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District and Club Edition

# District 5710

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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2011-12

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To submit articles and pictures for the District Newsletter, send to Linda Ireland by the 15th of each month.

## Upcoming Events/Deadlines

### 6th Annual District 5710 Foundation Banquet

November 19, 2011—6:00 to 9:30 pm

Overland Park Sheraton

### On the Hunt for

### District Governor for 2014-15

Resolutions due to PDG Jim Mattes

by December 1, 2011

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### District 5710

### Flash Mob in Reading, Kansas

November 12th

Help with tornado torn areas of Reading, Ks

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### District Assembly—NEW DATE

February 11, 2012—Topeka Holidome

All day event full of ideas to make 2012-13 an outstanding year!

### Check Out!!

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### Deadlines

Youth Exchange Applications—Due to Steve Wheatley by December 1, 2011. Details on page 5.

Hold Club Officer Elections in November—Send names and contact information to RI, District office and your ADG by December 31.



## ***District 5710 Flash Mob in Reading, Kansas—Help with Tornado Clean-up***

### ***FLASH MOB IN READING, KANSAS - EXTREME MEETING-UP! WHEN: NOVEMBER 12***

District 5710 is stepping up! Rotarians KELLY WOLFERT and JONI PFLUMM decided to be leaders in the community again! On NOVEMBER 12, district members will hold a FLASH MOB - EXTREME MEETING MAKE-UP to help out Reading, Kansas with tornado damage clean-up.

After success in Joplin, Kelly and Joni felt the need to help in tornado torn Reading, Kansas which is within our district boundaries, about an hour and 45 minutes drive from Olathe - even closer for clubs in the Topeka area! The population of Reading is 250 with 101 homes - 54 of the homes were completely demolished by the tornado and all homes have some sort of damage.

There is a large piece of property in Reading with large trees that were severely damaged creating the opportunity for us to pay-it-forward.

The immediate need is for those of you who have chain saws, log splitters, trucks etc (or like me {DG John} can do whatever I'm told to do) to dedicate a day to Reading.

We will cut down trees, split the wood and sell the firewood in the Kansas City Metro (pre orders are welcome)—all proceeds going back to the community of Reading.

SO COME ALONG TO HELP WITH CUTTING, LIFTING, LOADING, SERVING COFFEE, COOKING, PLAYING THE BANJO OR WHATEVER.

We want you to invite anyone to enjoy this Rotary experience and let's see if we can have a district record turnout that will WOW Reading.

To volunteer or ask questions, contact:

Kelly at [kelly.wolfert@startkc.com](mailto:kelly.wolfert@startkc.com) or Joni at [JPflumm@lathropgage.com](mailto:JPflumm@lathropgage.com)



## ***TRF-Direct USA—The Easy Way to Give!***

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- Choose your dollar amount and frequency
- All contributions count for usual recognition points
- All credit card and debit card transactions are secure
- Hassle-free giving
- Less paperwork for club treasurer
- Quickly and easily fulfill your EREY and PolioPlus goals for the year
- All contributions listed on consolidated tax receipt
- Invite your fellow Rotarians to join too!



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## *The Hunt is on for District Governor, 2014-15*



The hunt is on for District Governor nominations! Do you know a fellow Rotarian who would make a good District Governor? Is there someone in your club that has the leadership skills, enthusiasm for Rotary, and the time to lead this District in the Rotary year 2014-15? If so, ask for their nomination at a club meeting.

Our District deserves and encourages your help in finding that certain Rotarian who would make a good District Governor. Bring it up at your next club meeting. Every club has that one special person who can do it, and we need your help in finding them.

**Nominations in the form of a club resolution are due to PDG Jim Mattes by December 1, 2011.**

**PDG Jim Mattes**

**Office: 913-248-1030**

**[jimmattes@mattesappraisal.com](mailto:jimmattes@mattesappraisal.com)**

## *Council on Legislation 2012*

By PDG R. Wesley "Wes" McCoy, 2012 Delegate COL

Rotary International has a Council of Legislation that is represented by elected delegates of the Rotary Districts from over 200 countries in the Rotary world.

The Members of the Council meet every three years at a site selected by Rotary International. The next Council on Legislation assembly will be in 2013 in Evanston, Illinois. In addition to the elected delegates, the council will have non-voting members. The District elected delegate will be a voting member of the council. At the 2013 Council on Legislation, the duties of the representative is the following: (1) assist clubs in preparing their proposals for the council; (2) discuss proposed legislation at the district conference/or other district meetings; (3) be knowledgeable of the existing attitudes of Rotarians within the district; (4) give critical consideration to all legislation presented to the council and effectively communicate those views to the council; (5) act as an objective legislator of RI; (6) attend the meeting of the council for the full duration; (7) report on the deliberation of the council to the clubs of the district following the meeting of the council; and (8) be accessible to clubs in the district to assist in the preparation of proposals for future councils.



