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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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District 5710 Foundation Banquet

6th Annual District 5710 Foundation Banquet

November 19, 2011—6:00 to 9:30 pm

Overland Park Sheraton

[CLICK HERE FOR A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION FORM](#)

The Rotary programs we care so much about and enjoy – Group Study Exchange, scholarships, and Rotary Peace Programs – are funded by the Rotary Foundation. This will soon be time for the 6th Annual Foundation Banquet for the district. This annual event is our district's fundraiser for the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation. It is now time to register!

Our support of the Foundation and its mission to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty, is critical. District Simplified Grants, which so many of our clubs use to support excellent community and international projects, and Matching Grants for larger projects, are also supported by the Foundation.



Ray Klingensmith, RI Immediate
Past President

If you need another excellent reason to attend this year's Banquet this is it! **Our keynote speaker will be Ray Klingensmith, Rotary International Immediate Past President.** It will be a special treat that most districts never get; to hear some of his experiences from his year as Rotary International President.

Come to the banquet – bring your significant other, a guest, or even better, get some of your Rotary friends together and reserve a whole table and make an even greater impact! Download the registration form above!

This is also an excellent event to share with prospective Rotarians, to let them know about all that Rotary does to make the world a better place for all. If there is someone you've been thinking of inviting to join Rotary, bring them to the banquet – what an excellent introduction!

Please register now to join in this evening of inspiration and fellowship, while supporting our Rotary Foundation!

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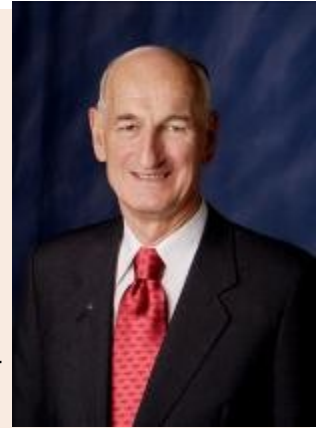
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What will be your legacy?

Message from William Boyd, RI Trustee Chair

Years ago, during a visit to New York City, I saw a T-shirt that said, “He who dies with the most wins.” It seemed funny at the time, but we all read the stories of people who judge their success by their wealth. The problem is that material possessions often do not bring happiness, for there is always someone who has more.

Most of us, however, want our life to be measured by what we have done. Many Rotarians have expressed their appreciation of fellow Rotarians’ service by promising a contribution to our Rotary Foundation that will live on after them. The earnings from their gifts go to our Annual Programs Fund year after year. What better legacy to the world?



By earlier this year, we had almost 8,000 commitments to the Bequest Society. These represented an expected value of about US\$338 million, a significant share of the almost \$700 million in assets and expectancies in our Permanent Fund.

The first Australian RI president, Angus S. Mitchell (1948-49), foretold the creation of the Permanent Fund in 1992, in a speech that ended with this story from the Talmud: Choni Hama’agel saw an old man planting a carob tree and asked when he thought the tree would bear fruit. “After 70 years” was the reply. “What!” said Choni. “Do you expect to live 70 years and eat the fruit of your labor?” “I did not find the world desolate when I entered it,” said the old man. “And as my fathers planted for me before I was born, so I plant for those who will come after me.”

We each have that same opportunity by making a bequest to our Rotary Foundation.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download a Fact Sheet about the Bequest Society.

TRF-Direct USA—The Easy Way to Give!

TRF-DIRECT makes contributing to The Rotary Foundation easy!

- 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!



[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE TRF-DIRECT FORM](#)

New Members Are a Breathe of Fresh Air—Establish an Aggressive Goal

By Bob Wilhelm, District Membership Chair

One of the most important elements to increasing membership is to establish an AGGRESSIVE GOAL. Have you ever known a company, regardless of size, who says the following: "we're going to increase our total revenue by one". It doesn't make any difference whether it's one dollar or 1%, you just don't hear that in the world of successful business. So, what's the formula and how should you approach setting your goal?



5 SUCCESSFUL FACTORS

Aggressive Goal

Develop a Plan

Focus by Leadership

Repetition of Message (goal/plan)

Accountability

Typically, 25%-30% of the members in your club will sponsor a new member. So, let's say your club currently has 50 members and because you're planning a major new member campaign, you feel 30% of membership will participate by sponsoring a new member. That means you will induct 15 new members this year. However, you need to factor in potential losses for members who relocate, lose their job or simply can't afford the time. The average percentage of annual member loss is 7%, therefore you must factor in a reduction of 4 from your original 50 members taking you to 46. Now you can add in the 15 new members you expect. So, your NEW MEMBER GROWTH GOAL is 61.

