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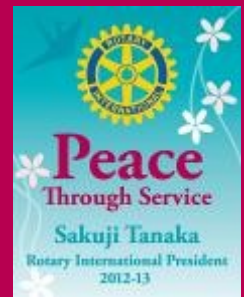
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To submit articles and pictures for the District Newsletter, send to Linda Ireland by the 15th of each month.

Upcoming District Opportunities



VOTE once each day for Rotary on each of your devices such as laptop, smartphone, tablet, etc. Vote every day until 25 December on every device. Charities receive a portion of the miles based on the percentage of the overall vote they receive. **Click on the graphic above to go the voting site.** Rotary is currently in 1st place with over half a million votes. Keep the votes coming. Share this with your friends and family. Ask them to vote too. For more information about this cause, go to the District website, rotary5710.org.

Go On A Rotary Friendship Exchange to the Caribbean



You are invited to become part of the Rotary District 6040 (across the state line in Missouri) Friendship Exchange (RFE) with Rotarians in the Dominican Republic. This RFE will depart on February 1, 2013 and return on February 15, 2013. Couple are welcome so long as one is a Rotarian. Individual Rotarians are also welcome.

In the Dominican Republic you will stay free in the homes of Dominican Rotarians who also provide your meals, but, you pay for your own airline tickets (roundtrip on Delta \$650). The Dominican Republic has beautiful beaches on the south shore and lush jungle and coffee plantations in the high mountains where also rare gems are mined. Average temperatures will be 68 low to 82 high. Why not escape Missouri/Kansas' cold, snow and ice for two weeks in February?

For more information and a RFE application, contact Dan Hall at: danhall6040@att.net.



Rotary Peace Forum

February 23, 2013

Leadership Studies Bldg

Kansas State University

Hosted by the Manhattan and Manhattan Konza Rotary Club and co-sponsored by Topeka Downtown, Junction City, Gardner, Shawnee Mission, Shawnee, Overland Park and Atchison clubs in District 5710.

(see page 5 For details)

Message from RI President Sakuji Tanaka

Dear fellow Rotarians,

The year 2012 is nearly gone, and we have reached the midpoint of this Rotary year. It is time to take stock of the goals we have set for ourselves, and the progress we have made toward them. Are we on track to achieve what we set out to accomplish?

I am a great believer in the importance of setting goals that are high but realistic. A worthwhile goal should be within your reach but still require you to stretch. Opening yourself to a new challenge helps you find out what you are really capable of – which may well be more than you think.

On 1 July, we will embark on our newest challenge as an organization: the full rollout of the Future Vision Plan, the new grant model for our Rotary Foundation. We in Rotary have set for ourselves a simple and vital goal: to do the most good we can with all the resources we have. To do this, we will be working to reduce overhead; to improve accountability, transparency, and local control; and to focus our service more intensely in the areas where we know we can have the most impact.



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With Future Vision, we will implement a simplified grant structure that will encourage Rotarians to serve in our six areas of focus:

1. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
2. Disease prevention and treatment,
3. Water and sanitation
4. Maternal and child health
5. Basic education and literacy
6. Economic and community development.

These are areas in which Rotarians around the world have already been working for many years, and in which we have experience and a track record of project sustainability.

Sustainability will be a major focus under Future Vision, as we shift our emphasis to long-term, high-impact projects. Simply put, a sustainable project is one that will continue to benefit the world even after Rotary funding ends. The ultimate example of a sustainable project, of course, is polio eradication: When polio is gone, the good that we have done will continue forever, centuries after the last polio vaccine is given. And the lessons we have learned from PolioPlus are universal. A truly sustainable project requires an emphasis on planning and cooperation, a long-term perspective, and an approach that considers community members as partners in our service, not passive recipients.

Embracing Future Vision means embracing a more ambitious view of Rotary – one in which we work to address major issues in a serious, lasting way. It is a new way of thinking about our service, and an approach that I believe will lead to a Foundation more capable than ever of Doing Good in the World.