As your 2013 RI Council on Legislation delegate, you are requested to submit any changes that your club recommends for consideration to the District 5710 Governor John Vandewalle and District 5710 Council on Legislation Delegate, PDG R. Wesley "Wes" McCoy. New Council on Legislation for consideration is due at RI by December 31, 2011. These legislative changes will be forwarded to Rotary International Council on Legislation Committee for inclusion for consideration by the 2013 Council on Legislation when the Council meets in 2013. ***[It is recommended to have the legislation submitted to DG John Vandewalle and PDG Wes McCoy by December 15, 2011 to allow enough time to review the legislation for final submission].***

## *New Members Are a Breathe of Fresh Air—Focus by Club Leadership*

It seems that every club wants to acquire new members, but there's little focus by club leadership to make it happen. Cherlyn Conklin- White, President of the Gardner Club said "we all want our clubs to be relevant in our communities, not irrelevant and to do that we have to grow". And Rich Barbuto, Foundation Chair, Village West Club commented that, "if you don't like change, you'll like being irrelevant even less".

Some club members are frustrated and taking it upon themselves to try something new like getting younger members to meet after hours, share their thoughts, make something happen. I was talking to a member recently who said, "it is hard to communicate with these young people today". They have other interests...they're always on their iPads, iPhones, and laptops doing business and making things happen. Rotary's probably not for them. If you actually believe this, your club will become irrelevant.

- ***Make MEMBERSHIP the most important item for discussion on your Board agenda.***
- ***Give 2-5 minutes at meetings to your membership chair.***
- ***Set Goals and hold people accountable.***

But, there's all kinds of exciting things happening out there to make me believe that membership growth is occurring. Presidents and boards must take a leadership role. And this is not just talk. I can't tell you how many times I've heard it said, "if you want it to happen, you have to find a champion". Occasionally, a champion emerges from the rank and file, but success is much easier if THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CLUB becomes the champion.

In Gary Morsch's book, *The Power to Serve Others*, he quotes Rabbi Harold Kushner who says, "We don't have to find the cure for cancer to make a difference in the world...we only have to share our lives with other people". As Rotarians, our strength lies in attracting new

members who serve and grow in that service. As an organization we can become MORE engaged in our communities and the communities of the world by increasing our club size.

Mr./Ms. Club President, make membership the most important item for discussion on your board agenda. Develop a plan for membership growth. Give 2-5 minutes of every regular meeting to your membership chair. Set goals and hold people accountable. Then experience the phenomenon of what we keep talking about, "New Members are a Breath of Fresh Air". The culture of your club can be a culture of growth if you, as leaders champion that goal.

*District Membership Chair  
Bob Wilhelm*

*I will be happy to help any club establish and execute their plan. All you have to do is call me at 913-406-8063 or email at bobnlin@aol.com.*

## *Come to the Bangkok RI Convention in 2012*

[CLICK HERE for a full page promotional flyer form Rotary International](#)

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Rotary International Convention  
May 6-9, 2012



## Youth Exchange Corner

On September 22, two of the twelve 5710 inbound students hosted by Gardner introduced themselves to the club and told us a little bit about their home countries and also indulged some of our “American” questions.

Robert is from Romania, a country of 22.5 million people. The capital city is Bucharest. He is 16 years old and will be in the 10th grade. When he returns home, he will have two more years of school to complete. His interests are photography and soccer. Robert is living with the Stockton family in Gardner, Kansas.

He said that he was “ambitious” in deciding to make an exchange to the United States, saying that it’s an “amazing” country. Robert became interested in the exchange program from a cousin who was an exchange student and now lives in the U.S, in Delaware. He said that he would like to be like her.

As far as school goes, Robert told us that GEHS is much bigger in size, but the student population is about the same as his school back home. He is playing soccer in school and enjoying it! His favorite thing so far about living in Gardner is the friendly and sociable people.



Robert from Romania



Josephine from Denmark and her host sister, Laura, who was an outbound student from Gardner last year to Switzerland.

Josephine is from Denmark, a place that she says many American students can’t find on a map! Back home, she has graduated from 9th grade and when faced with the decision of what to do for her 10th year—she chose to go to the U.S.

Josse says that she has learned a lot about herself since being here and also tries not to sit and wonder what is happening with friends in family in Denmark. School is very different, she explained, telling us that there are less activities for students to participate in. She likes it better the American way.

When asked about how she got involved with Rotary’s exchange program, she said that she went to a meeting and liked the fact that there was a counselor and people willing to assist with the transition.

She had heard of other exchange programs that were not this way.

“I’m glad I chose Rotary,” she said. “And glad Rotary chose me.”



Josephine, Laura and Robert at a Family of Rotary event at the Gardner Rotary Club.

Robert and Josse did a presentation at the Gardner Kansas Family of Rotary event at the Mertz home on September 29. Laura, past outbound from Gardner to Switzerland, also spoke at the Family of Rotary event.

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Now is the time to identify students in your clubs and high schools who you think would be good ambassadors for Rotary and the United States.

