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- Wine Tasting
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- Inspiring Keynote Speakers
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- Saturday Evening Banquet
- Sunday Memorial Service and Foundation Program

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Message from RI President Kalyan Banerjee

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

This November, I had the opportunity to speak at the Rotary institute in Kolkata, India. The focus of this institute was on peace and the ways in which we in Rotary could work to build peace. When I received the invitation, I began to think about what I might say, knowing that with all that Rotarians do in this area, my main challenge would be keeping within the time limit!

But just before I arrived in Kolkata, I spoke at a water conference in Tel Aviv. It was a wonderful event at which Rotarians and non-Rotarians from all over the world came together to discuss the many challenges of keeping an ever-growing population supplied with an increasingly scarce resource. Before I could begin to talk about Rotary's contribution, however, I had to explain what Rotary is and what we do – because even in that very educated audience of scientists and entrepreneurs and executives, there were many people who had simply never heard of Rotary.

As I left that event, I began to think again about what to say in Kolkata, because so much of what we do in Rotary to build peace depends on public awareness of who we are. Why have we been so successful in our work to eradicate polio? Because Rotary is able to go where no government and few other nongovernmental organizations can – into homes, into schools, and into communities, with the trust and confidence of the people we serve.

We need to not just work through Rotary, but talk about Rotary—letting the world know about the work we are doing . . .

When we in Rotary work for peace, we don't do it by negotiating treaties or demonstrating in the streets. Instead, we build peace by example – by working together, whatever our nationality or background, and putting others' needs above our own. We build peace by dealing with the problems that disrupt people's ability to live normal, peaceful lives – whether those problems are a lack of water, or sanitation, or safe, affordable housing; whether they stem from a shortage of education or health care, or a need to build productive and positive connections between communities. In everything we do, we rely on our good name.

This is why all of us have a responsibility to be sure that our good name is indeed known. We need to not just work through Rotary, but talk about Rotary – letting the world know about the work we are doing, the differences we are making, and the benchmarks we are setting. Our Rotary work speaks to our belief that a better, more peaceful world is possible, and we need to be sure that our voices are heard.



RI Convention—Bangkok 2012



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

Message from RI Trustee Chair, Bill Boyd

Our Foundation helps us help others

A friend who is an Arch C. Klumph Society member recently sent me an email ending with words that remind us of why we support our Foundation. John began life in humble circumstances and became a successful businessman. Through our Foundation, he has shared that success with people who have no ability to help themselves. He said: “As someone who was born poor on a farm during the Depression, I can confirm that when you have nothing, a little bit goes a long way to help. I remember like it was yesterday those neighbours and relatives who helped our family of nine and gave us support and encouragement. In essence, this is our Foundation’s mission.”



Another quote that impressed me recently came from a Rotarian at a Rotary institute: “I joined Rotary for business and fellowship. I stayed to change the world.”

For many of us, Rotary is our only way to change the world. As individuals, there is little we can do on our own, but when we join with our fellow Rotarians, we do make a difference. How we do that depends on where we are. If you are in a country with great needs, then you will be involved in identifying the needs of people and developing and implementing projects that will change their lives. If you are one of this generation who has been blessed with success, then you can help by making resources available. Our Rotary Foundation, in a sense, sits in the middle and makes the connection.

Our business model works, which is why we will in a few years celebrate 100 years of supporting Rotarians in making the world a better place. We have passed the test of time.

Significant Achievement Award - Deadline March 5

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT CLUB SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FORM—MARCH 5, 2012

The Significant Achievement Award recognizes Rotary clubs for outstanding community service projects. To be eligible, project must:

- Address a significant problem or need in the local community
- Involve most or all of the club members in personal rather than monetary service
- Be commensurate with the club’s size and resources
- Be capable of emulation by other Rotary clubs
- Be currently active or reach a conclusion during the Rotary year for which the award is given
- Be carried out by a single Rotary club



Pick your best club project, complete the form and send it to the district office by MARCH 5, 2012.

