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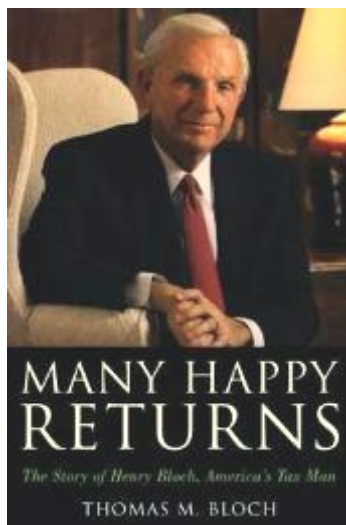
Rotary District 5710 Foundation Banquet

*It's time to register to attend District 5710's
Fifth Annual Foundation Banquet!*

Saturday, November 13
Overland Park Sheraton Hotel
6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

This annual event is our district's fundraiser for the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Our support of the Foundation and its mission to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty, is critical. The Rotary programs we care so much about and enjoy – Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Rotary Peace Programs – are funded by the Foundation. District Simplified Grants, which so many of our clubs use to support excellent community and international projects, and Matching Grants for larger projects, are also supported by the Foundation.

Another excellent reason to attend this year's Banquet is the chance to hear from the keynote speaker, Tom Bloch of Kansas City. Tom will share his remarkable experiences of setting aside a highly successful professional career to become an inner city teacher.



A link to the event registration form follows. Come to the banquet – bring your spouse, partner, guest; come with your Rotary club mates – reserve a table and make an even greater impact! This is also an excellent event to share with prospective Rotarians, to let them know about all that Rotary does to make the world a better place for all. If there is someone you've been thinking of inviting to join Rotary, bring them to the banquet – what an excellent introduction!

Please register now to join in this evening of inspiration and fellowship, while supporting our Rotary Foundation! [CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION PACKET.](#)

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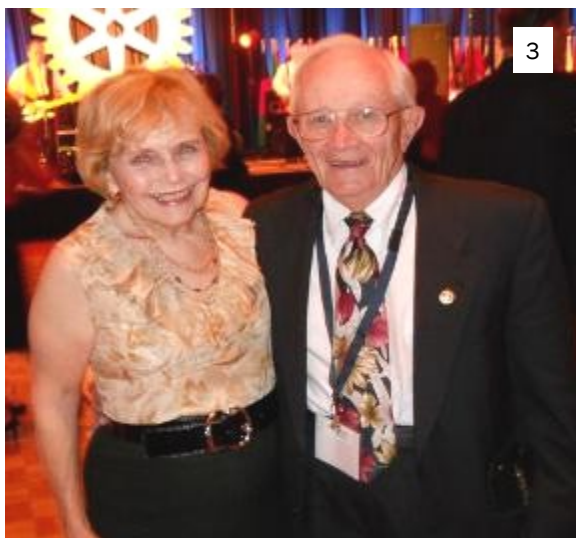
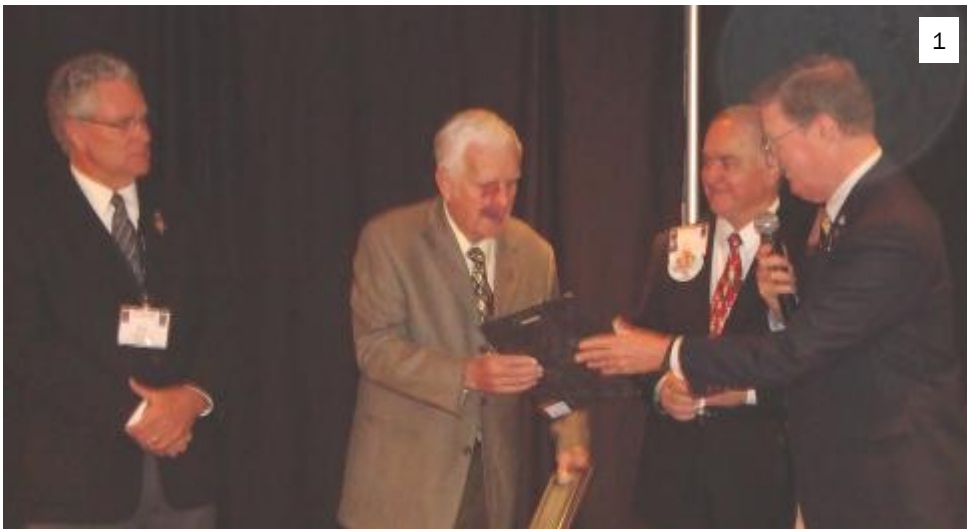
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DG John's Club Visit to Lawrence Central Rotary Club

DG John Vandewalle visited the Lawrence Central Rotary Club in September. Pictured to the right are Immediate Past President Stephen Lane, DG John, and President Carolyn Chinn-Lewis.



September Zone Meeting



1. The Rotary Foundation Alumni Service to Humanity Award for our Zone is being presented to PDG Bill Grimes. L to R: Mack Teasley, PDG Abeline, Kansas; PDG Bill Grimes, Smith Center, Kansas; Noel Bajat, RI Director for Zone; and PDG Larry Dimmitt, Topeka Downtown Rotary Club and District Annual Programs Fund Chair.
2. Our own District Governor John Vandewalle and his wife Jane.
3. PDG Bill Mullarky and his wife Beverly. DGN Mo Greenwood and his wife Bev were able to get the Mullarky's on the dance floor and Beverly Mullarky was delighted.

District Membership Numbers

Month of September

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 September by the deadline date of October 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.

Using Cowboy Logic to Lead and Grow



The Manhattan Konza Club wanted to convert to the ClubRunner website for clubs, but the cost was a little daunting to them. So then President Debra Rodenbaugh decided to use the sponsor-

ship function of ClubRunner to fund their new website.