Student Youth Exchange Applications are due to Steve Wheatley by December 1, 2011.

Questions? Contact Steve at [wheatleydc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wheatleydc@sbcglobal.net)

[CLICK HERE for more information.](#)

## ***Summer Lewis—District 5710 World Peace Fellow—A Kansan Down Under***

From Summer's Blog. [Click here to read more.](#)

October 14—I've been too busy reading and writing about labor as a keystone of the civilizing mission, environmental mediation, and NGOs in complex humanitarian emergencies to get around to writing about FUN stuff. And the semester isn't over yet, so I'm stuck with yet another quick update.

Here's the latest news from Down Under:

- It's summer here and I'm starting to dress more summery. (I was told that today). Skirts and dresses again. Which also means I have to get back into the habit of shaving my legs every day. Grrrr...
- I recently discovered the Korean grocery store near my gym sells frozen edamame. This has seriously improved my life immensely.
- I only have 2 1/2 weeks of my second semester left! And there's still a lot of work to be done. I think my brain capacity is quickly filling up and I still have another semester to go. I'm wondering if I can buy extra memory, like you can on gmail.
- I'm going to Vietnam for my internship from November 13, 2011 until February 14, 2012! I'll be working with Roots of Peace in Vietnam, an interesting humanitarian organization dedicated to eradicating landmines worldwide and rehabilitating land and livelihoods through sustainable agriculture. I'm so excited! Xin chao!



Introducing the University of Queensland Rotary Peach Fellows Class IX! L to R: Maki from Japan, James from New York, Pantea from Iran via Colorado, Luladay from Ethiopia, ME from KANSAS!, Abdi from Somalia via Canada, Eria from Iceland and Cody from Texas.

That's it for now. G'day mates.

## ***Messages from DG John***

God has given me a place on earth to be here for a while,  
I hope that as I'm passing through I will make somebody smile,  
I want to make life easier for all those that I meet,  
I ask Good for His blessings to the strangers on the street,  
I hope I'll never fail a child if I can help somehow,  
I want to be as generous as my resources will allow,  
And when my life on earth is done, it will be my final plea,  
Let someone, somewhere think or say,  
"You made a difference to me."

.... Author unknown

At some of DG John's club visits he read this poem. Many of the clubs requested the poem, so it is being printed here for all the district members.

***"Your future is in your hands today,  
Is Rotary part of that Future?"***

## *PDG Merrill H. Werts*



Merrill H. Werts, 88, Junction City, died peacefully Thursday, Sep. 22, 2011, at Geary County Community Hospital. He was a resident of Sterling House assisted living community. He was born November 17, 1922, and was reared the son of Mack Allen and Ruth Badger Werts on a farm near Smith Center, Kansas, where his ancestors homesteaded.

Merrill was a member of the Junction City Rotary Club. In 1973-74 he served as District Governor of District 5710. He received his first Paul Harris Fellow in January 1974 and made contributions to The Rotary Foundation to become a PHF+8. Merrill was a Rotary International Benefactor and Major Donor.

Merrill earned a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University in 1947, where he served as Senior Class President and was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. The G.I. Bill helped make it possible for him to attend Cornell University, where he earned a master's degree in agricultural economics in 1948. His college career was interrupted by his service with the U.S. [Army](#), from June 1943 to March 1946, with the 271st Inf., 69th Division. He received the Combat Infantry Badge, the [Bronze Star](#), and a [Purple Heart](#) after losing a leg in Germany. He was inducted into the Army Infantry Officer Candidate Hall of Fame at Fort Benning and served as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Kansas, 1991-1995. He was a life member of the American Legion, the [Veterans of Foreign Wars](#), and the Disabled American Veterans.

In 1946 Merrill married Dorothy Wilson, the love of his life, who passed away in 2003. After graduation, he began his business career in Topeka, Kansas, finding a mentor in Lou Falley in retail and banking; this led to his appointment in 1958 as vice president of the Southwest State Bank, the first suburban bank in Topeka. He moved to Junction City in 1965 to become president of the First National Bank, and was later one of the principals in chartering a new affiliate bank, the Fort Riley National Bank. He left the First National Bank in 1977. After beginning a new business as a management consultant, he was elected to the Kansas State Senate, where he was assiduous in his service to the communities of Junction City, Fort Riley, and Manhattan for ten years.

Merrill was very active in civic affairs, including the Geary Community Health Care Foundation, the Kansas Commission of Veteran Affairs, the Geary County Public Building Commission, and the Chamber of Commerce. He and Dorothy were both enthusiastic supporters of the Junction City Little Theater, as actors and board members, and they enthusiastically supported the effort to restore the Colonial Theatre, now the C.L. Hoover Opera House. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was a Commissioner to the General Assembly in 1965 and a trustee of the Kansas Synod Westminster Foundation, 1965-1972. Coming from an era of strong families, he was a standard-bearer for strength and family

## *Message from PDG Vickie Randel, District Foundation Chair*

Effective October 1, donors to The Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, or the sponsor portion of a Foundation grant will no longer have to be Paul Harris Fellow to receive Paul Harris Fellow recognition points for their contributions. Donors will receive one Foundation recognition point for each dollar contributed, which can then be extended to others to help them become a Paul Harris Fellow.

