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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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**How do I register for Member Access?** On the [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) homepage, click the [Member Access](#) button in the top right corner, then click [Create Account](#) create an account with a valid e-mail address. You may be asked to provide additional information to help determine your relationship with Rotary and access your record. You will receive a verification e-mail with a hyperlink within 24 hours. You must click on the verification link to complete the registration process. If you do not see the e-mail in your Inbox, check your Spam/Bulk/Junk folder.

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Additional details about this promotions can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).

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### RYLA—June 3-7, 2012—University of Kansas

The University of Kansas in Lawrence will once again host District 5710's Rotary Youth Leadership Academy from June 3rd to June 7th. Cost per student is \$300 (\$275 registration fee paid by the sponsoring job and \$25 application fee paid by the student). Over 70 students attended last year's RYLA, engaging in a wide range of leadership development, communication, and community service activities.

**APPLICATION ARE DUE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE BY MAY 4TH**

If you need additional time to submit the applications, contact

John Curran at [jjjcurran@msn.com](mailto:jjjcurran@msn.com).

[Click here for the RYLA Application](#)

[Click here for the RYLA Brochure](#)

## *Message from RI President Kalyan Banerjee*

**My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,**

In this issue, you will read about what Rotary is doing to combat one of the most pressing humanitarian crises facing us today: hunger. It is, I think, common knowledge that when we talk about food shortages, the problems we face are nearly always local. There is more than enough food produced in our world to feed everyone in it. The problem is getting the food where it is needed, and helping people in the poorest regions achieve food security.

In so many parts of the world, subsistence farming practices are the only way food can be acquired, and a few months of poor weather, or even a single storm, can mean catastrophe. It is unfortunately also the case that the parts of the world where food supplies are the most vulnerable are often those that receive the least attention when disaster does strike.

But this is one of the greatest advantages of Rotary: our local presence in so many parts of the world, and our ability to see, and react to, crises when they occur. More important than this, however, is our commitment to a long-term approach to addressing the root causes of hunger.

There is a great deal that all of us in Rotary can do about global hunger, but as always, we rely on the work of local Rotarians to bring help to where it is needed the most. And there is little question that when we look at the world today in terms of poverty and hunger and extreme material want, the place we need to be looking first is Africa – which is why Africa is also where we should be looking to expand.

Rotary's Reach Out to Africa initiative seeks to increase Rotary club membership in Africa, mobilize African Rotarians to address local needs, and raise awareness of African issues among Rotarians in more developed regions. It is just one way to connect the people who need help with the people who want to give it but may not know where to begin.

There is no question that the obstacles to global food security are significant. But they are not insurmountable, and the Rotary model is perhaps one of the most promising paths forward for development – if we continue our work to build Rotary into an ever more effective agent of global change.



## *Catch the Excitement of the Rotary Convention from your Living Room!*

**Catch the excitement of a Rotary Convention  
from your living room!**

The first RI Convention webcast goes live on

Tuesday, 8 May 2012  
9:15 to 11:45 (GMT + 7.0 hours )  
Bangkok, Thailand

Join us in English by clicking or pasting this link in your browser:

<http://rotary2012.sessionupload.com/>

Use the [Time Zone Converter](#) to find the viewing time for your location.  
Look at the [Plenary 3 schedule](#) in the program book to see the exciting line-up, including a laser show!

Celebrate Rotary's polio milestones in real time!

For the latest convention coverage, go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



## *RI Trustee Chair, Bill Boyd—Keeping our Promise for a Polio-Free World*

As I write this, we are still reflecting on the achievement of a full year in India without a case of polio. As recently as 2009, India had more cases than any other country, so this represents a tremendous effort by Rotarians and our partners, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as the government of India and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. It shows what can be done when people of goodwill work together toward a goal. As Rotarians, we should feel proud of our fellow Rotarians and the whole family of Rotary in India.

This is not the time to relax, however. India is close to two countries where polio still exists, and China had an outbreak in 2011 because of an importation. India has shown that winning the battle is possible, but some hard work remains to be done.

One of the “unsung” aspects of our effort has been advocacy. The governments of the world have contributed billions of dollars for polio eradication, and much of it has come because of the advocacy of Rotarians. This work is quietly performed in the background, but the results have been significant.

The Gates Foundation gave us another US\$50 million gift in January to help us remain an effective member of the partnership. We have several years to go before the world can be certified polio-free. Please do not stop giving because we have achieved the target of Rotary’s Challenge, for every dollar you give for the eradication of polio will be used exactly for that.