Foundation Trustee Chair Message

Are you on track to meet your goals?

It's hard to believe that we have already reached the month of December, the month that celebrates the family of Rotary. We are also nearing the halfway point of our Foundation's year. Now is the time when our plans to reach our 2012-13 goals should be reevaluated. Our words, our promises, our actions should be taking shape to ensure that we will accomplish what we planned during the last calendar year.

The month of December also provides each of us with much to think about. It is during this month that we pause to recognize World AIDS Day, International Volunteer Day, and Human Rights Day – all significant reminders to Rotarians of our Foundation's aim of Doing Good in the World. Many of our clubs are working to help people with AIDS, others are volunteering all over the world to deliver *Peace Through Service*, and it is hard to count the number that will be raising their voices on 10 December for human rights.

My friends, as we start to wind down another calendar year, I am thankful to report that your Foundation is on track to achieve its goals for 2012-13 because of each and every Rotarian. This provides us with much to celebrate over the upcoming holiday season. My prayers and best wishes go out to each of you for a happy holiday season, and I eagerly look forward to sharing 2013 with you.

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson
Foundation Trustee Chair



RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal

RI President Sakuji Tanaka welcomes you to join him at the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon on June 23-26: A Harbor for Peace. [Read the president's welcome.](#)

By participating in the RI Convention, you'll gain a broader appreciation of Rotary's global impact and strengthen your commitment to service. Here are some great reasons to attend a convention:

- Experience Rotary on the global scale.
- Socialize with other Rotarians in the [House of Friendship](#) and at [unofficial affiliate events](#).
- Get inspired by [great speakers](#).
- Enhance your capacity to serve. Learn about [service projects](#) and make contacts that will help you partner with other Rotarians on an international project.
- Learn more about PolioPlus and other Foundation programs during [plenary and breakout sessions](#).
- Develop your leadership skills. Get to know Rotary leaders and attend a special [breakout session for incoming club presidents](#) and the [President-Elect's Leadership Luncheon](#), where you can meet and exchange ideas with fellow leaders.
- Enjoy the hospitality of [host Rotarians](#) as they show you around their city.
- Make it a [fun time for your whole family](#).



Click on graphic to go to RI Convention Information page.

District Events



ACCELERATE ROTARY!

February 16, 2013
 Ramada Hotel and Convention Center
 Topeka, KS

Prepare for the 2013-14 Rotary Year
 Sessions for Club Officers
 Sessions for ALL Rotarians

SAVE THE DATE

PETS

(President Elect Training Session)
 April 4-6, 2013
 Bicentennial Center
 Salina, KS

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE WITH D9200 (EAST AFRICA)



District 5710 team will be in
 District 9200 from
 April 19, 2013 to May 19, 2013

District 9200 will come to
 District 5710 on April 28 to
 May 28, 2013



CELEBRATE ROTARY 2013

(District Conference)
 May 3-5, 2013

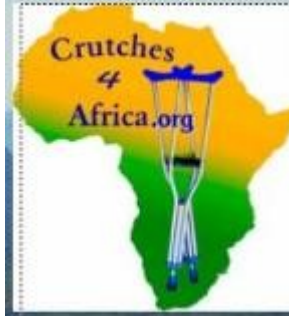
Rock Springs 4-H Center
 Junction City, KS

Mark your calendars and tell the babysitters they won't be necessary as we celebrate the 2012-13 Rotary year at this FAMILY FRIENDLY event.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a Save The Date Flyer

FOUNDATION, MEMBERSHIP, LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

August 10, 2013—Washburn University, Topeka



CRUTCHES 4 AFRICA DISTRICT WIDE PROJECT

The FIRST collection of equipment will be at Accelerate Rotary on February 16, 2013.

