oven.

The recently completed Corner House V.A. Mother-Child will be a residential treatment center for substance abuse for female veterans with small children. The center was built with a grant from the Veterans Administration and donations of money, goods and services from local businesses and individuals.



L to R: President Barbara Wry, Ruth Owens-Jurgens

Spring Hill Rotarian Mary Lavery

Spring Hill Rotarian, Mary Lavery, passed away March 2nd of lung cancer. She died in her home with her family by her side. Mary was a club charter member, retired Spring Hill Postmaster, wife, mother and beloved friend. Quick to smile and lend a hand, Mary exemplified *Service Above Self*. She had a soft spot for literacy. Mary always helped with the dictionary for third grader program and school reading program.



Lenexa Rotary Club Successful Shrimp Fest



The Lenexa Rotary Club completed Shrimp Fest for 2011! It was another huge success that will allow the club to use the proceeds to fund new projects. Everyone was involved in this cooperative effort headed by President-Elect Milton Jeffrey. Although the expenses were higher this year (shrimp and location being the main culprits) the club still managed to net more than \$10,000. Everyone had a great time enjoying boiled shrimp with Charlie Smith's secret sauce, chicken wings, potato salad, coleslaw, and various desserts brought by individual Rotarians. After the delicious dinner, the annual game of bingo began and is always fun. Additionally the Lenexa Fire Department brought the new Fire Safety Vehicle, purchased in part with prior year's Shrimp Fest earnings, to display for the more than 500 attendees. If you attended, thank you. If you missed it, please put it on your calendar for March 3, 2012.



CLUB NEWS

Atchison Rotary Club

- The club celebrated several community citizen recognition awards including two student awards, one teacher award and the Citizen of the Year Award. Carolyn Mohler did an excellent job in arranging the selection committee as well as the Award Presentations.
- The club lost both the secretary and the treasurer to moves. But Carrie Sowers, past club president, has volunteered to be interim secretary and new club member Jeff Thorne, a CPA, has stepped up and assumed the responsibility of club treasurer.

Burlington Rotary Club

- The club held its annual Valentine's Dinner on February 17th at the Rock Creek Country Club. The Valentine dinner, for spouses and guests, was held in lieu of the regular club meeting during Valentine's week.

Burlingame Rotary Club

- Mariah Anderson, a fifth grade student of Burlingame Elementary School inspects one of the dictionaries recently donated to each student of the class by the Burlingame Rotary Club. Distributing the dictionaries for the club are members pictured to the right, L to R: Allen Konicek and Ray Hovestadt.



Gardner Rotary Club

- The club made a donation of \$100 to the Gardner Edgerton High School Project Graduation to help provide a safe after graduation party.
- A check for \$404 was given to the Gardner Multi-Service Center to help with the food pantry and utility assistance.
- Neil Wakefield was recognized in February for his \$1,000 Paul Harris contribution.
- Pictured to the right: On March 7th, club members Andrea Moll and JP Davies presented Rotarian and Gardner City Administrator Stewart Fairburn an Ethics Award from the Gardner Rotary Club. Stewart has been a long time member of the Gardner Rotary Club and is leaving soon for a professional opportunity in Oklahoma.



DeSoto Rotary Club

- Kansas Royal Bundle sales are well underway. DeSoto Rotarians will be out on street corners selling papers on Opening Day.
- The club continues its Kansas Rotary Sesquicentennial Project to celebrate Kansas's 150th Anniversary with the sale of Sunflower Seed Packages. See page 6.
- Pictured to the right: Johnson County Commissioner Calvin Hayden addressed the club at a recent meeting.



CLUB NEWS

Emporia Rotary Club

- With the assistance of a District Simplified Grant funds the kitchen appliances for Corner House have been installed. See page 12.
- Pictured to the right: Lloyd Stone (R) was awarded a Paul Harris plus award by Foundation Chair Marshall Miller.
- Sarah Laib, on of the District GSE Team members to Australia presented a program to the club.



Garnett Rotary Club

- The club lost a great Rotarian—Jon Covault.

Johnson County Rotary Club

- The club completed their Rose Sale with successful rose deliveries on Valentine’s Day. This project raised over \$4,400.
- Carol Hockenberry, Gail Ochs, Shirley Rahe, and Bill Carter were named Rotarians of the Month for their significant work on the Rose Sale project. Special mention went to Roger Crawford for his outstanding job selling roses.

Johnson County Sunset Rotary Club

- A highlight for the club was a “Field Trip” to BATS—a local Kansas City stock exchange. The club members learned a great deal, and were even able to “ring the bell” to close the exchange for the day. The club has a goal of helping the members learn more about what is going on here in Kansas City.

L to R: Scot Elston, Liz Anne Mcelhaney, AW Pickel, Cindy Huston, Andy Belt, and Trent Dansel



Lawrence Central Rotary Club

- Frank DeSalvo, KU’s Associate Vice Provost of Student Success, presented a program about the Jayhawk Buddy System, which takes a positive solution-oriented approach to reducing alcohol-related trauma among KU’s 27,000 students.
- The club heard from Head Football Coach Turner Gill. Coach Gill shared with the membership his values as a leader and mentor for the hundreds of young student athletes he works with on a daily basis at the University of Kansas. It was truly an inspiring program. Thanks to Becky Castro, club secretary for arranging for the program.