We made a promise to the children of the world that they would live in a world free of polio. As Rotarians, we keep our promises!



## *Group Study Exchange with District 9200, East Africa—Applications for Team Members*

In 2012-13 Rotary District 5710 will partner with Rotary District 9200, East Africa, for a Group Study Exchange focused on medicine. Group Study Exchange provides a month-long expense-paid visit to another country for a Rotarian team leader and four non-Rotarian team members. The team members will experience life in Kenya and Tanzania and exchange information about their professions with their counterparts in those countries. GSE is one of the benefits of your contributions to the Rotary Foundation. It is a unique opportunity to experience the life and culture of another country.



The outgoing visit to Kenya and Tanzania will take place from April 24 to May 27, 2013. The team will fly to and from Nairobi. The team leader is Richard Randolph, a family physician from the Shawnee Rotary Club.

We are seeking applications for team members for the exchange. Team members are non-Rotarians **between 25 and 40** who have **worked for two years in the medical profession** and **live or work in District 5710**. Applicants may be doctors, public health professionals, nurses, radiologists, lab technicians and others from the medical profession. Team members may not be direct descendants of living Rotarians. The program offers an opportunity to develop skills in leadership, team building, and problem solving, as well as to increase international experience and understanding. You will find application forms at the Rotary International web site ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)) and on the District 5710 website ([www.rotary5710.org](http://www.rotary5710.org)). **Team member applications will be due June 1 and we plan to interview applicants on June 16.**

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact Andrea Norris, GSE co-chair for the outgoing team, at 785-766-7854 or [asnorris@earthlink.net](mailto:asnorris@earthlink.net) or team leader Rick Randolph [rrandolphiii@gmail.com](mailto:rrandolphiii@gmail.com).

## Rotary Wins 2.5 Million Miles

Ali was born with a seriously deformed spine and thoracic cage.

Doctors treating the 12-year-old Iraqi boy at a clinic run by off-duty U.S. Army medics in Baghdad knew his best hope for corrective surgery existed outside Iraq. Through the efforts of clinic staff and Rotarians in the United States, Ali and several other Iraqi children were able to undergo life-changing surgery at Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia in 2008.

Rotary International's Rotary Miles program provided free airfare for the children and their family members through the organization's participation in United Airlines' charity miles program. Over the years, Rotary has used donated miles to support surgeries by Gift of Life and Rotaplast, two organizations supported by Rotarians. The miles also have been used for Engineers Without Borders volunteers working on Rotary water projects, and in support of other Rotary club and district humanitarian efforts around the world.



Ali received corrective surgery on his thoracic cage in 2008. Rotary International's Rotary Miles program provided airfare to bring Ali and family members from Iraq to the United States for the surgery.

*Rotary wins  
2.5 million  
miles!*

Recently, Rotary Miles received a major boost when it qualified for roughly 2.5 million miles from United's 10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway, held in December.

The contest invited people to vote online to determine how the miles would be divided among 45 organizations participating in the airline's charity miles program, with awards equal to the percentage of the vote received. Spurred on by social media promotions, Rotarians helped catapult Rotary from 18th to second place in the span of a week, winning 24.8 percent of the United miles.

"Given that this was during December, a time that many clubs had wound down for the festive season, it was a fantastic result," says Simone Carot Collins, past chair of the Rotarians on Social Networks Fellowship. "We promoted it heavily through social networks (especially Facebook), and from there, clubs emailed and posted in their club bulletins."



In coming months, the miles will be used for eight volunteers participating in National Immunization Days (NIDs), will enable four youth exchange students from disadvantaged households to participate in the NIDs, and will provide for four Gift of Life trips bringing children and their mothers to the United States for surgery.

In addition, the miles will support Rotary Friendship Exchanges, send a student and parent to a Rotary institute or peace conference in celebration of Interact's 50th anniversary, support service projects in each of Rotary's six areas of focus, and send participants to a peace conference in Berlin, a Rotary education event in Myanmar, and the Global Poverty Project Concert in New York City.

