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- Wine Tasting
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- Club Presentations
- Opportunities for Sharing and Growing
- Saturday Evening Banquet
- Sunday Memorial Service and Foundation Program



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

Five jam packed days with RYLA counselors and Rotarians

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

APPLICATION ARE DUE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE BY MAY 4TH—APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DAY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

[Click here for the RYLA Application](#)

[Click here for the RYLA Brochure](#)

Message from RI President Kalyan Banerjee

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

In the first message I wrote for this magazine, last July, I quoted Mohandas K. Gandhi, who said, “You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” And in the months since, I have had incredible opportunities to travel the Rotary world and see how Rotarians everywhere are bringing those words to life.

Creating positive change means, at its simplest, using our knowledge and resources to solve a problem. But when we are talking about solving humanitarian problems in a real and lasting way, knowledge and ideas and resources are not enough to ensure results. We have to remember something else that is no less important: sustainability.

A sustainable solution is one that will continue to work even after the Rotarians who proposed and facilitated it are gone. This means that even though the project might have come from Rotary originally, the community will take ownership of it. That, of course, means that when a part breaks on a water pump, there will be a process in place to repair it and to keep that pump functional – carried out by the community, and without further recourse to Rotary.



“A sustainable solution is one that will continue to work even after the Rotarians who proposed and facilitated it are gone.”

The first step toward sustainability is understanding the need – for example, the cooking fuel problem common in much of the developing world. In many regions, solar ovens are a wonderful solution: They are inexpensive; they rely on a source of energy that is free, nonpolluting, and inexhaustible; and they are simple to use and maintain.

But before we step into a community and attempt to solve its fuel problem with solar ovens, we have to fully understand its situation – and look beyond the problem we see. Perhaps the local foods need to be cooked at a temperature higher than the solar oven can provide. Perhaps the area is windy, and the solar ovens would blow away. Perhaps it’s traditional in that area to begin cooking before dawn, which, of course, you cannot do with a solar oven. These are issues you simply might not have thought of, but that could soon lead to the solar ovens being used to patch roofs or keep animal feed dry instead of for cooking.

If we are trying to bring about change, it’s not enough to say, “My way is the better way.” We have to be listening and watching, not just talking. We can only help others if we reach out with an open mind – and with the knowledge, the commitment, and the perseverance to deliver on what we promise.

RI Convention—Bangkok 2012



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

Message from RI Trustee Chair, Bill Boyd

Get ready for a simpler, more powerful Foundation with Future Vision

I am still occasionally asked why we decided to develop our Future Vision Plan. The question is, if the Foundation wasn't broken, why fix it? The truth is that our Foundation, which has served Rotary and the world so well for over 90 years, was becoming dated. We were reacting to a changing world by adding yet another program or altering our rules, which made the Foundation increasingly complicated and expensive to administer. It was time to face the reality that we must change or see our impact on the world diminish.

We asked over 10,000 Rotarians what changes we should make and then began to work on a Foundation that is simpler and easier to understand, that involves clubs and districts more in spending and stewardship, and that builds more sustainability into our activities.

Just as polio eradication has defined Rotary to the international community in recent years, in the future, our six areas of focus will define us. We will have lifted ourselves above the multitude of little projects that felt good but addressed symptoms, not causes, and too often had a short-term impact. We have demonstrated through our polio efforts what we could do, and we will show the world that there are answers to other major issues, and that Rotary is prepared to lead the way. We can't do it on our own, but we can and will make a difference.

The pilot districts are saying that Future Vision is exciting, leads to greater engagement and enthusiasm, is more efficient, is creating more interaction between clubs, is making Rotarians more aware of opportunities, has scaled up the size of projects, and is leading to greater giving to the Foundation. As chair of our Foundation, I can only agree!



Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration Schedule for April 22, 2012

The Raytown Rotary Club, Blue Springs Rotary Club, and the Rotary Club of Lee's Summit are celebrating 50 years of Rotary in their respective communities during the 2011-2012 Rotary year. Of the many events planned, the three clubs are joining together to create a new annual event: Rotary Ride: Pedaling Against Polio.

