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Reading, Kansas Tornado Relief Fund

The **Rotary Club of Emporia** is acting as a collecting agent for monetary contributions to provide financial relief to the many victims of the tornado that caused destruction and damage to half of the Reading community's buildings on Saturday May 21. Reading is a small farming community that is certainly below average on the socio-economic scale. Many if not most of those who suffered losses were uninsured and will have a great deal of difficulty in coping financially with the losses they encountered.

The Rotary Club of Emporia has teamed with their local United Way, whose executive director is a Rotarian, to set up a special fund. This will enable all contributions to qualify as tax deductible since they will go through United Way, a 501c3 agency. We will jointly set up a committee of local citizens to administer/distribute the funds as needs are known.

Checks from Rotary clubs or individual Rotarians should be made payable to United Way Tornado Relief Fund and mailed to Chuck Frazier, PO Box 1071, Emporia, KS 66801. Questions regarding this assistance can be directed to me at <mailto:PDG5710@cableone.net> or call my cell phone at 620-481-5105.

PDG Chuck Frazier, Emporia Rotary Club

Newest District 5710 Club Now Official

Announcement by Rotary International: The Rotary Club of Western Johnson County has been admitted to membership in Rotary International on May 19, 2011.

To support the new club, visit one of their meetings.

KC Sports Grille—10064 Woodland, Lenexa, KS 66220

1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays—5:15 pm

2nd and 4th Tuesdays—7:30 am

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Dates to Remember for 2010-11

2011

JUNE: - ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

5-9 RYLA, University of Kansas, Lawrence

July

31 GSE to Finland Applications Due

AUGUST—MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH

6 Foundation, Membership & Leadership Seminar

6 GSE Team Leader Interviews, Topeka

20 GSE Team Member Interviews, Topeka

NOVEMBER—ROTARY FOUNDATION MOUNTH

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

Upcoming Club Event

DETAILS AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT HOME PAGE UNDER CLUB EVENTS IN THE LEFT COLUMN

VILLAGE WEST
2011 Service Club Challenge
Collection of Food and Contributions for Harvesters
May 31—Kansas City T-Bones

VILLAGE WEST
Strike-Out Polio at the ballpark!
T-Bones Stadium
June 8—Gates open 5:30 pm, Game at 7:05 pm

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE ZOO (Kansas City)
June 9

OVERLAND PARK SOUTH
Jazz in the Woods Concert
June 24 and 25

OVERLAND PARK SOUTH
Jazz in the Woods 5K, 10K & Family Fun Run
June 25

VILLAGE WEST
Charily Campout at the Community America Ballpark (also known as T-Bones Stadium)
July 30—Details to follow

Leavenworth Rotary Club Member Passed Away

The Leavenworth Rotary Club has lost a beloved member. Joel Grodberg, a past President of the club and past Assistant District Governor, passed away in April.

Note from Leavenworth President John Donovan:

While all our members are special to us, I wanted to pass on this note from Bettye Brown, the wife of deceased PDG Royal Brown, that encapsulates the spirit of Joel, and of Rotary.

“One sweet, poignant memory we all can hold of Joel—there are zillions, aren’t there” - is that he passed from us wearing, by his own request, an elegant Rotary sweatshirt—not just any ole ordinary blue Rotary sweatshirt but a lovely white one with chenille embossed R-O-T-A-R-Y on the front! ‘Tis a memory we’ll savor when we think of what a great Rotarian Joel was to the end!” — Bettye Brown

District Membership Numbers

Month of April

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 April by the deadline date of May 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.

Rotary, ONE Campaign

Rotary International and the ONE Campaign, an advocacy organization dedicated to fighting extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa, will work together to pursue mutual goals and increase humanitarian service.

The ONE Campaign, co-founded by U2 lead-singer Bono and backed by more than two million member, works to find , cost-effective ways to save lives and help people build sustainable futures. More about ONE can be found at <http://www.one.org>.

