

March 2013

District Governor
2012-13

Kevin Tubbesing

**INSIDE THIS
ISSUE:**

PDG Fred Krebs	2-3
Message RI President	4
Strike Out Polio	4
Foundation Trustee Chair Message	5
Rotary Peace Forum	
Downtown Topeka	6
KUMCIO Rotaract	7
District/Club Events	8
District Numbers	9
Club Attendance #'s New Club Members	10

Newsletter Editor

Linda Ireland
Executive Assistant
linda@rotary5710.org

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

District 5710

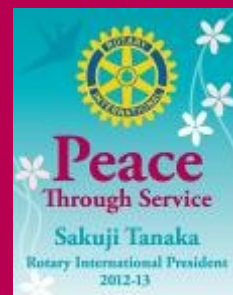
Eastern Kansas Rotary

420 SE 6th Street, Suite 121, Topeka, KS 66607

Phone: 785-232-7216

Fax: 785-232-8126

www.rotary5710.org



Upcoming District Events (see page 8 For more events)

Celebrate rotary ²⁰¹³
DISTRICT 5710 CONFERENCE

Celebrate Rotary
Retreat Rock Springs, Junction City May 3-5, 2013

What: Annual District Conference—"Retreat" Style
Who: Rotarians, and their friends & family—Children Welcome!
Why: Celebrate the Rotary Year while enjoying outdoors activities, including archery, horseback riding, trapshooting, and thoroughly relax!

Rotarians: \$175
Guests: \$125
Youth under 17 years: \$49

ALL INCLUSIVE REGISTRATION! All meals, lodging, on-site activities and conference fees.

Rotaractors from KU and K-State will be in attendance to supervise and guide the youth around the grounds and participate with them in the scheduled activities.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER](#)

Rotary District Golf Tournament

Friday May 3, 11am Shotgun Start
Rolling Meadows Golf Course,
Green fees, cart & lunch: \$55-single, \$220-team of four
To register email or call Jamie Stafford, Topeka South Rotary
jamies@keystaffing.com 785-272-9999
Or [Click Here](#) to register and pay online



*Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft.
Today it's called golf.
---- Will Rogers*

PDG Fred Krebs

Fredrick A. (Fred) Krebs passed from this life December 28, 2012. He joins his wife, Barbara, his father, Albert D. Krebs who preceded him in death. Fred leaves his daughter, Kandi; his granddaughter, Aaryn Krebs; his mother Virginia; and brothers, Jim (Debbie), Jeff, Bill (Cindy) and numerous nieces, cousins and distant relatives.

Fred was finalist for a Rhoades Scholar and a member of the OWL Society while a student at the University of Kansas. He then received a M.A. from UMKC. Fred was one of the first professors to join the staff of JCCC (Johnson County Community College) where he continued to teach humanities and social studies until his death. He embellished his teaching with portrayals of historical characters in costume including Galileo, Christopher Columbus, his most cherished Ben Franklin, William Allen White, Huey Long and many other characters.



Fred instruction at a District Foundation, Membership and Foundation Seminar

Fred's passion in life was community service; from breathing life into his historical characters to his involvement in Rotary. Fred found Rotary as a result of a Rotary Exchange Program with India where he was hooked on the gift of Rotary. He was a member of the Shawnee Mission Rotary Club and became its President in 1992-93. From there Fred served Rotary District 5710 as chair of many committees. He became District Governor in 1996-97 and was also a District Trainer and Historian. Fred was a founding member of the Paul Harris Society and Charter Member of the District Alumni Association. He has received every honor Rotary bestows on Rotarians including the Service Above Self, its highest award. Fred was a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation.



Fred receiving the Service Above Self Award. L to R: Lynne Baker, Z27 Rotary Coordinator, Fred Krebs, PDG Jim Mattes

Recalling Fred Krebs—and all his characters

From article by Aaron Barnhart, Special to The Star
<http://joco913.com/news/recalling-fred-krebs-and-all-his-characters/#storylink=cpy>

Fred Krebs played no fewer than 20 historical characters on stage, under Chautauqua tents and in libraries. But to his friends who remembered him Sunday at a memorial service, their favorite character was Fred Krebs.

About 400 people attended the memorial at Johnson County Community College, where Krebs had taught history since 1969, the year the school opened. He died Dec. 28 at age 66.



