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Accelerate Rotary! - February 11, 2012

“Accelerate Rotary” is a planning and learning session that will get you ready and fired up for the next Rotary year! This one-day event is mandatory for all Presidents-Elect and strongly encourage for all district Rotarians. If you are new to Rotary or just want to know how to get more out of your Rotary experience, “Accelerate Rotary” will provide you the tools to be better Rotarians and more effective leaders of your club’s efforts. Accelerate Rotary will be held February 11, 2012 at the Topeka Holiday Inn Holidome. Registration information coming soon.



Zone Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award

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From the December Zone 27 Newsletter



Larry Dimmitt, Zone 27 Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator, announced that PDG Wes McCoy, District 5710’s nominee, has been selected as our Zone’s winner of the Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award. Wes has been a Rotarian since 1987, serving as club president in 1997-98 and District Governor in 2003-04. Starting in 2001, he has led his District on many humanitarian missions in Central America as a Rotary Volunteer. Funded by Volunteer Service and Matching Grants, and in cooperation with Rotarians from Districts 5670 and 5690, he led teams to Panama focusing on fighting hunger and providing medical equipment and school supplies to native inhabitants.

Beginning in 2007, Wes and his team, in cooperation with Rotarians from District 5670, 6960 and 4250, helped provide clean water and effective hygiene to thousands of students and their families in Guatemala. Seeing the need for improved medical facilities, in 2009 Wes and students from a local college in Kansas raised \$50,000 to help build a medical clinic in Guatemala. In 2010, Wes, along with a representative from Heart to Heart International from Olathe, Kansas, were nominated for the Guatemala Peace Ambassadors Award. His name has been submitted to TRF for consideration for the international Global Service Award to be announced in Bangkok. Dimmitt reported that the committee had a difficult time selecting a winner from the excellent candidates submitted.

2012 District Conference

Please join us on

April 27-29, 2012

For the Rotary District 5710 Conference

“Light the Fire of Leadership”

Prairie Band Casino & Resort

The Annual Conference is the leading district event for those involved with Rotary that have an interest in strengthening their leadership skills and sharing club successes.

Highlights

- Golf tournament—World Renowned Firekeeper Golf Course
- Wine Tasting
- Mock Casino Games
- Inspiring Keynote Speakers
- Club Presentations
- Opportunities for Sharing and Growing
- Saturday Evening Banquet
- Sunday Memorial Service and Foundation Program



Yours in Rotary,

Patti Bossert
District Conference Chair
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Membership Resources from Rotary International

Go to rotary.org and click on the MEMBERS tab—you will discover a wealth of information. Click on New Members under the tabs for information to introduce a guest/new member to Rotary. Or try some of the links below.

1. NEW! Rotary Minute Podcasts—Rotary Minute videos are now available as free podcasts on iTunes.
([CLICK HERE FOR THE LINK](#))
2. [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](#)

Message from RI President

Message from Kalyan Banerjee, Rotary International President, 2011-12

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

In late August, Binota and I were in Ghana, where Rotary Foundation Trustee Vice Chair Sam Okudzeto and enthusiastic local Rotarians took us to the ribbon-cutting for a water project in a little village, Abutia Teti, about 60 miles from Accra. We arrived at about 11 a.m., and the whole village seemed to be there. Everyone had been waiting since early morning to welcome us. In the past, the women had to walk over 3 miles to carry pails of water from a river. Now they had a supply of safe, clean water from tube wells in the village itself. It was a simple but effective project in which Rotary and USAID had worked together. But what struck us most that day was family: The men, the women, the children were all there together, dancing, singing, and welcoming us. It made me think about how everywhere around the world, people come together in families, and families join together as communities.



And this made me happy that the first of our emphases in this Rotary year is the family, because the family is where everything begins. It is where life begins, it is where our day begins, and it is where our Rotary service must begin. Because it is the family, and not the individual, that is the building block of the community – and of Rotary.



