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Foundation, Membership, Leadership Seminar

August 11, 2012

Washburn University Memorial Union, Topeka, Kansas

8:15 am to 3:15 pm

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Register now for the 2012 Foundation/Membership/Leadership Seminar to be held at Washburn University on Saturday, August 11. This is our district's annual opportunity to become updated on current Rotary programs and receive training and tips for Rotary Foundation support, membership, and leadership development. The event is FREE, lunch will be provided, and ALL Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

Topics this year will include:

- The 2013 transition to the Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan
- District and Foundation grants
- The various funds and programs of the Rotary Foundation
- How to organize and participate in an international service mission
- Membership development and retention best practices and resources
- Leadership enhancement
- And a ClubRunner Q & A opportunity.

A detailed event brochure will be available on the district website soon (rotary5710.org). The day will start with registration, juice and coffee at 8:15 am, followed by the program agenda beginning at 9:00 am and concluding at approximately 3:15 pm.

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DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE

NEW DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE

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Click on the icon to the left 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 with the July newsletter, all club news will be reported on Facebook instead of in the district newsletter.



All Club Luncheon at Zone Institute

The 2013-14 Rotary International President, Ron Burton, will be our host at the September 7 All Club Luncheon at Zone Institute. This gathering of leaders from throughout the central United States is a great opportunity to give yourself, partners, and members of your club a truly worldwide view of Rotary. Clubs are strongly encouraged to bring as many members as possible by canceling your regularly scheduled Rotary meeting the week of September 3rd and supporting their attendance to this event.



[CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER.

Overland Park Sheraton
Friday, September 7, 2012
11:30 to 1:00 pm

Message from RI President Kalyan Banerjee

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

When we talk about building membership, we all recognize that welcoming a new member into a Rotary club is only the beginning of our task. To turn a new club member into a committed Rotarian, much more is necessary – and the first step is helping that new member to get involved.

Every Rotarian in every club should know that he or she is not only needed but relied upon. Every Rotarian should have a job within the club – a role to play. After all, why are we in Rotary? We are here to make a difference. Yes, we enjoy our Rotary service, but that is not enough if we are to make Rotary a priority week after week, year after year. The knowledge that we are having an impact, that we are changing lives – that is what keeps

us going, no matter what other demands may compete for our time. And this is why each one of us, however long we have been in Rotary, must always be striving to grow as Rotarians – to find new ways to help others, and to bring about all the positive change we possibly can. For this, more than anything, is what makes our Rotary service worthwhile.

***“Every Rotarian should have a job within the club—a role to play.*”**

Whether we are new members or old ones, each of us can find ways to become more involved in Rotary service – at the club level, the district level, and beyond. Rotarian Action Groups are a wonderful opportunity to put specific expertise or interests to work, in a way that brings Rotarians from every part of the Rotary world together for a common goal. Whether your passion is water and sanitation issues, or microcredit, or blindness prevention – whether you want to volunteer your dental skills or help organize blood drives – chances are there is a Rotarian Action Group for you. And if not, why not organize one yourself? You can learn more about Rotarian Action Groups at www.rotary.org/actiongroups.

Rotary is and always has been an organization based on its clubs. The purpose of Rotary International is not to direct its clubs, but to connect, inform, and support them. Where and how each club, and each Rotarian, chooses to serve, is ultimately the decision of each one alone. So follow your own ambition and your own vision. Open your eyes to the challenges in our world, and use the strength you have through Rotary to find ways to overcome them. Every one of us has so much potential, and can achieve so much, when we *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*.



Passing of J. Robert Groff - Past District Governor of District 5710, 1979-80

This note came to the District Office from Kyle Rader, Bob Groff's daughter.

"My father, James Robert (Bob) Groff, died 7 June 2012 in Anchorage Alaska. He lived with my family for his last few years after suffering a stroke. His sense of humor stayed with him, though. He was a member of the Topeka Downtown Rotary and was a long-time Secretary (over 10 years) before becoming the Club President in 1971-72. In 1971 he represented the club at the Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia. I was able to go along with my parents and that was an incredibly memorable experience. I still email and Skype with another daughter of an Australian Rotarian that I met during the convention. That's 41 years and continuing of a friendship that wouldn't have happened without Rotary and I was just a daughter that got to come along. My dad loved Rotary and all it stands for, so I thought I should let you know."



Kyle send several photos to include in the article. Her comment on this photo, "The one with the slightly patterned suit and striped shirt is more my dad's "style", but it is an older photo, although it looks most like how people might remember him. I teased him a lot for how he mixed colors and patterns, but that was part of my job as his only daughter."

From the obituary in the Topeka Capital Journal:

James Robert "Bob" Groff, 92, passed away on June 7, 2012 in Anchorage, Alaska. He graduated from Topeka High School in 1937 and the University of Kansas in 1941 with a degree in business administration. After being discharged as a Captain serving with the U.S. Army in the Pacific, he graduated from the Washburn School of Law in 1952. In 1955 Bob began practicing law in Topeka with the law firm eventually known as Schroeder, Heeney, Groff and Coffman. He retired from the firm in 1990. Bob was a member of Topeka Downtown Rotary Club and served as President (1971-72) and District Governor (1979-80). He was also a Paul Harris Fellow. Preceded in death by his wife, Sue Ann Overton Groff, and his son, Bruce Groff, DVM, Bob is survived by his daughter, Kyle Rader (Val), Anchorage, Alaska; his daughter-in-law, Janet Byer Groff, Sioux Center, Iowa; and six grandchildren.