The bicycle ride, set for April 22, 2012 will begin and end at Blue Springs Rotary Park and travel through Lee's Summit, to Raytown and return. The ride is expected to attract cyclists of all ages from across the metro Kansas City area including Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike. Cyclists will have many distance options including 15, 30 and 50 mile routes – something for riders of every skill level!

Proceeds from the day's events - which will include the ride, breakfast, lunch and other post-ride festivities at Blue Springs Rotary Park - will benefit the three clubs' non-profit foundations and Polio Plus, Rotary International's project to eradicate polio from the face of the earth.

The committee is currently seeking sponsorships and involvement from clubs across the district and on the Kansas side of the Kansas City metro. If you or someone you know would be interested in sponsoring the ride, riding, or volunteering you can find more information about Rotary Ride: Pedaling Against Polio at www.KCRotaryRide.com or by contacting the Ride Director, Dan Gabbert of the Rotary Club of Lee's Summit, at (816) 309-5626 or via email at ridedirector@kcrotaryride.com.

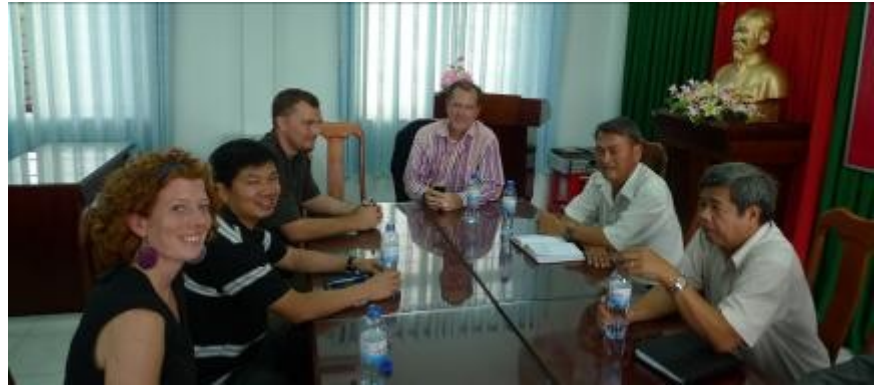


Summer Lewis—Rotary Peace Fellow in Vietnam

Xin chao! Hello from Vietnam! I've been here for 2 1/2 months now, interning with Roots of Peace (ROP), a humanitarian organization promoting agricultural development in areas once occupied by landmines. I've visited small-scale cacao and black pepper farmers, met their families, shared meals, smiles and a few laughs (mostly as I try to practice my Vietnamese). I've also been assisting with background research, marketing materials, and learning the non-profit ropes. These past two weeks I traveled to Cambodia, the Kingdom of Wonder. In addition to visiting amazing Angkor Wat, I joined the Phnom Penh Metro Rotary Club for their lunch meeting. I felt right at home with the club members and guests from Michigan, Oklahoma and Queensland, Australia! I'll be back in Australia in 2 weeks to complete my final semester of master's studies!



At the International Conference on Cocoa in Vietnam with Roots of Peace staff Vi Van Son and Nguyễn Quang Ngân.



ROP involves the Vietnamese government's agriculture department in their work in order to reach as many farmers as possible and provide excellent agricultural training and assistance. Here are me, Roots of Peace staff Nguyễn Quang Ngân (Project Manager), Tucker Kuhn (ROP Vietnam Country Director), and Gary Kuhn (ROP Executive Director) meet with the Binh Phuoc Agriculture and Aquaculture Extension Committee (AAEC).

