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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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## FML Seminar

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August 6, 2011

**REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3**

Washburn University Student Union

8:15am to 3:10pm

Registration—8:15am with coffee and juice served

**FREE TO ALL DISTRICT MEMBERS!**

*Be inspired and get up-to-date information through motivational  
breakout sessions and stimulating presentations.*

Guest Speaker, *Bill Pettus*, Zone 27 Regional Rotary Foundation  
Coordinator—"Rotary Foundation Future Vision Plan—Getting Ready"  
Luncheon Guest Speaker *Joe Calhoon*—"Transformational Leadership"

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## *Message from RI President Kalyan Banerjee*

All of us in Rotary are looking to change the world – why else would we be Rotarians? We believe that our world can be happier, healthier, and more peaceful, and that we can create that better world through our service.

In 2011-12, I will ask Rotarians to *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*. I will ask you to search first within yourselves, to understand that all of us, everywhere, have the same dreams, the same hopes, the same aspirations, and similar dilemmas. When we understand, and truly feel, that others' needs are the same as our own, we begin to understand how important our work is. In the year ahead, we will have three emphases in our Rotary service.



Our first emphasis in this Rotary year will be the family. The family and the home are at the core of all our work – all our service begins here. And through the family, we approach all of our community and indeed, all of humanity, as an extended family, in which all members care for each other. In times of joy and in times of need, no one is ever alone.

Our second emphasis will be continuity – finding the things we do well and taking them to the next level. We must build on our successes, expand on them, and strive to do even more. Of course, our greatest obligation is to Polio-Plus, where success is now so close.

And our third emphasis will be change. We must understand that true change can only begin with each of us, and start within us. We cannot share peace with others if we do not have it to give. We cannot look after the whole world without first looking after those closest to us: our families, our clubs, and our communities.

Mohandas K. Gandhi said, “You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” In Rotary, we endeavor to live ethically and honestly, to share friendship and fellowship, to see equal worth in every human being. We are not interested in the lowest common denominator, for Rotary is anything but common. Instead, we work to elevate ourselves, elevate others, and thereby embrace the world.

Together, we will *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*. And in peace, harmony, and friendship, we will bring change – and a more joyful world.

Kalyan Banerjee  
President, Rotary International

## *Message from DG John Vandewalle*

When you read this, please send me a message with the words “read the newsletter”

Or send a text message to 913-588-5706

Or send an email to [johnv@intouchconsulting.com](mailto:johnv@intouchconsulting.com).

You will be eligible for a special price!

## ***Group Study Exchange with Finland—Deadline July 31***

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JULY 31.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED BUT CAN'T COMPLETE THE APPLICATION BY JULY 31,  
CONTACT ANDREA NORRIS ([asnorris@earthlink.net](mailto:asnorris@earthlink.net)) FOR AN EXTENSION.

In 2011-12 the Group Study Exchange will be with Rotary District 1380 in Finland. GSE is funded by contributions to The Rotary Foundation and provide a month-long expense-paid visit to another country for a Rotarian team leader and four team members.

The outgoing visit to Finland will take place from March 16 to April 16, 2012.

The District is seeking applications for a ROTARIAN Team Leader and four (4) NON-ROTARIAN Team Members for this exciting exchange.



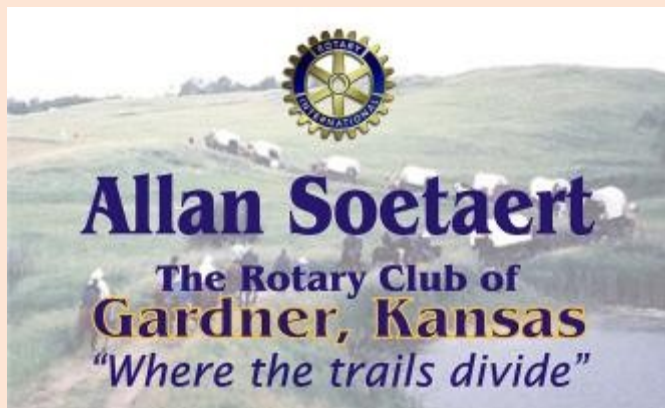
For a link to the GSE page on the District website, [CLICK HERE](#). On this page you will find more information, a GSE brochure, handbook and program guide along with and applications for team leader and team member.

## ***Modernizing Your Club's Look and Feel***

What does your club use for name badges?

- Do you still use the “old fashioned” round or window badges?
- Are your club badges attractive to prospective new members?
- Are the names easy to read?

Maybe it is time to update and modernize the image your club portrays . Perhaps a change as small as a new name badge style will be just the boost your club needs to attract new and younger members. Here is a sample of the new, customized, credit-card style name badge for the Gardner Rotary Club.



To find out more about custom name badges, [CLICK HERE](#).