District Conference—Inbound Youth Exchange Students



The Inbound Youth Exchange Students with DG John Vandewalle and Youth Exchange Coordinator Robert Thompson (back row on the left).



Each year one inbound and one outbound student is presented a PHF based on their attitude and performance as a YE student and ambassador. YE Coordinator Robert Thompson and Shawnee Mission Rotarian Russ Erickson donate points needed for these awards. This is the 3rd year for these awards. Pictured above with Robert is Alexander Munge from Sweden. His hosting club was Lenexa and he attended Shawnee Mission West where he maintained a 4.3 GPA. His host parents were Peter & Christina Lindstrom. Peter is a member of the Lenexa Rotary Club.

Changemaker Awards Presented at District Conference



The Changemaker Award was presented to Rotary Clubs that made an extraordinary impact during the 2011-12 through their work in the Avenues of Service.

All of the awards were presented by DG John Vandewalle.

- #1, Leavenworth Club, received by President Tom Gray.
- #2, Leawood, received by President Mike Searcy.
- #3, Shawnee, received by President Patrick Hammond.
- #4, Topeka Downtown, received by President-Elect Blanche Parks.

Star Club Awards Presented at District Conference



Star Clubs are clubs who have reached at least \$100 per capita in Annual Program Fund giving.

All of the awards were presented by PDG Vickie Randel. #1, Atchison, received by President Goldie Boldridge-Brown. #2, Gardner, received by DGN Gary Duggan. #3, Leavenworth, received by President Tom Gray. #4, Ottawa, received by President Ed Coulter.

PDG Wes McCoy Received Awards at District Conference



Pictured to the Left: PDG Larry Dimmitt and PDG Wes McCoy. PDG Wes McCoy (Olathe Rotary Club) was presented with the Zone Foundation Alumni Service to Humanity Award. This is an award given each year to the outstanding Foundation alum in our Zone, which consists of 12 district, for outstanding humanitarian international service. Wes was honored for his long history of service to Panama and Guatemala, specifically related to health and clean water initiatives. Pictured to the right: picture: L to R—PDG Jim Mattes District Awards Chair, PDG Wes McCoy, RI President’s Representative Bill Lemmon, DG John Vandewalle. PDG Wes McCoy was presented with the Rotary International Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

District Conference in Pictures—Prairie Band Casino and Resort

TO VIEW ALL OF THE CONFERENCE PICTURES—[CLICK HERE.](#)



The District Conference kicked off with the Friday District 5710 Golf Tournament. Keeping with tradition, it was cold and rainy!!



Past District Governor dinner on Friday night: Left—Randy and PDG Sandy Rieger, PDG Larry and Lois Dimmitt; Center— Elaine Copp and PDG Jim Mattes; Right—Nancy and PDG Wes McCoy

District Conference in Pictures—Prairie Band Casino and Resort



Friday Evening Wine Tasting: Nedra Locke, PDG Larry Dimmitt, Terry Crowder, Lois Dimmitt. Terry is a brand new member of the Topeka Downtown Club. Welcome to Rotary, Terry!



Blackjack Training!! L to R: Doug Young (PE Overland Park), Penny Morgan (PE Topeka South), Reed Berger (PE Atchison), Mike Little (Overland Park South) and Elaine Copp, spouse of PDG Jim Mattes.



L to R: Patti Bossert, District Convention Chair; Jamie Stafford, Venue & Catering Coordinator



Inbound Youth Exchange Students presenting flags from their countries in the opening ceremony Saturday morning.



DG John Vandewalle welcomes district members to the conference.



Rotary International President's Representative, 2012, Bill Lemmon



Top Picture: Group Study Exchange Team from Finland.



Bottom Picture: District 5710 Group Study Exchange Team to Finland. Center, Andrea Norris, Outbound GSE Chair. Adam Ehlert (far right) was the Finland Team Leader. Adam is a member of the Village West Club.



Left: DGE Kevin Tubbesing introduces the 2012-13 Rotary year.



Sunday Morning Memorial Service

Rotary International Convention in Bangkok



Now District Governor Kevin Tubbesing with Dawn Kuhn



Above: Lawrence Jayhawk Rotarian Lena Rodriguez (left) and her parents, JoAnn and Leonard Rodriguez, stand on the Rotary International Convention stage in Bangkok, Thailand. Lena, Leonard, and JoAnn continued their visit to Cambodia where they joined three other Rotarians in purchasing a water well for one of the communities. Leonard and JoAnn are members of the Phoenix, Arizona Rotary Club.

Top Left: Dancers at the House of Friendship. Center: From Topeka Downtown Rotary, Hurst Coffman, President Elect Blanche Parks, Lois and Larry Dimmitt. Top above: Larry, Blanche and Lois on the Zone Cowboy Cruise. Above: Larry, Blanche and Hurst.