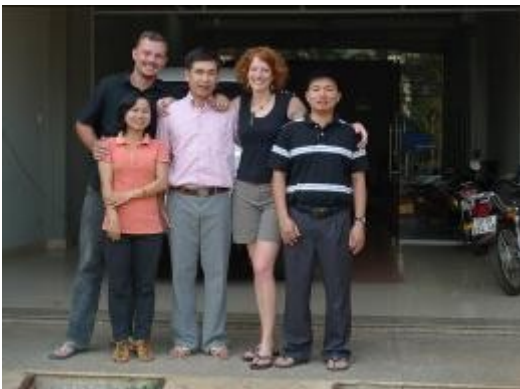


Photo with the Roots of Peace team in Bình Phước Province, the site of the ROP cacao project (from left to right): Mr. Tucker Kuhn (ROP Vietnam Country Director), Ms. Nguyễn Thị Mơ (Extension Advisor), Mr. Vi Van Son (Senior Extension Advisor), me, Mr. Nguyễn Quang Ngân (Project Manager).



Lunch with Phnom Penh Metro Rotary Club

Summer Lewis biking Angkor Wat!



Laura Kelly—Ambassadorial Scholar in Tanzania

Hello Rotarians from Leawood and Essex Rotary Clubs,

Thank you for your generous support for the Rotary Medical Camp held in Bagamoyo, Tanzania last week. I took many pictures which you can view by [CLICKING HERE](#).



The camp had over 700 patients, almost 3 dozen clinicians and clinical students, 20 Rotaractors, 3 dozen Rotarians + spouses and children, and 2 Ambassadorial Scholars in attendance. We screened for HIV, malaria, ENT, eyes, diabetes and other chronic disease risk factors—the camp was held at an orphanage the Oysterbay Club supports. We also distributed 300 nets to under 5s, pregnant women, and elderly individuals. As you can see in the pictures, much of the community came out and it was a great opportunity for fellowship. We appreciate your support from far away!

Best Regards — Yours in Rotary,
Laura Kelley (pictured in the blue shirt to the right)



Jamie Smidt—Ambassadorial Scholar Returning from Santiago, Chile

Here is an excerpt from Jamie’s final report. To read the full report, [CLICK HERE](#).

In early February, I returned to Kansas after a year studying agricultural economics at La Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile in Santiago, Chile as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar.

I met the president of the Santiago Rotaract club and she and I become fast friends. Unlike Rotary in the United States, the club members themselves do very little commu-

nity service, instead relying on the youth to carry out projects that they help fund. With the Rotaract group, I participated in a number of service projects, including a daylong program of activities to

celebrate the “Week of the Child” and regular visits to young cancer patients at the local public hospital. In



Jamie (center) with the Easter Island Rotary Club

addition to service projects, the Rotaract club hosts a number of social activities and exchange programs with other Rotaract members. I had the opportunity to meet and even host Rotaract members from Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay.



Jamie on the campus of La Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile

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L to R: Guillermo Pablo Gonzalez Silva, President of the Huelen Rotary Club in Santiago with JoAnna van der Henst, Marcelo Ostria, Jamie Smidt and Amanda Wallas, after a presentation to the club.

A highlight of second semester was celebrating the “Dieciocho” - Chile’s Independence Day. The historical date is September 18, but Chileans celebrate long before and after the actual date. Typical celebrations include traditional music, dancing of the Cueca (Chile’s traditional folk dance), outdoor barbeques and kite flying. It was truly valuable to spend an entire calendar year in Chile, which allowed me to experience a year’s worth of holidays and celebrations.



Photo of the Santiago Ambassadorial Scholars with a Chilean Rotarian Roberto Silva.

In October, I accompanied a good friend and Fulbright scholar to the south of Chile to assist with his research in honey production as a means to escape poverty. Bee-



Jamie on Easter Island with the Moai statues in the background.

keeping requires a very small initial investment and little manual labor for a relatively large profit, making it an excellent “side-business” for poor farmers. It was fascinating to speak to rural beekeepers and learn about their operations.

I cannot give enough thanks to the Rotarians of District 5710 for your generous support of the Ambassadorial Scholarship. The lessons learned and the experiences gained during my year in Chile are truly immeasurable. Certain things simply cannot be taught within the borders of one’s home state, and because of this, we travel. Thank you so much for this opportunity.