### How you can donate miles

With Rotary's participation in the United Airlines Mileage Plus Charity Miles Program, Rotarians and non-Rotarians can donate miles, in 1,000-mile increments, to benefit Rotary Foundation programs. Learn how you can [donate](#). (Mileage Plus members can donate online through their Mileage Plus account by clicking on the About United link, then on Global Citizen and Charity Miles, and then selecting Rotary and the number of miles to be donated.) Rotarians also can work with the Rotary International Travel Service to collect miles from their community for a specific project. Find out [how to go about it](#).



## India is no longer polio endemic



Rotarians have played a pivotal role in helping to stop transmission of the wild poliovirus in India.

The World Health Organization has officially removed India from the list of polio-endemic countries. Ghulam Nabi Azad, India's minister of Health and Family Welfare, made the announcement at the Polio Summit 2012 in New Delhi on 25 February. Polio remains endemic in only three countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. [Read more.](#)

## One Step Closer to Eliminating the Virus

Excerpt from article by Kathleen Sebelius at [www.foreignaffairs.com](http://www.foreignaffairs.com). [Click here for full article.](#)

That India is free of wild polio today is a testament to the commitment of the Indian government. It invested more than \$1 billion over the last decade and collaborated with community leaders, health workers, businesses, and parents to fight the disease. The success is also the product of an international partnership that brought together governments, nongovernmental organizations, such as **Rotary International** and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; and multilateral agencies, namely, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund.

I saw the fruits of that partnership firsthand in January, when I traveled to New Delhi as part of a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services delegation. We administered polio vaccine drops to children at one of many vaccination sites across India. The victory over the disease in India has saved millions of lives from disability and death.

*The world is a small place. When people, goods, and microbes can move around the world in a matter of hours, a health threat anywhere is a health threat everywhere. When one nation eradicates polio, it is a victory for the entire world.*

## Pakistan steps up end-polio drive

Pakistan is boosting efforts to stop polio transmission, through improved preparation and monitoring of immunization campaigns and other aspects of its Augmented National Emergency Action Plan for Polio Eradication, launched in January. To help raise awareness of polio in high-risk areas, Pakistan National PolioPlus Committee Chair Aziz Memon has helped organize seminars for community leaders, students, and the general public.

Through an agreement with the committee, Coca-Cola Beverages Pakistan Ltd. is launching a campaign to promote polio eradication nationwide. The End Polio Now message will appear on Coca-Cola bottle labels, on billboards during National Immunization and Subnational Days, on Coca-Cola coolers, and on the company's vans made available to transport vaccine carriers.



(From right) Asif Ali Zardari, president of Pakistan, talks with Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee, and Aziz Memon, chair of the Pakistan National PolioPlus Committee, about the country's emergency action plan against polio during a meeting of senior government officials in Islamabad.

**Coca-Cola**  
LIVE  POSITIVELY™

## Atchison Rotary Club—Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Atchison’s highlight for March was the Harlem Ambassadors basketball fundraiser. The club raised over \$14,000 by sponsoring the basketball team. Funds will be used to support local educational and community projects. The Harlem Ambassadors presented the Atchison club with a Certificate of Appreciation and Support. Pictured to the right: Accepting the Harlem Ambassadors awards are Kent Wohlgenuth, Fundraising Chair; Goldie Boldridge-Brown, President; and Chris Taylor, Committee Chair.



The 2011 Atchison Rotary All Stars Team!



L to R: Atchison Rotarians Stephen Wheatley, Peggy House, Frances Strieby and Gary Heer, who served as volunteers at the Harlem Ambassadors basketball event.

## Louisburg Rotary Club—7th Annual E-Recycling!

The Louisburg Rotary Club conducted their 7th Annual E-Recycling project. The club gathered over 8,000 pounds of electronics that will NOT end up in a landfill or a ditch along the highway! Eleven members participated, in addition to several teens. The project was held the first Saturday in April. There were April showers and cold winds which did not deter the Rotarians and teen volunteers who braved the elements to generate and properly dispose of the equipment.



PICTURE TO THE RIGHT: Collyn Scott, E-Recycling coordinator and team captain Collyn Peterson hefts broken down and unwanted electronics during the Rotary Club of Louisburg’s annual event. His side-kick Scott Woolsey (L) is the club’s newest member who has a background in personal training. Needless to say, no one was injured and everyone lifted with their legs!

PICTURED TO THE LEFT: Louisburg Rotarian Collyn Peterson organizes a pallet of aged stereo and computer equipment while teen volunteer Kaelee Allen and Rotarian Chris Rembold add more devices.





