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To submit articles and pictures for the District Newsletter, send to Linda Ireland by the 15th of each month.

How Can Rotary Work For YOU?

It is amazing how Rotary creates a two way street when you promote it everyday. You can wear your pin, have a bumper sticker on your car, wear your Rotary apparel with pride, give a valuable classification talk at your club meeting or make up at another Rotary club.

When other people know you are a Rotarian, you will connect and go down a different pathway. You will reap the benefits that non-Rotarians will not experience.

So take some action today by setting yourself some Rotary goals along with your other personal and business goals. Let Rotary change your story book as happened with Beth Brannan of the Shawnee Rotary Club.

"I was bidding on a contract for a drug and alcohol testing for a large corporation. The bids were close in price, so the Safety Director asked to meet with us. I was there and so was the other vendor. We each said our piece and the Safety Director said that he would contact us within 24 hours with the results of his decision. He called me a few hours later and said that he noticed that I was wearing a Rotary pin. I told him I was a Charter member of our Club. He said that he knew a lot of Rotarians and that he was impressed with their values. **His decision to give me the contract, he said, was made when he saw my Rotary Pin.**"

Proudly show that you are a Rotarian and see what happens in your life.

DG John Vandewalle

Do You Have ROTARY on Your "Do It" List?

Adapted from the Johnson County "Rotary Minute" by Larry Williams

Have you forgotten about Rotary on your DO-IT list? Well, I'm not going to let this week go by without a reminder to you. It could make you a more effective Rotarian, and real Rotarians are always looking for ways to serve and make their club more effective. All you need to do is add "Rotary This Week" to your "DO IT" list.

- Invite _____ to Rotary this week.
- Check with family and friend " any books to share with young children."
- What committee was I drafted to? Hey, I've got an idea!
- Vote for my club officers, sign up to ring the bells, deliver meals on wheels, etc.

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Nominations for District Governor 2013-14

It is time for clubs to submit candidates for the position of District Governor for the 2013-14 Rotary year. Nominations must be in the hands of PDG Jim Mattes **no later than 5:00 pm on December 1, 2010**. The nomination should be in the form of a resolution certified in writing by the club secretary.

Please give sincere thought to who among your members is qualified for this position and has the willingness and commitment to serve. It truly is a rewarding experience for a Rotarian to serve as District Governor.

Please send resolutions to:

PDG Jim Mattes, 13606 W 48th Street, Shawnee, KS 66216

Office: 913-248-1030 Cell: 913-63-4551

jimmattes@mattesappraisal.com

[CLICK HERE FOR A LINK TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT GOVERNOR QUALIFICATIONS](#)

Attend the RI Convention in New Orleans

Rotary International Convention—New Orleans, LA—21-25 May 2010

Remember to register by Wednesday, December 15, to take advantage of special pre-convention pricing.

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx> .



Heart of America Boy Scout Council Honors Kansas City Rotary Club

The Boy Scouts of America are honoring the Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club with the Whitney M. Young Service Award for the club's involvement with the community in the Kansas City area. The Scoutreach Service Awards are designed to recognize outstanding service by an adult or organization in the support of Scouting for rural or low-income urban youth.

This event will be held:
December 7, 2010
Kansas City Zoo
6800 Zoo Drive
Kansas City, MO 64132

Sponsorships and Individual Tickets are available. [CLICK HERE](#) for the event flyer. Reservations are due by December 3.



Foundation Thought

“The Foundation belongs to us all. It is our greatest resource for doing good, and it is our responsibility to maintain its strength. I hope every Rotarian will join us by making a contribution to support the Foundation’s programs this year.”

— 2004-05 RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr.

District Membership Numbers

Month of October

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 October by the deadline date of November 15.

The membership count listed for July 1, 2010 reflects the information Rotary International received on club Semi-Annual Reports (SAR's) submitted for that date. (Not all clubs have submitted their SAR's to RI yet, so this number may change.) This is the number that will be used to calculate membership growth in our District for 2010-11.

Online Contributions Break Records

Rotary International News—27 October 2010

During the week of 18-24 October, approximately US\$2.8 million was raised in online contributions for PolioPlus. To honor World Polio Day on 24 October, The Rotary Foundation offered for the first time double [Paul Harris Fellow](#) recognition points for online-only contributions of US\$100 or more during that week.