You went through a logical process to establish your goal. Now, you have to do the same thing to develop a plan for how you're going to reach this new goal. You can involve your membership committee, your board or organize a new member campaign group to come up with an action plan.

ACTION PLAN

1. Current State of Club
 - a. Strengths/Weaknesses
2. Establish Goal
3. How are we going to get there and when
 - a. Develop your timeline
4. Measures and actions to insure implementation

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.

Plan for World Polio Day—October 24

It's not too early to plan for World Polio Day, **24 October**, an excellent opportunity for your club and district to support the global effort to eradicate the disease.

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Create your own ["This Close" ad](#) and make it your Facebook profile photo.
- Host a walk, run, or bikeathon and send out a press release about the event. Download a [sample release](#).
- Download a [World Polio Day Proclamation](#).
- Make a [donation](#) for polio eradication.
- Place an op-ed about polio in your local newspaper. [See a sample](#).
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For more examples of polio eradication fundraisers and other news about Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, subscribe to the [End Polio Now](#) newsletter.

2011-12 Rotary Color—It is Time to “GREEN” Rotary

Message from RI President Kalyan Banerjee

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

We have a color for the 2011-12 Rotary year, and that color is green. Why green? Because green is the color of spring, of new life, of bright leaves bursting forth from spreading branches. And there is no doubt that it is time to “green” Rotary – to lift our deepening pallor of gray and replace it with brighter shades of green.

Overall, in Rotary, only 11 percent of our members are under the age of 40, while 68 percent are over 50 and 39 percent are over 60. It’s not too hard to see where this will lead us in 10, 20, and 30 years down the line, if we don’t do something about it now. It is not enough to simply bring in new members. We need to bring in younger members, who will breathe new life and new vigor into our organization.



2011-12 RI President Kalyan Banerjee addresses spouses of District Governor Elects' during the Spouse Opening Plenary Session at the International Assembly, 17 January 2011, San Diego, California, USA.

“How can we be more attractive to younger members . . . We have to come to them, where they are—Internet, Facebook, Twitter, Email, Smartphones.”

How can we be more attractive to younger members, who are so different in so many ways from the young professionals of a generation or two ago? We have to come to them, where they are – and for most young people, where they are is on the Internet, on Facebook, on Twitter and e-mail, and on their smartphones. A club that doesn’t have a presence on the Internet simply doesn’t exist as far as they are concerned. A club’s website is its public face – and it has to be a good one.

More than anything, I believe we need to bring back the idea of the family of Rotary. We need to look at all of Rotary as one family: Rotarians, their families, and also Rotaractors, Interactors, Youth Exchange students and alumni, Foundation alumni, and so on. And we need to consider retention as an idea that applies not just to Rotarians, but to the entire family of Rotary.

Too often, we look outward to find new members, and we do not see our own young generation, waiting to be called upon. We must look to them to find the capable and enthusiastic new members who will be the club presidents, the district governors, and the RI senior leaders of tomorrow.

We owe it to our Rotary family – past, present, and future – to make sure that our generation of Rotarians is not the last. We must, in a very real sense, reach within – to embrace our Rotary family, so that we can better embrace all of humanity.

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Come to the Bangkok RI Convention in 2012

“World’s #1 Best City”* rolls out red carpet for Rotarians

*Travel + Leisure Magazine for last three years



EXPERIENCE THE LAND OF 1,000 SMILES

- ◆ OUTSTANDING pre and post convention tours
- ◆ Rotary Peace Symposium (May 3-5)
- ◆ International Institute (May 4-5)
- ◆ GREAT speakers and FABULOUS entertainment
- ◆ Host Hospitality Night (Mon. May 7)
- ◆ The very best hotels at SUPER convention rates!
- ◆ FANTASTIC Rotary networking opportunities
- ◆ Breakout sessions to share best practices and project ideas
- ◆ First Time Convention Goers Orientation Sessions (Sat. May 5) to help you navigate the convention and set your convention “goals”
- ◆ The House of Friendship with HUNDREDS of Rotary exhibits
- ◆ \$160 registration fee when you register by December 1, 2011.
- ◆ Discover Thai culture, cuisine, and traditions in Bangkok, rated “#1 World’s Best City” by Travel & Leisure Magazine for the third year. Discover Thailand in the city that is the “Gateway to Southeast Asia”.
- ◆ Register at www.rotary.org or www.rotaryconvention2012.com