Dates to Remember for 2010-11

2012

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](#)

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

Membership Resources

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

Use Pinterest to Promote Your Club

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



DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE

NEW DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE

[facebook.com/Rotary5710](https://www.facebook.com/Rotary5710)

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



District Membership Numbers

Month of February

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 March 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	2/29/2012 Membership	YTD Gain/Loss	February Attendance
Atchison	77	76	-1	71.00%
Baldwin City	16	16	0	60.00%
Blue Valley	12	13	1	89.29%
Bonner Springs	23	0	NA	0.00%
Burlingame	13	12	-1	54.17%
Burlington	31	30	-1	53.78%
Council Grove	52	0	NA	0.00%
De Soto	41	39	-2	39.10%
Emporia	62	67	5	52.67%
Frankfort	23	0	NA	0.00%
Gardner	56	54	-2	72.73%
Garnett	24	0	NA	0.00%
Holton	27	32	5	55.00%
Howard	17	16	-1	71.30%
Johnson County	35	34	-1	77.37%
Johnson County Sunset	23	0	NA	0.00%
Junction City	66	69	3	46.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	15	15	0	54.67%
Kansas City	56	56	0	65.60%
Lawrence	192	198	6	47.00%
Lawrence Central	27	0	NA	0.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	65	70	5	64.93%
Leavenworth	87	91	4	72.18%
Leawood	56	54	-2	89.13%
Lenexa	46	45	-1	68.93%
Louisburg	41	42	1	41.43%
Manhattan	193	203	10	60.03%
Manhattan Konza	78	82	4	36.00%
Marysville	48	47	-1	79.00%
Olathe	96	0	NA	0.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	27	28	1	44.00%
Osawatomie	25	26	1	69.00%
Oskaloosa	28	0	NA	0.00%
Ottawa	27	31	4	65.04%
Overbrook	28	28	0	93.60%
Overland Park	137	136	-1	72.47%
Overland Park South	89	85	-4	68.58%
Paola	35	0	NA	0.00%
Shawnee	56	61	5	77.00%
Shawnee Mission	54	54	0	61.48%
Spring Hill	17	18	1	69.00%
Topeka Downtown	188	182	-6	56.32%
Topeka North	23	0	NA	0.00%
Topeka South	114	117	3	68.64%
Topeka West	25	22	-3	81.00%
Valley Falls	16	16	0	70.00%
Valley Heights	21	0	NA	0.00%
Village West	40	41	1	59.44%
Western Johnson County	26	32	6	78.13%
TOTALS/Average Atten-	2574	2238	39	** 62.38%

**Percentage for Clubs Reporting

Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for February

Will your club be listed here next month?

Overbrook	93.60%
Blue Valley	89.29%
Leawood.....	89.13%
Topeka West	81.00%
Marysville.....	79.00%
Western Johnson County	78.13%
Johnson County.....	77.37%
Shawnee	77.00%
Gardner.....	72.73%
Overland Park	72.47%
Leavenworth	72.18%
Howard.....	71.30%
Atchison	71.00%
Valley Falls	70.00%

*Average
Attendance (for
the reporting
clubs) for the
month
Of February:
62.38%*

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

Osawatomie—69.00%
Spring Hill—69.00%
Lenexa—68.93%
Topeka South—68.64%
Overland Park South—68.58%
Kansas City—65.60%
Ottawa—65.04%

New Club Members for February

Atchison	Gary Foll
Emporia.....	Phillip Davis, Harvey Foyle, Michael Helbert, Michael Shonrock
Johnson County.....	Lisa Burns
Johnson County-Sunset	Ronnie Yarbrough
Lawrence Central.....	Fred Atchison, Roberta Suenram
Leavenworth	Indira Donegan, Lana Longwell
Manhattan	Daniel Devlin, Brad Kesl, Daryn Soldan
Manhattan Konza	Amber Hamilton
Ottawa.....	Nathan Kluttz
Overland Park	Damond Boatwright, Dustin Lewis
Overland Park South.....	Joe Tiernan
Topeka Downtown	Julie Ford, Christopher Schultz
Topeka South.....	Stefania Caracioni, Mike Murray, Bill Buntan



CLUB NEWS

Atchison Rotary Club

- The club was presented with a membership plaque from the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce.
- The club received a recognition award from the Salvation Army for its participation in “Ring the Bells” during the holiday season.
- President Goldie Boldridge-Brown welcomed newest Rotarian Gary Foll to the club. Prior to joining the Atchison Club, Gary was a member of the Rotary Club of Bloomfield, Iowa.