## ***BOOKS FOR KIDS***

The 3,000 plus pre-school children of the metro Kansas City Head Start programs once again will need books.

For the past five years Rotarians have collected 5,000 books per year. TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH THIS PROJECT—OR START YOUR OWN BOOK PROJECT IN YOUR COMMUNITY, [CLICK HERE](#).

## *New Members Are a Breath of Fresh Air*

By Bob Wilhelm, District Membership Chair

Think about what it's like when you attend your weekly Rotary Club Meeting. You sit down to eat, wonder who the speaker is because you forgot to check before you came. You go through your ritual of saluting the flag and the oh so familiar, "Pledge of Allegiance". A prayer is offered, you recite "The 4 Way Test" and finally it's time for the speaker. But what occurs instead is a formal ceremony to induct a new member. Instantly, there's a feeling of pride, accomplishment, team, success and it feels like a "Breath of Fresh Air" pouring over you. WE'RE GROWING!



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New members bring new energy, creativity, new ideas, more resources and a sense of moving to another level of service within your organization. If Rotary is a service organization, new members are your investment in the future.

We are in the process of kicking off a new initiative that is based on data we've collected that has been successful. We're piloting or testing 5 clubs in our district (2 large clubs, 2 medium clubs and 1 smaller club). Governor John Vandewalle has made Membership Growth his number one priority so, we will be updating you monthly on our progress with the pilot clubs and suggestions for immediate success in your club.

Have you ever heard the saying, "they respect what you inspect"? As a leader, if you FOCUS every week on acquiring new members, your club will respond. This is just one of several important factors in growing your club. We call this one The Focus Factor. By the way, your club BOARD must be focused on membership as well. Some clubs have a one month campaign or a one-meeting campaign where everybody is supposed to bring a guest. That's fine, but then after that weekly meeting or that month, the focus goes away and so do the new member inductions. The Focus Factor has to be weekly to realize success. Say goodbye to a gain of "net 1" and hello to real growth; 5, 10, even 20 new members.

Our current membership in the district is in the 2,600 range and our goal is 3,000. Are you ready to FOCUS? Every week, every board meeting, make gaining new members the priority. Inducting new members is not only "A BREATH OF FRESH AIR", but an investment in the future.

## *Submit Recipes for the Rotarian Flavors of the World Cookbook*

The Rotary Club of Long Grove, Illinois is putting together a Rotarian Flavors of the World Cookbook. Their goal is to prepare the most comprehensive collection of food recipes from every corner of the Rotary world.

Submit recipes **BY JULY 31** in one or more of the following categories: Appetizers and Beverages, Soups and Salads, Vegetable Dishes, Meat Dishes, Desserts and 10-minute Meals.

Send recipes via email to: [rotarianflavorsworldcookbook@gmail.com](mailto:rotarianflavorsworldcookbook@gmail.com) OR [rotaryworldcookbook@hotmail.com](mailto:rotaryworldcookbook@hotmail.com)

This cookbook has been approved and authorized by Rotary International for the purpose of raising fund for Polio.

William J Ferreira, PDG District 6440

Rotary Club of Long Grove, Illinois

Phone: 847-302-6310, Fax: 847-634-1026



## *Greetings! From Laura Kelley—Ambassadorial Scholar in Tanzania*

Greetings from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania! Hope this finds you well. Thanks to my generous hosts, Kishor and Mina Shapriya, I am settling in well. I attended my first meeting Tuesday morning with the Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam—Oysterbay and have started my research on family planning at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences. Thank you all so much for supporting this wonderful opportunity.



Beach on Chumbe Island, Zanzibar



Laura eating a fresh lychee

Dar es Salaam, or Dar, is right on the Indian Ocean and is beautiful, hot (even though it is winter here), dusty and busy. Last week was a national holiday and some mosques downtown had stunning, colorful banners. I've also met some Tanzanian neighbors and will have dinner at their house tonight. People are very friendly here and are always saying 'welcome' and 'thank you' in Kiswahili, even when I am the one who is trying to thank them! I played soccer with a Tanzanian men's football club – I think they were surprised to see a small foreign girl, but played me the ball nonetheless. I am enjoying the last mangoes of the season; oranges and watermelon are next.

Another highlight was my weekend trip to Zanzibar. I went snorkeling in a reef in a protected marine reserve; just when you thought you had seen every color more would come up. It was affiliated with an ecolodge that runs on solar power and uses filtered rainwater for the shower and tap. In Stone Town, I saw a famous historical slave market and beautiful whitewashed architecture, and drank Arabic coffee.



Mosque in downtown Dar es Salaam for the Saba Saba holiday.

Sincerely,  
Laura

## *Summer Lewis—World Peace Fellow in Australia—“Marvelous Melbourne”*



My future as a mother!