The results represent a significant increase in online donations. To compare, \$660,000 in online donations to PolioPlus were made from January to September 2010.

As of 27 October, Rotarians have [raised about \\$150 million](#) for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

[Learn more about Rotary's work in eradicating polio](#)

CLUB	7/1/2010 Membership	Membership as of 10/30/2010	October Attendance
Atchison	76	74	54.85%
Baldwin City	15	16	67.00%
Blue Rapids	21	0	0.00%
Blue Valley	14	14	92.00%
Bonner Springs	22	24	75.00%
Burlingame	12	13	69.23%
Burlington	33	33	65.15%
Council Grove	0	0	0.00%
DeSoto	39	43	51.63%
Emporia	62	66	55.71%
Emporia Sunrise	13	0	0.00%
Frankfort	24	24	74.00%
Gardner	61	65	63.85%
Garnett	29	0	0.00%
Holton	23	24	54.00%
Howard	19	20	68.10%
Indian Creek Sunset-Prov.	6	0	0.00%
Johnson County	42	40	88.61%
Johnson County-Sunset	0	22	66.00%
Junction City	76	84	45.00%
Junction City-Flint Hills	13	13	0.00%
Kansas City	53	57	60.70%
Lawrence	197	197	52.99%
Lawrence Central	32	30	54.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	65	70	64.64%
Leavenworth	94	96	68.95%
Leawood	55	56	88.40%
Lenexa	42	48	70.20%
Louisburg	38	37	45.75%
Manhattan	207	216	67.20%
Manhattan Konza	73	77	57.11%
Marysville	49	50	69.00%
Olathe	94	0	0.00%
Olathe-Santa Fe Trail	34	34	67.00%
Osawatomie	23	22	61.00%
Oskaloosa	31	32	68.00%
Ottawa	17	24	84.00%
Overbrook	32	32	74.00%
Overland Park	146	139	68.90%
Overland Park South	89	92	67.91%
Paola	32	33	57.00%
Shawnee	60	59	74.00%
Shawnee Mission	51	52	61.84%
Spring Hill	15	18	60.00%
Topeka Downtown	196	194	53.77%
Topeka North	16	18	60.00%
Topeka South	113	117	67.00%
Topeka West	21	20	86.00%
Valley Falls	18	18	71.00%
Village West	38	38	61.03%
	2396	2451	63.15%

Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for October

Will your club be listed here next month?

Blue Valley	92.00%
Johnson County	88.61%
Leawood.....	88.40%
Topeka West	86.00%
Ottawa.....	84.00%
Bonner Springs.....	75.00%
Frankfort	74.00%
Overbrook	74.00%
Shawnee	74.00%
Valley Falls	71.00%
Lenexa.....	70.20%

*Average
Attendance (for
the reporting
clubs) for the
month
of October:
63.15%*

Clubs with 65% to 70% Attendance:

Burlingame—	69.23%
Marysville—	69.00%
Leavenworth—	68.95%
Overland Park—	68.90%
Howard—	68.10%
Oskaloosa—	68.00%
Overland Park South—	67.91%
Manhattan—	67.20%
Baldwin City—	67.00%
Olathe-Santa Fe Trail—	67.00%
Topeka South—	67.00%
Johnson County—Sunset—	66.00%
Burlington—	65.15%

New Club Members for October

Atchison.....	Jeff Thorne
Emporia	Subhashchandra Purohit
Holton	Les Wilkerson
Junction City.....	Danny Henderson, Matt Junghans, Sam Niemczyk, Lee Wolf
Leavenworth	Gary Bartek
Leawood.....	Don Burns
Manhattan	Mike Bean, Dianne Paukstelis, Elizabeth Workman
Manhattan Konza	Ben Moore, Derek Richards, Josh Runyan
Olathe-Santa Fe Trail.....	Chris Carr, Warren Rogers III
Ottawa	Lisa Johnson, Judd Mourning, Brandon Riffel, Mark Simons
Overland Park South	Craig Pardue, Mike Walrod
Shawnee Mission	Mindi Love
Topeka Downtown	David Heinemann