This change does NOT apply to past contributions, only to future ones. Contact me if you have any questions about this change.

PDG Vickie Randel—vrandel5710@gmail.com

## *Kansas City Rotary Club Honors Public Safety Professionals*

The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club, at its October 18th luncheon, recognized two Public Safety professionals.

Annually the Club recognizes outstanding public safety professionals from the Police and Fire departments. This is a program of the Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club to show appreciation to individuals that do so much to protect our community. The heads of the Fire and Police departments select outstanding individuals from their departments to receive this award for their dedication and service to our community.



L to R: Fire Chief John Paul Jones; Firefighter James Letcher; Rotary Club President Robert Kaufman; Police Officer Keto Thompson; and Police Chief Rick Armstrong

We would like to extend our gratitude to Police Officer **Keto Thompson** and Firefighter **James Letcher**. They are prime examples of the great men and women who are protecting us every day.

Office Thompson was being honored for his service to the department despite his battling during the past year with personal illness. Firefighter Letcher was being honored for his rescue of an individual from an attempted suicide.

## *Oskaloosa Rotary Club International Student Night*

The Oskaloosa Rotary Club hosted ten students from India, China, Korea, Pakistan, Russia and Bangladesh. The students are all students studying for their PhDs from the University of Kansas. Brilliant minds!

The students were picked up at the campus and transported to Oskaloosa where they toured Old Jefferson Town, and then came to the city square to get a tour of the Jefferson County Courthouse. After their tours, everyone met for dinner at the American Legion Hall for a fantastic Thanksgiving-style turkey feast.

The club hosted the students at their regular meeting with special guest District Governor John Vandewalle pictured in the right, top picture. The program for the evening was State Representative Ramon Gonzalez. The evening ended with live music. One of the students, Tazrian Rahman, from Bangladesh, even stood and sang her national anthem!

It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all. A definite success!





## *Ottawa Neighborhoods - Gone to the "Birds"!!*

The Rotary Club of Ottawa just completed a successful fundraiser with the help of Pink Flamingos. Ottawa, Kansas experienced "Flamingo Flockings" all over the city. For a \$20 donation to Rotary, an individual could order a Medium Flocking (10 flamingos) to be placed in a "friends" front yard. One could "super size" the flocking for \$40 which would result in 20 flamingos gracing their residence.



The "friends" were left with an order form to remove their flocking and transfer the flocking to the yard of their friend, if they chose to do so. Since this is the 2nd year of the fundraiser, last year's "victims" were given the opportunity to purchase insurance for \$10 to insure that their residence was not flocked. Office flockings were also available.

Not only did the club raise \$1,000 that will be used for Literacy projects in Ottawa, but the month long flocking season brought a keen awareness of the Rotary Club of Ottawa, which always helps in recruiting new members.

## *Topeka South—Soul Mates*

The Topeka South Rotary Club had its first Sole Mates day, September 28. Eight timid students arrived at Payless ShoeSource that Wednesday in tattered shoes and flip flops and left 30 minutes later with huge smiles on their faces and brand new shoes and socks on their feet.



## Dates to Remember for 2010-11

### 2011

#### November—Rotary Foundation Month

- 2-9 [Heart to Heart & Rotary Guatemala Trip](#)
- 8-13 [Zone Institute, Rockwall, TX](#)
- 19 [Foundation Banquet](#)

HOLD CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

#### DECEMBER—FAMILY MONTH

CLUB OFFICER NAMES DUE TO RI AND DISTRICT

### 2012

#### JANUARY—ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

#### FEBRUARY—WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

- 11 District Assembly, Topeka Holidome
- NEW DATE**
- Snow Date—March 24

#### MARCH—LITERACY MONTH

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

#### APRIL—ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

- 12-14 PETS/SETS, Salina, KS
- 4/28-29 District Conference, Location TBD

#### MAY

- 6-9 [Rotary International Convention](#)
- Bangkok, Thailand

#### JUNE—ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

#### AUGUST

- 11 FML (Foundation, Membership & Leadership) Seminar



### Upcoming Club Events

[CLICK HERE FOR CLUB EVENT DETAILS](#)

#### TOPEKA NORTH

European Pheasant Hunt  
 October 30, Muddy Creek Game Birds  
 Contact: Rick Tanner at 785-640-2941  
 For Details, [CLICK HERE](#)

#### WESTERN JOHNSON COUNTY

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

#### ATCHISON ROTARY CLUB

Harlem Ambassadors  
 March 1

### Club Projects

#### VILLAGE WEST

Rotary Jeopardy Game  
 Steve Beaumont developed a  
 Rotary Jeopardy game for one of  
 the Village West Club meetings.  
 The game was a HUGE success! He has agreed to share the  
 game and help customize it to your club. For information,  
 contact Steve at:  
[steveb@chateauavalon.net](mailto:steveb@chateauavalon.net).  
[CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE CLUB PROJECT PAGE FOR MORE CLUB IDEAS](#)



#### TOPEKA DOWNTOWN

Limited supply of the Kansas  
 Sesquicentennial license plates  
 still available. You can purchase  
 yours for only \$10.  
 Contact Anita Wolgast at [awolgast@cox.net](mailto:awolgast@cox.net) or her cell at  
 785-230-4979.