Club Visits by the Group Study Exchange Team from Finland



ATCHISON



LAWRENCE



LEAWOOD



DESOTO



SHAWNEE—President Dr. Patrick Hammond, Mickael Beck (Finland team) and Dr. Cleveland from the Cleveland Chiropractic College. Mickael is an Osteopath in Finland, which is very much like Chiropractic here in the U.S.



TOPEKA DOWNTOWN

Dates to Remember for 2010-11

2012

AUGUST

11 FML (Foundation, Membership & Leadership) Seminar

SEPTEMBER

7 All Club Luncheon with RI President-Elect Ron Burton
Overland Park Sheraton

NOVEMBER

10 Foundation Banquet
Sheraton Hotel, Overland Park

Upcoming Club Events

[CLICK HERE FOR CLUB EVENT DETAILS](#)

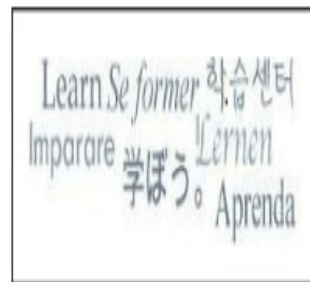
LAWRENCE CENTRAL ROTARY CLUB
Lawrence Community Bike Ride
July 21—Rotary Arboretum/Youth Sports Complex

Lawrence Central Rotary and Ride Lawrence are proud to announce the 2nd Annual Lawrence Community Bike Ride. This year's ride is scheduled for July 21st at the Lawrence Rotary Arboretum/Youth Sports Complex. The ride is completely free and open to all ages. This year's ride has three paved paths—rides that anyone can participate in. People looking for a longer ride will commence a 10-mile ride at 7:30 am while at 8:30 am a shorter 3-mile ride will depart. All morning anyone can participate in an easy 1-mile mini-course around the wide pathways in the Arboretum. T-shirts and safety gear will be given away while supplies last.



For information and to register: ridelawrence.com

Learn.rotary.org



Rotarians can now learn about Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation online, at learn.rotary.org. This site enables Rotarians to take interactive courses in subjects like the RI Strategic Plan and

Rotary's areas of focus. Rotarians can customize their user profiles, track their progress, and print certificates when they complete courses. Each course also has its own online community where registrants can interact with one another and with course moderators. To register for a course, log on to [Member Access](#) and click on "Learn."

RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge totals*

US\$223.4M

*As of 25 June 2012

Polio Facts & Figures

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Area Number of cases in 2012

Afghanistan	8
Nigeria	45
Pakistan	22
Non-endemic countries	3
Total worldwide	78

(Data as of 20 June/World Health Organization)

For the latest on the number of polio cases, progress reports on polio-endemic countries, and other information, go to www.polioeradication.org.

New Interact Club Charter Meeting at Emporia Middle School

The new Interact Club at Emporia Middle School is now an official part of Rotary! Several members of Emporia Rotary Club participated in the charter meeting for the new club on May 9th. Rotarians Jodi Heermann, Nancy Horst and Chuck Frazier welcomed the fourteen new Interact members and provided them with a t-shirt, a pin and a membership certificate. The club sponsors are Andy Hawley and Robert Ousak. Members of the Emporia Rotary Club attending the charter meeting were Nancy Horst, Jodie Heermann, Chuck Frazier, Sam Purohit, Marshall Miller, Teresa Maley and Jim Wayman.



Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12-18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary Club, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting. Rotarians Nancy Horst and Chuck Frazier were instrumental in getting the Interact Club at the Emporia Middle School started, while Emporia Middle School sponsors Andy and Robert took the reigns and helped the students build their club this past school year.

Interact Club members produced and presented their own power point presentation with music showing the accomplishments for the club this year. Some of those accomplishments were:

- Collected over 400 food items for Abundant Harvest
- Collected \$200 from a community fundraiser and school penny war for the Fight Against Childhood Cancer
- Collected care packages for veterans
- Put together their own Facebook page
- Were featured and interviewed on Kansas First News (TV) out of Topeka

What a great start of service for this new Interact Club!

Kansas City Rotary Club—Student Scholarships, Teacher Recognition

The Kansas City Club at its May 8th luncheon, announced the winners of its annual Student Scholarship Contest and recognized outstanding teachers from each of the Wyandotte County high schools.

The club awarded \$1,000 college scholarships to each of the winning students: Mia Richardson of Sumner Academy, Trina Durham of Wyandotte High School and Luke Miller of Piper High School. Normally, the club only awards two scholarships, one to the top female and one to the top male. However, this year there was a tie for top female honors, so three scholarships were awarded. These students competed with other outstanding high school students from the nine Wyandotte county schools. All the students exemplify the highest academic, service and character standards in our community. We can all be proud of what Wyandotte county has helped produce in these students. The Rotary Club congratulates them, and wishes them the best in their pursuit of higher education. (Cont on next page)



L to R: Trina Durham, Wyandotte High School; Luke Miller, Piper High School; Ken Davis, Kansas City Club. Not pictured, Mia Richardson, Sumner Academy.