L to R: New Members Gary Foll and President Goldie Boldridge-Brown

DeSoto Rotary Club



President Larry Kroemer (R) presenting Gene Gower (L) with his Paul Harris +1 pin.



President Larry Kroemer (rear left) and Foundation Chair Larry Johnson (rear right) with Paul Harris recipients, L to R: Tom Strubbe, Jodi Hitchcock, Diana Zwahlen and Dennis Zwahlen.

Gardner Rotary Club

- The Relay for Life committee is hard at work organizing and coordinating this huge event.
- The club hosted a Family of Rotary Game Night. They had cards, kids, food, laughter. The loudest game of all had to be the game Catch Phrase. They discovered there are some very talented Rotarians in their group at this game!
- Rotarians Marlin and Betty Chaney were asked to judge the 4-H Morning Glory “Boxed Supper” theme meal. They judged on taste, presentation, etc. and interacted with your 4-H’ers. They had a blast and encourage any Rotarian to do something like this if asked.
- The club recognized Neil Wakefield as a Paul Harris Fellow plus two. Neil is Chair of Vocational Service and New Generations. He does an incredible job with these areas and the club is lucky to have him.



Holton Rotary Club

- The club held Agriculture Appreciation in February. The guest speaker was Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman. Almost 50 attendees were at the event including farmers, ranchers, members of FFA and more.

CLUB NEWS

Kansas City Rotary Club

- Continuing a long tradition, the club hosted the Unified Government Mayor Joe Reardon's Annual State of the Government speech at the March 6th luncheon meeting. Approximately 450 people were in attendance. Pictured to the right: Mayor Joe Reardon (second from the left) thanked and acknowledged Mayors John McTaggart (Edwardsville), Sly James (Kansas City, MO) and Clausie Smith (Bonner Springs) for regional cooperation.



Lawrence Rotary Club

- Blue Cup money raised during February went to United Way of Lawrence.
- Club member Paul Kincaid was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow pin +1 and member Andrea Norris was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow pin +4.
- The club welcomes Neeli Bendapudi (Dean of KU School of Business), Richard Konzem (COO Golf Course Superintendents Association of America), Stephen Mazza (Dean of KU Law School), Erv Hodges (retires), Tim Caboni (KU Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs) and Christopher Schmid (Multi-Media Consultant for Knology of Kansas) as new members.
- The club welcomes back Joe Flannery, President of Weaver's Department Store.

Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club

- Jayhawk Rotarians welcomed District 5710 Inbound Exchange Students to Alvamar County Club on March 22. The students are shown with Jayhawk Rotary Club banners and paperweights that they received following their presentation. From left: Josephine Hansen (Denmark, attends Gardner-Edgerton High School); Robert Statie (Romania, Gardner-Edgerton High School); Silvana Stefan (Romania, Shawnee Mission East); Robert Thompson, host, District Inbound Youth Exchange Coordinator and member of Gardner Rotary Club; and Alexander Munge (Sweden, Shawnee Mission West).



Leawood Rotary Club

- The club recently disbursed funds to Swaziland Arts For Education (\$3,650) and to the Oysterbay Rotary Club in Dar es Shalaam in Tanzania (\$1,000). The Leawood club is connected to SAFE through Rotarian Dick Wetzler's daughter, Kristin, and with the Malaria Containment Camp in Tanzania through the club's sponsored Ambassadorial Scholar, Laura Kelley.
- The club sponsored Ambassador Scholar Laura Kelley (Tanzania). To the right, Laura shares a photo from her journey as she climbed Mt. Meru. **To read more about Laura, see page 5.**
- The club welcomed new member Chris Stucky.
- The club is proud to be a 100% Paul Harris Fellow club and would like to help their Membership and Foundation Committees for stepping up to make this happen!