A key priority for ONE is ensuring that children worldwide have access to basic vaccines. The organization knows that childhood vaccines are the most cost-effective ways to save lives and prevent disease for a lifetime and are essential for success in school and leading productive lives. ONE has launched a campaign to highlight the need for Americans to support making childhood vaccines available to children in the developing world. For more information about ONE's work around vaccines, visit <http://one.org/c/us/hotttopic/3725>.

**Percentage for Clubs Reporting

CLUB	7/1/2010 Membership	Membership As Of 4/30/2011	April Attendance
Atchison	79	73	54.12%
Baldwin City	15	17	67.00%
Blue Rapids	21	0	0.00%
Blue Valley	14	12	92.00%
Bonner Springs	26	24	87.00%
Burlingame	12	13	53.85%
Burlington	33	31	62.96%
Council Grove	48	0	0.00%
De Soto	39	41	55.12%
Emporia	68	66	59.15%
Frankfort	24	23	76.00%
Gardner	61	62	74.09%
Garnett	30	28	47.60%
Holton	24	27	67.00%
Howard	19	18	57.00%
Indian Creek Sunset (Prov)	6	5	50.00%
Johnson County	43	40	78.29%
Johnson County Sunset	0	25	72.00%
Junction City	86	77	42.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	17	0	0.00%
Kansas City	54	59	73.70%
Lawrence	197	200	49.69%
Lawrence Central	32	29	47.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	66	66	67.86%
Leavenworth	94	91	68.37%
Leawood	55	58	85.98%
Lenexa	43	49	72.49%
Louisburg	42	41	48.00%
Manhattan	210	0	0.00%
Manhattan Konza	73	82	57.21%
Marysville	50	48	71.00%
Olathe	93	0	0.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	39	34	50.00%
Osawatomie	22	0	0.00%
Oskaloosa	34	35	65.00%
Ottawa	17	0	0.00%
Overbrook	32	30	87.00%
Overland Park	146	141	68.46%
Overland Park South	89	92	62.29%
Paola	32	36	72.00%
Shawnee	60	63	76.00%
Shawnee Mission	62	54	55.40%
Spring Hill	16	18	84.00%
Topeka Downtown	196	191	55.06%
Topeka North	16	22	50.00%
Topeka South	114	116	61.62%
Topeka West	21	23	82.00%
Valley Falls	18	18	69.00%
Village West	38	42	63.82%
Western Johnson County	0	24	68.35%
TOTALS/Average Attendance	2626	2244	62.85%

Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for April

Will your club be listed here next month?

Blue Valley.....	92.00%
Bonner Springs	87.00%
Overbrook.....	87.00%
Leawood	85.98%
Spring Hill	84.00%
Topeka West	82.00%
Johnson County.....	78.29%
Frankfort.....	76.00%
Shawnee.....	76.00%
Gardner	74.09%
Kansas City	73.70%
Lenexa	72.49%
Johnson County Sunset.....	72.00%
Paola.....	72.00%
Marysville	71.00%

Average Attendance (for the reporting clubs) for the month of April: 62.85%

Clubs with 65% to 70% Attendance:

Valley Falls—	69.00%
Overland Park—	68.46%
Leavenworth—	68.37%
Western Johnson County—	68.35%
Lawrence Jayhawk—	67.86%
Baldwin City—	67.00%
Holton—	67.00%
Oskaloosa—	65.00%

New Club Members for April

Baldwin City.....	Scott Schultz
Gardner	Allan Soetaert
Holton.....	Roline Campbell, Brian Lull, Shawna Miller
Lawrence.....	Karen Shumate
Leavenworth	Lonnie Seglie
Leawood.....	Patrick McGilley
Overland Park	Molly Haase, Jenna Murphy
Paola	Ashley Wohlgemuth
Shawnee Mission	Tom Oltjen
Spring Hill.....	Courtney Minter, Christine Splichal
Topeka Downtown	Rebecca Crotty
Topeka South.....	Michelle DeLalsla, Kyle Kessler, Ty Roberts
Village West	Robert Bond, Scott Clark, Gregory Johnson, Cherise Sedlock
Western Johnson County	Mike Brosseit, Melinda Dixon, David Huston, John Khoury, Paul Mayo, Jeff Nichols, Ronald Tennissen



Spring Hill New Members L to R: Doug Schwinn, Christine Splichal, and Courtney Minter.

