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DG John's Message

Greetings Eastern Kansas! Wow – we're ten months into the Rotary year already. For most of you, that's not noticeable – for your club and district leadership, it's **very** noticeable! We just concluded District Assembly and District Conference – if you chose not to attend, you missed a great chance to chat with other Rotarians, do some goal-setting, learn about what other clubs are doing, and you missed an amazing presentation on what it takes to climb Mount Everest by Canadian Rotarian Alan Mallory – that was a standing ovation presentation! DGE Chris Ford and his committee are already planning a spectacular event next year and you should block your calendars! I am indebted to my home club, Leavenworth, for the amazing effort they put forth to make this a fun and functional conference, as well as the City of Leavenworth and her merchants, who stood up and made it even better! Club President Ellen Bogdan, committee chair Past President DeEtte Lombard, and Master of Deconfliction Brian Voorhees did an outstanding job of herding those cats and wrestling those pigs!

We did some business, too. We approved the final financial report from last year (14-15) and approved the District budget for next year (16-17). The key piece of that is – if you weren't there, you lost your chance at input. However, we **did** receive plenty of input prior to conference, and the approved budget does **not** contain a dues increase for next year. It is still a forward-looking budget, that will expand on what services District provides and how we go about it, but we went with a deficit budget (to establish the demand) that will be covered from the current reserve. This gives us the chance to implement some changes and seriously fund things for a couple of years and gather data on whether or not we generate a measureable return on that investment and whether we should continue it. That will allow us to husband your dollars while still trying to improve district-level services. For those of you who followed it, it was a clumsy process, out of which came a pretty good product that I am very pleased with.

Congratulations to Lenexa, Topeka Downtown, Topeka South, and the Washburn Rotaract Clubs for qualifying for the Presidential Citation this year! Amy Ruo, Lenexa, Curtis Sneden, Topeka, Faron Barr, Topeka South, and Lauren Barr, Washburn Rotaract and their boards and clubs deserve a great round of applause because this year's citation was a set of real stretch goals that great clubs who usually earn the citation were unable to meet this year. There are still problems at the RI level with the electronic data collection process, and believe me, a lot of District Governors whacked at the Evanston piñata about that – enough so that RI President-Elect John Germ is working the issues in response to our collective feedback.

We continue to do amazing things in our communities, and we continue to do our bit for the world – at the District Conference we raised money for a Shelter Box for Ecuador (and DGE Grant Glenn of Topeka and PDG John Binder of Shawnee are still collecting pledges and donations for that) and decided to stand up a district committee under Hernan Nieto of Lawrence and President Hank Chamberlain of Kansas City, Kansas to put together a District-level consolidated response for a longer-term project to help the recovery efforts in Ecuador. More on that later. We also announced that we are contributing another \$25,000 to Polio Plus this year – yes, in addition to the \$25,000 we already sent! We are stepping up to End Polio Now!

May is Youth Service Month, and many of you are sponsoring young folks for RYLA! There is still some space left, but you'd better not wait much longer as they will fill quickly!

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To submit articles and pictures for the District Newsletter, send to Mandy Sheldon at mandy@rotary5710.org by the 15th of each month.

District Conference & Assembly Photos





Two Club Presidents-Elect Offer Perspective on PETS

By Michael Blanchard, Gardner Rotary

I can honestly say that leading up to it, I was not in any ways excited about attending PETS. To say I was skeptical of what I would actually get out of the experience would be an understatement. I pictured it to be something similar to previous seminars I have attended in the past. All of which always seemed to be the same things with different speakers and only slightly different verbiage, a hype show full of hoopla and little substance, but what I got was a completely different story. It was an incredible experience getting the opportunity to feed off the energy and excitement of other incoming presidents and leaders within the Rotary community. The days were filled with great speakers, presentations and programs. Here are my five highlights of the weekend and my takeaways.

- Our Zone Director Greg Podd led a program that displayed the bigger picture of what Rotary means beyond our clubs. It demonstrated to me how the power of Rotary and how the connections we make with each other can affect changes to the world around us beyond just our clubs.

- Debra Fine had an incredible program about Small Talk, it was an interesting look into creating conversations. She presented techniques to create meaningful conversation and ways to make other people feel comfortable in conversation with artful concepts.

- Kevin Ingram provided an insightful perspective on leadership. It was as much motivational as educational.

- Tom Gray lead a workshop that was fun and interactive. It provided the opportunity to work together with other Presidents Elect and discuss leadership, its importance, and how to become more effective leaders.