For a “marvelous” glimpse into life in Australia—[CLICK HERE!](#) Summer's blog is a FUN read, with GREAT pictures. Some of the highlights to check out:

Four seasons in one day—only saw the sun for a total of 15 minutes in 6 days!

Culture and coffee, museums, wine bars, cafes and food food food.

Pleasures of sight and sound far outweighed olfactory discomfort.

School holidays + free museum + dinosaurs + insects + lots of stuffed animals = rethinking having children!

I'm starting to consider adopting—a koala.

Mmmmmmmmmmm, Marvelous Melbourne—I will be back! When it's warmer, with my koala and my light box.

## Dates to Remember for 2010-11

### 2011

July

31 **GSE to Finland Applications Due**

#### August—Membership & Extension Month

6 Foundation, Membership & Leadership Seminar

7 GSE Team Leader Interviews, Topeka

20 GSE Team Member Interviews, Topeka

#### SEPTEMBER—NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

30 District Simplified Grant Applications Due

#### OCTOBER—VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

#### November—Rotary Foundation Month

19 Foundation Banquet

#### DECEMBER—FAMILY MONTH

### 2012

#### JANUARY—ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

#### FEBRUARY—WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

25 District Assembly, Topeka Area

#### 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

4/28-29 District Conference, Location TBD

MAY

6-9 Rotary International Convention  
Bangkok, Thailand

#### JUNE—ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

### Upcoming Club Event

DETAILS AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT HOME PAGE  
UNDER CLUB EVENTS

#### DeSOTO

Sunflower Sales for PolioPlus—Zimmerman's Kill Creek Farm  
Until the sunflowers are gone!

Honor system—pick your sunflowers anytime

Contact: Larry Johnson, Cell 816-289-1428

#### BURLINGTON

No-limit Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

Rock Creek Country Club, 2:00pm registration

August 20

More information: [djones@centurylink.net](mailto:djones@centurylink.net)

#### SHAWNEE

Bike Safety Rodeo

August 20 at Mill Valley High School in Shawnee, KS

#### BONNER SPRINGS

33rd Annual Tiblow Trot—a 5 mile race or 2 mile walk

August 27

#### SPRING HILL

Golf Tournament—September 6

#### SHAWNEE

Sunset in the Park—Annual Fundraiser

September 17, —Park Pavilion, Shawnee Mission, KS

6:30pm to 9:30pm—Details at [www.sunsetinthepark.org](http://www.sunsetinthepark.org)

#### WESTERN JOHNSON COUNTY

“Around the World” Annual Fundraising Event

September 17, Cedar Creek Clubhouse, Olathe

6:30pm to 9:30pm

#### BONNER SPRINGS

75th Anniversary Ball

October 1—Celebrate the Club's 75th Anniversary

#### VILLAGE WEST

Parade of Heroes

October 6, 6:30pm

#### LEAWOOD

Bids 4 Kids—Casino Night

October 8, 6-11pm, Overland Park Sheraton.

## District Membership Numbers

### Month of June

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 June by the deadline date of July 15.

The membership count listed for July 1, 2010 reflects the information Rotary International received on club Semi-Annual Reports (SAR's) submitted for that date. This is the number that will be used to calculate membership growth in our District for 2010-11.

[Check out rotary5710.org](http://rotary5710.org)

Go to the District Home page to find:

- iPhone Club Locator App
- Sign up for a Rotary "aha!" moment
- Make your own "this close" ad
- Why does the Rotary year start 1 July
- Follow Summer Lewis, World Peace Scholar on her blog
- List of upcoming club events
- Photo Albums for the Joplin Clean-Up and Panama Water Project
- Contribute to PolioPlus
- Find information for Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand

CLUB	7/1/2010 Membership	Membership As Of 6/30/2011	June Attendance
Atchison	79	74	49.71%
Baldwin City	15	0	0.00%
Blue Rapids	21	0	0.00%
Blue Valley	14	0	0.00%
Bonner Springs	26	0	0.00%
Burlingame	12	13	53.85%
Burlington	33	31	51.11%
Council Grove	48	0	0.00%
De Soto	39	41	54.27%
Emporia	68	62	53.04%
Frankfort	24	23	76.00%
Gardner	61	56	65.88%
Garnett	30	0	0.00%
Holton	24	27	55.00%
Howard	19	17	62.40%
Johnson County	43	35	85.39%
Johnson County Sunset	0	25	58.00%
Junction City	86	0	0.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	17	15	38.89%
Kansas City	54	58	60.00%
Lawrence	197	0	0.00%
Lawrence Central	32	27	53.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	66	65	71.20%
Leavenworth	94	87	67.42%
Leawood	55	56	84.31%
Lenexa	43	47	61.88%
Louisburg	42	44	48.00%
Manhattan	210	211	56.70%
Manhattan Konza	73	79	46.11%
Marysville	50	48	66.00%
Olathe	93	0	0.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	39	34	53.00%
Osawatomie	22	0	0.00%
Oskaloosa	34	34	50.00%
Ottawa	17	27	53.00%
Overbrook	32	30	77.00%
Overland Park	146	137	74.94%
Overland Park South	89	89	69.10%
Paola	32	37	64.00%
Shawnee	60	56	81.00%
Shawnee Mission	62	0	0.00%
Spring Hill	16	18	72.00%
Topeka Downtown	196	188	53.02%
Topeka North	16	23	62.00%
Topeka South	114	115	68.97%
Topeka West	21	25	85.00%
Valley Falls	18	18	69.00%
Village West	38	42	60.00%
Western Johnson County	0	30	79.49%
<b>TOTALS/Average Attendance</b>	<b>2620</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>** 62.55%</b>