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FORM](#)

Excerpt from 2012 Annual Bill Gates Letter for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

The foundation's top priority remains helping to complete the eradication of polio, perhaps the best-known vaccine-preventable disease in the world. I spend a lot of my time learning about the disease and being an advocate for doing what it takes to end polio. At the start of 2011, poliovirus was still spreading in three areas: 10 countries in Africa (with viruses that originated primarily in Nigeria), Afghanistan and Pakistan, and India.

Now India has reached a huge milestone. The country had only one case in 2011, which was recorded on January 13 in West Bengal. So on January 13, 2012, India celebrated its first year of being polio free. The challenge in India was mind-boggling. It's hard to imagine how you would design a polio campaign that reached every Indian child. More than a billion people live in the country. Massive numbers of families migrate constantly to find work. One of the largest states, Bihar, is flood-prone. In some cases, the vaccine didn't work as well as it had in other parts of the world, probably because of malnourishment, diarrhea, and other illnesses. But the government kept raising awareness and improving the quality of its campaigns, even in the toughest locations. The Indian government deserves special credit for this achievement.



Polio vaccinators crossing the Ganges River on the last day of the polio campaign (Bihar,

In 2012 we need to keep India and all the other places that are polio free from getting re-infected. The biggest focus for 2012 will be improving the polio vaccination campaigns in Nigeria, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. I recently visited Chad and Nigeria to meet with leaders there, and it's clear that we have high-level political support. Still, deploying high-quality vaccination teams and educating parents so that every single child is vaccinated will take a lot of work. In Nigeria our biggest problems are low-quality campaigns and the fact that some parents don't trust that the vaccine is safe. In Pakistan these problems are compounded by the security situation.



Girl receives polio drop in the Fulani settlement in Mashakeri Village (Kebbi, Nigeria, 2011)

It will be challenging to continue raising the approximately \$1 billion per year it takes to run the global campaign. Last year the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Japan, Canada, Norway, Saudi Arabia, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, and Rotary International provided substantial contributions. Rotary continues to be the heart and soul of polio eradication, supporting the program directly while also taking on a larger role in encouraging

other donors to give more. A new partner, FC Barcelona, is spreading the message of polio eradication to millions of football fans across the globe.

We are continuing to invest in studies about how polio spreads and trying to model where we need to intensify the vaccination campaigns. We are also working on new vaccines. Finding every last poliovirus requires good tools along with trained and motivated workers in every single country.

These are enormous obstacles, but the success of the polio eradication program in India and 90 other countries gives me confidence that we can triumph in these final challenging countries and end polio once and for all.

Topeka Downtown—Inspired by Feature on CBS's 60 Minutes

Inspired by a feature on CBS's 60 Minutes, Topeka Downtown President Anita Wolgast and members of the Board of Directors presented the Easter Seals Capper Foundation with five iPads for children with special needs. The Downtown Rotary Club's Foundation made a financial gift to purchase iPads for children with autism and children with other disabilities.

The impact of the iPad for individuals with autism is dramatic. A new world of communication opens up for these children who previously were unable to communicate. New applications (apps) and technology of the iPads make this possible.

Jim Leiker President and CEO of Easter Seals Capper Foundation commented, "For many children—like 12-year old Bryce who has had limited verbal skills for most of his life—the iPad has been a game-changer. Bryce took to the iPad instantly, as if he had just been waiting for someone to give him a voice and a way to communicate with those around him."



Topeka Downtown Foundation Chair Terry Diebolt (left) and President Anita Wolgast (in purple) with Jim Leiker (center), President and CEO of Easter Seals Capper Foundation, with Topeka Downtown Club board members. Wonderful smiles, knowing they are making a BIG difference in the lives of these children!