#### 6TH ANNUAL ROTARY “BOOKS FOR KIS” - Kansas City

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Clubs collect new and used books for kids and then deliver  
 them to a nearby Head Start Center. Rotary Club make a  
 HUGE difference in the goal of increased Literacy for children.  
**What to start this project in your community? Contact Larry  
 Williams, [lwilliams3@kc.rr.com](mailto:lwilliams3@kc.rr.com)**

## District Membership Numbers

### Month of September

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. *(Note: SAR reports for clubs highlighted in tan have not been received/or processed at RI as of October 24. July 1 membership numbers are estimated for these clubs until the reports are processed at RI.)*

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 October 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<br>Membership | 9/30/2011<br>Membership | YTD<br>Gain/Loss | September<br>Attendance |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Atchison                  | 77                     | 73                      | -4               | 57.27%                  |
| Baldwin City              | 16                     | 18                      | 2                | 66.00%                  |
| Blue Rapids               | 21                     | 0                       | NA               | 0.00%                   |
| Blue Valley               | 12                     | 0                       | NA               | 0.00%                   |
| Bonner Springs            | 23                     | 21                      | -2               | 81.00%                  |
| Burlingame                | 13                     | 12                      | -1               | 53.33%                  |
| Burlington                | 31                     | 31                      | 0                | 63.78%                  |
| Council Grove             | 52                     | 0                       | NA               | 0.00%                   |
| De Soto                   | 41                     | 42                      | 1                | 51.69%                  |
| Emporia                   | 62                     | 63                      | 1                | 60.36%                  |
| Frankfort                 | 23                     | 23                      | 0                | 73.00%                  |
| Gardner                   | 56                     | 56                      | 0                | 70.21%                  |
| Garnett                   | 24                     | 0                       | NA               | 0.00%                   |
| Holton                    | 27                     | 28                      | 1                | 71.00%                  |
| Howard                    | 17                     | 17                      | 0                | 64.70%                  |
| Johnson County            | 35                     | 37                      | 2                | 75.43%                  |
| Johnson County Sunset     | 23                     | 0                       | NA               | 0.00%                   |
| Junction City             | 66                     | 70                      | 4                | 43.00%                  |
| Junction City Flint Hills | 15                     | 15                      | 0                | 60.00%                  |
| Kansas City               | 56                     | 0                       | NA               | 0.00%                   |
| Lawrence                  | 192                    | 0                       | NA               | 0.00%                   |
| Lawrence Central          | 27                     | 27                      | 0                | 50.00%                  |
| Lawrence Jayhawk          | 65                     | 66                      | 1                | 73.63%                  |
| Leavenworth               | 87                     | 85                      | -2               | 62.66%                  |
| Leawood                   | 56                     | 54                      | -2               | 86.04%                  |
| Lenexa                    | 46                     | 46                      | 0                | 71.49%                  |
| Louisburg                 | 45                     | 41                      | -4               | 49.38%                  |
| Manhattan                 | 193                    | 197                     | 4                | 64.92%                  |
| Manhattan Konza           | 78                     | 79                      | 1                | 42.68%                  |
| Marysville                | 48                     | 47                      | -1               | 74.00%                  |
| Olathe                    | 96                     | 98                      | 2                | 61.00%                  |
| Olathe Santa Fe Trail     | 27                     | 28                      | 1                | 45.00%                  |
| Osawatomie                | 25                     | 0                       | NA               | 0.00%                   |
| Oskaloosa                 | 28                     | 29                      | 1                | 60.00%                  |
| Ottawa                    | 27                     | 27                      | 0                | 66.04%                  |
| Overbrook                 | 30                     | 29                      | -1               | 89.70%                  |
| Overland Park             | 137                    | 136                     | -1               | 70.06%                  |
| Overland Park South       | 89                     | 85                      | -4               | 63.11%                  |
| Paola                     | 38                     | 0                       | NA               | 0.00%                   |
| Shawnee                   | 56                     | 57                      | 1                | 80.00%                  |
| Shawnee Mission           | 54                     | 55                      | 1                | 56.36%                  |
| Spring Hill               | 17                     | 17                      | 0                | 88.00%                  |
| Topeka Downtown           | 188                    | 186                     | -2               | 54.30%                  |
| Topeka North              | 23                     | 24                      | 1                | 50.00%                  |
| Topeka South              | 114                    | 118                     | 4                | 71.13%                  |
| Topeka West               | 22                     | 0                       | NA               | 0.00%                   |
| Valley Falls              | 16                     | 16                      | 0                | 70.00%                  |
| Village West              | 40                     | 43                      | 3                | 64.90%                  |
| Western Johnson County    | 30                     | 32                      | 2                | 62.50%                  |
| TOTALS/Average Attendance | 2584                   | 2125                    | 9                | ** 63.53%               |