Recalling Fred Krebs—and all his characters (cont)

“He was a unique American personality who left an indelible stamp on the college and our lives,” said Vin Clark, chairman of the college’s history department.

Known for his voracious reading habits, love of conversation — even if it made him late — and an unbridled enthusiasm for small-town Kansas, Krebs was also a mainstay of the Kansas Humanities Council. Over the decades, the council sent him to the four corners of Kansas to lecture on a wide variety of subjects and portray Ben Franklin, Stephen A. Douglas, Rutherford B. Hayes and a host of other American figures.

“Fred never knew a stranger, never traveled to a community he did not fall in love with, and never, ever tired of talking humanities,” the council’s executive director, Julie Mulvihill, said in a statement. It was read at the memorial by Carmaletta Williams, Krebs’s colleague at the school.

The audience laughed knowingly as Williams told about the time Krebs talked her into going to speak to a group in Holcomb, Kan., a mere 385 miles away — and to take an all-night train there. “He snored very loudly,” Williams recalled.

Besides colleagues, those in attendance included a few of the more than 20 Eagle Scouts that Krebs, himself an Eagle, had guided from his years as a Scoutmaster. Several former Kansas Eastern District governors of Rotary Club also attended. Krebs, a member of the Shawnee Mission Rotary Club and District Governor in 1996-1997, often said that the service organization had changed his life.

“Fred did something all of us Rotarians strive to do, which is to put service over self,” said current district governor Kevin Tubbesing.

Several speakers at the memorial noted the high value Krebs placed on literacy. His niece, Allison Krebs, said that “because of him I knew ‘The Arabian Nights’ didn’t begin and end with Aladdin.” Mike McKinney, pastor of Leawood Baptist Church, said that his reading obsession was “driven by his quest to understand other points of view.”

After the memorial, Henry Fortunato of the Kansas City Public Library said he would be posting Krebs’ portrayal as William Allen White, the iconic editor of the Emporia Gazette, on the library’s website. He lamented the fact that this 2009 “Meet the Past” appearance was the only record the library had from Krebs’ career as a performer, which took him to Chautauqua-styled events in more than 20 states.

“It was one of the only times Fred did one of his historical characters on video,” said Fortunato. Krebs’ most enduring and endearing flaw was that he was never on time, usually because he had been lost in a book or conversation. The service was started late in his honor, and later his only child, daughter Kandi Krebs, said that if her father were present, he would have wanted everyone to know something about his perpetual tardiness.

“He never meant it,” she said.



Message from RI President Sakuji Tanaka

Dear fellow Rotarians,

When I was a young man, I wanted to travel the world. But in those years, I could only dream about travel. The world outside Japan seemed far away. But like all Japanese students, I studied English in school. I still remember my first English book. The first page said, "This is a pen." That was almost 50 years ago, and the world has changed a lot since then. As president of Rotary, I now travel more than I ever dreamed.

In every new place, I find a new language. I find new people and new customs. I do my best to learn from everyone. I believe that every person I meet has something to teach. Perhaps because of this, I feel that I understand Rotary Youth Exchange better. And I understand even better what a great gift Rotary is giving through Youth Exchange. Youth Exchange opens minds. It builds confidence and communication. It brings together people from different countries and backgrounds.



When we focus on young people, we are focusing on building the future of Rotary and a more peaceful world.

Every young person who goes on a Rotary Youth Exchange will learn a great deal. Youth Exchange students learn how people who seem so different are really the same. They begin to appreciate what unites people everywhere. They have a broader understanding of the world. They come back as different people.

They no longer know only one language, only one culture. They have connections with their host country, and with their fellow participants from other countries. At the end of their exchange, they are part of their host families. They are also part of the Rotary family – the largest and most international family in the world.

Rotary's Youth Exchange program has continued for more than 40 successful years and is now part of the fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations Service. This avenue also includes service through Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and many club and district activities that involve people up to age 30.

When we focus on young people, we are focusing on building the future of Rotary and a more peaceful world. When we serve youth, we help to bring Rotary to a new generation. We spread understanding among nations and cultures. We teach the importance of service to others, and pass on our core values. By doing this, we help to build peace.

Youth Exchange plays an essential part in Rotary's global mission of building peace by helping to build, one exchange at a time, good relationships between nations.

Strike Out Polio—End Polio Now! Save the Date! Details Coming Soon!