It is one of my great priorities to encourage the involvement of families in Rotary service. I feel incredibly strongly that Rotary should never, ever come between the Rotarian and the family. Rotary service should be something that brings the family closer together. For myself, if I cannot bring Binota with me to a Rotary event, it's simple – I don't go! Rotary is not just for me; it is for both of us. This is why I encourage districts to welcome families at district conferences, to involve spouses and children in service projects, and to plan meeting times with families in mind. The more that families are involved in Rotary, the more Rotary will thrive – today and tomorrow.

What is Rotary about? It's about so many things, but at its core, Rotary is about these words: *Love your neighbor as yourself*. Rotary is about love, and that love has to start with us – and with those closest to us.

*Have a safe and
happy holiday season*

Tips from Rotary Public Relations, November 30, 2011 Newsletter

January is Rotary Awareness Month

Rotary Awareness Month is coming up in January, providing the perfect opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a Rotarian. Rotary's strength lies in the more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas, and this is the time to make sure your community knows who we are and what we do. Here are some tips on how to do that:

- Watch and share [Rotary Minute](#) videos with others.
- Invite local media to a question-and-answer "press conference" during one of your meetings in January.
- Post video of a club meeting or service project on your website, and tell people about it on Facebook or Twitter.
- Coordinate a community service project with another local organization, and invite the media to come along.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local paper about your club's community and international humanitarian projects.
- Invite a friend or co-worker to a meeting.

Celebrate a Rotary day on 23 February

With 23 February fast approaching, every club is encouraged to plan events to mark Rotary's 107th birthday. [Last year](#), clubs and districts made tremendous efforts to recognize Rotary's work and spread the [End Polio Now](#) message. Although 23 February is Rotary's official anniversary, any day can be designated a Rotary day in your community. Remember that your public relations plan for the day's celebration should focus on service, which will communicate what Rotary is and does around the world. Clubs planning a lighting event should go to www.rotary.org/lightings for tips and resources. And be sure to share your plans with us at pr@rotary.org.

2012 District 5710 World Peace Fellow Selected

Katrina M. Lewis is the first candidate from District 5701 to be selected to participate in the three-month Rotary World Peace Certificate Program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, from June 14 to August 31, 2012. Katrina is a faculty member in the Department of Interior Architecture and Product Design at Kansas State University. Like her sister, Summer Lewis, Katrina is exceptionally well-traveled and a "citizen of the world." Her recent travels have included teaching architecture in Kabul, Afghanistan, in conjunction with a K-State World Bank Grant and a year teaching humanities at the new Asian University for Women in Chittagong, Bangladesh. Katrina intends to use her learning experiences as a Rotary World Peace Fellow to integrate peace-building and conflict resolution within her field of design, challenging her design students and others to have a sensitive approach to issues of conflict and resolution of global issues.

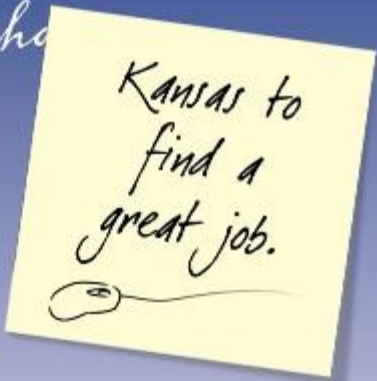
NOTE: Summer Lewis is District 5710's Rotary World Peace Fellow, currently in Vietnam. This may be a first! Two sisters—two Rotary World Peace Fellows—same District!

L to R: Summer Lewis and Katrina Lewis in saris at Christmas, 2009 in Bangladesh



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RI Convention—Bangkok 2012



For more information about the RI Bangkok Convention, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Shawnee Rotarian Gives the Gift of a Birthday—“Service Above Self”

Article by Stephen Montemayor, “Shawnee Dispatch”

Before long, a Shawnee insurance agent will be on a flight to Chicago with his wife. It will be just after Christmas and just before New Year’s Eve. When he gets there, he’ll be giving up a kidney to someone he doesn’t know and may never meet.

Joseph Vohs lives in Linwood and has worked at [Farmers Insurance in Shawnee](#), for more than five years. His wife, Katy Vohs, spent 10 years as a dialysis nurse and during that time, Joseph got to know many of her patients either personally or through the stories she shared at home.