## Dates to Remember for 2010-11

### 2012

#### MAY

- 4 **RYLA Applications Deadline**
- 6-9 [Rotary International Convention](#)  
Bangkok, Thailand
- 20 D1380 (Finland) GSE Team Departs

#### JUNE—ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

- 3-7 RYLA, Kansas University

#### AUGUST

- 11 FML (Foundation, Membership & Leadership) Seminar

#### NOVEMBER

- 10 Foundation Banquet  
Sheraton Hotel, Overland Park

### Membership Resources

- [Membership Development Resource Guide \(417\)](#)
- [New Member Orientation: A How-to Guide for Clubs \(414\)](#)
- [How to Propose a New Member \(254\)](#)
- [Rotary Basics Online](#)
- [Club Brochure Templates](#)
- [Leadership Development: Your Guide to Starting a Program \(250\)](#)
- [Be a Vibrant Club: Your Club Leadership Plan \(245\)](#)
- [Club Membership Committee Manual \(226b\)](#)
- [More Membership Resources](#)

### Use Pinterest to Promote Your Club

The popular social networking site [Pinterest](#) provides a new way for people to share their interests online. In February, according to the blog [Shareaholic](#), Pinterest sent more [referral traffic](#) to websites than Twitter. See how [Rotary International](#) is using this new tool, and find tips on how nonprofits can use it too. [Read more.](#)



### Upcoming Club Events

[CLICK HERE FOR CLUB EVENT DETAILS](#)

#### MANHATTAN ROTARY CLUB

Annual Golf Tournament  
May 21  
Contact: Tom Fryer, taf1963@gmail.com

#### OVERLAND PARK SOUTH ROTARY CLUB

Jazz in the Woods—2012  
June 15, 16  
Corporate Woods, Overland Park South

#### OVERLAND PARK SOUTH ROTARY CLUB

Jazz in the Woods 5 & 10 K Run  
June 16—\$5 discount for Rotarians  
Www.jazzinthewoods.com, click on JITW Run Logo

#### DESOTO ROTARY CLUB

Winesong at Riverfest  
June 16, 4:00-8:00 pm, \$15  
Wine sampling from Kansas Wineries

#### LAWRENCE CENTRAL ROTARY CLUB

Lawrence Community Bike Ride  
July 21—Rotary Arboretum/Youth Sports Complex

### DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE

NEW DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE

facebook.com/Rotary5710

Click on the icon above to go to Eastern Kansas Rotary District 5710 Facebook page. Click the LIKE button to join. You do not have to have be on Facebook to view the information. Starting July 1, all club news will be reported on Facebook instead of in the district newsletter.



*CLUB EVENTS*

*Overland Park South — Jazz in the Woods, Jazz in the Woods Run*



**Jazz in the Woods**

**June 15, 16**

**Jazz in the Woods Run**

**June 16**

[www.jazzinthewoods.com](http://www.jazzinthewoods.com)



**Jazz in the Woods 5 & 10K.....**come run with us. The Overland Park South Rotary Club is offering a \$5 discount to any area Rotarian who registers for either the 5 & 10K run on June 16. Both courses send runners onto the beautiful parkways and trails in Corporate Woods and participants are treated to Dixie Land style music during the event. Participants will receive technical shirts, chip timing, age group awards and post race food and beverage. This year's event will again benefit the Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center, The Love Fund for Children, Operation Breakthrough and the Overland Park South Rotary Foundation. To register, go to [www.jazzinthewoods.com](http://www.jazzinthewoods.com), then scroll down to the right column to the JITW Run logo and click on the registration link. Enter the promotion code SHUBQSSFJW (& press "add") during the registration. We hope to see you on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

*DeSoto Rotary Club — Winesong At Riverfest*



**Saturday, June 16, 2012**

De Soto Riverfest Park  
33440 W 79th Street  
De Soto, KS 66018  
4 pm – 8 pm

**\$15**

**TICKETS INCLUDE:**

- 10 wine samplings of your choosing
- Samplings from local food vendors
- Souvenir wine glass • Live music

*Lawrence Central*



Purchase your tickets and check out more event information by visiting [www.WinesongAtRiverfest.com](http://www.WinesongAtRiverfest.com)

Proceeds benefiting the charitable efforts of  
**THE DE SOTO ROTARY CLUB**



## District Membership Numbers

### Month of March

The membership count listed for July 1, 2011 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 2011-12.

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 July by the deadline date of April 15.