Kansas City Rotary Club—Student Scholarships, Teacher Recognition (Cont)

In addition, annually the club recognizes outstanding teachers from each of Wyandotte County's nine high schools. This is a program to show appreciation to teachers in the county that represent the best of our community. The teachers were introduced by their school's administrators and were presented a plaque of appreciation by the club. We are grateful to these teachers who give so much of themselves to educate and prepare our youth for the future.

Pictured to the right—Front row L to R: Chaur Jacobson, Turner High School; Michelle McClaine, Schlagle High School, Dane Johnson, Washington High School; Robbie Howard, Wyandotte High School; Steve Howard, Harmon High School. Back row L to R: Bill Warne, Piper High School; Ken Davis, Kansas City Rotarian; Kelly Burns, Sumner Academy; Jeff Fouquet, Bonner Springs High School. Not pictured: Mike Kelly, Bishop Ward High School.



Gardner Rotary Club's Year End/Year Beginning Dinner

The Gardner Rotary Club's Year End/Year Beginning dinner was held June 28, 2012. At this dinner the outgoing president Cherlyn White-Conklin recognized members who have serviced the club, community and international projects tirelessly. The Gardner Rotarians have given hours of their time and money to: Dictionaries to all 3rd graders in the Gardner-Edgerton School district, help at the Boo Bash, sponsor Student Scholarships, sent high school students to Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) for a week, sponsor Inbound students from other countries & Gardner Students Outbound to other countries, sponsor a High School organization (Interact club), volunteers work at Relay for Life and we have a team, recognize a Teacher of the Year, help the Food Pantry, assist at the Jo Co Fair, and presented RYCOE (Rotary Youth Character of Ethics) Award to students at the middle schools, work to eradicate Polio, volunteers helped organize and work the Festival on the Trails, and so much more.

To fund these activities and projects we did our 1st Annual Grocery Grab, sold nuts for holiday cooking & gift giving, had a food booth at the Festival on the Trails, sold KC Star Newspapers on Royal's Opening Day and for fun we had a poker tournament.

We are looking forward to a busy 2012-13 under the leadership of President J P Davies. The Gardner Rotary Club is an enthusiastic organization dedicated to community service. Our members are the business and civic leaders of the area and we strive to have fun while helping others.

Paul Harris Award: These honorees are individuals who meet high professional and personal standards set forth by Paul Harris (our founder in 1905). This year the Gardner Rotary Club presented the Paul Harris Award to Mandy Sheldon for all the support she gives the club and the community and always with a smile.



The club presented Mandy Sheldon a PHF for all the support she gives the club and the community and always with a smile.

District Membership Numbers

Month of June

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 June 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	5/31/2012 Membership	YTD Gain/Loss	May Attendance
Atchison	77	76	-1	62.21%
Baldwin City	16	16	0	61.00%
Blue Valley	12	0	NA	0.00%
Bonner Springs	23	0	NA	0.00%
Burlingame	13	11	-2	54.55%
Burlington	31	35	4	60.95%
Council Grove	52	0	NA	0.00%
De Soto	41	39	-2	50.00%
Emporia	62	0	NA	0.00%
Frankfort	23	21	-2	71.00%
Gardner	56	54	-2	72.56%
Garnett	24	0	NA	0.00%
Holton	27	31	4	59.00%
Howard	17	17	0	58.80%
Johnson County	35	30	-5	68.39%
Johnson County Sunset	23	0	NA	0.00%
Junction City	66	71	5	46.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	15	15	0	46.67%
Kansas City	56	55	-1	69.70%
Lawrence	192	0	NA	0.00%
Lawrence Central	27	0	NA	0.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	65	72	7	71.14%
Leavenworth	87	89	2	73.77%
Leawood	56	54	-2	84.85%
Lenexa	46	44	-2	65.12%
Louisburg	41	43	2	37.67%
Manhattan	193	208	15	59.42%
Manhattan Konza	78	85	7	30.98%
Marysville	48	47	-1	70.00%
Olathe	96	0	NA	0.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	27	28	1	40.00%
Osawatimie	25	0	NA	0.00%
Oskaloosa	28	0	NA	0.00%
Ottawa	27	28	1	70.37%
Overbrook	28	28	0	92.20%
Overland Park	137	136	-1	79.12%
Overland Park South	89	83	-6	64.16%
Paola	35	38	4	72.00%
Shawnee	56	64	8	75.50%
Shawnee Mission	54	56	2	67.15%
Spring Hill	17	19	2	73.00%
Topeka Downtown	188	191	3	53.12%
Topeka North	23	0	NA	0.00%
Topeka South	114	120	6	61.23%
Topeka West	25	22	-3	88.00%
Valley Falls	16	0	NA	0.00%
Valley Heights	21	0	NA	0.00%
Village West	40	40	0	61.08%
Western Johnson County	26	33	7	69.70%
TOTALS/Average Attendance	2574	1999	50	** 63.11%

**Percentage for Clubs Reporting

Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for May

Will your club be listed here next month?