“Her passion for her patients inspired me,” Vohs said. And with that, he vowed to one day donate a kidney anonymously. He wanted to help because he and his wife knew too well the two ways patients get off dialysis: transplant or death.

Those on dialysis would visit his wife three days a week for four hours each stop. It was survival, not living, Vohs said.

After a few years of searching, Vohs came upon the [National Kidney Registry](#) on television. He learned that his name would be thrown into a pool and that he’d be notified when a match was found. When the call came, Vohs found out he’d become a link in a chain that ensured three people would receive a kidney.

Vohs has to fly to Chicago because that’s where one of the nearest medical centers affiliated with the registry is located. It’s one of the primary reasons he finally decided to share his story. He didn’t want a vanity piece written about him, but rather to shed light on how far he has to travel to give this gift he wants to give.

“Most people assumed initially that I’d be doing this here,” he said. Instead, Vohs had to rely on all the pieces falling into place. His wife was able to take off work, his co-workers pitched in to fill in while he was out and he has no children — which otherwise would have been a huge cost consideration.

It’s been a long time coming, and in the week preceding his procedure, Vohs started feeling anxious to get it all going. Still, he said, he’s not quite nervous and has never been worried. It’s been an easy decision. “I get to give the gift of a birthday to someone,” he said.

Vohs said he expects Christmas not to be emotional. No that’s not the right word, he said, but close. He still thinks the holiday will take on a different feel despite the usual trimmings of turkey, ham and presents.

Vohs said he found further inspiration through his efforts with the [Shawnee Rotary Club](#) in recent years. He’s helped with its [bike rodeo](#), its efforts cleaning up tornado damage in Reading and the [Johnson County Christmas Bureau](#) to name a few. “Their mission is service,” he said. “I can’t think of a better way to serve than to give up a part of yourself.”

Dec. 29 will mark the culmination of a years-long process—after gallons of blood, days of tests and CT scans and psych evaluations.

“I’m not crazy,” Vohs said, “despite what some may say.” He said that every day we come across opportunities to do good, be them minute or epic. It comes down to recognizing them and having the courage to act and make the difference.

Vohs wants to be an advocate for the procedure. And now, he said, having been there, the job will become that much easier.

“For me it would be great if this wasn’t a story because it happened so much,” he said.



Photo by Stephen Montemayor

Joseph Vohs, Shawnee Rotary Club Rotarian, will donate a kidney anonymously in Chicago at the end of the month. Vohs said he hopes the procedure can become more commonplace in the Kansas City area.

Atchison Rotarians become Paul Harris Fellows

Larry Dimmitt, District Annual Programs Chair, and Frances Strieby, Club Foundation Chair, honored and presented 27 Paul Harris Fellows and one Paul Harris Society award to member of the Atchison Rotary Club. Congratulations to all.



Seated: Susan Myers, Sharon Locke, Goldie-Boldridge-Brown, Jacque Pregont, Rita Hartman, Frank Carpinelli, Fred Smith.

Standing: Frances Strieby, Larry Dimmitt, Stephen Wheatley, Jeff Caudle, John Eplee, Todd Bieber, Marta Myers, William Irons, Martin Asher, Mike Hundley, Russell McCort, Kirby Neil and Christian Taylor.

Overland Park South Speaker

In November, Mark Winter (pictured to the right) spoke to the Overland Park South Rotary Club. Mark's topic was "Water: A Currency for Peace." Mark is from Washington, D.C. and is Executive Vice President for Public Policy with Stewart Title Guaranty corporation. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Living Water, a faith-based non-governmental organization which seeks to bring pure water to people around the world.

In his remarks he praised Rotary International for outstanding work across the globe to address the same goal and identified areas where Living Water and Rotary are working in partnership to achieve this objective. Mark told of his experiences working with the people and political leadership in Kenya to build wells for drinkable water. Such activity helps bring not only water, but a reduction in strife among people in Kenya competing for water and a real sense of democracy in managing the water resources.