"I sent out a message to Konza club members that we had only 5 sponsorship ad slots on our new club website at \$120/year - and every one of them sold within 45 minutes!" said Debra Rodenbaugh.

The club now has their ClubRunner website paid for—and a little extra to use towards club efforts!

[CLICK HERE](#) to check out their website.



CLUB	7/1/2010 Membership	Membership As Of 9/30/2010	September Attendance
Atchison	79	73	55.26%
Baldwin City	15	16	63.00%
Blue Rapids	21	0	0.00%
Blue Valley	14	14	90.00%
Bonner Springs	0	24	74.00%
Burlingame	12	13	73.08%
Burlington	33	33	67.88%
Council Grove	0	0	0.00%
De Soto	39	43	54.07%
Emporia	68	66	60.65%
Emporia Sunrise	14	0	0.00%
Frankfort	24	24	73.00%
Gardner	61	65	71.12%
Garnett	30	0	0.00%
Holton	24	23	71.00%
Howard	19	0	0.00%
Indian Creek Sunset (Prov)	6	5	60.00%
Johnson County	43	41	75.61%
Junction City	86	83	40.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	0	0	0.00%
Kansas City	54	59	68.00%
Lawrence	197	200	51.76%
Lawrence Central	32	32	45.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	66	70	66.18%
Leavenworth	94	95	63.36%
Leawood	55	55	89.56%
Lenexa	43	48	66.30%
Louisburg	42	41	49.75%
Manhattan	210	214	63.80%
Manhattan Konza	73	75	57.14%
Marysville	50	50	67.00%
Olathe	0	0	0.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	39	34	65.00%
Osawatomie	0	0	0.00%
Oskaloosa	34	32	68.00%
Ottawa	17	0	0.00%
Overbrook	32	32	81.00%
Overland Park	146	141	65.92%
Overland Park South	89	91	59.28%
Paola	32	35	64.00%
Shawnee	60	59	80.00%
Shawnee Mission	62	51	64.71%
Spring Hill	16	18	87.00%
Topeka Downtown	196	192	46.16%
Topeka North	16	16	65.00%
Topeka South	114	117	52.00%
Topeka West	21	20	92.00%
Valley Falls	18	18	59.00%
Village West	0	38	63.24%
TOTALS/Average Attendance	2396	2356	69.18%*

* Attendance Percentage of clubs reporting.

Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for September

Will your club be listed here next month?

Topeka West	92.00%
Blue Valley	90.00%
Leawood.....	89.56%
Spring Hill.....	87.00%
Overbrook	81.00%
Shawnee	80.00%
Johnson County	75.61%
Bonner Springs.....	74.00%
Burlingame	73.08%
Frankfort	73.00%
Gardner.....	71.12%
Holton.....	71.00%

*Average
Attendance (for
the reporting
clubs) for the
month
of September:
69.18%*

Clubs with 60% to 70% Attendance:

Blue Rapids (63.00%)
Burlington (67.88%)
Emporia (60.65%)
Indian Creek Sunset (Prov) (60.00%)
Kansas City (68.00%)
Lawrence Jayhawk (66.18%)
Leavenworth (63.36%)
Lenexa (66.30%)
Manhattan (63.80%)
Marysville (67.00%)
Olathe-Santa Fe Trail (65.00%)
Oskaloosa (68.00%)
Overland Park (65.92%)
Paola (64.00%)
Shawnee Mission (64.71%)
Topeka North (65.00%)
Village West (63.24%)

New Club Members for September

Atchison.....	Lorin Affield
Gardner	Joanne Haworth
Holton	Blair Wagner
Lawrence	Allen Belot, Scott Smith
Lawrence Jayhawk.....	David Darwin, Keith VanHorn
Leavenworth.....	Dean Ayres, Tamara Jo Sevcik
Lenexa	Jorge Coromac, Phil Hammond
Manhattan.....	Jackie Hartman, Jeffery Morris, William Wilson
Manhattan Konza	Blake Bauer
Overland Park South.....	Brittney Kopecky
Topeka Downtown	Bruce Emmert, Eric Smith



*Manhattan Rotary Club
new members L to R:*

- Jackie Hartman*
- William Wilson*
- Jeffery Morris*

Dates to Remember for 2010-11

NOVEMBER: ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

- 13 Foundation Banquet, Sheraton Hotel, Overland Park
 - 14 Deadline for nominations of District Governor Nominee Designate for 2013-14
- HOLD CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER TO MEET NEW DECEMBER DEADLINE**

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—Give a Family & Community Service Award

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.

November-December Club Events

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

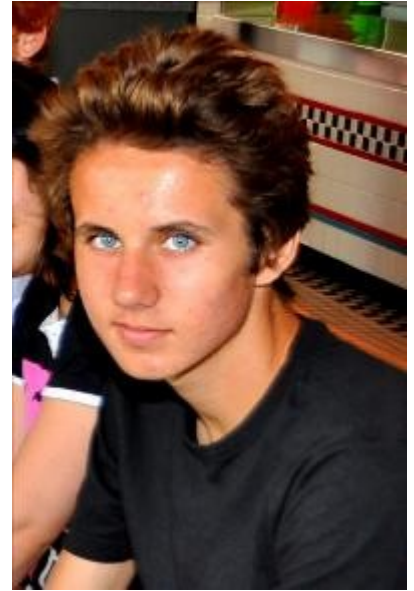
This month we highlight our Swedish Exchange students.