District-Wide Event

Hosted by Village West Rotary Club
May 21, 2013
CommunityAmerica Ballpark
Kansas City, KS

Event will honor Polio Survivors and their Spouses who will be brought down onto the field to be recognized.



- Tailgating party before the game for a small donation
- End Polio Now shirt will be available for purchase at the game
- \$2 per ticket will go to PolioPlus
- Club with the highest attendance percentage (based on number of members in the club) will receive special recognition

Foundation Trustee Chair Message

March is a turning point

The month of March provides each of us with an opportunity to reflect on Rotary's accomplishments. It is during this month that we pause to recognize World Rotaract Week, International Women's Day, World Water Day, and Literacy Month – all significant reminders of the good that Rotarians have done worldwide.

As I've traveled around the world, I've been inspired by Rotaractors and their important contributions to the Rotary family. I've had the chance to work with the outstanding women who serve on our Board of Directors. I've witnessed the incredible progress The Rotary Foundation has made on water and sanitation – an area of focus that is crucial to our growing population.

And as we begin this month long celebration of literacy, I've seen how Rotarians have helped empower communities with simple, creative, and sustainable ways to break the cycle of poor education. Literacy plays a critical role in healthy and productive lives, and whether it was by volunteering at a local school, bringing language training to adults and children through concentrated language encounter and computer-assisted literacy systems, or ensuring that all children have the textbooks they need, Rotarians have helped thousands.

Our promises and accomplishments have reached a turning point: We must now look at the goals we still aim to achieve. Keep the momentum up. Get the word out. Make sure your club knows about this important month in Rotary so that come next March, we'll have even greater successes to celebrate.

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson
Foundation Trustee Chair



Rotary Peace Forum



On February 23, 2013 a Rotary Peace Forum was held on the campus of Kansas State University. The event was co-hosted by the Manhattan and Manhattan Konza Rotary Clubs. The keynote speakers were Phil Silvers, Past Director, Rotary International; and Mary Eisenhower, President & CEO, People to People International and the granddaughter of former US President, Dwight D. Eisenhower. The District In-Bound Youth Exchange Students presented the flag ceremony. A special musical presentation was given by the Lee Longhorn Choir directed by Shana Lander.

L to R: DG Kevin Tubbesing, Keynote Speaker Mary Eisenhower, Flag Ceremony by District In-Bound Youth Exchange Students.

Co-Sponsors of the Peace Forum were Atchison, Downtown Topeka, Gardner, Junction City, Lawrence, Lawrence Central, Overland Park, Shawnee and Shawnee Mission Rotary Clubs.



Downtown Topeka Club—Peace Through Service

The Downtown Topeka Rotary was a co-sponsor of the Peace Forum at Kansas State University on February 23, 2013. The Forum was co-hosted by the Manhattan and Manhattan Konza Rotary Clubs. Club sponsors were the Atchison, Downtown Topeka, Gardner, Junction City, Lawrence, Lawrence Centrals, Overland Park, Shawnee and Shawnee Mission Rotary Clubs.

Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka, challenged all Rotary clubs to sponsor at least one peace forum during the 2012-13 year. Tanaka established “Peace Through Service” as the theme for Rotary International and asked Rotary clubs worldwide to host Peace Forums discussing how their respective communities could effectively contribute to peace and conflict resolution. Our club surpassed the challenge by sponsoring or co-sponsoring a total of six Peace activities. President Blanche Parks served on the Rotary Peace Forum planning committee. Larry Dimmitt served as a panelist on a panel session titled, “Humanitarian Assistance Projects”.

The keynote speaker was Mary Eisenhower, Granddaughter of Former US President Dwight D. Eisenhower. She is President & CEO of People to People International. This organization is dedicated to “peace through understanding”.

The purpose of the Peace Forum was to help educate and heighten awareness of people of all ages, backgrounds and interests regarding peace related issues. Participation in the event helped to empower attendees with new knowledge and understanding of how each of us can contribute to a more peaceful world through their local, state and international community. Session topics included peace related student and citizen exchanges and study abroad programs, peace related service and projects abroad, peace and conflict resolution in our schools & communities, peace advocacy groups and efforts, peacekeeping matters related to diplomatic and military service.

At the request of the Downtown Topeka Rotary, City of Topeka Mayor Bill Bunten proclaimed February 23, 2013 as Peace Day in the City.