Overbrook.....	92.20%
Topeka West	88.00%
Leawood	84.85%
Overland Park	79.12%
Shawnee.....	75.50%
Leavenworth	73.77%
Spring Hill	73.00%
Gardner	72.56%
Paola.....	72.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk.....	71.14%
Frankfort.....	71.00%
Ottawa	70.37%
Marysville	70.00%

*Average
Attendance (for
the reporting
clubs) for the
month
Of May:
63.11%*

Clubs with 65% to 70% Attendance:

Kansas City—	69.70%
Western Johnson County—	69.70%
Johnson County—	68.39%
Shawnee Mission—	67.15%
Lenexa—	65.12%

New Club Members for April and May

Atchison.....	Diane Liebsch
Emporia	Vince Avila, Mark Feathers, Thomas Mais, Sharon Tidwell, David Zimmerman
Gardner	Jennifer Antoszewski, Tim Miller
Holton.....	Mark Sullivan
Johnson County Sunset.....	Dana Shawgo
Kansas City	Tim Ryan
Lawrence.....	Joe Bauman, Neelie Bendapudi, Joe Flannery, Ervin Hodges, Thomas Hornbaker, Randy Kidder, Richard Konzem, Stephen Mazza, Christopher Schmid
Lawrence Jayhawk.....	Randall Krehbiel, James Lower
Leawood	Christopher Stucky
Louisburg	Scitt Woolsey
Manhattan	Virginia Barnard, Keith Eyestone, Tim Lindemuth, Ali Malekzadeh
Manhattan Konza	Drew Venum
Overland Park	Chadron Patton, Ana Spradling, Shawn Huwar
Paola	Michael Needham
Shawnee	Kenneth Meeks, Neal Sawyer
Shawnee Mission	Brian Martin, John Simmons
Topeka Downtown	Richard Anderson, James Deines, Barry Feaker, Jason Fizell, Vince Frye, Kathy Goesbeck, Kelly Matthews, Dawn McWilliams, Clay Meininger, Kathleen Smith, Valerie VanDerSluis
Topeka South.....	Tom Craft, Bruce Graham
Western Johnson County	Craig Jorgensen

CLUB NEWS

Atchison



Max Royer, Youth Exchange student from France hosted by the Atchison Club gave an interesting presentation on his homeland and family. Pictured above are Robert Thompson, District Coordinator, Max Royer, President Goldie Boldridge-Brown, Atchison Outbound Youth Exchange student Tanna Taylor, and Stephen Wheatley, District Coordinator and an Atchison Rotarian.



The club held its spring picnic at Jackson Park. Pictured above are Patsy Porter, incoming president-elect, Carolyn Mohler, and Christy Isaacs, club secretary.



The club hosted the Atchison Community Education Foundation (ACEF) Annual Awards Program in which two high school seniors received four year scholarships to Benedictine College. Pictured are scholarship recipient Ali Steck, Rotarian and ACEF Chair Andrew Werring, and scholarship recipient Shaina Burton.



The club welcomed its newest Rotarian, Diane Liebsch, to the club in May. Diane is the principal at Atchison Catholic Elementary School. Pictured above is Frances Striby, sponsor, and Diane.



The club sponsored a motorcycle Poker Run in May and raised over \$1,500 for PolioPlus.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ANDY & ELMER'S APPLE DUMPLING ADVENTURE—[CLICK HERE.](#)

- *Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure* books, book marks, and coloring books were distributed to the children in the summer reading program at the Atchison Library as part of the club's literacy project. These adventure books are designed to teach the Four-Way Test to children in the first through fourth grades.
- The club hosted "Vision Quest Atchison" - a community summit in which club member participated in to identify the collective vision for the community and what we need to do to achieve the vision.
- The club sponsored Jordan Seymore, an Atchison High School junior, to RYLA held at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.
- Congratulations to Rotarian Mark Begley who was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow +3.
- Atchison Rotarians Goldie Boldridge-Brown, Christy Isaacs, and Bill Murphy all attained perfect attendance during the year.
- Rotarian Trey Cocking received the Gold Award from Washburn University. The award honors recent Washburn graduates who demonstrate leadership in career or civic endeavors and loyalty to Washburn. Trey is the Atchison City Manager.



CLUB NEWS

Emporia

Emporia Club members provided spring planning in Emporia. Several greet thumb Rotarians exercised their skills on Saturday May 5th by planting spring flowers and beautifying the high-visibility corner at the clock tower at 12th and Merchant Streets in Emporia. Rotarian Matt Zimmerman organized the event, and arranged for Emporia City Horticulturist Dave McCullough to guide the crew. Last spring, the club teamed up to plant the original plantings to make this corner an attractive part of the community. Last fall, several club members returned to replant the plants that died or were damaged from the extreme heat experience during the summer.



Those Rotarians who participated were Seth Carter, Jim Kessler and his wife Kathy, Matt Zimmerman, Bill Noblitt, Judy Heasley, Don Hill, Tim North and Jim Wayman. The club funds the cost of the planting and provides the labor to plant them. A watering system keeps the plants going through the year.