District Conference Awards

The **Rotary International Service Above Self** award was presented to PDG Fred Krebs, member of the Shawnee Mission Rotary Club.

As Rotary's highest honor for individual Rotarians, this award recognizes Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

Pictured to the right is RI Representative Lynne Baker, PDG Fred Krebs, and PDG Jim Mattes.



The **Rotary International Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service** was presented to William (Bill) Richter, member of the Manhattan Rotary Club.

This award recognizes Rotarians who have demonstrated exceptional active service to The Rotary Foundation.

Pictured to the left: L to R, PDG Jim Mattes, RI Representative Lynne Baker, PDG Vickie Randel, Bill Richter and PDG Larry Dimmitt.

The **Service Award for a Polio-Free World** was presented to Lenet Compton of the Spring Hill Rotary Club.

This award recognizes outstanding service in polio eradication.

Pictured to the right: Lenet Compton and Rod Kreie, AARFC



District 5710 presented a Paul Harris Fellow to Linda Ireland, District Executive Assistant.

Pictured to the left: PDG Jim Mattes and Linda Ireland.

Educator of the Year Awards Presented at District Conference

District 5710 Educator of the Year awards were presented to:

- First Place: Georanne Whitman, Spring Hill High School, sponsored by the Spring Hill Rotary Club.
- Second Place: Susan Sittenauer, Seaman High School, Topeka, Kansas, sponsored by the Topeka Downtown Rotary Club
- Third Place: Melissa Button, Rochester Elementary School, Topeka, Kansas, sponsored by Topeka North Rotary Club.

Pictured L to R: Marie Pyko, District 5710 Literacy Chair; Superintendent of the Spring Hill Schools accepting for Georanne Whitman; Susan Sittenauer; DG John Vandewalle; and Melissa Button.



District Youth Exchange at District Conference



For the second year, District 5710 has chosen one District 5710 Youth Exchange student to receive a Paul Harris Fellow. This year the award was presented to Christian Otzen from Denmark.

Pictured L to F: Robert Thompson, District 5710 Youth Exchange Officer; Lee Stuart, President of Overland Park South; Christian Otzen; Steve Wheatley, District 5710 Youth Exchange Officer; and District Governor John Vandewalle.



District 5710 Conference in Photos



DG John Vandewalle welcomes everyone to the District Conference



Past District Governors Banquet



Left: Barbara Gerhard with the DeSoto Rotary Club Display



Right: Lenet Compton autographs her book "Go Play in the Street" at the Spring Hill Display



Roger and Susan Crawford celebrated their wedding anniversary at the Saturday Night Banquet. To make the occasion special, guest quartet "Last Free Exit" sang to them.



DG John presents a bottle of bubbly to Patti Bossert (center) and Jamie Safford (far right) for all their hard work putting together a very successful District Assembly and Conference.

District Youth/Scholarship Corner

The **Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club**, as part of its annual Student Scholarship Contest, recognized outstanding high school students from Wyandotte county schools. One female and one male student from each of the nine Wyandotte county schools were nominated by their respective schools to compete for \$1000 college scholarships. All the students exemplified the highest academic, service and character standards in our community. We can all be proud of what Wyandotte county has helped produce in these students. And we are excited about what they can bring in the future.

The male students, accompanied by family and school representatives, made short presentations before the club on April 12th at its weekly luncheon. The female students on April 19th. The club chose one female and one male from these outstanding high school students to receive a \$1000 scholarship at the college or university of their choice.

\$1,000 college scholarships were awarded to; Candace Villanueva of Sumner Academy and Jose Romo of Washington High School.



L to R: Scholarship winner, Jose Romo; Dave Tyler, President of the KCK Rotary Club.