L to R: President Carolyn Chinn Lewis, KU Head Football Coach Turner Gill



Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club

- PDG Bob Schwartz and club member traveled with his daughter, Susan Andersen, with other team members of District Water Project to Panama to install water filter, a joint project with the Rotary Club of David Panama.
- The club recognized 24 Paul Harris Fellows on February 24th in honor of Rotary Internationals 106th Birthday.



CLUB NEWS

Leawood Rotary Club

- Two new members were inducted in February—Dr. Sally Barchman and David Murrell. See page 9 for their pictures.
- The club presented a \$2,500 check to Father Wandless of Urban Rangers in support of the great work they are doing with inner-city youth.



L to R: Rotarian Jake Schloegel and Father Wandless

Lenexa Rotary Club

- The club netted more than \$10,000 for their 2011 Shrimp Fest! See page 12 for the article.
- The club participated in a project for Habitat for Humanity.
- Work continues on a Heifer Project.
- Charlie Smith has been in Rotary for 50 years.

Manhattan Rotary Club

- Congratulations to Sophia Alonso and Samuel Coonrod, Manhattan High School Students of the Month for February.
- Four new Paul Harris Fellows were named this month: Art DeGroat, Kennard Kopp, Thomas Roberts, and Jerry Mowry. As the club continues to emphasize the Every Rotarian, Every Year program, the number of Paul Harris Fellows continues to grow.



1. Thomas Robert, President Sue Maes, and Donald Rathbone, presenter.
2. Ed Freshnick, presenter, Kennard Kopp and President-Elect Mark Queen.
3. L to R: Past President Lyle Butler, Art DeGroat and John Armbrust, presenter.
4. President Sue Maes and Jerry Mowry.



CLUB NEWS

Olathe Rotary Club

- Rotarians Wes McCoy and Michael Ashcraft left for Guatemala with MNU and Heart to Heart to finish work on a new health clinic set to open in March.
- Rotarian and Past-President Betty Houglund was named one of the top 25 most influential women in Olathe.
- The club kicked off Days of Wine and Rotary event to be held May 14 at the Overland Park Convention Center. Tickets are available at www.thedaysofwineandrotary.org.

Overbrook Rotary Club

- On February 12 the club held the annual Pancake Breakfast. We welcomed over 200 people to enjoy the breakfast and fellowship. A special thanks to the Rotarians who came from other clubs.
- On February 24, the club held a special farmer's breakfast with 20 farmer from the community as guests.
- An informative program was given by Bill Spiegel of the Kansas Wheat Commission
- On February 26 the Overbrook Rotary Club Thespians took the stage in the melodrama, "Stop The Presses." Everyone enjoyed the show and a piece of pie at intermission. The play was directed by Larry Butel. In the picture, the cast of "Stop The Presses" poses for a photograph before going on stage.



L to R: Back Row: Vic Robbins, Jon Brady, Jim Gates, Lyndee Calderwood. Middle Row: Marion Massoth, Marcia Elliott, Cliff O'Bryhim, Gerry Coffman, Rich Fairchild. Front Row: Emma Warren, Yolanda Dickinson, Boni Butel

Overland Park Rotary Club

- The club has inducted three new members in the last two months with two more applications being considered.
- On February 28th the club honored Skip Palmer and his wife Linda for years of exceptional service in their club's annual Fourth of July event. Linda Palmer was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow Award.

Topeka Downtown Rotary Club

- Presented a Washburn's Women Alliance Scholarship for \$1,000.
- Made a \$422 donations to Molly Rockefeller's LifeStraw Water Purification Project. See page 11.
- Donated \$750 toward District 5710 Panama Water Project.
- Hosted Open World Delegation of six Russian Legislators for one amazing week.
- Awarded a Paul Harris +1 pin to President Gordon Lansford

Topeka North Rotary Club

- Assisting Molly Rockefeller to reach her goal of \$5,000 for LifeStraw. See page 11.
- The club is planning their second member outing membership lunch. They will identify three to five potential new members and in March will have the membership break into groups instead of having the normal meeting and go discuss what Rotary is and what we do as a club with those targeted individuals. The club gained two new members the last member outing and are expecting the same results for this outing.

CLUB NEWS

Topeka South Rotary Club

- The club is collecting extra unused personal items from Rotary members to be distributed to patients at the Marion Clinic—"From Our Homes to Theirs."
- The club recognized Don Schnacke, a chartered member of Topeka South Rotary Club, achieved his 40th year as a Rotarian. The club presented Don a special plaque recognizing his achievement.

Village West Rotary Club

- The club programs were hampered in February by Mother Nature, but in the two successful and well-attended meeting the club had great presentations from two significant institutions in the community.
- Mike Dorsey is the CEO of Providence Medical Center. The hospital is a major employer in Wyandotte County, and more significantly, provides much-needed excellent care for all ranges of the population. Mr. Dorsey described the initial mission of the Sisters of Charity Leavenworth, and their subsequent health system, and then the transition into the state of today's health care industry.
- Gary Salva (pictured to the right) is the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department for Wyandotte County's Unified Government. He enlightened the club with a great presentation on the rich history of the county's public parks, and updated on recent and current events. Most specifically, in conjunction with the non-profit Parks Foundation, they have raised over \$200,000 for ADA-compliant renovation of four neighborhood parks. Like most communities, money for renovation and updates is hard to come by. The Parks Department and the Foundation are especially proud of the ability to provide accessible playgrounds to all in the community. A new endeavor to renovate additional parks is going to be launched in future months.



Western Johnson County Rotary Club (Prov)

- The club is working toward chartering the end of April. A board has been elected and the club is working on draft-by-laws and other organizational documents.



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Tuesday 7:30 PM

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