\*\*Percentage for Clubs Reporting

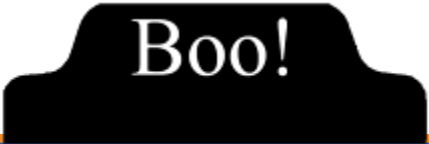
**Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for September**

*Will your club be listed here next month?*

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Overbrook.....        | 89.70% |
| Spring Hill.....      | 88.00% |
| Leawood.....          | 86.04% |
| Bonner Springs.....   | 81.00% |
| Shawnee.....          | 80.00% |
| Johnson County.....   | 75.43% |
| Marysville.....       | 74.00% |
| Lawrence Jayhawk..... | 73.63% |
| Frankfort.....        | 73.00% |
| Lenexa.....           | 71.49% |
| Topeka South.....     | 71.13% |
| Holton.....           | 71.00% |
| Gardner.....          | 70.21% |
| Overland Park.....    | 70.06% |
| Valley Falls.....     | 70.00% |

*Average Attendance (for the reporting clubs) for the month of September: 63.53%*

**Clubs with 65% to 70% Attendance:**  
 Ottawa—66.04%  
 Baldwin City—66.00%



**New Club Members for September**

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Atchison.....            | Dinah Dutta                                   |
| Burlington.....          | Jay Hale                                      |
| DeSoto.....              | Ed Pogue                                      |
| Emporia.....             | M. Theresa Davidson                           |
| Holton.....              | Steve Evans, Nancy Meyer                      |
| Junction City.....       | Matthew Blomberg, Jeff Hoss, William Mayville |
| Lawrence.....            | Terry Tracy                                   |
| Lawrence Jayhawk.....    | Matt Sarna, Karen Shumate, Michael Williams   |
| Leawood.....             | Cheryl Graves                                 |
| Louisburg.....           | Joyce Henderson                               |
| Manhattan.....           | Mike Bean, Lisa Ward, Keith Westervelt        |
| Manhattan Konza.....     | Andy Hutchinson, Frankie Hutchinson           |
| Ottawa.....              | Tine Albers, J.C. Kelley, Richard Warren      |
| Overland Park.....       | Cris Smith                                    |
| Overland Park South..... | Michelle Fittro                               |
| Paola.....               | Matt Meek, July Welter                        |
| Shawnee.....             | Tim Deves, John Mattox                        |
| Topeka South.....        | David Smith                                   |
| Village West.....        | Baz Abouelenein, Patrick Moore                |

**WELCOME**



## CLUB NEWS

### Atchison Rotary Club

- The club raised over \$650 to support the efforts of Second Harvest Community Food Bank and the Backpack Buddies Program. As a result, the club was able to pass off the “Service Your Self” award to the Leavenworth Rotary Club, which also supports Backpack Buddies.
- A Mancini scholarship of \$500 was awarded to two students majoring in biology and an International scholarship of \$500 was awarded to two international students at Benedictine College in Atchison. A total of \$2,000 was given in scholarships.
- The club welcomed new member Rev. Dr. Dinah Dutta to the club. Rotarian Rev. Dr. Dutta is originally from India and is a retired Kansas University scientist and the current pastor at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Atchison. She was sponsored by Rotarian Dick Loch.



L to R: President Goldie Boldridge-Brown welcomes new member Rev. Dr. Dinah Dutta.



L to R: Leavenworth President Tom Gray received the award from Atchison President Goldie Boldridge-Brown.

### Baldwin City Rotary Club

- District Governor John Vandewalle presented Rotarian Joan Welch with a Paul Harris Fellow. To the right, DG John is presenting Joan with her PHF pin.
- DG John also presented Carl Butell with his PHF +3 pin.



### Blue Rapids Rotary Club

- The club is taking tickets at all home high school football games. The club has decided to also take tickets at all home high school basketball games for 2011-12. This project is to help out the school district with the current budget issues.
- *The club voted to start meeting the first Thursday of the month at the County Inn in Waterville. The rest of the month the meetings will be held on Thursday at the Blue Valley Café in Blue Rapids.*

### Holton Rotary Club

- The club made almost \$250 for their scholarship fund by having “Spring Roll and Sushi” for a free will donation at their fall festival and Chili Cook Off.
- Special recognition was given to David Powls for planning and hosting a successful fall festival.
- 1956 Olympic Medal winner Col. “Dr.” Rascua was a speaker for a club meeting.