- Even though I found the presentations and speakers to be amazing by far the most powerful part for me was having the opportunity to interact with other Presidents Elect. Listening and sharing our excitement, fears and challenges that we each looked forward to facing in the upcoming year. Having the chance to work through ideas and strategies with other members created great opportunities for relationship building and communication. Having the opportunity to get to know other Rotarians was maybe my favorite part. To say that I left PETS excited about Rotary and the upcoming year would be to cheapen the experience.

I have heard others talk about their “Rotary Moment” honestly not really knowing what that meant. I can say now that I have had my Rotary moment and look forward to creating many more.



DGE Chris Ford, Deb Fine and RI Director Gregg Podd

By Brad Moore, Leawood Rotary

As I drove from Leawood to Manhattan to attend the Heartland PETS weekend, the reality that I would soon be at the helm of my club really began to sink in. I suspect I'm no different from most Presidents-Elect. We find our way in the officer pipeline, recognizing that our year to serve as President would still be a few years away. Suddenly, time whirls by and you realize that in 88 days you will be in that important position of leading your club and keeping its members motivated and engaged. Although I have a good understanding of most things Rotary, I was counting on my experience at PETS to help fill in some admitted gaps in my knowledge. And PETS certainly delivered!

In a well-orchestrated weekend, incoming Presidents had the opportunity to learn just about everything related to their upcoming year. From goal-setting strategies to membership engagement and retention, from club operations to ClubRunner, the seminar was a terrific opportunity to meet with and learn from other Rotarians throughout District 5710. Breakout sessions were interactive and creative, giving everyone an opportunity to learn something helpful and new. Those in attendance were also treated to some important lessons from exceptional guest speakers, including Governor Sam Brownback, and fellow Rotarian and best-selling author Debra Fine, who captivated the audience with her keen and humorous insights into the art of making conversation. Dignitaries from Rotary International also spoke on topics including the Rotary Foundation and the importance of maintaining ethical standards in these times where ethics are being challenged more than ever before.

As I left Manhattan, I felt a bit overwhelmed by everything that was presented. And yet, attending PETS gave me total confidence that I would be ready to lead my club starting July 1. I credit this confidence to the amazing people in the District who are so willing to share and to assist any time I need it, and the comfort of knowing I am not going into this new role alone. Before leaving, I purchased some great items from Russell Hampton to present as gifts to our club speakers, as well as a banner celebrating the theme of my year at the helm: “Rotary Serving Humanity”. I have been assured by many past presidents that my upcoming year will fly by very quickly. I suspect they are right. I appreciate the leaders of District 5710 for giving all in attendance a great start through this terrific PETS weekend!

District Events

**For Details go to the District Events section
at rotary5710.org**

RYLA

June 5-9
University of Kansas—Lawrence

FOUNDATION, MEMBERSHIP, LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

August 13, 2016
Washburn University—Topeka, Kansas
Also at FML...

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

First Class on August 13, 2016

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Follow District 5710 Eastern Kansas
Rotary on Facebook.



Club Events

If your club is on ClubRunner, add the event to your website and click to share with the District.

Not on ClubRunner? Send the event details to Mandy at Mandy@rotary5710.org.

WESTERN JOHNSON COUNTY

May 7, 2016—11:00 AM
Inaugural Guns & Horses Trap Tournament
Click [here](#) for info.

OLATHE

May 14, 2016, 6:00 PM
Days of Wine and Rotary
Click [here](#) for info.

DESOTO

June 4, 2016, 3:00—7:00 PM
Winesong Festival at Riverfest Park
\$25.00 tickets
Click [here](#) for info.

LEAWOOD

June 11, 2016, 8:00 AM
Leawood Rotary Run
Click [here](#) for info.

OVERLAND PARK SOUTH

June 17-18, 2016
So Jo Summer Fest in the Woods
Click [here](#) for info.

LOUISBURG

June 20, 2016
Annual Louisburg Rotary Golf Tournament
Contact [Doug Bowes](#) for info.

New Club Members for March

Atchison	Molly VanPetten
Baldwin City	Galen Jardon
Emporia	Jeff Grabbe, Clinton Stephens
Gardner	Pat Stranathan
Kansas City, KS	Kathleen VonAchen
Lawrence Jayhawk	Clay Phillips
Leawood	Janene Ervin
Lenexa	Steven Nettles
Louisburg	John VanPelt
Manhattan Konza	Brandon Clark, Doug Frye, Stephanie Watts
Ottawa	Bradley Matthews, Paula Paine, Ivan Sanchez
Overland Park	Donna Deeds
Overland Park South	Chip Corcoran
Shawnee	Ronald Mesmer, Clinton Spoor
Topeka Downtown	Ronald Baron, Russ Cobb, Irene Haws, Linda Kehres, Claudia Larkin, Jane McCall, James Walden
Topeka South	Kimberly Gronniger, Aric Harrington



Rotary Global Rewards

The good you do comes back to you.