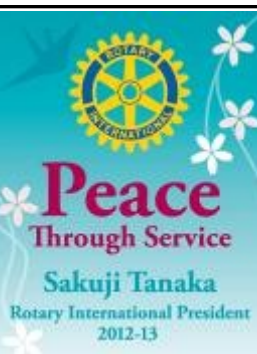
Clean out your garages, sheds and basements and bring any CRUTCHES, WHEEL-

CHAIRS, CANES, WALKERS that are not being used .. OR ask someone you know who has these items to donate. It costs \$3.00 to ship each unit abroad, so donations will also be collected to help offset this fee.

For more information of if you would like to help, contact Shawnee Rotarian PDG John Binder, phone: 785-317-3304 or email: john5670@hotmail.com. John is Past District Governor of District 5670 (Northwestern Kansas) and is now a member of our district. What better way to welcome John than to make this district-wide project a huge success.

CRUTCHES 4 AFRICA, an international project of Colorado's Mountain Foothills Rotary Club is collecting and sending life-changing mobility devices to Africa and around the world.

For more information, see the district website rotary5710.org



ROTARY PEACE FORUM

February 23, 2013
 Leadership Studies Building
 Manhattan, Kansas
 8:00 am—3:00 pm

[CLICK HERE](#) then click on Rotary Peace Forum on the blue ribbon for more information and to register.

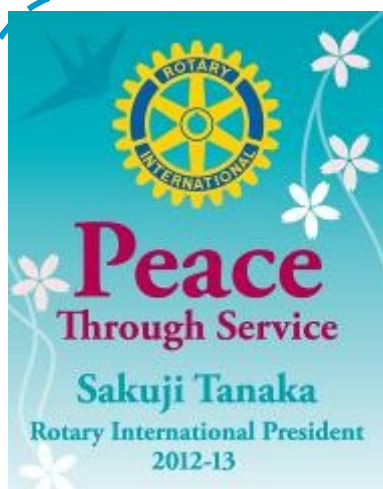


ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Lisbon, Portugal
 June 23-26, 2013

[CLICK HERE](#) to go the Rotary International Convention Site for more information and to register

Rotary Peace Forum



February 23, 2013

8:00 am—3:00 pm

**Leadership Studies Building, Kansas State University,
Manhattan, Kansas**

Registration Fee: General Public—\$50

Students age 22 and younger—\$25

Fee includes materials, refreshments and lunch

[Click here for the Manhattan Rotary website—click on Rotary Peace Forum on the blue ribbon for more information and registration](#)

In response to the urging of Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka, the Manhattan Rotary Club and the Manhattan Konza Rotary Club will be co-hosting a Rotary Peace Forum in Manhattan on Saturday, February 23, 2013. Several other Rotary clubs are co-sponsoring the Peace Forum (and by doing so will fulfill one of the requirements for the Presidential Citation for 2012-2013).

The Peace Forum will be multi-generational and will include both Rotary and non-Rotary participants from across Kansas. One important objective will be to share information and opportunities concerning present and future peace-related endeavors and to encourage new collaborative efforts. **The key take-aways of the forum are: 1) to raise awareness on building a more peaceful world, 2) to provide participants with real examples on how each can contribute to a more peaceful community in their places of dwelling and community; and 3) to empower participants to reach out to the needy and the impoverished across the globe to create a better world.**

We have identified six thematic areas which include keynote speakers and three rounds of concurrent sessions. Each participant will have an opportunity to attend three of the six concurrent sessions. Session presentations and discussion topics will include peace-related discourse, citizen/student exchanges, study abroad programs, peace-related service projects, peace and conflict resolution in our schools & communities, peace advocacy groups and efforts, and peacekeeping matters related to diplomatic and military service.