## CLUB NEWS

### Gardner Rotary Club

- The club kicked off their Fall Fundraiser—The Grocery Grab! This fundraiser replaces the annual golf tournament in an effort to involve more club members and the entire community. Tickets are available for \$10 and the ultimate winner received 5 minutes in the Cosentino's Price Chopper to grab their groceries. Drawing will be November 1. See a Gardner Rotarian to purchase your tickets!
- The club held its first Family of Rotary event of the fall. The members gathered at a member's home for the club's two exchange students, Josse and Robert to give presentations on their home country. Rotarians got very involved and asked a lot of questions. The club is delighted to have such fine youth staying with them this year. See page 5 for a story about Robert and Josse.



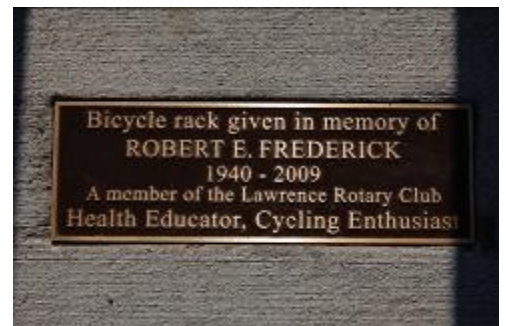
### Lawrence Rotary Club

- Paul Getto, fifty-three year club member, was recognized along with his wife Winnie for their sixty-ninth wedding anniversary.
- Club members Jim Owens and Gene Meyer and the late Bob Billings, husband of member Beverly Billings, were inducted into the Junior Achievement Lawrence Business Hall of Fame for their contributions to the Lawrence community.
- On Saturday, September 24th, the three Lawrence Rotary Clubs held an Open House at the Lawrence Rotary Arboretum located adjacent to the Youth Sports Complex. During the Open House the following recognition and dedications in honor of former Lawrence Rotary Club members took place. The "Ride Lawrence" bike rack was dedicated in memory of the late Bob Frederick; the many gifts to the Arboretum by Eleanor and the late George Woodyard were recognized; and the Marge Hazlett family was recognized for their gift of the monarch Butterfly Watch Station in memory of the late Bob Georgeson.



### Lawrence Central Rotary Club

- Several members of Lawrence Central attended the dedication of a "Ride" Lawrence bike rack at the Rotary Arboretum in honor of the late KU athletics director, Bob Frederick. The bike rack, which is of tubular construction and spells out "Ride Lawrence," was designed by local artist Sean McCue. Lawrence Central has chosen "Community Bicycling" as a common theme for its service projects. In addition to other projects, the club also maintains the website, <http://ridelawrence.com> as a clearinghouse for information on bicycling in the Lawrence area.
- U.S. Attorney for Kansas, Barry Grissom spoke at the September 27 meeting.
- Spearheaded by club member Lynn O'Neal, the club is now halfway to their goal of \$1,000 to purchase their first ShelterBox. The club started mid-July and the goal is to buy one ShelterBox by the end of the year to assist those in need when catastrophic events arise.



### Overbrook Rotary Club

- The Baldwin City and Overbrook Rotary Clubs shared a Rotary Booth at the Maple Leaf Festival. They served k-bobs and drinks.



## CLUB NEWS

### Leawood Rotary Club

- The held its annual fundraiser, Bids for Kids, in October. The theme was “Bright Island Casual” and the evening included dinner, an auction and casino table games.



President Mike Search and Sandy Searcy hosted a table for friends and Rotary leaders.



Rotary members and friends were entertained with casino games at the event.



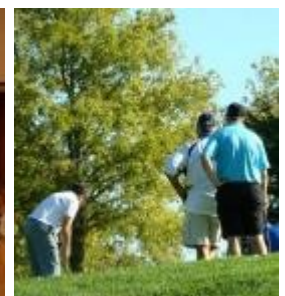
Some attendees got into the excitement after some big wins at the event!

- Three District Simplified Grants have been submitted from the International Committee. Ron Slepitz is heading an effort to bring a Rotary Open World—Social Services program to Kansas City.
- Three District Simplified Grants have been submitted by the Vocational Committee. The committee is also hosting a book drive where the club members collect children’s books for the Head Start Training Centers for the next five weeks.
- The social committee is planning a golf event as part of a membership drive. This will give members an opportunity to invite prospective new members.
- To keep the club sponsored Ambassadorial Scholar in Tanzania, Laura, from feeling too homesick, the club took the picture to the right to send her good wishes!



### Louisburg Rotary Club

- The club held its 12th Annual Rotary Golf Tournament.
- Distributed Dictionaries to 5th graders.
- Louisburg High School stadium concession stand.
- Had a float in the Labor Day Parade and festivities.
- Two members gave classification talks.
- New member, Janice Henderson.



## CLUB NEWS

### Manhattan Rotary Club

- Special speakers for September 22 were the RYLA students the club sponsored in June 2011. Sophie Wang, Kathryn Everett, Henry deNoble, and Cassidy Harper presented highlights of their RYLA participation which was a life changing experience for them. The other RYLA participant, Hannah Devane, was participating in a golf tournament with the Manhattan High School golf team.
- Congratulations to Kayla Fraley and Ben Stegeman, Manhattan High School Students of the Month for September.
- The club is please to welcome Lisa Ward and Keith Westervelt as new member of the Manhattan Rotary Club. Lisa transferred from the Hutchison Rotary Club.