## Keep Your Club in the "Green"

*2011-12 Color—GREEN  
(see August newsletter for details)*

*The Presidential Citation and the Changemaker Awards stress the importance in increasing club membership. Goal—net 1 member or more for the 2011-12 Rotary year. The clubs highlighted in "green" are on the way with a net in the "plus" column for the year.*

*Check out the [Membership Section](#) of the District website for lots of information to help you get, and keep, your club in the "green."*

***District Goal—to see all clubs in "green"!***

CLUB	7/1/2011 Membership	3/31/2012 Membership	YTD Gain/Loss	March At- tendance
Atchison	77	77	0	69.23%
Baldwin City	16	16	0	65.00%
Blue Valley	12	0	NA	0.00%
Bonner Springs	23	24	1	63.00%
Burlingame	13	12	-1	50.91%
Burlington	31	30	-1	62.96%
Council Grove	52	0	NA	0.00%
De Soto	41	0	NA	0.00%
Emporia	62	71	9	54.03%
Frankfort	23	21	-2	64.00%
Gardner	56	54	-2	58.65%
Garnett	24	0	NA	0.00%
Holton	27	32	5	52.00%
Howard	17	17	0	59.10%
Johnson County	35	0	NA	0.00%
Johnson County Sunset	23	30	7	52.14%
Junction City	66	70	4	45.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	15	15	0	50.00%
Kansas City	56	56	0	74.90%
Lawrence	192	0	NA	0.00%
Lawrence Central	27	0	NA	0.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	65	70	5	67.76%
Leavenworth	87	92	5	69.62%
Leawood	56	53	-3	77.96%
Lenexa	46	45	-1	65.91%
Louisburg	41	42	1	44.05%
Manhattan	193	204	11	55.35%
Manhattan Konza	78	84	6	46.25%
Marysville	48	47	-1	74.00%
Olathe	96	0	NA	0.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	27	28	1	42.00%
Osawatomie	25	0	NA	0.00%
Oskaloosa	28	0	NA	0.00%
Ottawa	27	32	5	57.94%
Overbrook	28	28	0	91.10%
Overland Park	137	137	0	79.72%
Overland Park South	89	84	-5	66.81%
Paola	35	39	4	69.00%
Shawnee	56	62	6	82.00%
Shawnee Mission	54	54	0	69.44%
Spring Hill	17	19	2	78.00%
Topeka Downtown	188	186	-2	50.32%
Topeka North	23	0	NA	0.00%
Topeka South	114	119	5	70.36%
Topeka West	25	0	NA	0.00%
Valley Falls	16	0	NA	0.00%
Valley Heights	21	0	NA	0.00%
Village West	40	0	NA	0.00%
Western Johnson County	26	33	7	53.44%
TOTALS/Average Atten- dance	2574	1983	66	** 62.75%

\*\*Percentage for Clubs Reporting

**Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for March**

*Will your club be listed here next month?*

Overbrook.....	91.10%
Shawnee.....	82.00%
Overland Park .....	79.72%
Spring Hill .....	78.00%
Leawood .....	77.96%
Kansas City .....	74.90%
Marysville .....	74.00%
Topeka South.....	70.36%

*Average  
Attendance (for  
the reporting  
clubs) for the  
month  
Of March:  
62.75%*

**Clubs with 65% to 70% Attendance:**

Leavenworth—	69.62%
Shawnee Mission—	69.44%
Atchison—	69.23%
Paola—	69.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk—	67.76%
Overland Park Soutrh—	66.81%
Lenexa—	65.91%
Baldwin City—	65.00%

**New Club Members for March**

Atchison.....	Ryan Worland
DeSoto.....	Matthew Little
Emporia .....	Darin Bugbee, Seth Carter, Richard Duncan, Harry Shook
Howard .....	Shirley Black
Johnson County Sunset.....	Rochelle Riedel
Junction City.....	Brian Field
Lawrence.....	William Altman
Manhattan .....	Laine Rundus
Manhattan Konza .....	Garrett Lee, Brian Thompson
Ottawa .....	Matthew Siemer
Overland Park .....	Bill Byrd
Shawnee .....	Bradley Nielsen
Spring Hill.....	John Rau
Topeka Downtown .....	Greg Bailey, Janet Cairns, Mary Christopher, Terry Crowder, Terry Hobbs, Christopher St. John, Karily Taylor
Topeka South	Jason Geier, Jennifer Lemus
Western Johnson County	William Pflumm