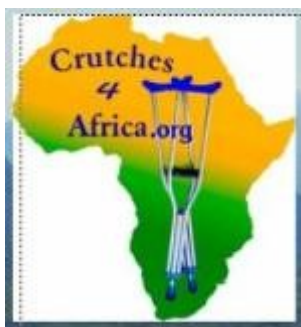
District 5710's Newest Rotary Peace Fellow

Congratulations to our newest Rotary Peace Fellow, Vibha Jani. Vibha has been assigned to the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand to attend the winter/first session during June-August 2013. We look forward to hearing from her about this amazing adventure.



**ROTARY PEACE CENTER
AT CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY
BANGKOK, THAILAND**

Foundation Banquet Report by Bob Swan, Jr.—Lawrence Central President



A special “thank you” to Bob for this wonderful article. Because of Ann Lee’s visit to our District, we are partnering with Colorado’s Mountain Foothills Rotary Club to participate in Crutches 4 Africa. See pages 1 and 4 for more information.

On November 10, I was honored to attend the District 5710 Foundation Banquet in Overland Park and to meet one of PolioPlus’s most inspiring leaders, Ann Lee Hussey. During her presentation, she both informed and motivated the several hundred in attendance at the District 5710 event.



L to R: Ann Lee Hussey, Bob Swan Jr.-President Lawrence Central

Ms. Hussey related that there were 1,000 cases of new polio cases per day when Rotary International began its noble campaign in 1985. She shared the pain and helplessness caused by the disease through sharing her own experiences as a child who contacted the dreaded disease in Maine in 1955 at the age of 17 months. Ann Lee was initially paralyzed from the waist on down, and the next eight years had many surgeries and endless physical therapy, three times a week. She faced the taunting of childhood peers—a “cripple” she was called back then as she struggled to cover up and hide the braces on her legs.

Through a lifelong commitment to her health and rehabilitation, Ann Lee Hussey became a productive member of society—but her greatest contribution lay ahead. In India and other lands, seeing children crawling on all fours, she experienced her “Rotary moment” when she saw a small polio victim struggling just as she had, with great fortitude and courage—but with far less support than Ann Lee had been fortunate to receive in the United States sixty five decades earlier. She decided to dedicate her life to polio’s eradication—and has now done more than 20 NIDs—National Immunization Day trips around the globe.

Rotary International’s commitment and leadership inspired a worldwide campaign to eradicate polio once and for all. The CDC, World Health Organization, UNICEF and Rotary International are now full partners in the crucial home stretch of eradicating polio and are now seeing the lowest number of new polio cases in recorded history. With only several dozen new cases per year, just three countries remain that have experienced new cases of polio the past twelve months. But these are very difficult countries, with war and extreme poverty and terrorism—Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan. One health worker, Mohammed Ishag, was shot and killed while immunizing children. Rotarians are on the ground in these countries doing NIDs—and in Nigeria alone there have been numerous terrorist acts during the past month. A number of other countries are still at risk—but funding is lacking to deal with these nations. So time is of the essence in this noble endeavor and our financial support is needed now more than ever.

Our worldwide cooperative campaign of polio eradication will prevail—and thousands of deaths from other diseases, such as measles and malaria, are being prevented by this model of cooperation spearheaded by Rotary. The Vitamin A supplementing by Rotary is boosting the immune systems of millions of children worldwide—and one official claims that it may have already saved the lives of three million children!

Ann Lee Hussey concluded by reminding us that, even with polio eradicated, there will be twelve to twenty million polio survivors in the world. Many will experience Post Polio Syndrome, with symptoms appearing decades later. Extreme fatigue and often pain return. Ann Lee has looked into the eyes of thousands of these children and adults across the globe and experienced their horrible suffering. They will need our help with treatment and rehabilitation for decades to come.

FDR, our president who personally was stricken by polio, once said, “Our ability to work together...will make our victory over polio endure.” He could have been speaking about Rotary International—for Rotary is the only non-governmental organization that could have raised one billion dollars and organized thousands of teams to immunize hundreds of millions of people in more than 200 nations. We as Rotarians can be very proud to have been both the catalyst and the indispensable ingredient, the leading force with thousands of followers, in the eradication of polio. Now is the time for us, mindful of what we have done, to redouble our commitment to support PolioPlus as generously as we can and, once and for all, to eliminate polio from the face of the earth.