Dates to Remember for 2010-11

2011

DECEMBER—FAMILY MONTH

CLUB OFFICER NAMES DUE TO RI AND DISTRICT

2012

JANUARY—ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

FEBRUARY—WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

11 Accelerate Rotary,
Topeka Holiday Inn Holidome
NEW DATE
(Snow Date—March 24)

MARCH—LITERACY MONTH

3/16
to 4/16 GSE D5710 to D1380 (Finland)
31 Ambassadorial Scholar Interviews

APRIL—ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

12-14 PETS/SETS, Salina, KS
20 D1380 (Finland) GSE Team Arrives
4/27-29 District Conference
Prairie Band Casino & Resort
Mayetta, KS

MAY

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

JUNE—ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

AUGUST

11 FML (Foundation, Membership &
Leadership) Seminar

Upcoming Club Events

[CLICK HERE FOR CLUB EVENT DETAILS](#)

WESTERN JOHNSON COUNTY

“Around the World” Annual Fundraising Event
February 18, Cedar Creek Clubhouse, Olathe
6:30pm to 9:30pm

ATCHISON ROTARY CLUB

Harlem Ambassadors
March 1

OVERLAND PARK SOUTH ROTARY CLUB

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

Holiday Greetings



District Membership Numbers

Month of November

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 November 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 | 11/30/2011 Membership | YTD Gain/Loss | November Attendance |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Atchison | 77 | 73 | -4 | 60.10% |
| Baldwin City | 16 | 17 | 1 | 66.00% |
| Blue Rapids | 21 | 0 | NA | 0.00% |
| Blue Valley | 12 | 0 | NA | 0.00% |
| Bonner Springs | 23 | 23 | 0 | 71.00% |
| Burlingame | 13 | 12 | -1 | 58.33% |
| Burlington | 31 | 29 | -2 | 56.41% |
| Council Grove | 52 | 0 | NA | 0.00% |
| De Soto | 41 | 42 | 1 | 48.41% |
| Emporia | 62 | 64 | 2 | 53.19% |
| Frankfort | 23 | 23 | 0 | 72.00% |
| Gardner | 56 | 55 | -1 | 68.48% |
| Garnett | 24 | 0 | NA | 0.00% |
| Holton | 27 | 24 | -3 | 71.00% |
| Howard | 17 | 17 | 0 | 64.70% |
| Johnson County | 35 | 36 | 1 | 67.62% |
| Johnson County Sunset | 23 | 0 | NA | 0.00% |
| Junction City | 66 | 71 | 5 | 43.00% |
| Junction City Flint Hills | 15 | 15 | 0 | 44.00% |
| Kansas City | 56 | 57 | 1 | 67.20% |
| Lawrence | 192 | 0 | NA | 0.00% |
| Lawrence Central | 27 | 0 | NA | 0.00% |
| Lawrence Jayhawk | 65 | 70 | 5 | 69.39% |
| Leavenworth | 87 | 87 | 0 | 77.71% |
| Leawood | 56 | 55 | -1 | 85.53% |
| Lenexa | 46 | 47 | 1 | 72.31% |
| Louisburg | 45 | 41 | -4 | 52.44% |
| Manhattan | 193 | 200 | 7 | 59.29% |
| Manhattan Konza | 78 | 81 | 3 | 50.21% |
| Marysville | 48 | 47 | -1 | 78.00% |
| Olathe | 96 | 0 | NA | 0.00% |
| Olathe Santa Fe Trail | 27 | 28 | 1 | 43.00% |
| Osawatomie | 25 | 0 | NA | 0.00% |
| Oskaloosa | 28 | 30 | 2 | 65.00% |
| Ottawa | 27 | 30 | 3 | 62.33% |
| Overbrook | 30 | 29 | -1 | 87.90% |
| Overland Park | 137 | 135 | -2 | 72.24% |
| Overland Park South | 89 | 86 | -3 | 62.35% |
| Paola | 38 | 37 | -1 | 70.00% |
| Shawnee | 56 | 57 | 1 | 78.00% |
| Shawnee Mission | 54 | 0 | NA | 0.00% |
| Spring Hill | 17 | 17 | 0 | 72.00% |
| Topeka Downtown | 188 | 182 | -6 | 51.61% |
| Topeka North | 23 | 24 | 1 | 40.00% |
| Topeka South | 114 | 120 | 6 | 65.36% |
| Topeka West | 22 | 25 | 3 | 80.00% |
| Valley Falls | 16 | 0 | NA | 0.00% |
| Village West | 40 | 42 | 2 | 52.97% |
| Western Johnson County | 30 | 32 | 2 | 63.58% |
| TOTALS/Avg Attendance | 2584 | 2060 | 18 | ** 63.10% |