For registration, housing and all the latest information visit:

<http://www.rotaryconvention2010.org>

<http://www.rotary.org>

[CLICK HERE](#) for a full page promotional flyer form Rotary International
[CLICK HERE](#) for a Zone 27 & 21B Thailand package promotion

Upcoming Rotary Months

VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH—OCTOBER

Conduct a Vocational Service Project or training session. During October, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service. Discussions on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational Service Month is an opportunity to begin year-long vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary Discussions to awards to community projects. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information about Vocational Service Month.

World Polio Day—October 24.

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH—NOVEMBER

- Attend the District 5710 Foundation Banquet (see page 1).
- Conduct election of club officers for 2012-13
- Submit IRS Form 990, Deadline of November 15, 2011. [CLICK HERE](#) to download information from RI.



Overland Park South—Jazz in the Woods

As many Rotarians in the district know, the Overland Park South Rotary Club hosted their 22nd annual Jazz in the Woods event this past June. What many may not know, is the exposure it has gotten since it started in 1989. It continues to rank as one of the largest and most vibrant jazz festivals of its kind in the Kansas City area, attracting more than 20,000 attendees each year. The Club is proud to announce that the event, since its inception, has raised over \$1 Million for local children's charities. This year the beneficiary charities included the following:

- Fox 4 Love Fund
- Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center
- Operation Breakthrough
- Overland Park South Rotary Club's Future of Hope Fund

The event is planned throughout the year and includes nearly 100% of the club's participation in pulling it off. This year marked a year where some changes took place and new partnerships were formed. For example, the Club engaged Ascend Integrated Media to prepare a Program Guide to promote information about the event, the charity beneficiaries and provided an additional place for marketing of local companies. The Club plans to continue this attendee and sponsor benefit into the future.

This year also marked the first year of fencing in the event to allow a variety of beer, wine and sangria to be sold. Even though a "no cooler" policy was enforced the event remained free to the public and the change pleased attendees and sponsors alike. The event also attracted some new vendors as a result of the update including both La Bodega and Café Roux to name a few.

The talent the event brings to the city every year is what keeps the popularity growing. This year, the headliner artists included the following:

- Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
- Richard Elliott & Norman Brown
- Jeff Golub
- The Notables

During 2010 a Jazz in the Woods run was added to the weekend event on Saturday morning. This year's run included 5K Route, a 10K Route and a one mile family walk. Despite the inclement weather the morning of the run, the event still attracted over 600 people to register and had its first paying partner. The Club plans to continue to grow the run with goals of exceeding 1,000 runners next year.



Fox 4 Love Fund receiving a check for \$15,300.



Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center receiving a check for \$15,300.



Operation Breakthrough receiving a check for \$15,300.

Overland Park South—Jazz in the Woods (Cont)

To close out the 22nd annual Jazz in the Woods event, the Overland Park South Rotary Club recently hosted a check presentation meeting to award all four charities their money. They were happy to present four checks for \$15,300 to each of charities listed above. The 2011 Chairman, Marc Shaffer, was quoted as saying "It is amazing that an event, free to the public, can still net over \$60,000 for its beneficiary charities. It could not have been done without the help of Rotarians, the city of Overland Park, the community and all the generous volunteers who contributed to the success of Jazz in the Woods this past June."

Jazz in the Woods continues to have a great reputation in the community and the Overland Park South Club is already in the process of planning the annual event for 2012. It is scheduled for June 16th and 17th and connections for sponsorship and talent are already being made. If you would like to contribute to or connect your club to the annual event in some way, please do not hesitate to contact the 2012 Chairman, Gregg Yowell at jazzinthewoods@gmail.com. For additional information on Jazz in the Woods please see the website throughout the year as updates are always being made; www.jazzinthewoods.com.