\*\*Percentage for Clubs Reporting

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

*Will your club be listed here next month?*

Johnson County.....	85.39%
Topeka West .....	85.00%
Leawood.....	84.31%
Shawnee .....	81.00%
Western Johnson County .....	79.49%
Overbrook .....	77.00%
Frankfort .....	76.00%
Overland Park .....	74.94%
Spring Hill.....	72.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk .....	71.20%

*Average  
Attendance (for  
the reporting  
clubs) for the  
month  
of June:  
62.55%*

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

Overland Park South—	69.10%
Valley Falls—	69.00%
Topeka South—	68.97%
Leavenworth—	67.42%
Marysville—	66.00%
Gardner—	65.88%

**New Club Members for June**

- Howard.....Matt Hilton
- Lawrence .....Donald Brada, Kurt Falkenstien
- Leawood.....Andrew Allen
- Louisburg .....Jimmy Allen, Larry Fields, Shelley Haines, Sid Wise
- Manhattan .....Benjamin Johnson, Scott Munsen
- Manhattan Konza .....Linda Knupp
- Overland Park .....Rick Freeman
- Paolo.....Kenneth Sanderson
- Topeka North .....Mark Sidwell
- Topeka West.....Gary Smith
- Western Johnson County .....Bob Del Popolo, Renee Herrmann, Andrew Nave

**WELCOME**



Manhattan Rotary Club New Members  
LEFT: President Sue Maes, Benjamin Johnson  
RIGHT: Scott Munsen





## Lawrence Central—Tour of Lawrence

The Lawrence Central Rotary Club sponsored the first Lawrence Community Bike Ride.

*Excerpt from Lawrence Journal World WellCommons section:*

*Despite hot, humid weather, Lawrence’s first Community Bike Ride drew 125 participants of all ages.*

*At age 69, [Lawrence Central Rotarian] Bob Swan got on a bicycle for the first time in nearly 40 years and rode two miles. He took a spin around the Rotary Arboretum with his daughter Amy Swan, 35, and granddaughter Maya Morris, 8.*

*“Hey, I didn’t have a cardiac arrest,” he said, with a grin.*



L TO R: Three Generations! Bob Swain, daughter Amy and granddaughter Maya.

[TO READ THE REST OF THE STORY, CLICK HERE.](#)

## DeSoto Rotary Club Presentations

#1—DG John (R) presenting Gene Gower (center) with a plaque for 50 years of perfect attendance along with club President Larry Kroemer

#2—DG John (R) presenting John Hackworth (L) with the Paul Harris +1 pin while President Larry Kroemer (center) looks on.

#3—DG John (R) presenting the Presidential Citation Award to President Larry Kroemer (L).



## CLUB NEWS

### Blue Rapids Rotary Club

- The club held a social in June to recognize new Paul Harris Fellows, Alan Minle, Frank Popejoy and Steve Laydushey.

### DeSoto Rotary Club

- The club participated with DeSoto Arts Council in the Sunflower Artfest 2011 held at the Zimmerman's Kill Creek Farm. The proceeds for the sale of sunflowers will be donated to the PolioPlus program. The weather was warm but there was still a large turnout of people and vendors to make the Artfest successful.



### Emporia Rotary Club

- Thirty-one club members and spouses staffed the club's signature event, the Dirty Kanza Bicycle Race, a 200-mile race along with a 50-mile and a 20-mile race. The club served hamburger and hot dogs to the over 450 bicycle racers and their families.



#### EMPORIA ROTARY CLUB YEAR-END RECAP

The Rotary Club of Emporia recently installed new officers for the next year and thanked out-going President Barbara Wry for an outstanding year of service.

Under President Wry's term, Rotary continued service to the Emporia Community by sponsoring youth baseball teams and donation of money to various charitable organizations including the Pakistan flood relief, the Salvation Army, Reading tornado relief, and the William A. White Foundation.