**Percentage for Clubs Reporting

Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for November

Will your club be listed here next month?

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| Overbrook..... | 87.90% |
| Leawood..... | 85.53% |
| Topeka West..... | 80.00% |
| Marysville..... | 78.00% |
| Shawnee..... | 78.00% |
| Leavenworth..... | 77.71% |
| Lenexa..... | 72.31% |
| Overland Park..... | 72.24% |
| Frankfort..... | 72.00% |
| Spring Hill..... | 72.00% |
| Bonner Springs..... | 71.00% |
| Holton..... | 71.00% |
| Paola..... | 70.00% |

*Average
Attendance (for
the reporting
clubs) for the
month
Of November:
63.10%*

Clubs with 65% to 70% Attendance:

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Lawrence Jayhawk— | 69.39% |
| Gardner— | 68.48% |
| Johnson County— | 67.62% |
| Kansas City— | 67.20% |
| Baldwin City— | 66.00% |
| Topeka South— | 65.36% |
| Oskaloosa— | 65.00% |

New Club Members for November

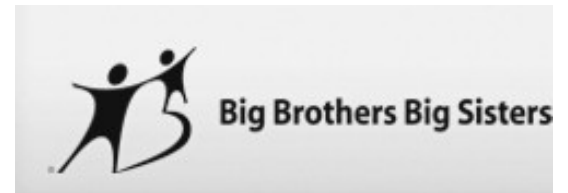
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|-----------------------------|---|
| Lawrence..... | Grant Ryan, Robert Walzel |
| Lawrence Jayhawk..... | Mason Gilliland |
| Leavenworth..... | Elizabeth, Bochtler, Mike Robinson, Kevin Shea, Sheila Thibault |
| Lenexa..... | Jason Bledsoe, Terry Tevis |
| Manhattan..... | Timothy de Noble, Terry Resseguie |
| Manhattan Konza..... | Haley Wilson |
| Olathe-Santa Fe Trail..... | Kelly Wilkinson |
| Ottawa..... | Larabe Alexander, Wade Hepner |
| Overland Park South..... | Bill Ferrie, Kate O’Connell |
| Topeka Downtown..... | Jolene Miller, Dave Shafer |
| Topeka South..... | Gina Penzig |
| Western Johnson County..... | Kent Harris, Libby Harris |



CLUB NEWS

Atchison Rotary Club

- The club enjoyed fellowship with Rotarians and their families and friends at its October picnic held at Jackson Park. Hay rides, games, roasting marshmallows and good food were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Patsy Porter and her committee for spearheading a successful event.
- A presentation was made to the club on the Guatemala Schools Project by Rotarian Jack Bower. The project hopes to expand to include two new classrooms. Club members were invited to travel to Guatemala to help set up the classrooms.
- Plans are underway for the club's March 1, 2012 fundraiser featuring the Harlem Ambassadors.
- A team of Rotarians participated in the United Way Trivia Night and took 5th place. This project helps raise funds for United Way.
- Rotarians participated in Casino Night as part of a fund raising event for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Organization. Guest blackjack dealer was Brian Busby, weather man for KMBC.
- A committee of Rotarians interviewed candidate for the Youth Exchange Program. One candidate was selected to participate in the District level interviews.
- Club members attended the local Kiwanis Club in a joint meeting over the Thanksgiving holiday week.
- Rotarians Goldie Boldridge-Brown, Frances Strieby, Christy Isaacs and Jeff Thorne attended the District's Foundation Banquet. Rotarian Dennis Hine was recognized at the District Foundation Banquet as a new Paul Harris Society Member.