L to R: Javier Quinonez, Wyandotte High School; Dalton Vitt, Bonner Springs High School; Matt Wooley, Piper High School; Oscar Solis, Bishop Ward High School; Jake Nagy, Turner High School; Nolan Jones, Schlagle High School; Dylan Clark, Sumner Academy; and Scholarship winner Jose Romo, Washington High School



L to R: Scholarship winner, Candace Villanueva, Sumner Academy; Cadi King, Piper High School; Kaylie Holloway, Bonner Springs High School; Shakeya Stanley, Schlagle High School; Casandra Marquez, Bishop Ward High School; Rachel French, Turner High School; and Queta Peek, Wyandotte High School.

The **Atchison Rotary Club** hosted the Atchison Community Education Foundation annual scholarship award presentation. The local Kiwanis Club along with the Board of the Atchison Community Educational Foundation was also present. Over 100 people attended the event.

The **Manhattan Rotary Club** congratulates Alix Miller and Jed Smith, Manhattan High School Students of the Month. The club is please to honor these outstanding students and wish them well as they complete their education.

The **Village West** Exchange Student from Ecuador, Jozze, departed during the month of April to return home . Accompanying her, to visit Jozze's family and to experience some of her country, is club member, past club president, present Assistant District Governor and Jozze's host, Shelly Fabac. Shelly will be in Ecuador for most of the month of May.

District Youth/Scholarship Corner

Leawood Rotary Club 's

Rotarians Encouraging Academic Collegiate Help (REACH) program completed its 5th year at Bishop Ward High School and 'graduated' 14 seniors. REACH is a mentoring program for juniors and seniors designed to help prepare them for the process of selecting a college and building the skill set to be successful once there. Two seniors were presented \$1,500 annual scholarships. Pictured above are the REACH seniors with some of their Rotarian mentors.



Pictured to the right are Father Michael of Bishop Ward, Rotarians and REACH program creators David Anderson, Jake Schloegel and Rick Robinson. Also shown are scholarship award winners for this year.



Many of the District 5710 Youth Exchange students have Kansas license plates on their blazers—but this year some of them left the District Conference sporting a Kansas Sesquicentennial license plate, promoted by the Topeka Downtown Rotary Club. Pictured above is Topeka Downtown Rotary Club President-Elect with one of the District Youth Exchange students.



The Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club welcomed visitors from the Internship Exchange program with Lawrence's Sister City Eutin German. Elin Gotting, the Swedish exchange student the club sponsors provided the program. Pictured above are Brad Finkeldei and Elin Gotting. Elin attends Lawrence Free State High School. Brad represents the club as her counselor for the 2010-11 school year.



Rotarian Bev Greenwood of the Junction City (Noon) Rotary Club presents a \$500 Vocational Scholarship to Hayley Lundblad of St. Xavier's High School in Junction City. Hayley is the granddaughter of Honey Grant a member of the Junction City Flint Hills Rotary Club. Hayley will study Graphic Arts Education at Salina Area Vocational-Technical School this fall.

CLUB NEWS

Significant Achievement Awards Presented to Clubs at District Conference

At District Conference in April, PDG Jim Mattes presented the Significant Achievement Award to the following clubs for their outstanding projects.

LAWRENCE CENTRAL ROTARY CLUB

Ride Lawrence—Healthy Lifestyle through Biking

The club membership began discussions with the City of Lawrence, the Bicycle Advisory Committee, and other organizations interests in bicycling. As they gathered more information the members agreed this was the community service project that would bring attention to Rotary in the community, serve the communities needs, assist with educating the community, promote healthy lifestyle for individuals and families, and meet all of the criteria the club was looking for in a community service project.