CHARTER MEMBERS OF JOHNSON COUNTY—SUNSET

Andrew Belt	Domenick DeCaro	Charles Hyland	Beverly Shane
Shannon Brady	Scot Elston	Jennifer Johnson	Steve Stoskopf
Joanna Bramlett	Mark Emley	Richard Liess	Thomas Stroud
Christopher Casey	Tom Gerrity	Liz Anne McElhaney	Andrew Wingert
Gene Cullinane	Stephen Hillyer	A.W. Pickel	Matthew Young
Don Dalrymple	Cindy Huston	Shane Scott	

New Club Members

MANHATTAN ROTARY CLUB

L to R: President Sue Maes, Dianne Paukstelis, C. Clyde Jones, nominator

Far Right—L to R: Brady Sauder, nominator, Mike Bean, and Past President Lyle Butler



LEAWOOD ROTARY CLUB

LEFT: Don Burns



SPRING HILL ROTARY CLUB

L to R: President Johnny Ford and Sandy Wichman. Sandy is a small business owner.



District 9500 Vocational Training Team Coming in 2011

Has your club been contacted by an Area Coordinator or Club Representative for Inbound GSE 2011? If not, consider becoming involved with this great District experience. Here is a little bit of information from the District Inbound Chair, Phil Coolidge at pcoolidge.rotary@yahoo.com

Our District is making plans to receive the "Focus Team" from our paired District. District 9500 is a "Future Vision Pilot district". In lieu of a GSE Team they have chosen to select a Vocational Training Team with a focus on renewable energy. It is our obligation as a Host District to provide them with a minimum of five days of vocational experiences. Hopefully we can do better. We should try to work in as many high quality vocational experiences as the fast moving schedule will permit. Other events, cultural, social, historic, and sporting and anything else you can think of should be included as well.

Our team has just returned from Australia and has had an opportunity to meet the inbound team and reports that our District is in for a treat!

As I understand the Australian hospitality was sensational. I encourage each area to give GSE/VTT a very high priority in your club activities so we can make this year a special year for the program.

Many thanks to all of you for your work on this project.

Phil Coolidge, District 5710 Co-Chair for Inbound GSE/VTT

Dates to Remember for 2010-11

DECEMBER: FAMILY MONTH

- 15 Deadline to send 2011-12 club President and Secretary name and contact information to Rotary International, DG John Vandewalle, DGE "Mo" Greenwood and District Office. **NEW DEADLINE DATE**

2011

JANUARY: ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

- 1 Semi-annual dues to Rotary International
16-22 DGE "Mo" Greenwood to 2011 International Assembly, San

FEBRUARY: WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

- 19 Pre-PETS (East), Tentative Date, Location TBD
23 Rotary's birthday (1905)

MARCH: LITERACY MONTH

- 5 Pre-PETS (West), Junction City, Tentative Date, Location TBD
TBD Ambassadorial Scholarship Applications Due
TBD Ambassadorial Scholarship Interviews, Atchison
TBD District Educator of the Year applications due
TBD Presidential Citations due

APRIL: ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

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

MAY

- 15 GSE Team returns to Australia
21-25 Rotary International Convention, New Orleans, LA
TBD RYLA

JUNE: ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

- TBD "Mo" Greenwood Inauguration, Location TBD

DECEMBER—Family Month

December is Family Month—why not consider presenting this award to someone!

Family and Community Service Award

Nominators: Rotary clubs

Deadline: Ongoing

This award is a certificate that Rotary clubs may confer on individuals or organizations for outstanding service to families and communities, or in recognition of the positive contributions to individual Rotary clubs made by spouses or family members of Rotarians. It is a good way for clubs to celebrate Family Month in December, recognize members of the family of Rotary, and promote Rotary in the community.

These certificates are available from the Rotary International Shop for 10 for \$2.50. [CLICK HERE](#) for a link to the information.

December Club Event

DECEMBER 4—Burlington—No-Limit Texas Hold'em Poker Tourney

Registration at 2 pm—Play begins at 3 pm
Rock Creek Country Club, 304 North 16th St, Burlington

Contact: djones@centurylink.net, 620-490-0045

[CLICK HERE FOR FLYER](#)

District Youth Exchange Corner

This month we shine the spotlight on two girls from Eastern Europe.