Burlingame Rotary Club

- The club held their annual Chili Feed during the Burlingame Country Christmas Festival on December 3. Even though the weather was cold and rainy the amount of chili served was more than expected.

DeSoto Rotary Club

- Five members from the club helped with the Reading flash mob in clearing bush and trees, cutting and splitting firewood. Larry Johnson brought Oklahoma Joe's BBQ to help feed the workers.
- The club held its annual chili and chicken noodle soup super in conjunction with the annual Mayor's Christmas tree lighting, raising \$445 to be used with local agencies.
- The club hosted a table at the District Foundation Banquet held in Overland Park.
- Rotary members helped with the dedication of "The Barn of DeSoto" at the Zimmerman farm. Although a cold and rainy day, the public was given an overview of the new barn going up. See picture to the right.



Manhattan Rotary Club

- Congratulations to Rachel Hunt and Taylor Hilgers, Manhattan High School Students of the Month for September.
- The club welcomes new member Terry Resseguie and transfer member Timothy de Noble. Tim is a transfer from the Fayetteville, Arkansas Rotary Club.



CLUB NEWS

Gardner Rotary Club

- November was a busy month for the Rotary Club of Gardner. We ended their month long Grocery Grab sales event, with the Grocery Grab taking place on a Saturday morning, Nov. 5th. Cosentino's Price Chopper was filled with Rotarians, contestants, well-wishers and staff, as they cheered the winner on her dash around the store! Joanne's entire journey was documented by video by our local high school and has been placed on our website for your viewing. (www.gardnerrotary.org)
- We finished distributing dictionaries to all third graders in Gardner. More than 350 students received a personalized dictionary as well as a presentation from our local Rotary Bee, Bill Bushno. Our Rotary Bee encourages students to "bee" prepared for life and use their tools in the dictionary.
- Our Foundation committee was busy this month, hosting an annual poker tournament. Funds raised go to support EREY for the foundation. We had a night of cards, socializing and of course, eating! It was a well attended event and a lot of fun.
- Our Foundation Committee also purchased a table at the Foundation Banquet. We had a table full of lively Rotarians and guests eager to hear from former President Ray Klinginsmith. All had a great time, and supported a great cause, all at the same time.
- Several Gardner Rotarians banded with other Rotarians in the district to help in Reading, KS. They came back sore, bruised, but alive with the excitement of helping those in need. Their fire for helping others fueled the club to do more.
- Lastly, our Public Relations Committee launched our own Facebook page for the Rotary Club of Gardner. Please go onto Facebook and like us! We are excited to be able to communicate with our member in new and exiting ways.



Gardner Rotary Bee aka Bill Bushno!

Junction City Rotary Club

- The club raised \$233 for The Farm Incorporated for gifts for children in foster care. Pictured in the first picture to the right is Charles Volland presenting the check to TFI representative Merta Litke.
- The club honored their annual commitment of \$1,000 to the United Way. President Scott McClain is shown to the far right presenting the check to Aileen Cray, the local United Way coordinator.



Paola Rotary Club

- The club is working hard on recruiting new members and has three new members for the first half of the year and hope to reach their goal of five new members for the year by June, 2012. The club has also been working on getting newer members to shadow the "veterans" and their responsibilities so they can take over at the start of next year with their respective duties.
- The club had the staff from "We Be Smokin" BBQ restaurant come and speak for their program last week. When President Obama came to Osawatomie he flew into the Miami County airport where the restaurant is located. President Obama had lunch at We Be Smokin BBQ. It was a great program!