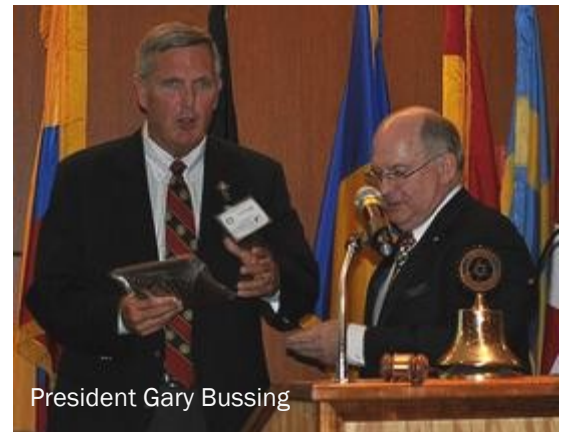


President-Elect Shon Qualseth

LEAWOOD ROTARY CLUB

REACH—Rotarians Encouraging Academic Collegiate Help

REACH is a mentoring program for juniors and seniors designed to help prepare them for the process of selecting a college and building the skill set to be successful once there. The Leawood club formed a mentoring partnership with Bishop Ward High School in Kansas City, Kansas. The program is a year long program where Rotarians provide one on one mentoring to high school juniors and seniors. REACH is currently in its sixth year of operation. After six years of REACH the club is proud to report a 90% success rate in getting graduates to enroll in college.



President Gary Bussing

LENEXA ROTARY CLUB

Lenexa First Safety Trailer Project

The club provided \$6,629 to the Lenexa Fire Department toward the acquisition of a mobile safety education trailer. The remainder of the funding was provided by a grant from the US Department of Homeland Security. Members of the Lenexa Club as well as members of the Shawnee Mission Northwest Interact Club (sponsored by the Lenexa Rotary Club) will assist the fire department is using the trailer to demonstrate fire and storm safety at schools, senior housing communities, local festivals and other events throughout the year—and years to come.



President Becca Coleman

CLUB NEWS

Significant Achievement Awards Presented to Clubs at District Conference (Cont)

LOUISBURG ROTARY CLUB

Focus on the Future

The project provides teens in the community the opportunity to be inspired, empowered and energized by their potential beyond high school. Rotarians visit the classroom to discuss the importance of ethics both personally and professionally. Students travel on-site to explore multiple businesses where Rotarians share strategies for making successful person and professional decisions.

TOPEKA WEST ROTARY CLUB

Marian Clinic Benefit—Good Old Fashioned Kansas Barbeque

It began with a donation of a “pig roast” for 100 people won by a club member at another charity event. The “pig roast” was donated to the Topeka West Rotary Club. The club discussed possible ways the donation could be used and unanimously chose the Marian Clinic as the beneficiary of this gift and plans for a Good Old Fashioned Kansas Barbeque began. The idea took off and captured the interest and enthusiasm of both Rotarians and the Topeka community. A local golf club offered their dining room at close to cost. Roy Frey Western decorated the dining room free of charge—including a full size “horse” named Roy the Wonder Horse. The Topeka Capitol Journal wrote feature stories.

President Carolyn Conroy appeared on the evening news. The original purveyor of the barbeque donated all the dinners above the 100 original count (130 attended). A well known western singer, Judy Coder, offered her performance well under the usual fees. Not satisfied with this, the club decided to hold an auction also and donations flowed in from the community. Many of the Rotarians and community members who could not attend send in contributions. As a result of the benefit, Topeka West Rotary presented a check to Marian Clinic for \$10,570.25.



President Carolyn Conroy

Recognitions

Leadership Kansas is a nationally recognized program that aims to develop and motivate future leaders in the state. Rotarians in the 2011 class are: Scott Gales, Architect One, PA is a member of the Topeka Downtown Rotary Club; and John Ross, Laser Logic, Inc of the Lawrence Rotary Club.

Lawrence Jayhawk Rotarian Mike Chapman, a registered physical therapist employed by Jefferson County Public Health Department, received the Carolyn Bloom Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kansas Physical Therapy Association. The award is presented annually to a Kansas physical therapist who has made significant contributions to the state association.

Past President Brad Finkeldei of the Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club was selected for the Paul Volker leadership award by the 2011 Leadership Lawrence class.

John W. Walters was named Rotarian of the Year by the Manhattan Rotary Club. John joined the club on January 5, 1989 and served as club President in 1998-99. John is a Paul Harris Fellow + recipient.

CLUB NEWS

Community

PLUMB PLACE PROJECT—Thirteen members of the **Rotary Club of Emporia** painted walls, tore out carpet and replaced with updated carpet, replaced ceiling tiles and window shades in two rooms at the Plumb Place in Emporia. The Plumb Place is a United Way of the Flint Hills agency, and is a home to working women. Jodi Heermann planned and oversaw the project.