Rotary's member benefits program gives Rotary and Rotaract club members access to discounts on a variety of products and services selected with their interests in mind. Rotary Global Rewards offers discounts on vehicle rentals, hotels, dining, and entertainment. Products and services from companies around the world are being added every week. Check back often to see what's new in Rotary Global Rewards. [EXPLORE REWARDS](#)



Lawrence Rotary Club School Supplies Drive



Join the Douglas County Community's

BACK2SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

SATURDAYS JULY 16 & 23, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

SUNDAYS JULY 17 & 24, 12:00 NOON-4:00 PM



Help kids in need succeed in class this year!

Donate school supplies, backpacks and shoes at the following stores:

- Walmart on 6th Street
- Office Depot on Iowa Street
- Checkers Store
- Walmart on Iowa Street
- Dillon's Stores
- Lawrence Hy-Vee Stores

Donate online: www.lawrence.salvationarmy.us

Supplies that are most needed:

<i>backpacks</i>	<i>3 ring binders</i>	<i>ear buds</i>
<i>pocket folders</i>	<i>highlighters</i>	<i>dry erase markers</i>

VOLUNTEER to collect and/or distribute these supplies!

Sign up at www.volunteerdouglascounty.org

Community Partners listed here will distribute donated supplies to registered families August 10 - 12 at the former Borders Book Store, 700 New Hampshire. Please contact Ballard/Penn House, ECKAN or Salvation Army to register for supplies.

THANKS TO TREANOR ARCHITECTS FOR SPONSORING THE BACK2SCHOOL DISTRIBUTION SITE.



Rotarians Take to the Streets for Greater KC Day

District 5710 clubs in the KC Metro area participated in "Greater Kansas City Day" April 1st to raise money for Rotary Youth Camp and other children's charities. This annual event is held in conjunction with the Royals Opening Day and has been a KC tradition for more than 25 years. More than 1,500 volunteers from nearly 35 clubs and organizations took to the streets this year selling a special edition of the Kansas City Star. While the volunteers stand on street corners, drivers and passersby offer "pay what you will" donations and gave over \$350,000 in 2016. A record year, due in no small part to the baseball fever that has gripped Kansas City! Read more about the fundraiser [here](#) and thanks to these clubs for participating! **Bonner Springs, De Soto, Gardner, Kansas City, KS, Leawood, Olathe, Olathe Santa Fe Trail, Overland Park, Overland Park South, Shawnee, Shawnee Mission.**

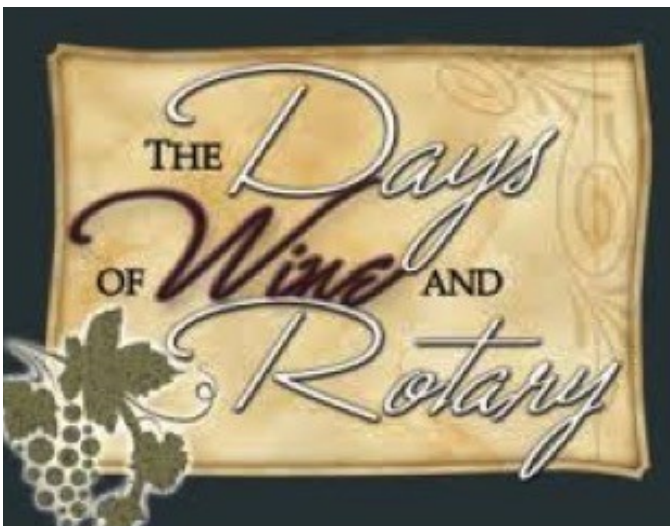


A Century of Rotary Service in Leavenworth



Members of the Rotary Club of Leavenworth celebrate its 100th birthday earlier this month! President Ellen Bogdan praised membership on their continued selfless service in our surrounding communities.