L to R: New club member, Keith Westervelt and President Mark Queen.



L to R: President Mark Queen, Kayla Fraley, Ben Stegeman and Andy Bowen, Student of the Month Committee.



L to R: President Mark Queen, Sophi Wang, Kathryn Everett, Henry deNoble, and Cassidy Harper, RYLA students.

### Ottawa Rotary Club

- The club was fortunate to have John Curran (District RYLA Chair) and his wife J.J. as their guests to educate the club about RYLA to be held at the University of Kansas, June 5-6, 2012. The club will be sponsoring a high school student to attend RYLA this summer.
- The club is taking applications for the Student Exchange program. The club held an informational meeting for any interested students at the Ottawa High School. A district application will follow once the student is identified locally.
- Four new members were inducted into the Ottawa Club. Perhaps because of the “flockings” in Ottawa (see page 9)! New members pictured L to R: Tina Albers, J.C. Kelley, Joy Beatty and Richard Warren.





## CLUB NEWS

### Overland Park South Rotary Club

- Tim New announced that the annual children's book collection would begin in late October. The collection benefits Headstart.
- President Lee Stuart visited the Shawnee Rotary Club to discuss potential service project collaboration.
- The club has scheduled its 2012 Jazz in the Woods Festival, the 23rd annual event, for June 15 and 16 in Corporate Woods, Overland Park. This festival draws 20,000-30,000 attendees each year and has generated more than \$300,000 for local children's charities in the past 5 years.
- Kelly Wolfert was recognized for her outstanding success in leading the club's annual raffle ticket sales. More than \$47,000 was raised this year, a record amount! Congratulations, Kelly!

### Paola Rotary Club

- The club is in the beginning research stages of starting up an Interact Club at the high school.
- Membership recruitment is going strong and the goal for the year is five new members. So far the club has recruited three new members since July 1st.
- The club had three visitors to their recent meetings; Jack Bienvent from Martinville, LA; Nancy Ellis from the Olathe Santa Fe Trail Club; and Jan Secot from Seattle, Washington.

### Shawnee Rotary Club

- The club served and prepared dinner for Johnson County Food Ministry.
- Began collecting old cell phones for Safe House.
- Began collecting old shoes to help their Interact Club with their shoe project.
- Hosted approximately 200 guests for the annual fundraiser and raised approximately \$13,000 for Shawnee Community Services, Children's Nutrition Program of Haiti, the Theatre in the Park and Rotary Club of Shawnee Foundation.
- Added a new member—John Mattox.

### Shawnee Mission Rotary Club

- Future Rotarian Peyton Reade Olson was born Sunday, October 9, 2011 to Jennifer Olson and her husband John. In the 65 year history of the Shawnee Mission Club, Jennifer is the first Rotarian to have a baby as an active member! Peyton is the granddaughter of Rotarian Ron Wood.



### Topeka South Rotary Club

- The club held its first Sole Mates day. See article on page 9.
- The club held its 17th annual fundraising golf tournament where the club raised \$6,500 which will be donated to local charities and The Rotary Foundation.
- The club welcomes new member, Doug Barrington with KTWU Channel 11. His classification is Development Education.



# CLUB NEWS

## Topeka Downtown Rotary Club



Doug Scott beams as he received the Paul Harris Award from President Anita Wolgast. Doug is overseeing an aggressive new membership drive that was rolled out at the October 6 meeting. Several members quickly responded by volunteering to be team leaders for the drive.



L to R: President Anita Wolgast, Rotarian Rehan Reza who introduced his sister-in-law, Zeenat Rehana who is visiting from Bangladesh. A professional musician, Zeenat graced the club with a beautiful vocal solo.



Past President Al Williams responds to recognition of his annual gift to endow a scholarship for a youth from Washburn Technical Institute of Topeka.



Board Member Joyce Martin encourages member to take a young person to work. She challenged the club to have at least 20 members participate.



In recognition of October's focus on Vocational Service, club members Alisa Snavelly and Todd Payne talked about the accounting field in the second vocational services program, a series organized by Roger Aeschliman.



Thumbs up! The club supported the "Make a Splash" Water Festival financially as well as with volunteers to help educate nearly 1,200 school children of the area. Larry McCoig (center) chaired the club's team, working with Board Member Eugene Williams (R) and President Anita Wolgast (L).



LEFT: President Elect Blanche Parks introduces new member Wayne Pancoast. Wayne is transferring to our district from the Salina area. He is the CEO of Jayhawk Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

RIGHT: In the interest of getting to know one another better, the club has initiated a new tradition of pulling a name from a basket each meeting and that person is interviewed briefly about their background. Dick Knoll (L) is interviewing Terry Diebolt, President of the Topeka Foundation. This conversation was about the KU/ K-State football game!!