How Can Rotary Clubs Impact Peace? - Junction City and Manhattan Rotary Clubs

How can Rotary clubs impact peace? The Junction City Noon Rotary Club and the Manhattan Morning and Noon Rotary Clubs came together for dinner on Sept 15 at Riley's on Fort Riley to do just that. In honor of District Governor John Vandewalle's visit, the clubs held a healthy competition to provide monetary donations for **Help Us Learn...Give Us Hope**. This Not-for-profit 501C3 provides backpacks, supplies and books to school children in Iraq, Afghanistan and Africa. Since its founding in 2008, the organization has shipped more than 900,000 lbs of supplies and 950,000 books and provided for almost 500,000 children in these countries. President and Chairman of the Board, Colonel Gary LaGrange provided a compelling account of his work, its beginnings and his current and future needs. District Governor John Vandewalle then said, "we can do more". Colonel LaGrange's current goal is to send supplies to children in the area of Afghanistan where our Navy Seals were killed in early August. This is at the request of U.S. soldiers. The clubs presented Colonel LaGrange with donations of more than \$2,550. Please consider taking up the challenge with us in helping Colonel LaGrange and his efforts in our own small way of impacting peace. To support the organization, visit <http://www.helpuslearngiveushope.org>.



L to R: Manhattan Konza President Bill Lansdowne ; Manhattan President Mark Queen; Gary LaGrange; Junction City President Scott McClain. The three club presidents are giving Retired Colonel LaGrange, President and CEO of Help Us Learn . . . Give Us Hope a check for \$2,550 in support of his efforts.

Kansas Rotary License Plates Now Half Price

The Topeka Downtown Rotary Club has a limited supply of the Kansas Sesquicentennial license plates still available. You can purchase yours for only \$10.

The license plates make great gifts for new club members, club officer appreciation presentations, and all club members. A great way to promote ROTARY and KANSAS!



Contact Anita Wolgast at awolgast@cox.net or her cell at 785-230-4979.

Dates to Remember for 2010-11

2011

SEPTEMBER—NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

30 District Simplified Grant Applications Due

OCTOBER—VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

24 WORLD POLIO DAY

November—Rotary Foundation Month

2-9 [Heart to Heart & Rotary Guatemala Trip](#)

8-13 [Zone Institute, Rockwall, TX](#)

19 [Foundation Banquet](#)

DECEMBER—FAMILY MONTH

2012

JANUARY—ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

FEBRUARY—WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

25 District Assembly, Topeka Area
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 (Cont)

[CLICK HERE FOR CLUB EVENT DETAILS](#)

BONNER SPRINGS

[75th Anniversary Ball](#)

October 1—Celebrate the Club's 75th Anniversary
Contact: Marva at 913-441-2584

VILLAGE WEST

[Parade of Heroes](#)

October 6, 6:30pm—The Legends of Village West
www.paradeofheroes.com

SPRING HILL

Golf Tournament

October 7, 7:30 am start time—Sycamore Ridge
Contact: Johnny Ford, ml60@kcnet.com

LEAWOOD

Bids 4 Kids—Casino Night

October 8, 6-11pm, Overland Park Sheraton
Contact: Nancy Barber, 913-681-1046 or nmbarber@aol.com

JOHNSON COUNTY & JOHNSON COUNTY SUNSET

[3rd Annual Oktoberfest at Boulevard Brewery](#)

October 13, 6-9 pm, 2501 Southwest Boulevard, KC, MO
Contact: Shirley Rahe, 913-268-9163 or Joanna Bramlett at 913-244-8172, Joanna.bramlett@edwardjones.com

LAWRENCE JAYHAWK—[Click Here for Details](#)

2nd Annual Trivia Night

October 21, 6:30 pm—Alvamar Country Club

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

*Save the earth It's the
only planet with chocolate!*

District Membership Numbers

Month of August

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 September 25. 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 September 15.

Keep Your Club in the "Green"

2011-12 Color—GREEN—see p. 4

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 July.

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" rows!!