Special projects accomplished this year by the Emporia Rotary Club included purchasing of new kitchen appliances for the Mother-Child Residence at Corner House, food preparation for cyclists and spectators at the Dirty Kanza Bicycle Race, interior renovation of the Plumb Place, distribution of free dictionaries for all Emporia third grade students, landscaping of the Clocktower, and the LemurFest to raise money for a new Lemur exhibit at the Emporia Zoo.



L to R: Director Marc Childress, Foundation Director Marshall Miller, Treasurer John Korsak, Incoming President Jodi Heermann, Outgoing President Barbara Wry, Director Chuck Frazier, Director Jim Gartner, President-elect Dean Hollenbeck.

Not pictured - Secretary, Jim Wayman and Director, Matt Zimmerman



## CLUB NEWS

### Gardner Rotary Club

- In June the club had a Pulled Pork Food Booth at the Festival on the Trails in Downtown Gardner. The event was a huge success and raised over \$1,200 for club projects. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped!
- The club geared up to participate in the Relay for Life on July 8. The team raised over \$2,500 and the event raised over \$105,000 total. In picture #1 are club members and Survivors Robert Thompson and Marlin Chanay at Relay for Life.
- The club's Annual Dinner was held on June 23. Cherlyn White Conklin, incoming President presented outgoing President Mandy Sheldon with her plaque in picture #2.
- Club Treasurer Randy Tedford was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for his dedication and service in Rotary. In picture #3 is Randy and Gary Duggan.



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### Johnson County Rotary Club

- After 23 years at the Holiday Inn in Overland Park, the club has moved to the Cleveland Chiropractic building at 10850 Lowell Avenue in Overland Park.
- The Annual Awards ceremony was held in The Living Room at Incredabowl on June 23. Everyone had a great evening of club recognition, food, bowling and a lot of fun! The club presented their charities with \$6,000 raised throughout the year. ADG Moe Cougher conducted the Installation of Officers.
- Members from the club participated in the District sponsored Joplin tornado clean-up effort.
- The club reached its goal of \$7,000 for Rotary International.
- Four members were selected as Rotarians of the Year for their efforts in helping with another successful year. Recipients were Lyle Curtis, Larry Huff, Ray Makalous, and Shirley Ray.
- Shirley Ray and Ted Nelson received Paul Harris Fellows.



Renee Flowers



Fun for all!



Roger Crawford—Concentration!



Larry Huff—Great form!

## CLUB NEWS

### Kansas City Rotary Club

- Thirty nine members and guests enjoyed the Inaugural Dinner at the Long Star Restaurant in June. Past President Dave Tyler talked about the past year's achievements of the club and thanked the Board of Directors for their work this past year. President Robert Kaufman talked how the club needs to recognize those projects that we can do and cannot do for the new year. Karla Nichols acted as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. President Dave presented Paul Harris Fellows to Eva Knight and George Turner. Bruce Schlosser was presented with a PHF+1. Throughout the evening Karla drew names for door prizes. Thanks to Loir Hansen, Joe Ozbolt, Rosemary Podrebarac, Terri Porter and Greg Shondell for supplying the prizes. A big "thank you" goes to Rosemary Podrebarac for planning this year's event. Greg Shondell set up the location for the dinner.

### Lawrence Rotary Club

- The Service Committee will again this year continue its program of providing free tennis shoes for children in need. For the fourth year, the club will partner with The Ballard Center as the Center begins its program to provide free school kits to students who qualify for free and reduced school lunches. The Ballard Center will see that the students meet the requirements, and will ask for the student's shoe size when the student applies for the school kits, and store the shoes and distribute them in August when the students come in for their school kits. Shoes will be collected during the July meetings. Members choose a paper "shoe" that indicates the gender and shoe size of the child. The shoes are returned with the paper "shoe" attached to the box. Alternatively, the member may choose to donate money and let the committee do the shopping. This project is being organized by Service Committee Chair Jane Bateman.
- A party celebrating the achievements of new member goals for 2010-11 was held in June at club member Gene Meyer's home.
- Four new members were approved during June, two of whom were inducted in June and the other two will be inducted in July. As of the middle of July, three new member proposals have been received.



### Manhattan Rotary Club

- On June 30th the club witnessed the installation of new President Mark Queen and the recognition of President Sue Maes' great year with many accomplishments. Pictured to the right is Mark Queen and Sue Maes.
- The club welcomes Benjamin Johnson and Scott Munsen (see page 8 For pictures). Scott is a transfer member from the Manhattan Konza Rotary Club.
- Felix Obadan, District Governor of 9125 in Nigeria, was a guest speaker in June. He presented an update of the Jada Project: Disabled Children's Home.
- Robert and Tracy DeBruyn received Paul Harris plus pins.