CLOCK TOWER PROJECT—Thirteen members of the **Rotary Club of Emporia** gathered Saturday morning to plant the landscape around the clock tower at 12th and Merchant Streets in Emporia. David McCullough, the City Horticulturist for Emporia, designed the landscaping and was on hand to supervise the plantings that included 25 salvia, 89 marigolds, 15 dwarf fountain grasses, and five trees (black gum, paper bark maple and abor vitae).

Rotarian Matt Zimmerman, who organized the project, indicated that the Rotary Club provided the plant material and the labor to plant them. “This corner gets high traffic, and doing our share to beautify it will go a long way to providing a good impression of the community for both Emporians and visitors coming to ESE activities this summer and into the future. Those who worked side-by-side during this project also benefited from the camaraderie and getting to know each other better,” said Zimmerman. A drip irrigation system was installed to maintain the landscape plantings.

On April 30, representatives from the three Lawrence Rotary Clubs and the Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department planted trees at the ROTARY ARBORETUM. **Lawrence Jayhawk** Rotarians participating included Chip Blaser; Don Duncan and his children, Aubrey and Kyle; Jon Heeb and his son, Harrison; and Sandra Wiechert.



Chip Blaser shovels mulch as he assisted in tree planting.



Sandra Wiechert spent her volunteer time removing the white plastic tub-supports from the young trees.



Jon Heeb digs holes for trees he and other volunteers planted.

CLUB NEWS

Community (Continued)

HILLCREST TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: The **Leawood Rotary Club** constructed a playground at the Hillcrest Transitional Housing complex in Kansas City Kansas. Funded in part by a District Simplified Grant, nearly 25 Club members and spouses worked all day Saturday to assemble the play ground set and prepare the play area with mulch. Pictured above you'll see the project beginning and end.



On April 24th and 25th, member of the **Overland Park South Rotary Club** spent the morning at Healing House in Kansas City, Missouri doing painting and other odd jobs to assist a very worth organization.

Paul Harris Fellow Recipients

The **Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club** presented Paul Harris Fellows to the below four members. Presenting the award to John, David and Linda was Lawrence Jayhawk Foundation Chair and District 5710 Assistant District Governor Don Duncan.



PDG Bob Schwartz presented Don Duncan with the PHF +3 pin. Don became a Rotarian in 1998.



David Darwin received his first PHF. David became a Rotarian in September, 2010.



Linda Farrar became a PHF in April. She has been a Rotarian since January, 2011.



John Conard, Jr. received his second PHF. He has been a Rotarian since 1997.

Neil Wakefield of the **Gardner Rotary Club** received his Paul Harris +1 pin in April.

Linda Marston, spouse of **Manhattan Rotary Club** member Dick Marston, was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for her service to the Manhattan community. The club also presented PHF awards to Darrell Brensing, Don Wissman and George Ham.

Topeka West Rotary Club presented Alice Young a PHF +3.

Pictured to the right is Alice Young and President Carolyn Conroy.



CLUB NEWS

Literacy



The Leawood Rotary Club completed their *I LIKE ME READING PROGRAM* to 1st and 2nd graders at Our Lady of Unity in Kansas City Kansas. The Club had 14 Rotarians participate in reading to the kids and on the final day the kids received their personalized book.

Pictured to the left are Rotarians Charles Lusk and David Anderson and teacher Mrs. Schlake.

Education



The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club, recognized outstanding teachers from each of the nine Wyandotte County high schools.

This is a program of the Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club to show appreciation to teachers in the county that represent the best of our community. The teachers were introduced by their school's administrators and were presented a plaque of appreciation by the Club. We are grateful to these teachers who give so much of themselves to educate and prepare our youth for the future.