Above: Steve with Alina

Below: Steve with Ana

Alina Curea is from the Republic of Moldova. She is from her country's largest city and capital Chisinau. Alina is being hosted by the Junction City Rotary Club. She is being hosted by the family of our outbound student Emily Hogan. Emily is currently spending a year in Romania. Alina speaks Romanian, English, Russian and French. Romania and the Republic of Moldova are both part of District 2241. Alina is 16 years old and will turn 17 on December 1. She likes to play the piano and be with friends. She loves chemistry and biology at school because she wants a career in dental surgery. Her mother is a biology teacher and her father is a businessman.



L to R: Ana-Maria Jijaescu and Alina Curea



Ana-Maria Jijaescu comes to us from Slatina, Romania. She is being hosted by the Paola Rotary Club and is being hosted by the family of Amanda Neal who our District sent to Romania last year. Ana is 16 and speaks Romanian, English, Spanish and French. She loves music and wants to someday be a photographer. Her father (and host father) is a police officer and her mother is a doctor. She loves to travel and has been all over Europe. When asked in her application what she would like to accomplish as an exchange student she said, "While returning, I'd like to be able to bring home with me not just information about the country where I spent a year, but also a wider view of life on a planet whose inhabitants are so different, yet so alike."

Steve Wheatley, District Youth Exchange Officer

Now is the Time to Promote District Youth Exchange

Time is rapidly running out for students wishing to apply for next year's outbound exchange student program. Clubs should be completing their interviews soon and the students should be completing the long form application. This form (in quadruplicate) is **due to Stephen Wheatley by DECEMBER 1**. **Remember, relatives of Rotarians are eligible and are encouraged to apply.** If you have any questions, please email Stephen Wheatley, District Youth Exchange Officer at wheatleydc@sbcglobal.net.

For more information about the Youth Exchange program and to download an application, see the District website—rotary5710.org.



Youth Exchange Student Presented a Paul Harris Fellow

At the 2010 District 5710 Foundation Banquet the District was able to honor one of last year's youth exchange students with a Paul Harris Fellow. This was done through the generosity of a few of our Paul Harris Society Members. Andrea Brown was a youth exchange student to Switzerland last year and spent the year learning both French and German. She is currently a freshman at Kansas University and is studying Chemical Engineering. Andrea is a member of the KU Rotaract Club. Many of you may remember reading her blog of her year in Switzerland that was posted on the District website last year. The District will honor one of the inbound students from this year at the District Conference with a Paul Harris Fellow. Pictured to the right is Andrea Brown and Camille Vanderheyden, Inbound Youth Exchange student from Hombourg, Belgium sponsored by the Gardner Rotary Club.



Leavenworth Rotary Club Holds LAYLC

On 23 October, the Leavenworth Rotary Club sponsored Leavenworth Area Youth Leadership Conference (LAYLC) graduated 21 students representing six of the Leavenworth area middle schools. The conference was held on 16 and 23 October at the Leavenworth Public Library. Rotarians and other volunteers that took part in this year's conference were: Mark Gerges, Sara Gerges, Katherine Gerges, Meagan Bridgett, Kelly Harris, Ed Chapman, DeEtte Lombard, Ellen Bogdan, Tom Gray, John Donovan, John Persyn, Greg Hospodor, Carlton Philpot, Bernard Harris, Shay Miller and Billy Blackwell. Pictured to the right is the Leavenworth Area Youth Leadership Conference Class of 2010.



A Little About Interact

Is your club looking for a way to reach the youth of your area? Did you know that the age of students for an Interact Club starts at 12? Why not look into an Interact club in the middle school in your area? Think only the youth will benefit from this program? Think again . . . Ask the members of the Gardner Rotary Club (sponsors the Gardner-Edgerton Interact Club) or members of the Topeka North Rotary Club (sponsors the Seaman Interact Club) how much these youth energize their own club members!

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people **ages 12 to 18**. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting. Club membership varies greatly. Clubs can be single gender or mixed, large or small. They can draw from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools in the same community.

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

As one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service, with more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries and geographical areas, Interact has become a worldwide phenomenon. Almost 200,000 young people are involved in Interact.