We have Elin Gotting and Axel Frangi here in District 5710. Elin is being hosted in Lawrence and attends Free State High. She wants to play Tennis in the spring. Axel is being hosted in Junction City and plays soccer at Junction City high school. He hopes to attend college in the United States and play soccer. After his exchange he hopes to join his father in Argentina and finish high school. Elin and Axel live about an hour away from each other in Sweden but come from neighboring districts. They both went through a lengthy process in Sweden to become an exchange student but are glad they did. Elin's father is an engineer and her mother is an accountant. She was active in theater and choir and also likes to sew. Axel's father is a lawyer and is a native of Argentina. His mother is Swedish and is a high school Spanish teacher and is studying to be an English teacher as well. Axel was an avid soccer player in Sweden and played in many tournaments. His favorite actor is Ashton Kutcher.

Yours in Rotary Youth Exchange
Stephen Wheatley
District 5710 YEO



Elin Gotting hosted by Lawrence Rotary Club



Axel Frangi hosted by Junction City Rotary Club

Axel Frangi received his first check from Scott Stuckey of the Junction City Club.

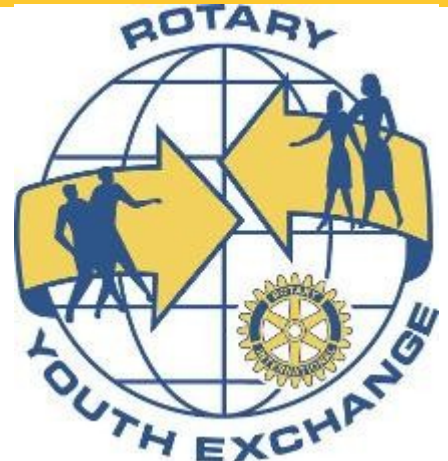


Now is the Time to Promote District Youth Exchange

If you would like any information about hosting an exchange student please contact Stephen Wheatley. We are also now looking for students to be exchange students next year. The deadline for next years students is rapidly approaching.

Applications are due to Stephen Wheatley (wheatleydc@sbcglobal.net) by **December 1st**.

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



District Inbound Youth Exchange Trips



Inbound students on an overnight stay in Atchison. Steve Wheatley is on the far left and Robert Thompson is on the far right.

The group is our 14 District students plus 2 students from District 5670 (western Kansas) who are being included in our district activities. Welcome Carolin and Hector from District 5670!

Inbound students at Worlds in Fun!



November is Foundation Month

From The Rotary Foundation Zone 27 Newsletter, October 2010

November is Foundation Month—it is never too early to begin planning for The Rotary Foundation Month. It is important that clubs be reminded that November is an ideal opportunity to include Foundation topics in the weekly programs. Club Rotarians need to know about Rotary's polio campaign, matching grants, scholarships and other activities pertinent to the club and district. Don't forget this is also an opportunity to discuss Every Rotarian Every Year and the use of TRF Direct in order to enhance Foundation giving.

Need help with a Foundation speaker? Have a Foundation question? Contact Vickie Randel, District Foundation Chair—vickier@FirstStateKS.com.

Seaman Interact Club—"Sleep In A Box"

The Seaman Interact Club is sponsored by the Topeka North Rotary Club. On October 2nd, 36 students participated in a Sleep in a Box project. The students raised \$375 and collected almost 450 cans of food for their local shelters.

The students had teams of 4-6 people but each team had to include at least one Interact Club member. Students paid a registration fee of \$10—BUT there were additional fees!

- Bring a flashlight or a pillow—1 can good for each
- Blanket—2 can goods
- Cell phone, sleeping bag, camp light—3 can goods each
- AND an air mattress, tent, Ipod—5 cans each!!



Each student brought a cardboard box to sleep in. The boxes were decorated with markers, chalks, etc. and a prize was given to the most *creative* abode. Also in the evening festivities were a Scavenger Hunt, Clothing Relay (each team brought a "uniform" that consisted of sweatpants, sweatshirt, winter coat, stocking hat, gloves and scarf—uniform was passed on at each leg of the race), Layered-Man walk (dressed one team member in as many layers of clothing as possible then the member has to run/walk a distance without falling over), Dumpster Dive (large box was filled with crumpled newspapers with six small tokens hidden in the paper), Pack a Box (see how many team members fit in a large box without breaking the box), kickball, limbo, tag and music and dancing throughout the night.



Carrie Magette, a teacher at Seaman High School, is the Interact Club sponsor along with help from the members of Topeka North Rotary Club.



Topeka South Rotary Club Member Receives RI University Teacher Grant

Washburn professor Liviu Florea, member of the Topeka South Rotary Club, recently returned from his mission as an ambassador of goodwill to Romania. Liviu was recipient of the Rotary International University Teacher Grant, which afforded him the opportunity to travel to his home country of Romania to teach during the 2009 – 2010 academic year. He taught classes in Organizational Theory and Theories of Motivation at Lucian Blaga University in Sibiu, Romania for two semesters. Professor Dan-Maniu DUSE, Ph.D. of Lucian Blaga commented, “We consider that for the Romanian students, the meeting with Professor Florea was a very beneficial one, bringing new experiences for both sides.” Liviu believes the experience helped him understand how leaders and faculty think, and how programs can be designed to be more effective. He said that the biggest challenge he faced was overcoming the Romanian distrust of Americans and clearing up the misconceptions that exist. Liviu commented, “The primary difference between students is the students in Romania are very disciplined and don’t challenge the subject matter, whereas American students are much more demanding and challenging, asking many more questions.”



L to R: Dr. David Sollars, Dean; and Professor Florea

Liviu is currently an Assistant Professor at the Washburn University School of Business in Topeka where he teaches a broad set of classes in management. Dr. David Sollars, Dean of the School, enthusiastically supported Liviu’s participation in this Rotary program because it supports the School of Business goal to ‘Prepare students to make decisions in an increasingly globalized economy.’ Dr. Sollars commented, “Our students’ education is enhanced when we have the opportunity to learn about other cultures and other ways of doing business. Dr. Florea is able to share his experiences with our students and that is key.”