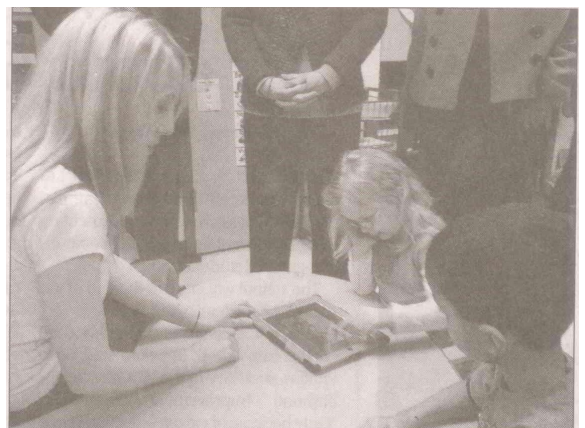


Leiker also is a member of the Topeka Downtown Club. He says, "Rotary asks its members, 'what would it take to change the world?' This Topeka Rotary Foundation gift to fund iPads for children with communication delays certainly changes their world—and their families—by giving children a voice using new and "cool" technology to participate in life—at home, school and at play. On behalf of the children and families we serve, we are indeed grateful for this generous, life-changing gift."

Anita Wolgast,
President of the

Topeka Downtown Rotary Club, states, "Being a Rotarian means building international relationships and eradicating polio, but at the same time it also means support those with needs in our own community. We are happy to be able to positively impact the lives of these children who face challenges every day."

"Our Topeka Rotary Foundation voted unanimously to support this worthwhile project. When we heard the story of the impact that the iPads could make in the life of an autistic child, we knew we wanted to fund the purchase of iPads!", said Terry Diebolt chairman of the Topeka Rotary Foundation.



Picture: Phil Anderson/The Topeka Capital-Journal

Teacher assistant Rachele Hubbart, left, works with students Abigail Smith, 4, center, and Bradyn Mock, 5, who are using a new Apple iPad on Thursday at Easter Seals Capper Foundation, Topeka, KS.

Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club—5th Annual Martin Luther King Community Breakfast

The fifth annual Martin Luther King Community Breakfast was held at Maceli's on Monday, January 16. The breakfast was sponsored by the Lawrence Ecumenical Fellowship and the Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club.

Dr. Bernie Kish, Dr. Richard "Dick" Barnett, Jayhawk President John Conard, Jr., and Rev. Paul Winn are shown in the picture to the right. Kish, Conard and Winn served as coordinators for the breakfast.



L to R: Dr. Bernie Kish, Dr. Richard :Dick: Barnett, President John Conard, Jr. and Rev. Paul Winn.

Dr. Barnett was the speaker for the MLK event. He was a three-time All-American player at Tennessee A & I, now Tennessee State University, and led his team to three consecutive NAIA National championships for Hall of Fame Coach John McLendon.

Barnett spent 14 seasons in the NBA from 1959-74 and is primarily known for his nine seasons with the New York Knicks. He scored 15,358 regular season points in his career. Following his years in professional basketball,

Useful Rotary International Links

- Want to hear about the new first from RI? Sign up for one or more of their newsletters
<http://www.rotary.org/en/mediaandnews/newsletters/morenewsletters/Pages/ridefault.aspx>
- Rotary Reader Magazine—Click on the icon in the lower left corner at this link to subscribe
<http://www.rotaryleader-en.org/rotaryleader-en/en201201#pg1>
- Missed a meeting and need a make-up? Check out an e-club. There are six pages of clubs—look for the ones in US for English speaking clubs!
- E-club description: <http://www.rotary.org/en/members/runningadistrict/membershipanddevelopment/Pages/eclubs.aspx>
- List of e-clubs: <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/ridefault.aspx?k=ClubKeywords%3ae-club&txtKeywords=e-club>
- Why Join Rotary? Short statements from Rotarians. Put together your own message with ideas from these Rotarians.
<http://www.rotary.org/en/aboutus/joiningrotary/benefitsofrotary/Pages/ridefault.aspx>
- Seven ways to get more o9ut of Rotary in 2012
http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120103_news_resolve.aspx
- Rotary Blog (Rotary Voices)—To submit a post, click on CONTACT US at the tope of the page, then download the CONTRIBUTOR'S GUIDELINES.
<http://blog.rotary.org/>

Dates to Remember for 2010-11

2012

MARCH—LITERACY MONTH

- 1 Changemaker submission to ADG
 20 Presidential Citation submission to ADG
 3/16
 to 4/16 GSE D5710 to D1380 (Finland)