### Shawnee Rotary Club

- Six members participated in Cross Lines food kitchen on July 6. The club is preparing for another event with Cross lines in July.
- The club is preparing for their Annual Bike Rodeo on August 20. Last year the club handed out over 500 helmets.
- John Thomas received his first Paul Harris Fellow in July.

## CLUB NEWS

### Leawood Rotary Club

- In June, the club held the Signing Day Ceremony for the three REACH scholarship winners this year. The picture to the right was taken at Bishop Ward of the recipients with a representation of Rotary members.
- The vocational committee has been discussing the agenda for the upcoming year for project REACH. Their discussions include more routine contact with students so that students develop a stronger tie to their mentor. They have also discussed the feasibility of having smaller mid-point incentives that will further a student's academic plans and keep them more engaged in the program (i.e., job shadowing day, summer reading program for ACT help.)
- Bids 4 Kids: The club will hold its annual Bids 4 Kids Fundraiser on Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 6-11p, at the Overland Park Sheraton. Each member of the club will be selling raffle tickets. This event is the fundraiser which funds the club's projects throughout the year.
- Corporate Membership Strategy: The membership committee is developing a plan to present the club with a Corporate Membership Strategy pilot program which will allow them to attract companies and professionals as a way to increase membership and effectiveness in the community.
- The highlight of the month was the installation of the President and Board. President Gary Bussing turned the gavel over to Incoming President Michael Searcy at the July 14 meeting. President Mike Searcy awarded Gary Bussing with his Past President pin and crystal globe as a thank you gift for a job well done. Pictured to the above right is President Mike Searcy and Past President Gary Bussing.



L to R: Back Row, Rotarian Dave Anderson, Father Michael Hermes and Rotarian Jake Schloegel. Front Row, Jamie Crowler, Nick Bartolac and Oscar Solis.

#### 2010-11 LEAWOOD ROTARY CLUB PROJECTS

- REACH awards & scholarships
- I Like Me Reading Program
- Dictionaries to Welborn and White elementary schools
- Back to School Backpacks
- Johnson County Christmas Bureau
- Building a playground at Hillcrest Transitional Housing

Plus, cash contributions to:

- Ali Kemp Foundation
- Blue Valley Multi Service Center
- COR Furnishings Ministry
- Open World
- LifeStraw
- Marillac
- Platoons Forward
- Shelter Box
- Swaziland Arts for Education
- Urban Ranger
- . . . . and others!



## CLUB NEWS

### Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club

- Teresa Kempf was recognized as a new member of the Paul Harris Society.
- Rotarian Chris Barteldes was recognized as a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation (with gifts of \$10,000 to the Permanent Fund and \$10,000 to PolioPlus).

#### LAWRENCE JAYHAWK YEAR-END RECAP

- The club surveyed members to help prioritize service objectives, established a club budget, created a four-year strategic plan, and improved the use of technology for club communication, membership and financial administration.
- Supported Panama Water Project: PDG Bob Schwartz travelled with his daughter, Susan Andersen, and the district team to Panama to install water filtration systems.
- Completed the club's contribution for the Gates Polio Plus Matching Grant **one year** ahead of schedule!
- Formed an interclub committee for the ongoing development and support of the Rotary Arboretum in Lawrence.
- Provided support for the Pre-K program at Kennedy Elementary School, with food for staff, mittens and gloves for the children during the holidays, two new video cameras, and a \$600 contribution for supplies for eight classrooms. The Lawrence Schools Foundation selected the club for the 2010 Friend of Early Childhood Education Award.
- Welcomed 20 Army ROTC cadets to the Veterans Day meeting.
- Sponsored the Martin Luther King Community Breakfast.
- Produced the club's first fundraiser, Trivia Night, raising \$5,000 for the club's service projects.
- Prepared a club history.
- Sponsored two students for RYLA and awarded two scholarships to high school seniors.
- Welcomed new members: Nancy Hause, Kurt Goeser, Scott McCullough, David Darwin, Keith Van Horn, Linda Farrar.
- Recognized these new Paul Harris Fellows: Kathy Perkins, Doug Wasson, David Darwin, Linda Farrar. And these multiple Paul Harris Fellows: John Conard PHF+4, Don Duncan PHF+3, David Darwin PHF+1, Maggie Mahoney who recognized Dick Stuntz with a PHF and Teresa Kempf became a member of the Paul Harris Society. Chris Barteldes became a Major Donor.

### Ottawa Rotary Club

- The club donated \$600 to the Rotary Club of Joplin, Missouri following the tornado that devastated that city recently. Shown in the picture to the right is club member Sara Caylor with a past president of the Joplin Rotary Club. Sara's sister and family in Joplin lost everything in the tornado. The Ottawa Club decided to send a contribution to the Joplin Club as a show of support for Sara's family and the Joplin community in general. Sara personally delivered the check to the Joplin Club.