Gardner

- The club participated in Greater KC day by selling papers on corners! For once, weather cooperated with for the day.
- The club continues their ongoing Meals on Wheels route, and their ongoing food pantry support.
- The Relay for life team started their meetings getting ready for the event in July. The club not only has a team, the rest of the club members help at the event in various administrative functions.
- A small wine and craft beer tasting event to raise funds for the club's International Service project. There was a small turn out, but all had loads of fun!
- The club is heavily involved in the Festival on the Trails. Several Rotary members sit on the Board of Directors. The club will have volunteers throughout the Festival and manage a food booth to raise money. The club is busy prepping for this great event!
- Foundation Chair Gary Duggan recognized Cherlyn White-Conklin for becoming a benefactor. That gives the club two new benefactors this year!
- The club recognized Melissa Mundt for her years of service to the club. Melissa has taken a job in Iowa and will be joining a Rotary club there.
- The club welcomed two new members. Jennifer Antoszewski recently relocated to Gardner and joined Rotary. She brings enthusiasm and energy to the club. Tim Miller joined the club a seems very excited to jump in and get involved. Welcome Jennifer and Tim!

Lawrence Jayhawk

- Laura Dean, District 5710 Ambassadorial Scholar, was the speaker at the club's meeting on May 10th. Rotarian Ernie Angina, who was on the district selection team, introduced Laura. Laura will travel to Russia to study. In August she will begin her year-long research in the Ukraine for her Rotary-sponsored doctorate on "Human Trafficking in Post-Soviet Region" through the University of Kansas.
- Katie Conard, daughter of Jan and President John Conard, Jr, won the Grand Prize for a national French writing competition sponsored by the French Embassy. Katie is a junior at Lawrence Free State High School. Katie's grandfather, John Conard, Sr., was the first Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Kansas and used his scholarship to earn his doctorate in political science at the Sorbonne in Paris in 1949.

CLUB NEWS

Lawrence

- The Philanthropy Committee selected five local not-for-profit agencies for this years gifts totaling \$10,000. The checks were presented at our June 18h meeting to the following organizations: Van Go Mobile Arts, Lawrence Meals on Wheels, Douglas County Senior Services, Tenants to Homeowners and Lawrence Community Shelter.
- The club sponsored the attendance of five local high school students at the 2012 RYLA held at Kansas University.
- Four club members who joined Rotary sixty years or more ago will be recognized at the June 28th Year End Member Celebration. The members are Paul Kincaid, Buck Newsom, Jim Owens and Bob Wells. In addition retiring Club Historian Atlee Vernon will be recognized for his many years of service to the club.
- On June 18th, five new members were inducted into Rotary. The new members are Kristin Scheurer, Sarah Randolph, Laura Bennetts, Brad Allen and Julie Branstrom.

Lawrence Central

- Bike Rack Project—A design created by Rockhill and Associates was selected as the club's 5th sponsored bike rack for the community. The rack, funded by LiveWell Lawrence, was designed to be installed at Van Go, Inc. Rockhill and Associates design was envisioned to complement the building's architecture, and includes concrete bases with steel tops to secure the bicycles. The design will be fabricated over the summer and installed in early fall. Van Go, Inc. is an arts based social service agency that provides year-round after school and summer job training programs to high needs and under served youth, ages 14-21. Lynne Green, Executive Director of Van Go, met with club President Shon Qualseth and bike rack chairperson Jane Huesemann to explain the reasons the bike rack would be beneficial. The new rack will be highly used by the center's teen, which frequently use bikes for transportation to and from the center. Biking gives the teens independence as well as helping to instill healthy living habits.
- The club is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Lawrence Community Bike Ride with Ride Lawrence. See page 9 for details.



Leawood (Continued on next page)



The club's initiatives includes reaching out to younger members of the community to get them involved in Rotary. Ken Selzer and Neil Sommers did an outstanding job inviting younger Rotarians from the club and other local clubs for a panel discussion on what younger members seek from Rotary.

Advice from President Mike Searcy to incoming President-Elects: Lead by example. Focus on the shared vision, delegate to capable people, then verify that they followed through.

CLUB NEWS

Leawood (Continued)



Pictured above: Photos from the Urban Rangers Corps, an organization supported by the Leawood Rotary Club. The Corps' mission is to develop at-risk youth from economically distressed neighborhoods by delivering access to personal career counseling and exposure to developmental experiences. Left Picture: Urban Ranger Corps at the Plaza Fountain. Center: Rangers cleaning up the grounds for local nursing home. Right Picture: Urban Rangers painting a house for a low-income home owner.



Left: In May the club participated in a workday at Hillcrest Transitional Housing. Members assisted in finishing construction on an equipment shed and other maintenance projects around the grounds.



Above: Neil Sommers and John Wurzer are pictured during the Tour de Cyclone bike ride which benefits the Bishop Ward High School Student Scholarship Fund.



The Leawood Rotary Club bids good-bye to longtime member and friend, Willa Franklin. Willa was awarded a plaque of appreciation for all her contributions to the success of the club. Willa will be moving to be closer to her children and grandchildren. Willa was also the District Treasurer. She gave of her time and expertise unselfishly and will be missed by the District also. The Leawood Club members and District members wish her well and will miss her greatly! .

Pictured to the Left: Del Karmeier, Willa Franklin, Jake Schloegel and Phil Gibbs. In the Right Photo: Club members gathered at Lakeside Tavern for a social/farewell send-off for Willa.