APRIL—ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

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

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

- 12 Foundation Banquet
 Sheraton Hotel, Overland Park

Upcoming Club Events

[CLICK HERE FOR CLUB EVENT DETAILS](#)

ATCHISON ROTARY CLUB

Harlem Ambassadors
 March 1

LENEXA ROTARY CLUB

Shrimpfest 2012
 March 3, 5:30-9:00 pm,
 \$20 adults, \$10 children under 10
 Bingo is \$10 for 12 games with over \$1,200 in prizes
 Silent Auction Items
 Lenexa Community Center, 13420 Oak, Lenexa
 Contact: Andy Prosser, aprosser@prosserwilbert.com

JOHNSON COUNTY ROTARY CLUB

Trivia Night
 April 10, 6:00-9:00 pm
 Wil Jenny's Restaurant
[Click Here for Flyer](#)

MANHATTAN ROTARY CLUB

Annual Golf Tournament
 May 21
 Contact: Tom Fryer, raf1963@gmail.com

OVERLAND PARK SOUTH ROTARY CLUB

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

Academy Award Videos from Rachel Greenhoe, Zone Annual Giving Officer

With the Academy Awards just around the corner, Hollywood is all a buzz with excitement as they prepare to honor the very best movies of the past year. In the spirit of Oscar, I would like to share with you some exciting new videos of our own! Here are links to a new video series that is available for your use. The videos are also available on DVD from shop.rotary.org. (Feel free to use these video clips for your club.)

Doing Good: Intro = <http://vimeo.com/34051471>

Doing Good: Supporting Education = <http://vimeo.com/33737948>

Doing Good: Growing Local Economies = <http://vimeo.com/33736218>

Doing Good: Fighting Disease = <http://vimeo.com/33735961>

Doing Good: Providing Clean Water = <http://vimeo.com/33735494>

Doing Good: Saving Mothers and Children = <http://vimeo.com/33690570>

Doing Good: Promoting Peace = <http://vimeo.com/33671034>

Order DVD online: <http://shop.rotary.org/Doing-Good-World-DVD/dp/B0043N0762>

District Membership Numbers

Month of January

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 February 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	1/31/2012 Membership	YTD Gain/Loss	January Attendance
Atchison	77	75	-2	69.89%
Baldwin City	16	16	0	64.00%
Blue Valley	12	14	2	85.71%
Bonner Springs	23	25	2	60.00%
Burlingame	13	12	-1	62.50%
Burlington	31	28	-3	66.00%
Council Grove	52	0	NA	0.00%
De Soto	41	0	NA	0.00%
Emporia	62	63	1	56.79%
Frankfort	23	21	-2	69.00%
Gardner	56	55	-1	66.36%
Garnett	24	0	NA	0.00%
Holton	27	30	3	52.00%
Howard	17	16	-1	75.00%
Johnson County	35	34	-1	70.59%
Johnson County Sunset	23	0	NA	0.00%
Junction City	66	69	3	46.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	15	15	0	56.67%
Kansas City	56	58	2	63.40%
Lawrence	192	206	14	48.00%
Lawrence Central	27	24	-3	51.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	65	71	6	60.59%
Leavenworth	87	90	3	67.84%
Leawood	56	55	-1	81.06%
Lenexa	46	46	0	72.63%
Louisburg	45	42	-3	46.43%
Manhattan	193	200	7	59.97%
Manhattan Konza	78	81	3	49.07%
Marysville	48	47	-1	74.00%
Olathe	96	0	NA	0.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	27	28	1	43.00%
Osawatomie	25	0	NA	0.00%
Oskaloosa	28	0	NA	0.00%
Ottawa	27	30	3	62.67%
Overbrook	30	28	-2	88.40%
Overland Park	137	134	-3	72.47%
Overland Park South	89	85	-4	70.50%
Paola	38	39	1	62.00%
Shawnee	56	61	5	79.00%
Shawnee Mission	54	54	0	59.72%
Spring Hill	17	18	1	66.00%
Topeka Downtown	188	180	-8	53.24%
Topeka North	23	0	NA	0.00%
Topeka South	114	116	2	74.56%
Topeka West	22	20	-2	80.00%
Valley Falls	16	0	-16	0.00%
Valley Heights	21	0	NA	0.00%
Village West	40	42	2	58.93%
Western Johnson County	30	33	3	57.50%
TOTALS/Average Attendance	2584	2261	10	** 62.33%

**Percentage for Clubs Reporting

Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for January

Will your club be listed here next month?