Days of Wine & Rotary



May 14, 2016- 6:00pm Ritz Charles, Overland Park

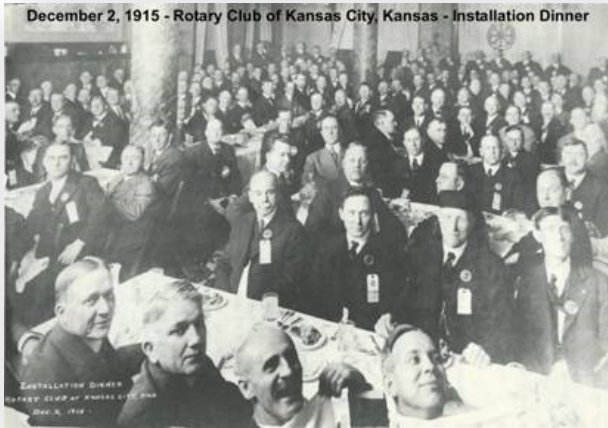
Taste approximately 40 wines from many noted producers. Boulevard Beer has graciously agreed to be a part of our event. Although it's hard to imagine that someone may not love wine, those of you who love Boulevard Beer more, will love this addition. Savor specialty entrees and desserts from the area's top restaurants. Participate in silent and live auctions of fine and rare wines, trips, gifts, and collectables. At the Ritz Charles, Overland Park.

Kansas City Kansas Centennial Celebration

The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club proudly celebrated the club's Centennial on April 5th at Lake Quivira Country Club with a dinner gala.

Rotary International was founded in 1905 in Chicago. On December 2, 1915, our Club #195 was organized in Kansas City, Kansas with 41 charter members. On January 1, 1916, the new club received its official charter and thus was born the Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club, the 195th club of Rotary International.

Over one hundred members and guests enjoyed a program celebrating the rich history of the club spanning the last one hundred years. Each member received a computer flash drive containing a booklet on the history of the club, along with copies of 100 years of weekly club bulletins. Special recognition was given to the 5 longest serving current members of the club representing over 250 years of Rotary service: Bill Mullarky, Bruce Schlosser, Jim Knight, Bill Strumillo and Bob Kimball. Additionally, Jim Knight was presented with an award for his over 47 years of service as Club Secretary. Rotary District Governor John Donovan presented the Club with a Rotary plaque commemorating its 100th anniversary. Mayor Mark Holland presented the club with a city proclamation honoring the club.



Representing Over 250 Years of Rotary Service

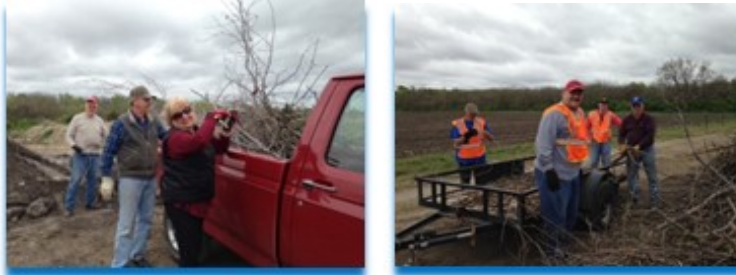
Bill Mullarky, Bruce Schlosser, Jim Knight, Bill Strumillo and Bob Kimball



Jim Knight joined the club in 1963, and has been Club Secretary since 1969.

Overbrook Rotarians Out on a Limb to Help with City Wide Cleanup

On April 16, 2016, the Overbrook Rotarians and other volunteers lent a hand to help with picking up tree limbs in the city. The tree limb pick-up is an annual event to help residents with their outdoor spring cleaning and occurs a week before the city-wide garage sales.



Lawrence Jayhawk Collects Books for BrainFood

Jayhawk Rotarians led the way in collecting **6,295 books** for the **United Way BrainFood Book Drive**. Children who receive a BrainFood book are the poorest of the poor in Douglas County. They have been deemed food insecure by their schools--the school is not sure the children have enough food in their homes to make it through the weekend --so they receive Harvester's Back Snacks once a week filled with food for the weekend.

United Way of Douglas County deduced that if the families cannot afford food, they likely are not purchasing books for their children. As books in the home are a leading indicator of school success, United Way decided to ensure all these students received a free book every week, food for their brain, hence the program name: BrainFood.

The Lawrence school partners, which collected the books, included Deerfield Elementary School, Free State High School, Lawrence High School, Liberty Memorial Central Middle School, Saint John Catholic School, Southwest Middle School, and West Middle School.

In addition, 1,037 books were donated through Michaels Craft Store, and 1,614 books were purchased with the \$3,239 Rotary District fund grant (\$2 average per book).

Jayhawk Rotarian **Micki Chestnut** coordinated the BrainFood Book Drive, and she was assisted by **Christy Blanchard, Alyssa Brown, Brad Finkeldei, Ernesto Hodison, Craig Penzler, Sarah Randolph, Lindsey Slater, Pat Roach Smith, and Nicole VanVeltzen**.