Downtown Topeka Rotary Club members, L to R: Stan Martindale, Eugene Williams, Mary Eisenhower, President Blanche Parks, Betsy Schlossman, Club sponsored 2013-14 Youth Exchange Outbound Student to Chile Jodie Ladner, President-Elect David Beck. Not pictured: Jamison Law and Larry Dimmitt.



L to R: District Youth Exchange Officer Robert Thompson and new 2013 Downtown Topeka member Jamison Law. Jamison comes to Rotary as a former District 5710 (sponsored by the Overbrook Club) Youth Exchange Student to Leige, Belgium.



Welcome to KUMCIO Rotaract—New District 5710 Rotaract Club

February 8th the leaders of the Kansas University Medical Center International Outreach (KUMCIO) Danielle Horton and Armand Heyns met with District Governor Kevin Tubbesing, PDG Jim Mattes, PDG Wes McCoy, Shawnee Mission Rotary Club President Alana Titus and President-Elect Tom Talkington and Lenexa Rotarian Jorge D. Coromac to present the formal request to become a ROTARACT club. In March, this became a reality.



L to R: DG Kevin Tubbesing, Co-Presidents Danielle Horton and Armand Heyns

KUMCIO is a group of first and second year medical students. The KUMCIO students have been coordinating with Jorge Coromac to go through the process of becoming a Rotaract club. The students have visited The Shawnee Mission and Lenexa Rotary Clubs. The KUMCIO Rotaract Club is primarily sponsored by the Shawnee Mission Club with support from the Lenexa and Olathe Noon Rotary Clubs.

“We are very excited to be a part of this global, humanitarian organization—Rotary International,” said Danielle Horton the President of the Rotaract Club. The club currently participates in local and international humanitarian

projects. Locally they support the JayDoc clinic operations in Kansas City, Kansas and internationally they travel to Guatemala to provide medical checkups to indigenous Mayan families of Sololá, who participate in the program “Access to Education, Health and Safe Drinking Water” developed by Woodland Public Charity Organization.

District 5710 and the Shawnee Mission, Lenexa and the Olathe Noon Rotary Clubs welcomes the new KUMCIO Rotaract club!



L to R: PDG Jim Mattes, DG Kevin Tubbesing, KU Rep, Rotaract President-Elect Danielle Horton, Shawnee Mission President Alana Titus, Armand Heyns, PDG Wes McCoy (Olathe Noon), Shawnee Mission President-Elect Tom Talkington, and Jorge Coromac (Lenexa).



Pictured : Newly installed KUMCIO Rotaract Club with Jorge Coromac (far left), PDG Jim Mattes (by the banner on the left) and DG Kevin Tubbesing (second from far right).

District/Club Events



GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE WITH D9200 (EAST AFRICA)

District 5710 team will be in District 9200 from April 23, 2013 to May 24, 2013

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

ROTARY DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday May 3,
11am Shotgun Start
Rolling Meadows Golf Course



Green fees, cart & lunch: \$55-single,
\$220-team of four

To register email or call Jamie Stafford,
Topeka South Rotary
jamies@keystaffing.com 785-272-9999
Or [Click Here](#) to register and pay online



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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, [CLICK HERE](#)



RYLA
(Rotary Youth Leadership Academy)
June 2-6, 2013
Kansas University

[CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE RYLA SITE PAGE](#)



STRIKE OUT POLIO

District-Wide Event
Hosted by Village West Rotary Club

SAVE THE DATE
May 21, 2013

CommunityAmerica Ballpark
Kansas City, KS



Event will honor Polio Survivors and their Spouses
WATCH FOR DETAILS COMING SOON!



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Lisbon, Portugal
June 23-26, 2013

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

FOUNDATION, MEMBERSHIP, LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

August 10, 2013—Washburn University, Topeka

Club Events

[CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR THESE EVENTS **](#)

DESOTO ROTARY CLUB ** WINESONG AT RIVERFEST PARK

June 8, 2013 4:00—8:00

Benefit for The Barn at Kill Creek Farm, Kids TCL in Olathe and Rotary International project
Tickets: \$20 for 10, one-ounce samples of Kansas wine, a souvenir wine glass and food prepared by a local chef

OVERLAND PARK SOUTH ROTARY CLUB

Jazz In The Woods
June 14-15, 2013

Details at: jazzinthewoods.com

OVERLAND PARK ROTARY CLUB ** STAR SPANGLED SPECTACULAR

July 4, 2013 4:00—11:00 pm

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 February by the deadline date of March 15.