L to R: Truman Snow, Bishop Ward; Pamela Miltenberger, JC Harmon; Donna Sharpnack, Bonner Springs; Romona Robson, Wyandotte; Panteh Mohsemeim, Schlagle; Brandy Turner, Washington; Carla Parker, Turner; Ann Hamilton, Piper; Rashonda Rhodes, Sumner Academy

Joint Club Projects

- The Overland Park and the Overland Park South Clubs joined forces for an evening of networking, socializing, and benefitting a charity in April at Freedom Bank. The cost of admission was a children's book.
- This unique bicycle rack is now in place at the Rotary Arboretum in Lawrence. The "Ride Lawrence" rack was given by the three clubs—Lawrence, Lawrence Jayhawk, and Lawrence Central—in memory of Bob Frederick. Bob was a Lawrence Club Rotarian, former Lawrence High School science teacher, former KU Athletic Director, and KU professor of education. He was an avid biker who, tragically, died of injuries suffered in a bicycle accident in downtown Lawrence in June 2009. The Rotary Arboretum was recently recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a finalist for the Excellence in Partnership Award. The arboretum is jointly sponsored by the three Lawrence Rotary Clubs and the Lawrence Department of Park and Recreation.



CLUB NEWS

International

The **Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club** has helped fund a Bamboo Restoration Project in the Philippines on the island province of Marinduque. This project was conceived and implemented by the Rotary Club of Marinduque North in the Philippines. This project was assisted with funding from a matching grant from Rotary District 5710 of Northeast Kansas.



A member of the Kansas City Kansas Rotary Club learned about this incredible project while participating in a Rotary International Exchange with the Philippines. The Boac River is the largest river system in Marinduque. In 1996, a mining accident released mine waste in the river system, destroying a major water source, local flora and fauna and devastating this river basin. Governmental and legal actions have yet to provide any restitution or remediation for the local inhabitants. Local Rotarians saw the economic and environmental impact of this event and searched for ways to alleviate this detriment. They happened upon a novel approach to stabilize the river banks and at the same time provide a raw material for local industry by planting sustainable bamboo. They developed a 10-year plan. The first year which has been completed included Community Awareness, Survey Mapping, Bamboo Nursery establishment, and initial riverbank plantings.

- Community Awareness focused on identifying the participants and partner agencies then educating them on the importance of environmental protection and sustainability in relation to the riverbanks and adjacent agricultural lands. And noting the merits of bamboo as a material to prevent soil erosion and as a source of raw materials to support the thriving handicraft and furniture industry of Marinduque. Participants included municipal, provincial, and federal officials, along with local students, teachers and land & business owners.
- Survey Mapping defined the boundaries to be planted and identified the owners of the agriculture lands affected by erosion.
- A 1,000 square meter nursery was established for propagating different species of bamboo saplings. This facility serves the additional role of a training ground and educational site for local schools.

The Kansas City, Kansas Club is grateful for all the hard work of the members of the Rotary Club of Marinduque North, especially Editha Manguera, the project lead.

The **Junction City Rotary Club** helped to provide a wheel chair for an injured boy in Iraq.

The **Manhattan Rotary Club** awarded International Student Scholarships to Amachawadi Raghavendra India; Lorena Gomez-Montano, Columbia; Moses Khamis, Uganda; and Jung Hoon Lee, South Korea. Selection was based on benefit of the training to the individual's country upon his/her return home and academic credentials and performance. Each student received a \$2,000 scholarship—\$1,500 from the Manhattan Rotary Club and \$500 from District 5710.

CLUB NEWS

Vocational Training Team (VTT) from Australia April Club Visits

A Vocational Training Team (VTT) is similar to our GSE Group Study Exchange teams. VTT's are part of the new Rotary International's Future Vision Plan. The team focuses on a specific vocation when they visit a district. The team from Australia focused on Energy and Renewable Energy Resources.

The Junction City Rotary Club hosted the VTT team to a tour of the local alternative energy businesses. Many thanks to John Armstrong and Chuck Otte who coordinated and planned the activities for the team.



The VTT presented the program to the Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club in April. The team visited the Bowersock Mills and Power Company in Lawrence. In the Blue coat is Sarah Hill-Nelson, co-owner of Bowersock Mills and Power Company. In 1874, the mills and dam were established by Sarah's great-great grandfather, J.D. Bowersock. Recently the great-great-great grandchildren of J.D. Bowersock participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the \$20 million project to build a new hydroelectric power plant on the north bank of the Kansas River.