Update on District 5710 clubs and Rotarians on the work they are doing in Guatemala after the earthquake on November 7th. From Lenexa Rotarian Jorge Coromac.

Victims of the earthquake in Guatemala received humanitarian aid

Families affected by the earthquake of the past November 7th in Guatemala received help from Kansas City community and Woodland Public Charity Organization.



Woodland which is an NGO established in Kansas City Missouri conducted a product drive to collect donations to help the victims of the earthquake.

From November 8th our team of nurses from the "Centro Educativo y Salud Patanatic" – Patanatic Education and Health Center- based in Sololá Guatemala mobilized toward the disaster area. But that time the nurse and volunteers' team carry on medicines, food and water for the victims, commented Jorge D. Coromac Vice President of Woodland.



Thanks to the support of people of Kansas city like Marcela/Bob Gaona, Lynda Callon, Dr Joseph Spalito, Gricelda Cifuentes and family, the Mexicanita store (Metcalfe/82th St.), the CAN Center, Mary/Mike Wilson, Patti and Paul Bossert, Faron Barr, Steve McCue, Robin Wolff, Wes McCoy the Spring Hill, DeSoto, Santa Fe Trail Rotary Clubs and anonymous donors was possible to collect hygiene kits, pillows and funds to purchase water filters, medicine, food and blankets for the victims.

In San Marcos Woodland has been able to support three shelters located in the Bethany Canton, the town of Palo Gordo and Las Lagunas village. The conditions of living are not ideal but is what the people can have for now while continue getting more help.

Thirty-five families were assisted (around 210 people). The families are very grateful for the delivery of water filters that has the ability to eliminate 99.99% of parasites and viruses that live in polluted water.

More than 40 children received medical help. Many of them have coughs, colds, respiratory infections and infections in the skin, said Ana Garcia nurse assistant from the CESP-Woodland who along with the pediatrician doctors of the United States Mary WilCrea (from Minnesota) and Charlene Mcinnis (from mountain) were conducting medical checkups.



Woodland will continue coordinating with the team in Guatemala as well as continue sending aid to Sololá and San Marcos. The next team of volunteers will arrive in January.

The need to provide with more water filters, blankets, food, medicine and materials to build houses are the highest priority, commented Coromac VP of Woodland. We invite the community of Kansas City and continue to support the victims of this earthquake. There are more than 20,000 families that their houses were destroyed or partially destroyed.

We know that if we unify our resources among individual donors, churches, businesses and social organizations can more effectively impact the lives of the victims of this disaster, commented Coromac.



To become a Woodland Volunteer or to learn more about how you can support and be involve with Guatemala relief effort, please contact Jorge D. Coromac at 816.516.9927, jorgec@woodlandpc.org or www.woodlandcharities.org

District Membership Numbers

The membership count listed for July 1, 2012 is the membership number from the Semi-Annual Reports (SARs) submitted to Rotary International by each club.

Clubs with zero entered for the current month's membership/attendance % did not submit attendance information to the District website for the month of November by the deadline date of December 15.

Rotary Club Central is now live

Rotary Club Central, an online tool that helps club and district leaders set and track goals, is now available for all club members in Member Access. The new tool empowers club and district leaders to monitor club progress and achievements in three key performance areas: membership initiatives, service activities, and Rotary Foundation giving.

Log in to Member Access and enter your clubs' goals in Rotary Club Central so that club members, the district governor, and assistant governors can see them. Look for additional goals and features in the coming months.