CLUB NEWS

Louisburg

- The club awarded three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to D. Patrick Harris and Nichole Ward, two Louisburg High School graduating seniors, and Jessica Snider, a graduate of Peoria Street Learning Center in Louisburg. Nicole has already moved to Rhode Island where she will attend Bryant University and study accounting. She would like to be an auditor. Patrick will become a Washburn University Ichabod and pursue a degree in nursing, with a focus in geriatrics. He was inspired by the care his grandfather received from his male nurses at the end of his life.
- This year the club sent two Louisburg High School students to RYLA in Lawrence in June. They had an incredible experience and look forward to making a positive impact on their community in the future. Levi Inkster and Kaelee Allen will be juniors in the fall at Louisburg High School and have a new lease on life and are looking forward to making a difference in their community after their experiences in the Rotary program.
- The club donated funds to support the community Freedom Fest on July 4th.
- The club donated funds to help send the Louisburg High School Scholars Bowl Team to compete at the National History Bowl in Washington, D.C. The group was one of only three teams competing from Kansas.
- Funds were also donated to the Senior Center and \$1,100 was donated to Shelterbox.



Nichole Ward, left, and Patrick Harris, right, pose with club President Kiersten Allen.



Levi Inkster, left, and Kaelee Allen, right, spent a week at the University of Kansas participating in RYLA 2012.

Manhattan

- The club is pleased to honor (L to R) Onyeka Ehie, Craig Berry, Mason Quintanar, and Courtney Faucett, Manhattan High School Students of the Month for April and May.
- Ginny Barnard, Keith Eyestone and Tim Lindemuth were introduced as new members of the club during the month of April.
- Sean Speakman and Donald Zimmerman were presented Paul Harris Fellow Awards and Les Frazier was presented his PHF +1 pin.
- International Graduate Student Scholarships were presented to K-State student Mohammed Gharaibeh (Jordan), Statistics; Dehui Hu (China), Physics; and Gayathri Pidatala Kandiraju (India), Apparel, Textile and Interior Design. One Undergraduate Scholarship was presented to Paola Andrea Rivera (Columbia), a student at Manhattan Christian College. The Manhattan Konza Club presented a Graduate Scholarship to Nicole John (Granada), Sociology.
- Jamie Smidt recently completed her Ambassadorial Scholarship and presented "My Ambassadorial Experience in Chile" at a meeting in April. She will begin graduate studies in Germany soon.
- Patricia Gwaltney was presented an Honorary Paul Harris Fellow Award.
- The club golf tournament was held in May. The contribution to The Rotary Foundation and The Flint Hills Community Clinic in Manhattan was \$1,523.



L to R: Past President Sue Maes and Patricia Gwaltney.



L to R: President Mark Queen, Jamie Smidt, and Betty Stevens Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee.

CLUB NEWS

Ottawa

- John Curran, District RYLA Chair, visited the club and encouraged them to sponsor a student to RYLA. The sponsored Frankie Hernandez to attend RYLA in June.
- In April, club members visited every 4th grade class in the Ottawa School District. The total number of students in the 4th grade was 206. The Rotarian read a couple of chapters of a book selected by the 4th grade teachers to the class (the book was timely in that it was about the sinking of the Titanic 100 years age). The Rotarian also spoke to the students about the importance of reading and doing well in school. Every student was given a copy of the book. The funding for these books was made possible by a matching grant from the district.
- Club members went through “helmet fitting training” in order to properly fit all 2nd graders in the Ottawa School District. In conjunction with the Ottawa Police Department and a local State Farm Agency, education and training on bike safety was offered to the students following the fitting.



Overbrook

- The club spend a lot of time preparing for Josh The Otter for May 1st. It was a lot of work for a few but well worth the effort. Also in May, the club held their annual highway clean-up, and hosted the GSE team on May 30th.
- The club presented awards to the best boy and girl students at graduation.
- Make a donations of \$50 to the city's Safe Roads Project.
- Purchased water rescue equipment for the pool and ordered caution signs for the city lake, all part of their water safety grant from the foundation.

Overland Park South

- The Overland Park South Pledge Class led a service project at SafeHome, a temporary shelter for at-risk women and children. Eleven Rotarians and a few spouses planted new flowers and shrubs and rebuilt a brick walkway. Thanks to Joe Tiernan for his leadership on this project.
- President Elect Chris Ford represented the club at the RI Convention in Bangkok. Sah-wah-dee khrap to you, Chris.
- Shawn Huwar was inducted as a new member in April.
- The club hosted General Richard B. Myers at its weekly meeting. General Myers is a retired four-star U.S. Air Force general and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that advised President Bush in the early stage of the war on terror.

Shawnee

- Gave three \$1,000 Community Service Scholarships to seniors in the community.
- Inducted new members Ken Meeks and Neal Sawyer.
- Dr. Richard Randolph was named the Team Leader of the GSE team in 2013 to East Africa.
- Participated in Old Shawnee Days selling pizza and volunteered to assist the Old Shawnee Days committee the weekend of June 1-3.
- Began a gift card drive with Shawnee Mission Schools to assist the 308 homeless kids in the schools to buy clothes, school supplies.
- Awarded Educator of the Year to Andrea Kirkwood from Nieman Elementary. The club awarded her a PHF and \$500 in gift cards.
- Rotarian Larry Daugherty recognized his wife Marilyn with a Paul Harris Fellow.