CLUB NEWS

Leavenworth Rotary Club

- Rotarian Bill Kromer coordinated the 3rd Grade Dictionary project. The club provided more than 700 dictionaries for every 3rd grade student in the area to include Lansing, Leavenworth, Fort Leavenworth, and Easton. Each dictionary included a personalized name plate for every student. *On a special note, one of the students at Pleasant Ridge High School that helped with the name plates in the dictionaries received a dictionary from Rotary when she was in the 3rd grade; she still uses it today.*
- Rotarians Harry Burgess and Mike Gould have led the club efforts in supporting holiday bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Mike Gould also continues to coordinate Rotarian support for the community Meals on Wheels Program.
- ***New Rotarian DeeDee Reynolds jumped in with both feet in service to the community and coordinates the club's efforts to help out the Catholic Charities Food Locker gathering canned-goods or non-perishable food donations to help those in need during the holidays.***
- ***New Rotarian Jonathan Reddell is coordinating the club efforts for Project Winterize. Our Rotarians volunteer in pairs to assist in winter-proofing homes in the Leavenworth Community in support of the Council on Aging.***
- Club members welcomed School Board President and Military Consultant Mike Robinson, sponsored by Kelly Crane, into the club. Mark Gerges, the club membership chair, is in the picture for Mike's New Member Induction. Congrats to Mike and welcome to our Leavenworth Rotary Club.
- The club membership celebrated the selection of Stan Cherrie as this year's Rotarian of the Year! Presenting the award to Stan was last year's winner Linda Scheer. One thing that can be said about Stan is he has his hands in just about everything Rotary does. He has been instrumental in fundraising for the annual Relay for Life, Salvation Army bell ringing, delivery for Meals on Wheels, and involved in every aspect of Service. Stan is a true example of "Service Above Self" and the 4-Way Test.

*KEEP NEW
MEMBERS—
GET THEM IN-
VOLVED
RIGHT AWAY!*



L to R: New member, Mike Robinson, Mark Gerges, club membership chair.



L to R: Linda Scheer, Stan Cherrie

Shawnee Rotary Club

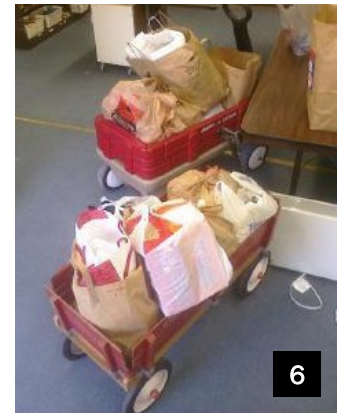
- Eight Rotary members assisted with Rebuilding Shawnee Together and installed smoke detectors or replaced batteries in detectors in over 20 homes.
- Had over 50 members and spouses assist with Johnson County Christmas Bureau and we donated 125 coats. We also are collecting gifts for a family that we adopted for Christmas.
- We are collecting cans of food to help our Interact Club with food donation to a local food pantry.
- Two members (Dr. Rick Randolph and Kevin Tubbesing) traveled to Haiti to distribute ovens, which the Haitian's can use safely and limit their exposure to smoke.
- The club added one new member, a transfer from the Plaza Club, Rebecca Lang.
- The club awarded a PHF+1 to Dr. Larry Daugherty.



CLUB NEWS

Leawood Rotary Club

- Our club had great attendance during our shifts at the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. Pictured in #1 are some of our crew.
- Our club will be sponsoring our ambassadorial scholar Abby Hannifan to attend an orientation program in Nashville.
- Bill Pettus, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 27, visited the Leawood Rotary club in November. He shared his journey with Rotary and gave the club a vision for what each member can do in Rotary. See Picture #3
- Our club's December social at the Sheraton netted many contributions of coats, other clothes, toys and gift cards that went to Johnson County Christmas Bureau and to the Shawnee Mission Head Start program.
- Our members rose to the occasion during our December 8 Food Drive. Each attendee brought double food items or \$10. Pictured in #6 is some of our collection!
- Member Charles Lusk is pictured in #5. He was the winning team captain for raffle donation solicitations for our fundraiser.
- Stu Sharp and John Meier were the auctioneers for the Christmas auction. See picture #2.
- Member Chuck Udell has been appointed as the Southern Johnson County coordinator of the 2012 Inbound GSE Program from Finland.
- The club welcomes new member, Brad Moore. See picture #4.