Gardner Edgerton Interact Tackling Homelessness

On October 2nd, 2010, over 60 students at Gardner Edgerton High School participated in what has been dubbed Sleep-in-a-Box, organized by our Interact Club members. The goal for this event was to raise \$1,000 for the Kansas City Rescue Mission, and non-perishable food items for our local Multi-Service Center, while broadening our community's knowledge of the homelessness all around us.

We began the evening by decorating our "mansions." Students brought crayons and markers, and in some cases wrapping paper, to decorate their boxes in a creativity competition.



Another event we participated in that night was dumpster diving. Clean trash cans were used for students to dig into, filled with newspapers crumpled up and candy hid in the newspapers. The goal was to grab as much candy as possible in ten seconds without letting any papers fall out of the trash can. This activity was a ton of fun, and the candy was appreciated by the diggers!

One of the all-time favorite activities on that chilly night was Hobo Flag Football. A sack of apples was used as a ball, and we fought it out on the field. The sack of apples didn't last long as a football because it did not throw well. We ended up giving up the sack for a real football in the first five minutes of the game, and no one got hurt. It was an exciting game.

Our School also had the privilege of welcoming Chris Abke from the Kansas City Rescue mission to broaden our knowledge of homelessness in our state. He spoke on the goals of the Mission and its purpose. He

shared stories of individuals who had run into bad circumstances in their lives, and somehow they ended up at the Mission. With the help of this Mission, the individuals he spoke of were able to get back on their feet; they went to college and earned degrees, bought homes and started families. Without the mission, these families may never have been. We are so grateful for Mr. Abke and others who help needy families get back on their feet.



To conclude the night, we all gathered and viewed the production of *The Blind Side*, settling us down. Afterwards we piled into our individual boxes and slept the night away, waking up to a trumpet call, and heading home with the knowledge of the backgrounds of people we see standing on the side of the road or sleeping under bridges.

By hosting this event, Gardner Edgerton High School Interact Club was able to raise \$1,000 to send to the Kansas City Rescue Mission, and over 62 cases of food to send to the Multi-Service Center in Gardner. All of the donations are greatly appreciated, and soon will aid the unfortunate.

100% Reporting Versus 70% Requirement



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
of Rotary International
1560 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201-3698 USA

District 5710, RI

Dear Governor Vandewalle,

Thank you for participating in The Rotary Foundation (TRF) grants programs. We greatly appreciate your service to communities in need. I am writing to update you on the semi-annual world reporting analysis conducted in October 2010.

Congratulations! On behalf of the Trustees, we are excited to inform you that the reporting analysis indicates that District 5710 is 100% up-to-date with reporting requirements for grants sponsored by the district and its member clubs. The world reporting analysis is performed to track each district's reporting compliance for The Rotary Foundation grant projects twice a year in October and April prior to The Rotary Foundation Trustees meetings. The Trustees ask that districts maintain a minimum of 70% compliance. They rely on district leaders to ensure that stewardship guidelines are being upheld worldwide and they thank you for your efforts. I congratulate you on this accomplishment and encourage your district and its member clubs to continue your good work.

The Rotary Foundation looks forward to your continued success in the Foundation's grants programs!

Sincerely,
Heather Fosburgh
Manager, Stewardship Department

NEW Rotary eLearning Center

[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the Rotary eLearning Center at Rotary International

Rotary International provides training opportunities for all Rotarians. The Rotary E-Learning Center is your online resource for the independent study of Rotary, particularly for new members and club officers. Rotary International also produces training resources for a variety of training seminars held throughout the year for district leaders and for club leaders and members.

Learn more about: (Ctrl Click to open links)

[General Information](#) | [Future Vision](#) | [New Member Information](#) | [Best Practices](#)

Under General Information, take a RI Web site tour. Learn about the Areas of Focus under Future Vision. New Member Information includes Rotary Basics, How to get involved in Rotary, How to start a service project, and Member Access. Best Practices—Each month, Rotarians share their solutions for everyday challenges on the RI web site.



Clubs Join Up to Socialize and Get to Know Other Rotarians

The Overland Park South, Leawood and Johnson County Sunset Clubs met for an evening of socializing and networking.