CLUB	7/1/2011 Membership	8/31/2011 Membership	August Gain/Loss	August Attendance
Atchison	77	0	0	0.00%
Baldwin City	16	16	0	67.00%
Blue Rapids	21	0	0	0.00%
Blue Valley	12	14	+2	87.14%
Bonner Springs	23	21	-2	71.00%
Burlingame	13	0	0	0.00%
Burlington	31	31	0	62.96%
Council Grove	52	0	0	0.00%
De Soto	41	41	0	45.73%
Emporia	62	62	0	63.39%
Frankfort	23	22	-1	74.00%
Gardner	56	57	+1	68.89%
Garnett	24	0	0	0.00%
Holton	27	27	0	57.00%
Howard	17	17	0	60.00%
Johnson County	35	37	+2	74.82%
Johnson County Sunset	25	27	+2	61.48%
Junction City	77	72	-5	44.00%
Junction City Flint Hills	16	15	-1	52.63%
Kansas City	56	58	+2	73.20%
Lawrence	192	0	0	0.00%
Lawrence Central	27	27	0	43.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	65	64	-1	70.66%
Leavenworth	87	86	-1	68.08%
Leawood	56	54	-1	87.74%
Lenexa	46	46	0	72.93%
Louisburg	45	38	-7	48.57%
Manhattan	193	194	+1	63.31%
Manhattan Konza	78	78	0	57.69%
Marysville	48	47	-1	73.00%
Olathe	98	0	0	0.00%
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	27	29	+2	54.00%
Osawatomie	25	26	+1	87.00%
Oskaloosa	32	32	0	50.00%
Ottawa	27	26	-1	54.55%
Overbrook	30	29	-1	80.30%
Overland Park	137	135	-2	70.31%
Overland Park South	89	87	-2	62.50%
Paola	38	37	-1	62.00%
Shawnee	56	56	0	78.00%
Shawnee Mission	54	55	+1	58.91%
Spring Hill	17	18	+1	74.00%
Topeka Downtown	188	188	0	53.21%
Topeka North	23	24	+1	55.00%
Topeka South	114	117	+3	70.22%
Topeka West	24	25	+1	83.00%
Valley Falls	16	16	0	69.00%
Village West	40	41	+1	64.02%
Western Johnson County	30	32	+2	71.88%
TOTALS/Average Attendance	2606	2124	-5	** 64.46%

**Percentage for Clubs Reporting

Clubs With Over 70% Membership Attendance for August

Will your club be listed here next month?

Leawood.....	87.74%
Blue Valley.....	87.14%
Osawatomie.....	87.00%
Topeka West.....	83.00%
Overbrook.....	80.30%
Shawnee.....	78.00%
Johnson County.....	74.82%
Frankfort.....	74.00%
Spring Hill.....	74.00%
Kansas City.....	73.20%
Marysville.....	73.00%
Lenexa.....	72.93%
Western Johnson County.....	71.88%
Bonner Springs.....	71.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk.....	70.66%
Overland Park.....	70.31%
Topeka South.....	70.22%

Average Attendance (for the reporting clubs) for the month of August: 64.46%

Clubs with 65% to 70% Attendance:

Valley Falls—	69.00%
Gardner—	68.89%
Leavenworth—	68.08%
Baldwin City—	67.00%

New Club Members for August

Gardner.....	Daryl Reece
Johnson County.....	Tyler Lorigan
Junction City Flint Hills.....	Rick Roberts
Lawrence.....	Mark Buhler, Steve Cardwell, Steve Maceli
Leavenworth.....	Jonathan Reddell, Ryan Smith
Louisburg.....	John Cleek
Marysville.....	Josh Trimble
Overbrook.....	Mike Bronoski
Spring Hill.....	Jason Goin
Topeka Downtown.....	Elizabeth Schlossman
Topeka South.....	Robert Koopman

WELCOME

Pictured L to R: Spring Hill—President Johnny Ford with new member Jason Goin. Jason is the Director of Spring Hill Recreation Commission.



CLUB NEWS

Atchison Rotary Club

- Gold Boldridge-Brown, Patsy Porter and Frances Strieby attended the Foundation, Membership and Leadership Seminar at Washburn University in August.
- Club members decided to join with and partner with the Leavenworth Club to support the Backpack Buddies program. As a result children in Atchison County will be supported by our club. The club raised funds to contribute to the program so that needy children in Atchison County would be served nutritious meals on the weekends.
- Club members donated food items to the food pantry of the Salvation Army which was in great need due to flood victims seeking relief and other residents experiencing hard economic conditions.
- Christy Isaacs replaced Marta Myers as club secretary. Welcome Christy.
- Plans are being made for a major fundraising event on March 1, 2012—The Harlem Ambassadors.



President Goldie Boldridge-Brown presents a check to Susan Coffee, Backpack Buddies Committee Chair.

DeSoto Rotary Club

The club entered a float for the DeSoto Days Parade representing that Zimmerman's barn will rise again in October 2011. The famous red barn was destroyed in a storm last year.



Frankfort Rotary Club

- Replaced the roof of the shelter house at city park.
- Held a hamburger feed for new swimming pool opening.
- Sponsored barbeque at annual city summerfest; sold chances for a Green Mountain grill.
- Sponsored picnic for all junior and senior high athletes and parents; all sports included.