L to R: Andrea Norris, Lawrence (noon) Club member and District 5710 GSE Outbound Chair; VTT members Jennie Gater, Jon Peters, Alida Jansen van Vuuren, Nic Jacobson, and Rotarian Team Leader Doug Layng; Lena Rodriguez, Lawrence Jayhawk International Chair; and Nancy Bjorge, Lawrence (noon) Club Rotarian.



DeSoto Rotary Club hosted the Australian/VTT Team at a breakfast meeting.

Pictured to the left is team leader Doug Layng.



The Leawood Rotary Club hosted the Aussie Team to the Royals baseball game on Friday. Most of them had never seen an American baseball game. Beautiful night, the Royal WON and there were fireworks after the game. Notice the hats!!

The Village West Rotary Club hosted the team to a tour of the Village West neighborhood, led by club International Service Chair Larry Becker. Doug, Nic, Jon, Jennie and Alida enjoyed a tour of the Kansas Speedway, led by its president, Pat Warren and was highlighted by several hot laps in Pat's SUV—not a race car—despite Doug's persistent requests to be given the keys to a Sprint Cup Car!!

After lunch at Cheeseburger in Paradise (hosted by club member Clint Pitts), the group toured the new Sporting Kansas City soccer stadium. The group then went to club member Steve Beaumont's beautiful hotel, Chateau Avalon, where they received a behind-the-scenes tour, followed by a presentation on renewable energy by a representative of the Board of Public Utilities. The afternoon was capped off with shopping at Cabela's and throughout the Legends at Village West. Much thanks to the club members who hosted throughout this visit.

CLUB NEWS

Club Programs

- DeSoto Rotary Club hosted Kansas State Senator Julia Lynn at a morning breakfast meeting in April.
- One of the best programs for the Leawood Rotary Club was the annual meeting with officers from the Command Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. Rotarian Bill McCullough is an instructor at the college and arranges for officers to come visit each year. The club was pleased to have US Army Major John Hollar, Polish Army Lt Colonel Rosve Grodzki and US Navy Lt Commander Frank Sparks join them for breakfast.
- The Village West Rotary Club began the month with a visit from Elizabeth Alex, NBC Action News anchor. Ms. Alex, a member of the Olathe Rotary Club, told a great story, weaving both her personal and professional lives through the bond of service that Rotary provides. It was highlighted with a segment on the orphanage she sponsors in Romania—it was a heartwarming story on many levels, especially how her Rotary club rallied in support of the cause, and of its member.

Club Information/Events

The Village West Rotary Club held a Membership Mixer on April 28 and eight prospective members attended. The most yet! Special credit goes to Steve Beaumont for all his efforts, and to all the club members who participated!

The Overland Park Rotary Club continues to work on the Star Spangled Spectacular Fourth of July Celebration as well as preparation for the Youth Leadership Institute.

The Overland Park South Rotary Club is preparing for Jazz in the Woods on June 24 and 25. The two-day festival will benefit three charities this year: Operation Breakthrough, LeAnn Britain Center and the Fox4Love Fund. Everyone is invited to join them for the largest free music festival in the region. Buy raffle tickets, beverages, and sample an assortment of different food vendors to benefit the charities. Sponsorship tables and tent are still available. Also on June 24 is the Jazz in the Woods 5K, 10K and Family Fun Run. Details at jazzinthewoods.com.

Donation of Musical Instruments for Tornado Victims

Harold Frye, member of the Overland Park South Rotary Club and founder of the Foundation, Music 4 Jeremy's Cherubs, is working with the Foundation's partner, B.A.C. Horn Doctor, to send the mobile repair unit to Joplin. The unit will assess needs and begin the rebuilding process for students whose lives have been changed. The Foundation will focus its summer donations on Joplin so that students can resume their involvement with music when possible. Any help with donations of gently used musical instruments and cash donations are welcome. Information about donating can be found at www.music4jeremyscherubs.org.