	7/1/12 Membership	11/30/12 Membership	November Attendance %
Atchison	74	75	66.79%
Baldwin City	15	17	54.00%
Blue Valley	12	0	0.00%
Bonner Springs	22	0	0.00%
Burlington	35	38	62.67%
Council Grove	48	0	0.00%
DeSoto	36	36	51.11%
Emporia	73	76	51.12%
Frankfort	21	0	0.00%
Gardner	53	0	0.00%
Garnett	19	0	0.00%
Holton	30	30	58.00%
Howard	17	18	61.10%
Johnson County	29	28	52.86%
Johnson County-Sunset	31	0	0.00%
Junction City	69	74	45.00%
Junction City-Flint Hills	15	15	36.67%
Kansas City	54	55	66.70%
Lawrence	204	0	0.00%
Lawrence Central	22	0	0.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	73	70	74.60%
Leavenworth	89	88	74.79%
Leawood	53	54	84.67%
Lenexa	44	45	72.16%
Louisburg	42	0	0.00%
Manhattan	187	204	55.22%
Manhattan Konza	80	85	27.29%
Marysville	47	47	71.00%
Olathe Noon	93	0	0.00%
Olathe-Santa Fe Trail	20	24	56.00%
Osawatomie	22	0	0.00%
Oskaloosa	26	26	56.00%
Ottawa	23	0	0.00%
Overbrook	28	32	75.80%
Overland Park	140	142	74.22%
Overland Park South	83	86	74.79%
Paola	38	40	69.00%
Shawnee	62	66	70.00%
Shawnee Mission	56	0	0.00%
Spring Hill	19	0	0.00%
Topeka Downtown	194	202	53.30%
Topeka North	23	22	60.00%
Topeka South	114	113	68.69%
Topeka West	22	23	85.00%
Valley Falls	16	16	59.00%
Valley Heights	19	0	0.00%
Village West	35	0	0.00%
Western Johnson Co	33	31	62.90%
	2560	1878	62.15%*

* District Attendance Percentage of Clubs Reporting

Clubs With Over 70% Attendance for

Topeka West.....	85.00%
Leawood.....	84.67%
Overbrook.....	75.80%
Leavenworth.....	74.79%
Overland Park South.....	74.79%
Lawrence Jayhawk.....	74.60%
Overland Park.....	74.22%
Lenexa.....	72.16%
Marysville.....	71.00%
Shawnee.....	70.00%

Clubs with 65% to 70%

Attendance:
Paola—69.00%
Topeka South—68.69%
Atchison—66.79%
Kansas City—66.70%

**Average Attendance
(for reporting clubs)
for the month of
November:
62.15%**

New Club Members for October and November

Atchison	Doug Anderson, Mandy Cawby
Baldwin City	Terrilois Gregory
Burlington	Antonia Ahlgrim, Erin McGown
Emporia	Stuart Symmonds, Kenneth Weaver
Frankfort	Sandra Leffler, Nancy Lisher, Laura O'Neil, Erin Owen
Lawrence Jayhawk.....	Bryan Falk, Sarah Schmitt
Leavenworth	Clifford Lindstrom
Leawood.....	Kevin Fallon
Lenexa	Jerry Harper
Louisburg	Rick James, Dennis Scott
Manhattan	Mike Carlson, Trent Cleveland, Matthew Cobb, Jayson Cyr, Tony English, Ken Gartner, Jeffrey Geuther, Cassidi Green, Jennifer Vellenga, Stanley Werner
Manhattan Konza	Kevin Lull, Patrick McLaughlin, Katherine Vaughn
Olathe Santa Fe Trail	Kevin Gilmore, Jon North, Brian Steele
Ottawa.....	Casey Colbern, Janet Paddock
Overbrook.....	Jerry Meng
Overland Park.....	Marshaun Butler, Sean Casserley, Jeb Graham, James Wright
Overland Park South.....	Steve Conley, Jonathan Eck, Sherri Hines, Dana Jacobson, Michael Maroon
Shawnee	Carole Collyard
Shawnee Mission	Michael Gardner, Jenna Murphy
Western Johnson Co.....	Bob Del Popolo, Mary Leslie, Bill Welty

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