Gardner Rotary Club

- The Johnson County Fair is held in Gardner and the club works year round— and especially the week of the Fair. Rotarians help all week, with data entry, etc. and help organize and run the Fair Parade. This tradition has been around as long as the club has been in existence.
- Five Gardner Rotarians attended the Foundation, Membership and Leadership Seminar in Topeka. They came back energized and full of some great ideas!
- The club welcomed new member, Daryl Reece.
- The club's membership chair, Mark Halpin, kicked off the membership drive by dividing the club into teams with team captains. The first Thursday of every month, teams will sit together to encourage some good natured ribbing and encourage each other to bring Rotary and Rotary membership to the forefront of our minds.



CLUB NEWS

Emporia Rotary Club

1. Club Foundation Chairman Marshall Miller and Past President Barbara Wry presented Teresa Walters with her second Paul Harris Fellow.
2. Marshall Miller and Barbara Wry awarded Kent Heermann and Jodi Heermann as new Paul Harris Fellows.
3. Jack Atherton +7; Lee Nelson +4; Gary Ace +3 and +4; Matt Zimmerman +3; Sam Purohit +1.
4. Barbara Wry receiving her Presidential Citation Award from DG John Vandewalle.



- The Emporia Rotary Club has 41 Paul Harris Fellows in their membership. There are currently 17 members with enough recognition points to name additional Paul Harris Fellows. The club's new club membership listing booklet has a page that shows all of the PHFs that have been awarded in their club. It numbers well over 100!

Garnett Rotary Club

- The club's dunk tank saw more activity as it was used during the local fair and made a trip to LeRoy, Kansas for a school event.

Holton Rotary Club

- To promote Rotary awareness in the community, the club held Buckle for Bucks and are taking tickets for local school events.
- The club is working on eyeglass and other projects with their sister club in Thailand.
- The club added two new members; Janet Zwonitzer (Holton Mayer) and Steve Evans (IT Security).
- Jim Birkbeck organized Rotary materials and local club history.

Junction City Flint Hills Rotary Club

- The club is conducting ongoing Veteran's Memorial Landscaping and Maintenance.
- Donation for Veteran Andrew Robertson cremation.
- Continue military appreciation.
- Baby food jars for Children with Aids Program.

CLUB NEWS

Lawrence Rotary Club

- President Steve Glass presented three members with Paul Harris Awards, signifying their commitment to the work of The Rotary Foundation. They are John Rathbun, Dean Owens, and Bud Jacobs. Steve challenged all members to give to the Foundation through direct donation, or by adding \$25 to the quarterly billing remittance.
- Steve also presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Nancy Bjorge.

Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Club



John Heeb (center) and Sandra Wiechert (right) became Paul Harris Fellows on August 18. Don Duncan (left) made the presentations. Don is the Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary Foundation chair and District 5710 Assistant District Governor.

Picture to the right: David Bunker (left) was honored by Lawrence Jayhawk on August 4. He was a founder of the club and served as treasurer during the past year. Dave is resigning from the club due to his traveling commitments as a bank auditor, but vows he will return to the club. Past President Bruce Roberts presented Dave with a plaque which will be placed in Dave's honor on a white ash "Autumn Purple" tree at the Rotary Arboretum.



Leawood Rotary Club

- The club is gearing up for its annual fundraiser, Bids For Kids, which will be held on October 8. The club will host a casino party and live auction for attendees with the "Bright Island Casual" theme!
- Member Scott Cooper will depart for Guatemala on November 2 for the Sanitation/Medical trip with Heart to Heart International.
- The club is receiving updates from Laura Kelly, Ambassadorial Scholar in Tanzania, who is having a wonderful and educational experience. Laura was sponsored by the club.
- Member Dick Wetzler is developing a DSG application for the Arts for Education project in Swaziland.
- Pictured to the right: The club inducted new member Cheryl Graves (center) by membership committee chair Neil Sommers (right). President Mike Searcy is looking on.



Shawnee Rotary Club

- The club completed the Bike Safety Rodeo on August 20. The club handled out approximately 400 helmets. A huge success.
- Major Donor Awards were presented to District Governor-Elect Kevin Tubbesing and Dr. Rick Randolph.