Jayhawk Rotary volunteers planned logistics and promotional materials, coordinated with the schools in setting up successful drives; then, picked up books, and sorted. The books will be distributed to 13 elementary schools in Baldwin, Eudora, and Lawrence.

As a group, Jayhawk Rotarians volunteered 75 hours. According to independentsector.org, each volunteer hour represents \$23.56 to our community. Congratulations to Jayhawk Rotarians for their participation!



Rotary Club of Johnson County

Inaugural Guns and Horses Trap Tournament



WHEN: May 7, 2016

TIME: 11:30 a.m. Registration

12:30 p.m. Rules, Regulation & Safety Review (Mandatory)

1:00 p.m. Start

WHERE: Powder Creek Shooting Park—8601 Monticello Rd. Lenexa, KS 66227

WHO: Singles or Five-Person Teams

\$75.00 SHOOTER = 4 Rounds Trap, bottled water during event, 1 meal, & 2 adult beverages (beer/wine) after shooting

Bring your own shotgun, ammo & eye protection (ammo for sale at club house, 12ga & 20ga.)

\$20.00 NON SHOOTER= 1 meal and 2 adult beverages (beer/wine)

Rotary Club of
Western Johnson
County



TEAM INFORMATION

Captain: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: () _____

Full mailing address: _____

Shooter #2: _____

Email address: _____

Shooter #3: _____

Email address: _____

Shooter #4: _____

Email address: _____

Shooter #5: _____

Email address: _____

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

To pay online or be a sponsor:
<http://westiocorotary.org/Page/guns-horses-at-powder-creek>

Check enclosed _____ Check # _____
(payable to Rotary Club of Western Johnson County)

Please mail payment/form to: Rotary Club of Western Johnson County
PO Box 861144, Shawnee, KS 66286



Horses

It is Kentucky Derby Day so if you aren't shooting, wear your 'BIG HAT' and join the festivities inside. Games, drinks and lots of fun! Prize for the best "BiG HAT". Proceeds from this event support Boys & Girls Club of Olathe and Charlie's House.



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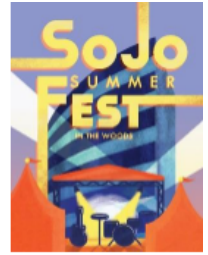


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nick Wilson 913-236-0436 or nick.wilson@edwardjones.com
OR VISIT: <http://westiocorotary.org/Page/guns-horses-at-powder-creek>

SO JO Summerfest

SoJo Summerfest, previously called Jazz in the Woods, expects another 30,000 people to attend the 27th installment of this premier event and summer tradition on Father's Day weekend.

"The SoJo Summerfest name appeals to a broader audience of music lovers and better reflects the diversity of the bands that played at the event for the past seven years," said Marc Shaffer, sponsorship chair of the inaugural SoJo Summerfest. "It also gives us the flexibility to adjust talent booking and event amenities over time to ensure the festival remains relevant for a wide variety of audiences in years to come."



This year's "all-local" musical lineup on the Meyer Music Main Stage includes:

Friday, June 17, 2016:

- A La Mode (Jazz/Blues) – 5:30 p.m.
- Shades of Jade (Indie R&B) – 6:30 p.m.
- Rattle & Hum (U2 Cover Band) – 7:45 p.m.
- Big Time Grain Company (Country Rock) – 9 p.m.

Saturday, June 18, 2016:

- Blair Bryant (Smooth/Groove Jazz) – 5:30 p.m.
- Run With It (Pop/Rock/Funk) – 6:30 p.m.
- Elton Dan (Elton John Cover Band) – 7:45 p.m.
- The Elders (Celtic Pop/Rock) – 9 p.m.

The newly named SoJo Summerfest is also a meaningful charity fundraiser organized and produced by the Overland Park South Rotary Club, historically raising a total of more than \$1.5 million for local non-profits since its inception as the Corporate Woods Jazz Festival in 1989. Now in its 27th year, 100 percent of the net proceeds from attendees and sponsors will be donated to four local children's charities: Operation Breakthrough, Sunflower House, Growing Futures Early Education Center, Future of Hope Foundation

SoJo Summerfest will run from 5:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18 at Corporate Woods – Founders Park adjacent to Building 40, located at 9401 Indian Creek Pkwy., Overland Park, KS 66210. The festival is open seating on the grass for the general public, so attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for their comfort. Also, please note there are no bleachers or benches supplied by the festival and coolers are not permitted inside the gates.

For more information, visit the website www.sojosummerfest.com and check out this offer for SoJo Summerfest Buy One Get One Free Raffle Tickets - <http://bit.ly/1SqdCmb>