## CLUB NEWS

### Atchison

- The club honored outstanding students, teachers and a community persons at its March 29th meeting. Awardees included students and teachers from each of the local high schools. The Outstanding Citizen Award was given posthumously to Police Sgt. Dave Enzbrenner, an Atchison police officer who was killed in the line of duty. Pictured to the right are members of the Enzbrenner family who accepted the award.
- The club's highlight for March was the Harlem Ambassadors basketball fundraiser. (See page 6)
- The club donated funds to provide over \$400 in playground equipment through the "Jump Rope for Heart" event which was jointly sponsored by the Atchison Middle School and the American Heart Association.
- Rotarian Mark Begley was honored with a Paul Harris Fellow +3. Way to go Mark!
- The club welcomes its newest Rotarian, Ryan Worland. Ryan was proposed by Rotarian Rick Berger and is the Kansas District Executive of Boy Scouts of America. Ryan is pictured to the right.



### Burlingame

- The club distributed dictionaries to the Burlingame 5th grade class on April 9.

### DeSoto

- Picture #1: President Larry Kroemer (R) presenting Graham Gordon (L) as a new Paul Harris Fellow.
- Picture #2: President Larry Kroemer (R) welcomes Matt Little (R) as an official new member.
- The club raised over \$1,800 selling the Kansas City Star for the Royals home opener.
- *Come join the club for an All-Kansas Wine Tasting Festival on June 16—Winesong at Riverfest in DeSoto. For more information and to purchase tickets, [CLICK HERE](#). See page 8.*



### Gardner

- The club continues their Meals on Wheels program, weekly. They also continue to support their local food pantry with collections at Price Chopper as well as their monthly financial donations.
- The club will hold a food booth at the Festival on the Trails, June 9th. Also, the Relay for Life team has started preparing for Relay for Life in July.
- The international service committee will be hosting a small wine tasting for club members as a fun way to raise funds to support their international students.





## CLUB NEWS

### Holton

- The club held its Friday noon meeting at Firekeeper Golf Course on April 27 to help kick off the District Golf Tournament, prior to the District Conference at Prairie Band Casino.

### Kansas City

- The club donated 562 dictionaries (312 English and 250 Spanish/English) to the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools. The dictionaries were distributed in April to middle schools in USD 500 to support students. The project was funded by the club with a matching grant from District 5710.



Dictionaries presented by the club to Ms. Brooks' reading class at Central Middle School.



Helping assemble the dictionaries were club members Donna Severance, Bruce Schlosser, George Turner and Bill Strumillo.

### Lawrence

- Andrea Norris, International Services committee chairperson, shared an email thanking the club and District 5710 for their participation in funding six projects in Chiriqui, Panama.
- The Blue Cup funds raised in April went to the Rotaract Club at the University of Kansas.
- Community volunteer Katherine Dinsdale was recognized with a non-Rotarian Paul Harris Fellow award in recognition of her many volunteer activities in the Lawrence community. This award was provided through the donation of recognition points by Paul Kincaid.
- Long time club member Sidney Garrett who passed away last year was recognized as a Benefactor by the Permanent Fund of the Rotary Foundation in recognition of her generous gift from her estate.

### Lawrence Central

- As part of the club's biking initiative, Lawrence Central has been part of the lobbying efforts in Lawrence toward adoption of a "Complete Streets" program. Complete Streets are road networks that are consistently designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Pedestrians, Bicyclists, wheeled-device users, transit riders and motorist unanimously approved a Complete Streets policy on March 27.
- The club has over \$800 towards their goal of \$1,000 to purchase a ShelterBox.
- Four new members were welcomed to the club: Fred Atchison, Kate Campbell, Paula Gilchrist, and Robert Suenram.
- The club recognized several Paul Harris Fellows in the past few months: Lynn O'Neal, Scott Wagner, Steve Lane, John Wilkinson, Glen Davis, and Kevin Kressig.
- **SAVE THE DATE!! Lawrence Community Bike Ride—July 21st, Rotary Arboretum/Youth Sports Complex.**

## CLUB NEWS

### Lawrence Jayhawk

- Risley Chiropractic was selected as the Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDC) Business of the Year. The business is owned by Jayhawk Rotarian Scott Risley.
- Jayhawk Rotarian Marguerite Carlson recently was appointed to Board of Directors for United Way of Douglas County. Marguerite will serve a four-year term on the Board. Other Jayhawk Rotarians on the United Way Board include Pat Roach Smith and John Conard.