CLUB NEWS

Overland Park South Rotary Club

- The club hosted its annual Christmas shopping trip on December 13 with children from TLC (Temporary Lodging for Children) and a partnering local Wal-Mart. For the past several years, the club has supported children at TLC in buying Christmas gifts for their friends, their families, and themselves. About 40 children, who are displaced from their homes, participated in this year's event with about 20 Rotarian "elves."
- The club has scheduled its 2012 Jazz in the Woods Festival, the 23rd annual event, 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.
- The OP South Club's Future of Hope Foundation awarded grants of \$1976 to TLC (a local shelter for children at risk); \$2000 to the Mission Project (serving young adults with Down Syndrome to defray costs of living)
- Bill Ferrie was inducted as a new member on Nov. 30. Welcome, Bill!
- Carrie Hibbeler of the Kansas City TV Fox 4 Love Fund will be given a Paul Harris Award for her outstanding contributions to the Overland Park South Club's annual Jazz in the Woods festival. The Fox 4 Love Fund serves community youth, and is supported in part by proceeds from the jazz festival. Thanks, Carrie, for your service to our community's children!



Shawnee Mission Rotary Club

- The club had eight different Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army every Saturday from Thanksgiving to December 17th.
- Club elections were held. Alana Titus will be the new President-elect and Tom Talkington, 2nd Vice President.
- The club had 18 attend the District Foundation Banquet.
- Thirteen Rotarians worked at the Johnson County Christmas Bureau on Saturday, December 10th, an annual event for the club.
- The club held their annual Christmas Family of Rotary dinner, this year held at the Strawberry Hill Museum. Thirty-four attended.
- Dick Gruendel was presented with a PHF+3 pin.



Topeka North Rotary Club

- We have adopted two families for Christmas for which we will be delivering their gifts on December 21st, 2012. We will also be helping the North YMCA wrap presents for their Christmas party. December is always a great time of year not only to give back but also to reflect back and be Thankful for what you have and who you have around you.
- November was somewhat a slow month for us but we did have the pleasure to tour our new Helping Hands Humane Society, thanks to Bill Acree. With this new location HHHS hopes to be able to reach more people in hopes of adopting out more pets. Bill said that more than 10,000 cars pass by their new location daily, which he hopes will be opened by the end of the first quarter of 2012, and that at their current location they don't have 10,000 cars pass by there in a month. With this new location they will have much more added space not to mention the facilities will be more with current times. Bill said he is really looking forward to getting into the new building.

CLUB NEWS

Topeka Downtown Rotary Club

- The holiday season is ushered in the first meeting in December each year by the appearance of Mike Hall at the Downtown Topeka Thursday meeting. Dressed in stovepipe hat and black cape reminiscent of Charles Dickens era, Mike exuberates great cheer which permeates the club for the season!
- MEMBERSHIP is the club's focus this year. Working with Membership Chair Doug Scott, Curtis Sneden is spearheading a drive for a Venture Club of young professionals. At the December 15 club meeting, Curtis stated, "Rotary can offer many things to younger people, including the opportunity to serve. We look forward to sharing that message of Rotary with many young professionals, beginning this evening with our first Venture Rotarian information meeting."
- Forty-year member, Joe McFarland, was presented a certificate of Honorary Membership by Club President Anita Wolgast at his home on December 8. Unable to attend club meetings due to his health, Joe was pleased to have good Rotarian friends Jim Blackburn and Ted Bryan help with the presentation.
- Seventeen volunteers with the Rotary Dictionary Project, overseen by board member Eugene Williams, spent three weeks in November delivering 47 Spanish and 187 English dictionaries to four lower-income schools in Topeka. Members talked with students about the meaning of Rotary, explaining the projects that we do in the local community and around the world. The children were led in using the dictionaries to immediately start looking up words. The expressions on their faces speaks volumes about the excitement they felt in receiving the gift of the dictionary. Special thanks to Rotarian Ann Palmer for these wonderful pictures of the students.



Mike Hall ushers in the Holiday Season.



Curtis Sneden explains Venture Club.



L to R: Jim Blackburn, President Anita Wolgast, Joe McFarland and Ted Bryan.