While in Romania, Liviu attended weekly meetings of the Rotary Club Sibiu (<http://rotarysd.doit.ro/>). The club is part of District 2241 and has about 90 Rotary and Rotaract Clubs. Liviu is hopeful that his experience will help connect students and Rotarians between Kansas and Romania through education and service projects.

Sakuji Tanaka Named President of Rotary International in 2012-13

Sakuji Tanaka, a member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2012-13.

Tanaka said he would like to see Rotary “continue its vital work as the force to improve our communities.”

A past trustee of The Rotary Foundation, Tanaka chaired the 2009 Birmingham Convention Committee. His other service to Rotary includes RI director, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, district governor, and member of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force, the Permanent Fund Committee for Japan, and the Future Vision Committee.

Tanaka established an endowed Rotary Peace Fellowship, and he and his wife, Kyoko, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors of the Permanent Fund and Major Donors.

He is a recipient of RI’s Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation’s Distinguished Service Award.

Tanaka said that eradicating polio will “fulfill the promise we made to children in the world” and that “there is no doubt in my mind that the day of this success will be realized in the near future.”



Reason 8—Why You Should Attend the RI Convention in New Orleans

FUN FOR THE FAMILY, by Wendy Fransen, District 5610

Our first Rotary International convention family experience began in Glasgow, Scotland and included my husband and two sons, ages 15 and 5. Two years later, we resumed what became an annual Rotary family experience, sometimes including a sister and her husband, our grandson, cousins and our youngest son's friends. From collecting Rotary pins to finding a "kids" booth, banner exchange or an intense chess game in the House of Friendship, opportunities for family fun are everywhere.

Whether your family consists of spouse and children or a spouse/companion or a friend, the special, varied events and convention venues result in life-long memories and sometimes life-long friends – something that happened to our South Dakota family and a Florida Rotarian family - when our children started playing together en route to the convention in Brisbane, Australia. Each subsequent convention includes plans for our families to meet and sometimes includes special excursions.

Many convention activities are appropriate for all ages and some events are planned with families in mind, such as host hospitality events that match Rotarian families with venues that include children of local Rotarians. The New Orleans convention has a Saturday ticketed event entitled "Food, Fun Fellowship & Fins" at the Aquarium of the Americas - what a perfect place to start your family Rotary convention experience.

There are many other activities appropriate for family such as eating world-famous beignets at Café Du Monde, taking a city tour on the St. Charles Avenue Street car, riding a riverboat on the Mississippi River, touring the New Orleans Museum of Art, visiting the Audubon Zoo or listening to music - and don't miss the spectacular entertainment at both opening and closing ceremonies. If you want to show your family how Rotary makes a difference, take a Katrina Recovery Tour - you'll see where the levees broke and where Rotarians helped to rebuild houses and other structures.

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> .



Message from RI President Ray Klinginsmith

There have been many songs written about New Orleans due to its history and heritage as one of the music capitals of the world. I particularly like the happy sound of "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans," whose lyrics now beckon us as we think about the 2011 RI Convention in that city, 21-25 May – a full month earlier than the RI conventions in recent years!

The New Orleans convention will officially start on Saturday – not on Sunday as it has for the past few years. The House of Friendship, the showplace of our annual conventions, will open on Saturday morning, and all pre-convention meetings will end at noon on Saturday, to allow Rotarians and their guests to spend more time there before the plenary sessions start on Sunday.

How does one adequately describe the magic, the vibrancy, and the inspiration of a Rotary convention? Our conventions almost defy description because they are so diverse in their appeal. Rotary fellowship and networking are at their best as we meet our fellow Rotarians from around the globe, and international service is truly enhanced as Rotarians make new friends from faraway places. So the best way to understand and appreciate a Rotary convention is to attend the outstanding event being planned for New Orleans. It will be one of the best RI conventions ever! I guarantee it!

Come join us in New Orleans as we work together to make the world a better place. And Let the Good Times Roll ... Again!
Laissez les bon temps rouler ... encore!

Ray Klinginsmith, President, Rotary International



District 5710 Group Study Exchange Team in Australia



With the Honorable Mayor Gillian of Salisbury, SA. L to R: Ryan Wright, Traci Fruit, Pam Eglinski, Mayor Gillian, Chris Meiers, Sarah Laib.



From Chris Meiers' blog:

Australia is littered with Big Stuff! I am guessing it is equivalent of Kansas' largest ball of twine or the great groundhog that is on the way to Colorado that my parents would never stop at. We had the pleasure of visiting the big rocking horse. For \$2 AUS, you could climb to the top and also receive a certificate of completion.

GO TO THE HOME PAGE OF THE DISTRICT WEBSITE TO VIEW CHRIS AND RYAN'S BLOGS

Get to Know Your District Leaders

BERNICE DULETSKI

(AGD to Leewood, Gardner, Johnson County, Shawnee Mission, Spring Hill, Overland Park)



Bernice joined the Hutchinson Club in 1992. She has also been a member of the Arvada (Colorado) Sunrise Club. Bernice was invited to an Overland Park South Rotary Club the first day she started a new job in a new state where she knew no one. She liked the camaraderie and immediate access to a network of community leaders. "I had been a member of two women's service clubs prior to my move to Hutchinson, and wanted to be a part of an active service organization in my new community—Rotary hit the mark on everything!", said Bernice. She is divorced and has three nephews, five nieces, two grand nieces and one grand nephew.