Go Play in the Traffic!

Looking for a gift idea? Purchase the book *Go Play in the Traffic!* by Spring Hill Rotarian, Lenet Compton. This gift will, as our District Polio Eradication Chair Robert Thompson says, "saves lives in two very different ways".
"...First, if you buy her book and do not read it you will save lives by helping with the polio eradication effort. The purchase of one book translates to one vaccinated child. Second, if you read her book, you will learn much about the art of safe driving."

The book is about driving with finesse for improved awareness and safety. [All profits go toward polio eradication via the Spring Hill Rotary Club.](#)

The book retails for \$14.95, however, the price is only \$10 (plus shipping and tax) for Rotarians. This book is read-worthy for drivers of all ages. It has been featured in the *Miami County Republic* newspaper, is endorsed by the Spring Hill Chief of Police, and is available at PowerSports4Less in Spring Hill, or it can be ordered by simply emailing Lenet at:

info@goplayinthetraffic.net

Go Play in the Traffic! by L. T. Compton



How to Drive with Finesse

Johnson County Sunset Club Members Do Service Project in Chacala, Mexico

October 23-30, Johnson County Sunset Club President Cindy Huston and club International Service Chair Matt Young participated in a service trip to Chacala, Mexico. They started a project at a high school in Zacualpan, Mexico, that was 28 years old and sorely in need of some renovations. It is also used as the sole adult education center on week-ends. "We brought in new plumbing and electrical lines, installed a sink in the kitchen, and repainted the very long fence. After first watching us and wondering what we were doing, we were joined by the community and students. We have started a new partnership with the La Pinita Rotary Club and look forward to many partnered projects in the future, said President Cindy Huston.



Students helping paint the fence at their school in Zacualpan.



Club President Cindy Huston, and Shawnee Club Rotarian Jean Nelson (both on the far right) visiting the Rotary Club in La Pinita.



The Director of the High School who said, "I will never forget you!"

Kansas City Rotary Club Honors Public Safety Professionals

Annually the Kansas City, Kansas Club recognizes outstanding public safety professionals from the Police and Fire departments. This is a program to show appreciation to individuals that do so much to protect our community. The heads of the Fire and Police select outstanding individuals from their departments to receive this award for their dedication and service to our community. At the October 19



L to R: Major Terry Zeigler accepting the award for Officer Walter Jones who was unable to attend, and President Dave Tyler.



L to R: Chief John Paul Jones; Captain Harold J. Scott, Jr.; President Dave Tyler; Rotarian Khary Floyd; Battalion Chief Michael A. Quinn.

meeting the club recognized three Public Safety professionals. The club extended their gratitude to Police Officer Walter Jones, Fire Battalion Chief Michael A. Quinn and Fire Captain Harold J. Scott, Jr. as the prime examples of the great men and women who are protecting us every day. Officer Walter Jones was honored for helping a local neighborhood mobilize to remove illegal activities, cutting monthly police calls from 80+ to two. Battalion Chief Michael Quinn and Captain Harold Scott were being honored for their rescue of an individual from a house fire.

Gardner Rotary Club Delivers Dictionaries

The Gardner Rotary Club has been distributing dictionaries to third graders across Gardner. The club members have had a lot of fun as shown in the pictures at Moonlight Elementary. Here is one of the emails the club received from a teacher, "My kids can't get enough of their dictionaries :) We've been having dictionary races ever since" - Erin Brown, Moonlight Elementary



Oskaloosa Rotary Club Held 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off

The Oskaloosa Rotary Club held its 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, October 30. Fourteen teams participated in the event which was held at the Oskaloosa Public Schools. Quite a crowd gathered to consume good chili and delight in the decorated booths. Everyone had a great time and the club was able to raise a little money too!



CLUB NEWS

Atchison

- Distributed additional dictionaries to 3rd graders in Doniphan County and Atchison County District 377.
- Added one new member in October.
- Fifteen club members attended the American Royal Cutting Event.
- Four club members attended the District 5710 Foundation Banquet.

Burlington

- Burlington's Rotary Readers are once again generating reading excitement with the Burlington Elementary School. Rotary volunteers have committed their time to read to second graders through the end of the school year. The Magic Tree House books have been a great hit with the kids.