Overbrook.....	88.40%
Blue Valley.....	85.71%
Leawood.....	81.06%
Topeka West.....	80.00%
Shawnee.....	79.00%
Howard.....	75.00%
Topeka South.....	74.56%
Marysville.....	74.00%
Lenexa.....	72.63%
Overland Park.....	72.47%
Johnson County.....	70.59%
Overland Park South.....	70.50%

Average Attendance (for the reporting clubs) for the month Of January: 62.33%

Clubs with 65% to 70% Attendance:

Atchison—	69.89%
Frankfort—	69.00%
Leavenworth—	67.84%
Gardner—	66.36%
Burlington—	66.00%
Spring Hill—	66.00%

New Club Members for January

Gardner.....	Jesse Dahlin, Robert O'Connor
Lawrence Jayhawk.....	Mason Gilliland, Stephen Prue, Riley Scott
Leavenworth.....	Mary Scott
Leawood.....	Scott Green
Ottawa.....	Joy Beatty
Overland Park.....	Arlene Ladegaard, Corey Means
Overland Park South.....	Jim Conkright
Paola.....	Jeff Dasenbrock, Geri Hartley
Shawnee.....	Marty Gilmore, Stephanie Meyer, Steele Zierlein



Lawrence Jayhawk
New Member:
Mason Gilliland,
Partnership
Channel Service
Manager, Trintech,
Inc.



Lawrence Jayhawk
New Member:
Riley Scott, State
Director and Dep-
uty Chief of Staff
Office of U.S.
Senator Jerry
Moran



Lawrence Jayhawk
New Member:
Stephen C. Prue,
Haskell Indian
Nations University
Assistant to the
President

CLUB NEWS

Valley Heights Rotary Club

- The club is taking tickets at all the home high school basketball games this season. Because of the club's volunteering their services, the school district is saving money.
- The club will have a team in the Marshall County Relay for Life for 2012.

Valley Falls Rotary Club

- The club sponsored a basketball tournament for 5th and 6th grade boys and girls in January. The proceeds from the tournament and concession stand will go towards high school scholarships.
- The club has a Student on the Month project that honors a high school senior each month. The students are selected by school faculty and are invited, along with their parents, to have dinner with club members and presented with certificate and a Rotary magazine.

Topeka South Rotary Club

- Club members volunteer twice a month to help serve meals at Let's Help.
- The club welcomes back Mike Murray (President with Brackett, Inc, a local manufacturer). Mike is a former club member who is returning. The club also welcomes Stefanie Caracioni, a dentist, as a new member.
- The club had Dr. Steven A. Hawley as a speaker on February 10th. Dr. Hawley is a former NASA astronaut that was a flight member on five Space Shuttle missions and logged over 770 hours in space. His talk was covered and featured by KSNT and WIBW television as well as the Topeka Capital Journal.
- Topeka South had eleven members attend the Accelerate Rotary, District 5710 Assembly on February 11th.
- The club will provide a new pair of shoes and socks to 10 elementary students this month as the club continues their Soul Mate project.

Topeka Downtown Rotary Club



President Anita Wolgast presents new member Joleen Miller of BNSF Burlington (Northern Santa Fe) with her membership pin.



Rotarian Curtis Sneden shared the club's developing Venture Club membership plan at the District Accelerate Rotary on February 11.



US Senator Jerry Moran attended a meeting in February as a "make-up" meeting for his club.

- The club continues to support their Youth Exchange student with a monthly stipend. The club also provides tuition fees and recently purchased a year book for their student.
- The club donated \$1,000 to Washburn's Women's Alliance Scholarship.
- Scott Teeter was presented with a Ruby Paul Harris pin.
- The club's Foundation presented the Easter Seals Capper Foundation with five iPads. See story on page 5.