Click graphic above to go to the District Facebook page.

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.

	RI 7/1/12 Membership	2/28/13 Membership	February Attendance %
Atchison	74	75	62.80%
Baldwin City	15	18	62.00%
Blue Valley	12	11	95.45%
Bonner Springs	22	0	0.00%
Burlington	35	38	54.05%
Council Grove	48	0	0.00%
DeSoto	36	36	45.14%
Emporia	73	73	62.16%
Frankfort	21	25	64.00%
Gardner	53	54	58.33%
Garnett	19	0	0.00%
Holton	30	30	63.00%
Howard	17	16	60.90%
Johnson County	29	26	73.08%
Johnson County-Sunset	31	30	41.57%
Junction City	69	71	38.00%
Junction City-Flint Hills	15	15	58.33%
Kansas City	54	54	64.20%
Lawrence	204	204	51.59%
Lawrence Central	22	0	0.00%
Lawrence Jayhawk	73	69	72.68%
Leavenworth	89	87	66.67%
Leawood	53	54	89.36%
Lenexa	44	46	75.76%
Louisburg	42	36	51.39%
Manhattan	187	205	56.59%
Manhattan Konza	80	85	39.61%
Marysville	47	46	74.00%
Olathe Noon	93	94	60.00%
Olathe-Santa Fe Trail	20	26	41.00%
Osawatomie	22	0	0.00%
Oskaloosa	26	27	33.00%
Ottawa	23	29	57.14%
Overbrook	28	32	90.30%
Overland Park	140	138	68.03%
Overland Park South	83	92	74.91%
Paola	38	39	69.00%
Shawnee	62	64	72.80%
Shawnee Mission	56	50	44.00%
Spring Hill	19	19	53.00%
Topeka Downtown	194	204	51.18%
Topeka North	23	20	50.00%
Topeka South	114	115	76.18%
Topeka West	22	21	85.00%
Valley Falls	16	16	52.00%
Valley Heights	19	18	70.83%
Village West	35	37	63.96%
Western Jo Co	33	31	67.02%
Totals	2560	2476	* 60.70%

* District Attendance Percentage of Clubs Reporting

Clubs With Over 70% Attendance for February

Blue Valley	95.45%
Overbrook	90.30%
Leawood	89.36%
Topeka West	85.00%
Topeka South.....	76.18%
Lenexa	75.76%
Overland Park South.....	74.91%
Marysville	74.00%
Johnson County.....	73.08%
Shawnee	72.80%
Lawrence Jayhawk	72.68%
Valley Heights	70.83%

Clubs with 65% to 70%

Attendance:
Paola—69.00%
Overland Park—68.03%
Western Johnson Co—67.02%
Leavenworth—66.67%

Average Attendance (for reporting clubs) for the month of February: 60.70%

New Club Members for January and February

Emporia.....	Andy Hawley, Robert Ovsak
Gardner	William Weston
Junction City.....	Kirk Crabtree, Nikki Davies, Joe Stratton
Kansas City	Karole Bradford
Lawrence	Scott Burkhart, Kathy Clausing-Willis, Jeffrey Kincaid, Richard Sengpiehl, Casey Toomay
Lawrence Jayhawk.....	Danny Freeman
Leavenworth.....	Mary Gregerson, John Harding, Julie Marsh, Robert Naething
Leawood	Brian Brown, Richard Lewis
Lenexa.....	J.C. Burcham, James Conkright
Louisburg.....	John Hobbs
Manhattan.....	Samuel Gillespie
Ottawa.....	Richard Godsil, Robert Redeker, Jeffrey Seymour
Overland Park	Scott Hefner, Paul Leffert
Overland Park South	Tim Carlin, Arseni Popov, Justin Waters, Ruben Zaragoza
Paola	Lucas Stucky
Shawnee.....	Jeff Bahnson
Topeka Downtown.....	Michael Rinehart, Kevin Smith
Topeka North	Lavonna Criqui, Marvin Criqui
Topeka South	Kristina Dietrick, Richard Tinder, Mark Zimlich
Village West.....	Travis Huenfeld, Russel King, Lee Urban
Western Johnson County ...	Joseph Beveridge

WELCOME