### Leawood

- The club is sponsoring up to four participants to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) this June.
- The club participated in the Club 13 project for Rotary youth camp by selling newspapers on Kansas City Day, raising approximately \$3,870 in charitable donations.
- The club achieved a second Foundation goal—every member made a contribution to the RI Foundation during the current Rotary year.



L to R: Michael Searcy, Jim Rawlings, Chris Stucky, Nancy Barber. The club welcomes new member Chris Stucky!!



Charles Lusk (R) presents flag from Darling Harbor in Sydney, Australia to President Searcy (R).



L to R: President Mike Searcy presenting new PHF certificate to Justin Nemecek.

### Manhattan

- Congratulations to Sophia Tolentino and Chad Wolf, Manhattan High School Students of the Month for March.
- Laine Rundus was introduced as a new member of the club during the month of February. The club is pleased to welcome Laine!



L to R: Past President Sue Maes, New Member Laine Rundus, and Stormy Kennedy, nominator.



L to R: Students Sophia Tolentino and Chad Wolf; Student of the Month Chair Andy Bowen and President Mark Queen.

## CLUB NEWS

### Ottawa



The Ottawa Club is helping support Shania Lamm (an Ottawa High School student) for her Rotary Youth Exchange experience in Denmark. Shania made a presentation at a recent club meeting.



(R ) President Ed Coulter inducted Matt Siemer (Center) as the newest member of the club. Joy Beatty (L )stands with Matt as his sponsor.

### Overland Park South

- The club participated in the annual Greater Kansas City Day newspaper sales in conjunction with the KC Royals' home opener on April 13. About \$5,100 was raised, half of which will be donated to the club's Future of Hope Foundation.
- In April the Pledge Class held a service project at SafeHome, a shelter for at-risk individuals in Johnson County.
- Preparations are in gear for the annual Jazz in the Woods Festival, in its 23rd year, scheduled for June 15 and 16 in Corporate Woods, Overland Park. This festival draws 20,000-30,000 attendees each year and has generated more than \$300,000 for local children's charities in the past 5 years. **IF ANY ROTARY CLUB IN DISTRICT 5710 WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A VIP TABLE FOR 10, YOU WILL RECEIVE A 20% DISCOUNT—A \$550 TABLE FOR \$440. For details contact Lee Stuart at 913-205-9727 or stuartsl7@aol.com. You receive special seating with a wonderful view of the stage and all your can eat/drink Jackstack BBQ and Budweiser products.**
- The club will host a wine and appetizers social event on May 2 in lieu of their usual breakfast business meeting. Wine instead of bacon? YES!



### Shawnee Mission

- The club participated in The Greater Kansas City Paper Day. Twenty-three club members were involved and raised \$1,490.
- Dave Wolfe was presented with a Benefactor Recognition and wings.

### Spring Hill

- Preparations are under way for their Annual Fundraiser local golf tournament.
- New Member John Rayu was welcomed as a new member. John is Director of Golden Living.



## CLUB NEWS

### Valley Heights

- The club held a bake sale for Relay for Life team.
- The club voted to have the meeting on the 2nd Thursday catered by Steve "Gator" Gaydusek.

### Shawnee

- The club collected clothing, snacks and art supplies for the Royal Family Kids Camp. These items will be used for their summer camps.
- New Member Brad Nielson was inducted in March.
- Through the club's Foundation, the club will be granting \$500 to a Bike Recycle Program, \$1,000 to Alex's Lemonade Stand and \$4,000 to Shawnee Community Service.
- The club recognized Rotarian Joe Vohs with a Paul Harris Fellow for his kidney donation in December 2011. Joe is an inspiration to the club with his act of kindness and unselfishness.  
**EDITOR NOTE: If you missed the full story of Joe's unselfish gift of life, see the December District Newsletter, page 6. Prior newsletters are available on the district website: [www.rotary5710.org](http://www.rotary5710.org), left column under District Newsletters.**
- Through RI grants and Rotarian Dr. Rick Randolph, the club donated 1,200 stoves in Haiti. Dr. Randolph and DGE Kevin Tubbesing made the trip to Haiti to deliver the stoves and peanut butter. Dr. Randolph worked very hard on this project to get the grants to help the people of Haiti. See the pictures below.



Cook stoves delivered to Haiti.