CLUB NEWS

Manhattan Konza Rotary Club

- The club continues to grow with the induction of Amber Hamilton as the club's newest member. Amber is the Manager of Varney & Associates, CPAs LLC.

Manhattan Rotary Club

- Congratulations to Shawn Sheu and David Drew Unruh, Manhattan High School Students of the Month for February.
- Dan Devlin, Brad Kesl, and Daryn Soldan were introduced as new member of the club during the month of February.
- President-Elect Ike Ehie was named a Paul Harris Fellow. As the club continues to emphasize the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) program, the number of PHF continues to grow.

L to R: President Mark Queen presents a PHF to President-Elect Ike Ehie.



Ottawa Rotary Club

- The club held its annual Chili/Soup fundraiser event at the First Baptist Church in Ottawa in February. The event netted over \$2,400 and will help fund the \$4,000 in scholarships that are awarded to deserving Ottawa High School students.
- The club welcomes their newest member, Nathan Klutz, owner, The Eye Doctors.

L to R: President Ed Coulter with new member Nathan Klutz.



Overbrook Rotary Club

- The club delivered dictionaries to the 4th graders.
- Held their Annual Pancake Day and grossed over \$600.
- Also held their Annual Farmers Breakfast for local farmers.
- March 8th, the club answered phones for the KTWU fund drive.
- The club is planning its first consignment sale for March 31, a highway pick-up and water safety course.



Overland Park South Rotary Club

- The Future of Hope Fund has issued grants to Special Olympics and The Mission Project. The grant to Special Olympics will be used to help fund its winter games for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The grant to The Mission Project will be used to enhance the quality of life for young adults with Down Syndrome. The Future of Hope raised most of its funds from Jazz in the Woods, held each summer in Corporate Woods and has raised more than one million dollars for children's charities over the past twenty-two years. The 2012 event will be held on June 15.



Shawnee Rotary Club

- Held a home furnishing/utensils drive for individuals and families that were affected by fires in Shawnee.
- Through RI grants and Rotarian Dr. Rick Randolph, the club donated 1200 stoves in Haiti. The club also donated soccer equipment to Haiti.
- John Thomas was recognized in the Top 40 Under 40 by Ingram's Magazine in Kansas City.

CLUB NEWS

Topeka Downtown Rotary Club

- Donated \$449 to the Topeka Rescue Mission for books.
- The club is please to welcome Dr. Julie Ford, the new Superintendent of Schools for the Topeka 501 District.
- Patti Bossert (Topeka South Rotary Club and District Conference Chair) visited the club to promote the conference, "Light the Fire of Leadership." She was please to see that the Topeka Fire Chief is a new member of the club.
- The Director of Downtown Topeka, Inc. spoke to the club and introduced the new master calendar for the city, "365."
- Hurst Coffman surprised President-Elect Blanche Parks with an honorary Paul Harris Fellow award. David Beck and Gordon Lansford also received PHF Plus pins.



L to R: New member Dr. Julie Ford and President Anita Wolgast.



L to R: Hurst Coffman and President-Elect Blanche Parks

Topeka South Rotary Club

- The club provided 10 pairs of shoes for needy elementary children.
- The club donated \$3,000 to the Friends of the Mulvane Art Museum. The funds were proceeds from the annual golf tournament held each year. Friends of the Mulvane provide art supplies and classes to area teachers, children and adults at no charge. Friends of the Mulvane is a non-profit group that promotes the arts in the Topeka community.
- The club has established a relationship with the Rotary Club of Sibiu, Romania. The club conducted their first online meeting with member of the Sibiu club. Their goal is to develop this relationship so they can collaborate on projects. The club will be having another online meeting in the few weeks.



L to R: President Kip Slattery; Cindy Morrison, Friends of the Mulvane Director; and Mark Boranyak, President of the board for the Friends of the Mulvane.