ANSWERS TO FUN QUESTIONS:

WHERE WERE YOU BORN AND RAISED? Dickinson, North Dakota

AS A CHILD, WHEN I GREW UP I WANTED BE: Nurse or nun

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TOY AS A CHILD? My soft bodied doll, Thumbelina

WHAT WAS THE COOLEST TECHNOLOGY WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD? Telephone—the land line kind. Our first phone line was an eight party line!

ANY NICKNAMES? WHY? Yes, I had a nickname growing up, but I will never tell what it was. Why? - because I had two brothers who loved to tease!

ARE YOU A MORNING OR NIGHT PERSON? Definitely a morning person—I like getting up when it is still dark and watch the sunrise in my backyard.

WHAT IS YOUR COMFORT LEVEL IN THE KITCHEN? I am very comfortable in the kitchen as cooking and baking are two of my favorite activities. I was blessed to have a grandmother and mother who were wonderful cooks and bakers, and they were both exceptional teachers. My sister and I use to fight over who got to bake on Saturday mornings!

IF I COULD EAT JUST ONE FOOD (REGARDLESS OF CALORIES!) IT WOULD BE: Pie—any kind

IF I COULD HAVE ANY CAR IT WOULD BE A: My restored '51 Chevy

THE BEST DAY OF THE WEEK IS: WHY? I don't have one. I like the restful nature of Sundays but then enjoy the busyness of the other days.

MY PERFECT VACATION WOULD BE: Almost anywhere with no schedule but lots of new places to visit and people or things to learn about.

WHEN I TAKE A MOMENT JUST FOR ME, I LIKE TO: Sit in the backyard with a glass of beer or wine (beer for warm days and wine for cool evenings) and listen to rock and roll music.

MY HOBBIES AND INTERESTS ARE: Music—rock and roll/blues; traveling; cooking

IF YOU LIKE TO READ, WHAT TYPE OF BOOKS ARE IN YOUR LIBRARY? I have quite a few children's books. Years ago, when I was buying books for my nieces and nephews, I started to buy a spare which I always ended up keeping for me! Except for my Bibles, I don't keep most of the other books I read.

WHEN YOU LOOK IN MY CLOSET THE COLOR YOU WILL SEE THE MOST IS: Black with splashes of brown and navy!

MY FAVORITE COLOR IS: Blue

SOMETHING FEW PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT ME IS: I am a "collector" of cookbooks. I have shelves of them, and generally they are my souvenirs from my travels.

Get to Know Your District Leaders

PAUL RIDGWAY

(ADG to Blue Valley, Lenexa, Olathe, Olathe Santa-Fe Trail, Indian Creek Sunset Prov, Johnson County-Sunset



Paul joined the Shawnee Rotary Club in 1997 because someone ASKED him to join. "I enjoy the good work that Rotary and my local club do. I enjoy the fellowship and I feel good about my part in helping others," said Paul. He has been married to his wife, Cindy, for 38 years. They have two grown, married children. Dawn has two boys ages 10 and 9 and a 4-year old girl. Bryan has an 8-year old girl, and two 7-month old girls.

ANSWERS TO FUN QUESTIONS:

WHERE WERE YOU BORN AND RAISED? Overland Park, Kansas

AS A CHILD, WHEN I GREW UP I WANTED BE: A CPA

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TOY AS A CHILD? A football

WHAT WAS THE COOLEST TECHNOLOGY WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD? Color TV

ANY NICKNAMES? WHY? Growing up I went by my middle name, Scott, which my family and longtime friends still call me.

ARE YOU A MORNING OR NIGHT PERSON? Night person

WHAT IS YOUR COMFORT LEVEL IN THE KITCHEN? I try to stay out of the way!

IF I COULD EAT JUST ONE FOOD (REGARDLESS OF CALORIES!) IT WOULD BE: Lobster

IF I COULD HAVE ANY CAR IT WOULD BE A: Jaguar

THE BEST DAY OF THE WEEK IS: WHY? Friday, it is just my fun day.

MY PERFECT VACATION WOULD BE: A place to golf in the morning and be on the beach in the afternoon.

WHEN I TAKE A MOMENT JUST FOR ME, I LIKE TO: Golf

MY HOBBIES AND INTERESTS ARE: Golf, watching sports.

WHEN YOU LOOK IN MY CLOSET THE COLOR YOU WILL SEE THE MOST IS: Blue

MY FAVORITE COLOR IS: Brown

A HUMOROUS/EMBARRASSING MOMENT IN MY LIFE WAS WHEN: My older brother had magnetic posters made with my picture and cell phone number on them. On the poster it said, "Call Paul in October to wish him a Happy 50th birthday." His job had him traveling and he left these posters in airport bathrooms all over the country. He even had a large banner stretched over I-435! The issue was—it was my 49th birthday!

WATCH FOR MORE FUN PROFILES NEXT MONTH!

Oskaloosa Rotary Club 46th Annual International Students Night



The Oskaloosa Rotary Club held its 46th Annual International Students Night. District Governor John Vandewalle and Assistant District Governor Maggie Mahoney were in attendance as well as eight international Kansas University students from countries such as China, Japan and Taiwan. The dinner was founded by former member Paul Gump. His wife, Natalie was also able to attend.

The day included a tour of Oskaloosa's Old Jefferson town, a tour of the Jefferson County Courthouse and a meal at their local café, Cowboy Bleu. The evening program featured music from a Rotarian of the club and her family. State Representative Lee Tafanelli was the guest speaker.

Everyone who attended had a great time full of good food, fun and fellowship, and a little learning too!