DeSoto

- The club has collected over 200 books for the Johnson County Books for Kids project. The books will be donated to the Olathe Head Start program in November. Kris Johnson is the chairperson for this project.
- The club is providing energy efficient stoves to the needy in developing countries. These stoves help to prevent respiratory problems and require significantly less fuel to operate.
- Lieutenant Justin Gordon (pictured to the right) served as the guest speaker on October 8. Justin is a helicopter pilot in the U.S. Coast Guard and is the son of DeSoto President, Graham Gordon. Justin discussed some of the important and interesting work done by the Coast Guard on a daily basis.



Johnson County—COWBOY LOGIC IN ACTION

- **The club held its first Rotary Committee draft. They used a format similar to the NFL or NBA draft. Club members were drafted to Foundation, Fundraising, Membership, Public Relations and Service Committees. The purpose of the draft is to help their board members and committee chairs develop teams to generate ideas and have “go-to” people to implement projects.**
- Several members of the club participated in their first gleaning project by the Society of St. Andrews. They picked acorn squash and were part of a team that gleaned the most food by weight. Lyle Curtis, Wayne Hewitt, Dirk Ochs, Shelli Hale and her son and grandson participated in the project.
- The club presented Erick Baracka, a current student at Johnson County Community College, with the District International Student Scholarship. Erick is from Tanzania.
- Rotarian Rod Hoffman completed the Kansas City Marathon.
- Shelli Hale and Bob McCoy were named Rotarians of the Month for October.



CLUB NEWS

Gardner

- The club donated \$100 to Gardner's Boo Bash and had approximately 12 members and one Inbound Youth Exchange student volunteer to man the games and provide hay rides to Gardner and Edgerton children for Halloween.
- The club donated \$100 to the New Orleans Convention project in honor of Ray Klinginsmith for the New Orleans Mission.
- The club held its Annual Golf Tournament on October 8. The tournament raised over \$6,000! The money raised will go to continue the local and international projects. There were over 70 golfers and it was a beautiful day for golf! Youth Exchange student Camille Vanderhayden helped out by selling raffle tickets on the beverage cart.
- At the October 21 meeting Tressa Lee and Emily Hail (pictured to the right) presented to the club their experiences at RYLA. Both girls, seniors at Gardner Edgerton High School, expressed thanks to the club for the scholarship to RYLA., where they learned about leadership and other personal lessons. Tressa and Emily described the classes, project and courses that shaped their experience, including a challenging ropes course that tested not only their physical strength, but emotional as well. Emily especially talked about the difficulty of getting over a wooden wall and how her mental block kept her from physically crossing the obstacle. Both girls said that they would highly recommend RYLA to others. It was a fantastic presentation.
- On October 10 the Gardner Rotary along with the Blue Valley and Spring Hill Clubs, had a Family of Rotary event at Myers Turf Farm.



Johnson County—Sunset

- Each month the club collects for Harvesters. This month the club collected canned vegetables and soup.
- On October 23-30, Cindy Huston and Matt Young participated in a service trip to Chacala, Mexico. See Article on page 12.
- Welcomed newest member Jennefer Kavaney, originally from Manhattan. She is a University of Kansas Alum and works for E & Y in their corporate financial division.

Lawrence

- Three of the five RYLA students sponsored by the Lawrence Club attended the meeting on October 4 and shared some of their summer experiences with the club members. Pictured L to R: Matthew McReynolds (Free State High School); Kaitlin McKinney (Free State High School); Lawrence Club President Nancy Longhurst; Ana Slough (Free State High School); and Barbara Ballard, Club Youth Leadership Committee Chair. Unable to attend were Kelsey Consolver (Lawrence High School) and Amanda Mast (Free State High School).



Lenexa

- The Library Project is being organized and the Dictionary Project is completed.
- A coat drive is under way to benefit Johnson County Christmas Bureau.
- College Night, sponsored by the club, brought college representatives and potential students together at Shawnee Mission East.
- Craig Denny celebrated his 25th year as a Rotarian!
- The club purchased a table at the District Foundation Banquet.
- Marshall Rimann received a Paul Harris Fellowship Award and Bob Carlson received a Paul Harris Fellowship Award that he presented to his daughter, Courtney Carlson.