CLUB NEWS

Shawnee Mission



The club served pancakes at Old Shawnee Days and raised a total of \$9,000. The Pancake Trophy went to team #1 for selling the most tickets—\$1,640. (in far right picture above L to R: John Hollyman, Mike Lee, Lee Lamar, Dave Boone. Not pictured: Chuck Schaefer and Greg Amos).



Michelle Herman, CEO of Sunflower House, and a Rotarian from the Johnson County Sunset Club, received a donation from the club on behalf of Sunflower House.



Two new members were inducted into the club. Pictured to the left is Brian Martin being pinned by Nathan Ourada. Brian is an attorney with Finch & Campbell. Pictured to the right is John Simmons being pinned by Dave Shepherd. John is the Mission Police Chief.



SERVICE Above Self

- At the installation dinner on June 20th, Mason Ormsby was presented with the Service Above Self award. Rotarian spouse, Peggy Schaffer was presented with a Spirit of Rotary Awards. Peggy, while not a Rotarian, is the first to sign up to help on all the club's projects.



Sarah Graham, Finland GSE Team member that the club sponsored, came back and shared her experiences with the club.



Club members set stumps in place for the playground at Shawnee Mission Head Start.



CLUB NEWS

Topeka Downtown



The club initiated its first class of RED BADGE members and mentors. The celebrates bringing in 32 new members this year-to-date.



Above: The Finland GSE team mesmerized the club with their presentation about their Rotary experiences in Kansas as well as their life in their hometowns. After speaking, the team members signed a specially selected Speaker Book for Avondale East grade school. Below: The book was then presented at a ceremony of the Avondale East grade school. The school is closing and they are preparing to move to Ross Elementary this fall. (Ross Elementary school is named after Topeka member Merrill Ross). President Anita Wolgast announced that the 10-year tradition initiated by Phil Elwood, President in 2002, has seen 500 books given to the school in 10 years. Past President Vickie Peterson has overseen the selection of the books and the delivery to the school for 10 years. Additionally, Terry Diebolt, President of the club's foundation announced that we have donated \$50,000 in those 10 years to be used for services for the school, including busses for field trips.



As a way to get to know members of the club, "reporters" Jim Ogle and Dick Knoll interview members at the beginning of the meetings. Left: Jim Ogle (R) interviews William Beteta, Executive Director of Heartland Visioning. Right: Dick Knoll (L) interviews Joanie Underwood.



District Governor 2010-11 of RI District 3080 in India was in Topeka for two weeks in June. PDG Madhukar Malhotra and his wife Neeru received a Topeka Downtown flag from President Anita. PDG Madhukar visited all four of the Topeka Clubs during his stay in Kansas. He and his wife also attended the club's inaugural fundraiser, Cocktails and Blues held at Serendipity in the NOTO Arts District. A successful membership drive which produced over 30 new members was celebrated as well as the club receiving the Changemaker Award and the Star Club award. PDG Madhukar and his wife Neeru donated a beautiful silk scarf for the silent auction. Proceeds of the evening went to support PolioPlus.



District Attorney Chad Taylor was a guest speaker in June. His wife, Karily, is a new member of the Topeka Club.

CLUB NEWS

Topeka South

- The club continues to provide volunteers each month on the second Monday and the next to last Saturday at Let's Help, serving meals on those days.
- The club held its last Sole Mates day on Wednesday, May 16th, to award ten students from Scott Magnet School with new socks and shoes.
- The club awarded its annual Sana Kaufmann Scholarship to Johnny Morgan at the annual Topeka Community Foundation reception. Johnny is a senior at Shawnee Heights High School in Topeka. He will be attending Emporia State University in the fall. His aspirations are to be a high school math teacher.
- Two new members have joined the club: Tom Craft with Six Auto Sales and Bruce Graham with Kansas Electric Cooperatives.
- The club awarded Don Schnacke a Paul Harris Fellow +1. Don was the club's second club President in 1987-88 and is the original charter member of Topeka South Rotary. Don has provided guidance to all of the club presidents that have followed. Don has been a Rotarian for 40 years.



L to R: President Kip Slattery, Johnny Morgan, and TSR Foundation Director Faron Barr.

Valley Falls

- The club honored two high school seniors with Student of the Month awards. The students and their parents were the club's dinner guests. The students told Rotary members about their involvement in school and community activities and their plans after graduation.
- The club sponsored two students to RYLA this year.
- A blood drive was held in May.
- The club was presented with a Certificate for 75 years of service at the District Conference. The certificate was presented to the club by President June Huston.

Village West

- The club held its Annual Service Club Challenge benefiting the Harvester Food Bank.
- Adam Ehlert has returned from leading the GSE Outbound Team to Finland.

Spring Hill

- The club honored Johnny Ford with a Service Above Self Award for his outstanding commitment to the club—signing up to the President for a THIRD year!!



L to R: Rob Guess, President Johnny Ford, and Johnny's grandson, Josh.