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:

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Charter Celebration For New Johnson County-Sunset Rotary Club

On October 19 over 85 people celebrated the charter of the new Johnson County-Sunset Rotary Club. District Governor John Vandewalle was the motivational speaker and challenged the club to be the best Rotary Club they can be. The club welcomed members from Lees Summit, Eastern Independence, as well as the President of Club 13 (KC, MO). Kansas clubs that helped celebrate were Shawnee, Shawnee Mission, Overland Park South, Olathe Santa Fe, Gardner, Lenexa, Leawood, Olathe, Johnson County and Topeka Downtown. District leaders attending were ADG Paul Ridgway, PDG Jim Mattes, PDG Larry Dimmitt, PDG Wes McCoy, LG Ron Tenneson. The club is excited to join the ranks of all the clubs



1. L to R: DG John Vandewalle, PDG Larry Dimmitt with his wife Lois, PDG Jim Mattes.
2. L to R: Jim Blaufuss from the Lenexa RC and from the Shawnee RC, Marilyn Blaufuss, Jean Nelson, Phil McAnany, Patrick Hammond, Jessica Huston.
3. DG John Vandewalle and his wife Jane.
4. Part of the club's funds went to supply a ShelterBox for Haiti Disaster Relief. Jeff and Lisa Deatherage came to the event to show what actually goes into a ShelterBox.

How Rich Are You? (from the Emporia E-Bulletin)

How rich are you? If you make \$52,000 a year (the median income in the US), you are the 58,252,719th richest person in the world. Maybe that's not too astounding . . .but you ARE in the top .9% of wage earners in the world. Even if you only make \$26,000 annually, you rank in the top 10% of the world's wage earners. While we may often wonder how we'll ever make it to the end of the month before the money runs out, we are so fortunate as nearly 1.5 million people in the world live on less than \$1—that's ONE dollar per day—and 70% of them are women. About half of the world's population survives on \$2 a day.



The District hopes that every member of your club pledges to give a minimum of \$100 contribution to The Rotary Foundation. EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR!

Topeka Downtown Honors Merrill Ross, a Member of the Tuskegee Airmen

The Topeka Downtown Rotary Club presented an Honorary Membership to Rotarian Merrill Ross. Merrill joined the club on June 1, 1967. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and has been an active member of the club. Pictured to the left is Merrill in front, in the back is his wife, Barbara, Club Vice President Blanche Parks, and club member Hurst Coffman who is the District Permanent Fund Giving & Benefactors Chair.



Highland Park South was renamed Ross Elementary School in Topeka, Kansas on November of 1993. The school was dedicated to Merrill and Barbara Ross in recognition for their years of service to the district and community. Merrill Ross was the district's first black principal of a previously all white school.

Barbara Ross was an elementary teacher in Topeka Public Schools for 24 years. Her last 18 years were spent at Highland Park South as a kindergarten teacher.

As a younger man, Merrill was a member of the Tuskegee Airmen. The Tuskegee Airmen were dedicated, determined young men who enlisted to become America's first black military airmen, at a time when there were many people who thought that black men lacked intelligence, skill, courage and patriotism. They came from every section of the country. Each one possessed a strong personal desire to serve the United States of America at the best of his ability.



Nearly 1,000 fighter pilots trained as a segregated unit at an air base in Tuskegee, Alabama. Not allowed to practice or fight with their white counterparts, the Tuskegee Airmen distinguished themselves from the rest by painting the tails of their airplanes, red, which led to them becoming know as the "Red Tails."

March 29, 2007 President Bush saluted the Tuskegee Airmen, six decades after they completed their World War II mission and returned home to a county that discriminated against them because they were black. "Even the Nazis asked why African-American men would fight for a country that treated them so unfairly," Bush told the group of legendary black aviators, who received a Congressional Gold Medal—the most prestigious Congress has to offer. "These men in our presence felt a special sense of urgency. They were fighting two wars. One was in Europe and the other took place in the hearts and minds of our Citizens," he said. Bush then saluted the airmen, saying he offered the gesture to "help atone for all the unreturned salutes and unforgivable indignities" they endured.

Village West 4th Annual Parade of Heroes

The Parade of Heroes is the single biggest event of the year for the Village West Rotary Club.

The parade took place on a beautiful evening on September 30. Club member Monsignor Mike Mullen offered the invocation and sang the National Anthem before the parade. The route was directly up Village West Parkway, beginning at France Family Drive adjacent to the Kansas Speedway, and ending at CommunityAmerica Ballpark.



A couple thousand spectators enjoyed watching the nearly 100 entrants. The favorites were classic and collectible cars, restored and replica military vehicles, fire trucks and other first responders and of course, marching bands from several area schools.

Meteorologist Mike Thompson from FOX 4 was once again the emcee for the event and did a terrific job. The honorary judges were Colonel David Cotter, director of Ft. Leavenworth's Command and General Staff College; club member Cindy Cash, CEO of the Kansas City, Kansas Chamber of Commerce; and our own District Governor John Vandewalle.



This year's Grand Marshal was the family of the late John Glaser. Firefighter Glaser lost his life in the line of duty answering a call at a house fire in Shawnee, Kansas this past May. He was represented by his widow, Amber, their two children and both Amber's and John's parents. An added tribute this year was a pre-race mention and video board celebration of Officer Glaser at Sunday's NASCAR race at the Kansas Speedway.

The proceeds from the parade will be split between the John Glaser Memorial Fund and the Army Emergency Relief Fund.

Our own club member, Gloria Willis, took home hardware in two different categories. Ms. Willis is president of the Kansas City, Kansas School Board, and Washington High School won the award for Best Marching Band. The other award was for Best Classic Car, and that happened to be the one that was chauffeuring the School District's superintendent, Dr. Cynthia Lane.