## CLUB NEWS

### Leavenworth Rotary Club

- The club was saddened by the recent passing of Rotarian Roger Olson. Roger was a Rotarian for 36 years. You could always count on Roger to keep the club meetings lively. The club sang "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" in honor of Roger. President John Donovan had club members sound off with Roger's favorite motivational words, "Hip, Hip, Hooray." Roger would often sound off with these words during a club meeting. Roger will be dearly missed.
- The inducted new members Jana Goodman, State Representative and Angela Rodesky, Public Relations.
- The 2010-11 Rotary year concluded with the installation of the new officers for the coming year. President John Donovan spend a few minutes covering the many programs that were successfully accomplished over the past year. John recognized Teri Yunghans with the President's Award for Outstanding Service. DeEtte received her Paul Harris Fellow +5 pin from President John Donovan. John said that DeEtte leads by example when it comes to The Foundation. John closed his comments by saying everything he is, the club members made him. He said he was the calm before the storm, referring to Tom Gray, the incoming President. With those remarks, he passed the gavel to President Tom Gray. Tom's first order of business was to present John with the very prestigious Past president pin and a plaque. Tom recognized the new Board members and introduce the new 2011-01 Rotary International theme.



Roger Olson



L to R: Teri Yunghans, President John Donovan



L to R: President John Donovan, DeEtte Lombard

Far Right: President Tom Gray presenting the Past President Plaque and pin to John Donovan

Right: 2011-12 Club President Tom Gray



### Overland Park South Rotary Club

- The club staged its annual Jazz in the Woods Festival in June. The free, two-day outdoor event featured local and national jazz music artists. With revenue generated from multiple sources (sponsorships VIP tent sales, on-site food, beverage, merchandise sales, 5K/10K race, and lottery tickets sales) the club will distribute approximately \$60,000 among three designated recipient charities and its own Foundation, the Future of Hope Fund. The event required the involvement of nearly every individual in the club, plus the support of dozens of volunteers from other charity organizations. The club is grateful for everyone's help, participation, and giving. Three children-serving agencies in the Kansas City area will receive substantial gifts as a result.
- Officer and board transition occurred in June and July.
- Club members Cindy Meyer, Dave Vanderveen, and Lee Stuart received Paul Harris Fellows in June.



## CLUB NEWS

### Overland Park Rotary Club

*To District Governor John,*

*There have been many fond moments from my year as President of the Overland Park Club. I have to thank my Board and membership for stepping up to help me whenever asked. I would also like to thank you and Bernice for supporting me when I started with less than a full understanding of what the position required. I'll have to say that I didn't fully appreciate the value of Rotary before attending the convention last year. I have encouraged all of those in line for the Presidency to make sure they attend the International convention, it's a great way to get motivated for the year ahead.*

*I can't say that I accomplished the goal I set for membership but at least we initiated 14 new members but unfortunately, had a net gain of only three. I do believe that we instilled in the members the importance of exposing more people to Rotary. As far as accomplishments, I'd have to count bringing our Club's Foundation and the Club membership closer together.*

*Finally, I feel that I gained more from the year than I gave and I hope to be able to repay our Club in the years to come for the honor of serving.*

*Thank you for serving and being an inspiration to us all, not to mention the tremendous help you have been to me.*

*George Cook*

### Shawnee Mission Rotary Club

- June Pancake Breakfast—Old Shawnee Days served over 600 people.
- The following Rotarians were recognized for their outstanding ticket sales for the Pancake Breakfast: Mark Lieb, Dave Shepherd, Tim Mitchell, Wilber Spalding, Tom Oltjen, Dwight Teter, and Mason Ormsby.
- Dave Shepherd and Mike Lee were recognized for going to Joplin to help with the Tornado clean-up in June.

### Topeka Downtown Rotary Club

- The club held a Career Day at Washburn Institute of Technology; held an Essay Contest on the "Four Way Test"; held a golf tournament for PolioPlus.
- The club's Annual Meeting was held at the Topeka Country Club. Paul Harris Fellows were presented to two community leaders: Bill Bunton, Mayor of Topeka, former Kansas Legislator, commercial real estate manager and former dehydrating plant owner; and Frank Sabatini, banker, lawyer, rancher, businessman and philanthropist. A first time award based on a business exemplifying the Four Way Test was presented to Parrish Hotel Corporation, Jim Parrish, President. Special recognition was given to Jim Caplinger for his support of The Rotary Foundation.
- At the club's year-end meeting attendance and special membership recognitions were presented. President Gordon Lansford presented the Rotarian of the Year Award to Joan Wagnon for her organization of the visit of the Open World Delegation of judges from Russia. Joan rallied the club members to provide a most memorable visit for the delegation. Outstanding Service Awards were presented to Joyce Martin for chairing the Career Day; Tom Gorrell for his assistance in launching ClubRunner and spending countless hours helping move the Club and District offices; Marie Pyko for chairing the Annual Banquet and to Terry Wages for his outstanding service as the Rotary Foundation Chair. At the conclusion of the meeting, President Gordon Lansford passed the gavel to incoming President Anita Wolgast.
- Six members were presented with a Paul Harris Fellow: Sam Carkhuff, Jim Seltsam, Mirian Krehbiel, Richard Ross, Lawrence Brock and William Neiswanger.