CLUB NEWS

Shawnee Rotary Club

- The club served 225 people at Johnson County Food Ministry on February 9th.
- The club welcomed three new members: Stephanie Meyers, Steele Zierlein, and Martin Gilmore.
- A Paul Harris was awarded to Paul Blaufuss, the son of club member Marilyn Blaufuss.

Paola Rotary Club

- The club is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. Plans are underway for a celebration dinner and community project.
- The club is raffling off a lawn mover, blower and chainsaw for a fundraiser.
- ***The club has gained five new member so far since July 2011!***



Overland Park South Rotary Club

- President-elect Chris Ford will represent the club at the RI Convention in Bangkok. Sah-wah-dee khrap to you, Chris.
- Joe Tiernan was inducted as a new member on February 1. Welcome, Joe!

Ottawa Rotary Club

- Rick Morton from the Lenexa Rotary Club worked with President Ed Coulter to borrow 60 ink flamingos to be used in a fund raiser for the Shawnee Mission Northwest High School Interact Club that Lenexa sponsors.



The money raised by the Interact Club will help fund their trip to Guatemala this June with Heart to Heart to participate in fresh water projects. Flocking an individual's yard is accomplished by a "friend ordering a Flamingo Flocking. If you want your friend to have 10 flamingos, it will cost you \$20. Super size the flock (20 flamingos) for \$40. We understand the Interact Club has

already raised over \$300 in one week. The Ottawa club raised over \$1,000 to support various literacy projects last fall. Good luck to those young men and women . . . It's almost as much fun as t-peeing!

- Thank you Colonel Gary LaGrange US Army, Retired—The club was fortunate to have Colonel LaGrange as its featured speaker this month. Colonel LaGrange provided a passionate presentation as he has helped thousands of children in some very difficult places. He formed "Help us Learn. . . Give us Hope." One of the many things that the program provides is basic school supplies for Iraqi, Afghan and African school aged children. Many of our troops assist in delivering these much needed supplies. To learn more about this work, [CLICK HERE](#).
- Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger visited the Ottawa club this month thanks to a connection that club member Mark Simons had. Commissioner Praeger is responsible for regulating all insurance sold in Kansas and overseeing the nearly 1,700 insurance companies and 96,000 agents licensed to do business in the state. She informed the club about the functions of the office of Insurance Commissioner. She also spoke briefly about the Affordable Care Act and the issue of uninsured drivers in the State of Kansas. Thank you Sandy for visiting our club.



State Insurance Commissioner
Sandy Praeger

CLUB NEWS

Manhattan Rotary Club

- Congratulations to Taylor Lund and Alec Kujawa, Manhattan High School Students of the Month for January. The club is please to honor these outstanding students.

L to R: President Mark Queen, Alec Kujawa, Taylor Lund and Vern Hendricks, Student of the Month Committee Member.



Louisburg Rotary Club

- Focus on the Future—the club had a panel of six business people and Rotarians speak to 100 students from the local high school Career and Life Planning class about how to be successful in the workplace. The students heard from a journalist, a minister, a retired veterinarian, a banker, a nurse and a cosmetologist—pictured to the right.
- The club delivered Valentines to seniors on Valentines Day. Three toddlers passed out cookies and made their elderly friends smile.
- The club will hold a 15th Anniversary Party on February 25th. The club will celebrate with fun and paying it forward. The strictly social event will be full of games and laughter.
- Rotarian Don Kuehn, OD was honored as Humanitarian of the Year 2011 by VOSH International, a humanitarian organization providing vision care worldwide for people who can neither afford nor obtain such care. VOSH stands for Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity. *Pictured to the right: V/I president Ellis Potter, OD (left) presented the Humanitarian of the Year award to Don Kuehn, OD (right) whose dedication to VOSH dates back to the early 70s.*



Atchison Rotary Club

- The first “Rotary After 5” was attended by over 20 Rotarians and their guests. “Rotary After 5” provides an opportunity for Rotarians and their guests to meet and fellowship with other Rotarians in an informal setting outside of the regular club meeting. “Rotary After 5” will continue to be a monthly event held after work at a local establishment/restaurant.
- The Atchison Rotary Club was named 2011 Organization of the Year by the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber’s annual awards banquet. In addition, Rotarian Jerry Sanders was named chairman of the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce for 2012 and Rotarian Carrie Sowers received the Excellence in Leadership Award from the Chamber.