The post-parade reception and awards ceremony was once again held at the club's meeting place, Cheeseburger in Paradise, hosted by club member Clint Pitts.



Spring Hill Rotary Club Golf Tournament and Helicopter Ball Drop

The Spring Hill Rotary Club's golf tournament held extra excitement from golf ball sales, a helicopter golf ball drop, and a celebrity player, Joe Lauria. Net proceeds were \$4,742.81 which will go towards literacy and scholarship programs. All the members of Spring Hill Rotary Club wish to thank the MANY clubs that welcomed us and let us sell golf balls and tournament sponsorships during their club meetings.



President Johnny Ford with Joe Lauria, WDAF Channel 4 weatherman



Bonner Springs Team



Topeka Downtown Club Contributes to YMCA Diversity Project

Bridges is the creative brainstorm of Topeka artist, Carol Bradbury, and part of the YMCA's mission to eliminate racism through its Summer Cultural Diversity Project. The artist re-imagined the traditional mural approach in order to lead a group of spirited 5th-8th graders in a series of unique workshops designed to build bridges of awareness to their environment, themselves and the greater Topeka community. Campers built the foundation of the mural with Kansas clay and earth by outlining and painting silhouettes of garden plants onto 2 raised panels. Into the mural they wrote rivers of text recording their best memories, future dreams, cultural wisdom stories, and the words, "I Am" in over 20 languages that represent Topeka's growing international population. The colorful, 96"x48" mural is available for local businesses and nonprofits to rent in support of next year's cultural diversity project. **Proceeds from the Topeka Downtown Rotary Club Cup Donation will help offset costs of designing and printing a postcard and project narrative poster that will accompany the mural.**



CLUB NEWS

Atchison

- The club held a successful Motorcycle Poker Run in September and raised money for kids and polio. This was the second year for this event.
- The club held its annual Scholarship Picnic at Benedictine College and gave scholarships to four very worthy foreign students who attend the college.
- The club will be distributing dictionaries to third graders at the local elementary schools this month. This is an annual project.
- On October the club held its annual St. Francis Academy picnic. It was very well attended.

Burlington

- The club kicked off its annual "Rotary Raffle" ticket sales at its September 23 meeting. Proceeds from the raffle are used for scholarships for graduating high school seniors in Burlington. This year's raffle is for a half of beef and a 14 cu. ft. freezer. Club members are actively selling tickets for its largest annual fundraiser with the drawing to be held on December 17 at the Burlington High School basketball home opener. Tickets are for sale from club members and at the Rotary Booth at the annual crafts fair on November 20 at the Burlington High School.

DeSoto

- Construction of the Bench Area at the DeSoto Riverfest Park is nearing completion. The site selected has an unobstructed view of the Kansas River. A dedication ceremony will be held in the coming weeks.
- The club held its Second Annual DeSoto Rotary—Oklahoma Joe's Chili Cook-off at Zimmerman's Farm on September 25. This contest was sanctioned by CASI, the Chili Appreciation Society International.



THE WINNERS!!
Rotarians Larry and Kris Johnson standing in the center.

Gardner

- The club welcomed a new member, Joann Haworth who is the director of the Gardner Multi-Service Center.
- Rotarian Ron Yarbrough received his first Rotary Foundation Paul Harris recognition. Ron is also a member of the Paul Harris Society, a group of committed Rotarians who contribute \$1,000 per year to the Rotary Foundation to further the mission of helping people around the world. Pictured L to R: Ron Yarbrough; Gary Duggan, Club Foundation Chair; and Mandy Sheldon Club President.



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CLUB NEWS

Johnson County

- The club held their Octoberfest fundraiser at Boulevard Brewery. Live band, great food and beverages, and a lot of people supporting Higher M-Pact and the Shawnee Mission Infant Development Center. Special recognition goes out to Roger Crawford, the club's President-Elect, for his work on the Boulevard fundraising event. Shirley Rahe was named Rotarian of the Month for her work on this event, coordinating with the caterer, creating and seating arrangements and also for her ticket sales. Shirley is also the club's Vice President and is responsible for coordinating speakers. Recognition also goes to Lee and Gail (club member) Ochs for their outstanding effort in ticket sales to the event.



Visiting with Tyronne Flowers from Higher M-Pact.



Higher M-Pact engages in the lives of high-risk youth and the communities in which they live by providing positive guidance and creating mentoring relationships.

Tyronne knows these at-risk youth well, because he was one of them. No father or mother, a series of foster homes, detention centers, reform schools, diagnosed with behavior problems and learning disorders, no one had any hope for his future. Determined to make something of himself, he returned to high school and excelled on the basketball team. He was offered basketball scholarships, but was shot by a friend during an altercation, which put him into a wheel chair for the rest of his life. While in the hospital he heard the phrase, "I can and I want to!" That became his motto for life. He went to college, law school and now serves high-risk urban youth. Higher M-Pact programs are aimed at changing the heart, head and habits of these youth to ignite a spark and invoke the leadership skills within them. Tyronne Flowers can be reached through the Higher M-Pact website: higherpact.org.

Johnson County—Sunset

- WELCOME TO THE NEWEST DISTRICT 5710 CLUB!*
- The club has started monthly service projects coordinated by their service chairs, Shannon Brady and Joanna Bramlett-Watts. During October the club will be collecting peanut butter for Harvesters.
- From October 23-30 three members of the club are partnering with Rotarians from Shawnee as well as non Rotarians in a service project in Chacala, Mexico. This is a long-time Rotary tradition of working with the local people in building schools and promoting education. This year's project is working on an adult education facility.



Lawrence Jayhawk

- The club continues the process of developing a strategic plan for the club, completing an online survey of club members and distributing results.
- Held organizational meetings with the public relations committee to review club publications and communication strategies and with the committee to create a written club history.
- Inducted two new members, Keith Van Horn and Dave Garvin.