CLUB NEWS

Manhattan Rotary Club

- Justin Kastner spoke on August 25th on his new book, 150 Years of Kansas Beef, co-authored with Blair Tenhouse. Dr. Kastner was a District 5710 Ambassadorial Scholar in 1999-2000. He studied in Scotland at the University of Edinburgh and received a Public Health Post-graduate Diploma. Justin received a M.S. degree from London South Bank University and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Guelph. He is a faculty member in the college of Veterinary Medicine at K-State working on Food Safety and Security. Pictured in the left picture are Dr. Justin Kastner (left) and club president Mark Queen (right).
- McKenzie Snow is a Wichita native and a 2008 graduate of Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School. She graduated from Kansas State University in the summer of 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. As a 2011-12 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, she will pursue a master's degree in International Development and Management at Lund University in Lund, Sweden. She then hopes to complete a doctorate in International Studies. McKenzie left for Sweden on August 20. McKenzie Snow (pictured above right) was sponsored by the Manhattan and Manhattan Konza Rotary Clubs.



Manhattan Konza Rotary Club

- The first annual Manhattan Konza Water Matters Day was held in August and was a tremendous success! Nearly 1,400 people attending and were able to learn more about the importance of clean water and sanitation both locally and globally. Nearly \$7,500 was raised in donations and in-kind gifts, to support the Manhattan Konza clubs water projects for 2011-12. The day included vendor booths, water trivia contests and water games at Manhattan City pool. Plans are already in the works for next years Water Matters Day.
- Andy Hutchinson, Assistant Director of Head Start, was inducted into membership on September 16. Dr. Frankie Hutchinson, owner of Manhattan Family Chiropractic, was inducted into membership on September 16 also. They are the first set of brother to be inducted into the Manhattan Konza Club.

Overbrook Rotary Club

- The club float took 2nd in the Overbrook Parade. The club co-sponsored the annual fishing derby.
- PDG Vickie Randel gave a presentation on The Rotary Foundation.
- Long time doctor in Overbrook was honored by the club and city with proclamation of Dr. Ruble Day.
- Mayor and club member Don Schultz, was named 5th best Mayor in Kansas.

Overland Park South Rotary Club

- The club will be collecting disposable diapers to support Happy Bottoms, a Kansas City organization that assists a child services agencies. Happy Bottoms also will receive a grant for \$2,000 from the Future of Hope, the Overland Park South Club's foundation.
- The Future of Hope Foundation also issued \$650 in support of the Lifestraw (water purification devices) project in conjunction with the Topeka North Rotary Club. The devices will be sent to Haiti.
- The club has scheduled its 2012 Jazz in the Woods Festival, the 23rd annual event, for June 15 and 16 in Corporate Woods. 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. (see page 6 about the 2011 Jazz in the Woods)
- Michelle Fittro was inducted as a new member on September 7. Welcome Michelle!



CLUB NEWS

Shawnee Mission Rotary Club

- The club served a pancake breakfast at the Mission Arts and Eats Festival. Approximately 200 people were served despite the bad weather. Twenty Rotarians and a few spouses participated.
- On September 23rd the club had an outing to the new Sporting KC soccer stadium. Thirty people attended.



Spring Hill Rotary Club

- The club will hold a golf tournament on Friday, October 7 at Sycamore Ridge Golf Course in Spring Hill. Contact Kim Thompson at 913-592-5572 or Johnny Ford at 913-226-7334.
- DG John Vandewalle shamed the club into purchasing new, modern name badges! The club members love the new look, so thanks to DG John!
- The club inducted a new member, Jason Goin (Director of Spring Hill Recreation Commission). Pictured to the right are President Johnny Ford with Jason Goin.



Topeka South Rotary Club

- The club's new program, Soul Mates, is under way. The project will provide a new pair of shoes and socks to underprivileged children. The club is partnering with Payless ShoeSource, who is giving the club a discount on the shoes and socks.
- The recipient of the "From our House to Theirs" currently is the Topeka Rescue Mission.
- The club continues to develop a relationship with the Rotary Club of Sibiu, Romania. The club is working on setting up a way to have some members attend or view each other's club meetings via the internet.
- The club has approved one new individual for membership, Dave Smith, Director of the Brown vs Brown Board National Historic Site. **The club has increased their membership from 113 to 117 since July 1.**

Village West Rotary Club

- The club is preparing for their Parade of Heroes.
- The club played Rotary Jeopardy!. Steve Beaumont has the software if anyone is interested in adapting this fun program to their club.



To see more of the Rotary Jeopardy Game—including the board and music - [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the Club Project Page on the District website.

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