## CLUB NEWS

### Topeka South Rotary Club

- The club has a program called “From Our Home to Theirs” where the club members donate items they have, don’t want or don’t use and the club distributes the items collected to various community groups.
- The club is developing a relationship with the Rotary Club of Sibiu, Romania. One of the club’s members, Liviu Florea, is originally from Romania and is helping facilitate the relationship and partnership.
- Two new individuals have been approved for membership: Jeffrey Sorenson and Bryce McHenry.
- Terry Harbert was recognized by the Greater Topeka United Way as one of their VAL Award, top volunteer recipients for 2011 for his volunteer work in Greensburg, Kansas.

### Topeka West Rotary Club

#### LOOK WHAT 25 ACTIVE AND THREE HONORARY MEMBERS CAN ACCOMPLISH!!

- *The 2010-2011 Rotary year began with the Inner-Outer on June 30, 2010 with Carolyn Conroy installed as Topeka West Rotary President.*
- **A three-year strategic plan** was developed and approved by Topeka West Rotary Board and membership.
- “Everyone Recruits One” was adopted as the Topeka West Rotary membership slogan. **Five new members were recruited during the 2010-11 year.**
- *Top of the Tower corporate memberships for Topeka West Rotarians were initiated.*
- *Celebration of Rotarians’ and spouses’ birthdays and anniversaries was a terrific addition to club meetings and enjoyed by everyone.*
- *The “Singing Rotarians” became a vibrant part of every Rotary meeting.*
- **“Upcoming Events”**—The Topeka Capital Journal announced the club’s Rotary meetings.
- **“Drop in the Bucket”** was initiated to affirm members and their accomplishments.
- Topeka West Rotary supported the “Dictionary Project” by donating 408 dictionaries to the following elementary schools: Jay Shideler, Pauline Central, Topeka Lutheran, Ross, McClure and McCarter.
- **The Marian Clinic Benefit, sponsored by Topeka West Rotary on Saturday March 5, 2011 at Shawnee Golf Club, raised almost \$11,000 for medical and dental services of those in need of care. Members of the Washburn Rural High School Interact Club were servers for the event**
- *Topeka West Rotary received the District 5710 Significant Achievement Award for sponsoring the Marian Clinic Benefit and the donation of almost \$11,000.*
- *Topeka West Rotary received for 2010-2011 District 5710 STAR award for our contributions to the Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund for an average of \$104.76 per person, 105% of our goal.*
- *Topeka West Rotary also reached its annual goal of \$2100 for the Rotary International Polio Plus Program.*
- *A shelter box was funded by Topeka West Rotary.*
- **Three Topeka West Rotarians received the Paul Harris Fellow Award.**
- *Topeka West Rotary co-sponsored the Australian Inbound Team.*
- *An Ambassadorial Scholar applicant was sponsored by Topeka West Rotary.*
- *Topeka West Rotary sponsored an applicant to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy).*
- *Topeka West Rotary initiated sales of Rotary Coffee.*
- *“Taste of the Town” sales, as well as participation in KTWU fund raisers and “Highway Cleanup” activities were continued during this Rotary year.*
- **The average 2010-2011 Club meeting attendance for Topeka West Rotary was 86%.**
- *Topeka West Rotary met all the criteria for the Presidential Citation Award.*

## CLUB NEWS

### Village West Rotary Club



DG John Vandewalle and President Kevin Gallagher kick off the 2011-12 Rotary year.



President Kevin Gallagher (L) and Sonny Wilson, Executive Director of S.A.F.E., one of the beneficiaries of the 2011 Parade of Heroes.



Greg Jackson, Manager of Dave & Busters, becomes an official member of the club.

### Spring Hill Rotary Club

- The club supported club member Courtney Minter, Marketing Manager for Golden Living senior living and rehabilitation center, during Golden Living's appreciation day carnival. Pictured to the right is Courtney along with club Secretary Lenet Compton.
- All club officers are returning in their duties for the 2011-12 year with the exception of the Sergeant-At-Arms. Linda Rogers has filled that role.
- Many members supported the Spring Hill community during the month of June and July by serving food at the local baseball park. Proceeds went to the general fund.
- SAVE THE DATE—The club's golf tournament will be held on September 6. More details to come.



### Message from DG John Vandewalle

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