Manhattan Konza

- Held their golf outing and fundraiser which was a great success.
- The club established a fundraising task force and hope to use the clubs diverse backgrounds and talents to narrow down a signature event to bring the club closer together and expose the club to the community.

CLUB NEWS

Leawood

- The club continues its work with Bishop Ward students in the REACH program (Rotarians Encouraging Academic Collegiate Help). Rotarians met with students for pizza and then accompanied them to the College Fair held at Shawnee Mission East High School. This college fair draws in excess of 5,000 high school students and more than 50 local and regional colleges and universities.
- Club donated \$1,050 to Synergy Services “One Homeless Night” program which supports homeless teenagers.
- The club donated \$125 to Lenexa Rotary Club “Platoons Forward” program.
- A table for the club was purchased for the Chartering Party of Johnson County-Sunset Rotary Club.
- Pictured to the right: Rotarians Dick Wetzler, Margie Valentine, Don Smith and Gary Bussing participated in the Ali Kemp Foundation Golf outing at Swope Park. The club made a \$400 contribution to the Ali Kemp Foundation.



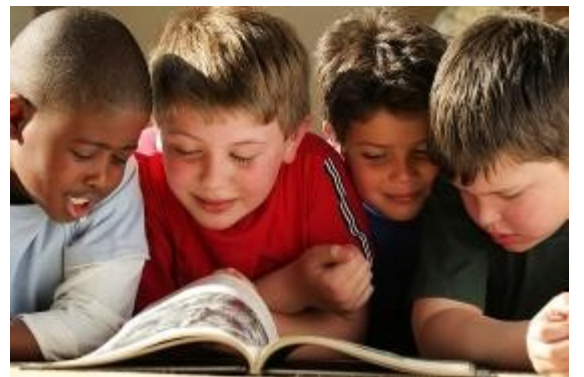
Lenexa

- The club continues to work on Platoon's Forward, worked on house for Habitat for Humanity (see pictures to the right), Dictionary Project, College Night at Shawnee Mission East High School, coat drive for Johnson County Christmas Bureau, collected for Books for Kids project, helped sponsor the 50th Anniversary Celebration for Johnson County Christmas Bureau and Johnson County Library “Friends of the Library” project.
- Coordinating with Leadership Lenexa for a “Rotary Day” in their program with a membership drive after hours to follow.
- New member Jorge Coromac joined the club.
- Jason Leib received a Paul Harris Fellowship award.



Overland Park

- The club has joined the Books for Kids project again this year. Last year the club led the participating organizations by contributing over 2,000 books and the club wants to exceed last year's totals. Once again Jeff Goodman is heading this project for the club.
- The club has approved a donation of \$2,000 to build a library in My Lai Vietnam. A matching grant has been requested to be able to complete this project. This is the second library the club has assisted in South-east Asia.



CLUB NEWS

Manhattan

- Ron Wilson was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the club. Ron served as club president in 2004-2005. Pictured to the right are President Sue Maes and Ron.
- Congratulations to Cara Hillstock and Nathan Biller, Manhattan High School Students of the Month for September. Pictured below (left) is President Sue Maes, Cara Hillstock and Tom Eye-stone, Student of the Month Committee.
- June 2010 RYLA participants Kaitlin Wichmann and Nilachil Nair presented highlights of their experience to the club. Pictured below (right) are Larie Schoap, RYLA Chair; Kaitlin Wichmann, Nilachil Nair and President Sue Maes.



Overbrook

- Rotarians Jon Brady, Gerry Coffman, Charlie Davis, Rich Fairchild and Bob Klinger assisted with the children's Fishing Derby on September 11. The Fishing Derby was held at the Children's Fishing Pond in the new Overbrook City Park and was attended by 65 children. The club was a Fishing Derby Sponsor.
- The club completed the Highway Clean-Up on Highway 56. A social followed at the home of Rich and Carolyn Fairchild. Many club members and guests attended the social and enjoyed the fellowship.



Shawnee Mission

- Collecting books for the clubs ongoing literacy project.
- The club has an ongoing relationship with the Rotary Club of Moshi, Tanzania East Africa to assist with items for the local school. The club has provided desks in the past and plan to provide teaching supplies this year.
- Mindy Love, Director of the Johnson County Museum is the newest member of the club. She comes to the club as a former Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow.

CLUB NEWS

Topeka North

- Preparing for the distribution of dictionaries for the third grade children in USD 345.
- The club met with Sara Leib, the club sponsored member of the GSE team to Australia, to present her with funds for the trip and contact information for while she was in Australia. (see GSE article on page 11)
- Five members of the club, along with the current Seaman Interact Club officers and faculty representative, participated in the Seaman Club Day where students sign up for the club(s) of their choice. They gave out small gifts to the kids that signed up and over 140 students showed an interest in the Interact club.
- The club worked with the Interact Club to plan their “Sleep in a Box” project (see page 8 for the story).
- The held its first “Member Outing” meeting. Members met briefly then broke out into small teams to go talk to prospective members that had been identified. None members talked to six prospects over the normal noon timeframe and have two commitments from the outing. The club plans to repeat the Member Outings!



Topeka Downtown

- The club has purchased dictionaries for six elementary schools in Topeka.
- Funded two \$500 scholarships to Washburn Technical Institute students.
- Donated \$449 to YWCA for the Diversity Art and Mural Project. (see article on page 18)
- Presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Fred Gatlin.
- Presented a \$250 Stipend to GSE Team member Ryan Wright. (see GSE article on page 11)
- A Honorary Membership was presented to Rotarian Merrill Ross. (see article on page 16)