CLUB NEWS

Lawrence Central

Summer Lewis, District 5710's Rotary International Peace Fellow, and Dr. William Richter, District World Peace Programs Chair, gave a presentation to the club in October. Summer is an alumna of Kansas State University and will begin a master's in international studies, peace and conflict resolution at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia in February 2011. Picture L to R: Lynn O'Neal, Club Service Chair; President Carolyn Chinn-Lewis (front), Dr. William Richter; Bob Swain, Club Secretary, and Summer Lewis.

To learn more about the Rotary International Peace Programs, [CLICK HERE.](#)



Leavenworth

- President John Donovan presented the Club Service Award to Jim McKinney and Charlie Rees (pictured to the right) for all their hard work during the recent passing of fellow Rotarian, Beau Kansteiner. President John expressed his sincere thanks to both men for all their efforts.
- The club held a Pancake Breakfast on October 16. The breakfast was in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department. On this same day the 3-mile creek run events were held and the runners received breakfast as part of their participation in the run.
- The club participated in the Trunk-or-Treat and the Haunted River Walk in October.



Leawood

- The club made its monthly contribution of canned good and sergeant fines to the Blue Valley MultiService Center (BVMSS). For October the club collected over 300 cans of food and 13 packages of diapers plus \$130 in cash. The club dedicated the first Thursday of each month to BVMSS and collects canned goods and sergeant's fines for them.
- The club completed its Dictionary Project, delivering 160 dictionary's to W.A. White School and 140 dictionary's to Welborn School, both in the Kansas City, Kansas School District.
- The club received notice that they have been approved for an Open World Program visit by Russian social workers in May.
- The club hosted an open house for Swaziland Arts for Education and raised more than \$2,000 to support SAFE efforts. The proceeds will be used to provide scholarships for children in Swaziland.



The mission of Swaziland Arts for Education is to empower orphans and vulnerable children to complete their education and to stay HIV negative through scholarships. Swaziland has the highest HIV prevalence in the world. This Leawood based program also has beautiful art pieces available for sale with proceeds used to provide scholarships.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS WORTHWHILE PROJECT—[CLICK HERE.](#)

CLUB NEWS

Manhattan

- Rotarians from the Manhattan Konza and Manhattan Rotary Clubs and 16 members of the K-State3 Men's Basketball Team distributed dictionaries and thesauruses to students in 11 elementary schools in Manhattan on October 27.
- Congratulations to Kylie Rupe and Kenan Lousch, Manhattan High School Students of the Month for October.
- Dianne Paukstelis was introduced as a new member of the club and Mike Bean was introduced as a transfer member from the Manhattan Konza Club. (See pictures on page 5)
- Eric Sanford, District 5710 Group Study Exchange Team member to Brazil in April 2009 and sponsored by the club presented impressive highlights of his memorable experience.



L to R: Andy Bowen, Student of the Month Committee; Kenan Kousch, Kylie Rupe and President Sue Maes.



Eric Sanford during his presentation to the club.

Olathe



The Olathe Club Board voted to donate \$5,000 to the building of a Hospice House through Olathe Medical Center.



Members and their families served dinner to families at the Kansas City Ronald McDonald House.

Overbrook

- The club Vocational Services Committee planned a special program for the October 13 meeting. Special guest speaker was Tammy Endecott, Principal of the Overbrook Attendance Center.



CLUB NEWS

Topeka North

- The club delivered a dictionary to every third grader and third grade teacher in the Seaman School District.
- The club had approximately 25 dictionaries left over from the dictionary project and will donate these to Fields of Promise in Ethiopia.
- Rick Tanner chaired the club's second annual "European Pheasant Hunt" on October 31. Nineteen hunters plus five to six kids enjoyed a morning of camaraderie and hunting. The morning hunt was followed by a great lunch. The club raised \$1,250 towards their Polio eradication goal.
- The Topeka North Club sponsors the Seaman Interact Club and helped the Interact Club have a successful "Sleep In A Box" project. (See October's newsletter for full article). During October the club also hosted a barbeque for the Interact Club at the North YMCA.
- The club inducted its first new member of the 2010-11 year—Lisa Propps.