Pictured to the right: President Goldie Boldridge-Brown (center) and President-Elect Reed Berger (right) accept the 2011 Organization of the Year award from Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce President Jacque Pregont.



CLUB NEWS

Lawrence Rotary Club

- Blue Cup money collected during January went to the Lawrence Schools Foundation to be used for school supplies for students unable to provide their own supplies.
- Club Secretary Phil McKnight was honored anonymously with a tree and marker at the Rotary Arboretum in recognition of the work he does for the club.
- Club members Judy Billings and Jeff Heeb were presented with Paul Harris Fellow Pins +1 in January.

Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club

- Pictured to the Far Right: Delmar Falen (center) honored his daughter, Kyra Shimizu, as a Paul Harris Fellow. Delmar earned the privilege of honoring someone through his contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Kyra, a professional musician, lives in Boulder, Colorado, where she trains service dogs for the blind. Three-month-old Primrose is her latest trainee. Past District Governor and past District Foundation Chair Bob Schwartz (left) made the presentation.



L to R: PDG Bob Schwartz, Susan and Mark Andersen



- The club met on January 5 at the Spencer Museum of Art on the University of Kansas Campus. Rotarian Margaret Benjamin hosted the event. Margaret is the museum's director of external affairs.
- On February 9, PDG Bob Schwartz presented a Major Donor Crystal and pin to Susan and Mark Andersen for their contribution to The Rotary Foundation. Susan is the daughter of Bob and Jan Schwartz.
- Even though Maggie Mahoney had recent knee replacement surgery, she arrived and distributed her traditional Valentine's Day carnations at the club meeting on February 9.



L to R: Maggie Mahoney and Pat McCandless



L to R: Maggie Mahoney and Dee Weber.

Gardner Rotary Club

- The club is continuing their CERT program on Tuesday evenings. Participants must attend all 10, 2-hour classes to receive their certification. Residents who attend CERT are able to help their community in the event of a natural disaster by assisting first responders and protecting families and property. The club is proud to co-sponsor this training with the Johnson County Fire District 1.
- The club picked up a Meals on Wheels route. Meals on Wheels had reached its capacity and needed to add a third route to the program. Rotary stepped forward and enabled them to expand the meals to those in need.
- The club continuously works to keep the food pantry stocked. Monthly the club takes food barrels to the pantry and do monthly financial contributions.
- The club welcomes two new members: Mike O'Conner and Jesse Dahlin.
- The club recognized Sandy Rieger as a Paul Harris +3. The club is blessed to have Sandy in their club.

CLUB NEWS

Leawood Rotary Club

- The club welcomes David M Chao, Ph.D., Stowers Institute for Medical Research, President and CEO, as a meeting speaker (pictured to the right).
- This month the club begins their NCAA Bracketology promotion to raise funds.
- The club held their Anniversary Dinner on February 11 at the Nicklaus Golf Club at Lions-Gate. It was a wonderful celebration and award ceremony. The club geared up for the rest of the year and celebrated their past accomplishments.



L to R: President Mike Searcy, Rookie of the Year recipient Scott Cooper, Vice President Marjorie Valentine and President Elect Don Smith



L to R: President Mike Searcy, Rotarian of the Year Recipient Ken Selzer, Vice President Marjorie Valentine and President Elect Don Smith



L to R: President Mike Searcy, Vice President Marjorie Valentine, Avenues of Service Award Recipient Nancy Barber, and President Elect Don Smith



New repeat/multiple Paul Harris Fellow's (since the November Foundation Banquet) in the Leawood Rotary Club who were able to attend the Anniversary Dinner.



First time new Paul Harris Fellow's in Leawood Rotary Club who were able to attend the Anniversary Dinner.