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Greetings Eastern Kansas Rotary!

This has been a tough newsletter blurb to write. So much to say, and, frankly, you're probably tired of hearing me say it.

So - Thank you for what you do, and allowing me the privilege and honor of serving as Governor. I learned far more from you than you did from me. Which is how it should be, in truth.

You raised \$291,000 for the Rotary Foundation, which equates to \$117 per capita and we sent an additional \$66,000 to Polio Plus. That will help a lot of people around the world. We lead our Zone (the group of Districts to which we belong) in our support of Polio Plus. After the matches get applied, that will translate to close to \$250,000 in leverage. Well done!

Topeka Noon, Topeka South, Lenexa, Shawnee Mission and (and they don't know it until they read this newsletter) Manhattan Noon all earned the Presidential Citation this year - and this one was a very tough one to earn. Great job!

Baldwin City, Bonner Springs, Burlington, Gardner, Howard, Jayhawk Breakfast, Johnson County Sunset, Lawrence Central, Louisburg, Manhattan Konza, Olathe Santa Fe Trail, Ottawa, and Shawnee Mission all saw member growth! Look to them for some ideas! Sadly, as a district, we had a net loss of membership.

It was a good year for awards - as my last official act, we awarded Dr. Rick Randolph of Shawnee Mission Rotary's highest award, the Service Above Self award. There are only up to 150 of those awarded each year to a population of 1.3 million Rotarians! PDG Larry Dimmitt of Topeka Noon was awarded the Rotary Foundation's highest award, the Foundation Distinguished Service Award. Such is the caliber of our membership.

I want to thank all of the District Assistant Governors, committee chairs and members for their work this year. You are the ones who made it possible for the Governor to govern. And most especially, Lieutenant Governor/District Executive Mandy Sheldon - my guardian angel.

My Presidents - you are now relieved of the most important job in Rotary, club president. You did well - each and every one of you is leaving your clubs stronger than when you took over. We can ask no more.

Brand new Presidents - jump in! Remember, no one wants you to fail, we all want you to have the best year ever, and your members will step up when you ask. Don't hesitate to lean on your past presidents - none of them want to jump back into the job! Just as I will make sure that District Governor Chris Ford wears his seatbelt, and a helmet, and eats his vegetables and does what his doctor tells him. I want him to have a good *full* tenure!

Speaking of which, DG Chris - here's the keys and the sekrit decoder ring. I turn District 5710 over to you, and I can't wait to see what you and your Presidents accomplish!

Yours in Service Above Self,

John

DG Chris's Message



Dear District 5710 Rotarians:

I want to thank the outgoing 2015-2016 Leaders for their time, talent, mentorship and leadership this past year. Giving of your spare time is never easy and I truly hope you all feel a sense of pride and accomplishment when you reflect on this year. Leadership is a lonely business, but, rewarding when completed.

As for the incoming leadership, no different than our predecessors, our job is to lead and hand-off a better Rotary organization to next year's leadership than was given to us. You all know my goal, District 5710 will have 3,000 Rotarians by July 1, 2017. We must grow and perpetuate this great organization for generations to come... and that manifests itself through membership.

Membership growth comes through retention, attendance, and inviting prospective members. Be active be proud and share Rotary with those who deserve it.

I'll leave you with two things:

1. I ask all incoming Club Presidents to clearly visualize having accomplished your goals and how good that will feel in June of 2017, because, if you can't see it, you won't do it.
2. Look at the photo of Stephanie Meyer, incoming Shawnee Rotary Club president, after finishing this year's Garmin Half Marathon... exhausted mentally and physically, but, victorious. As for us and our goals, that's what we should look like in June of 2017... exhausted, but, victorious!!

Chris Ford
DG 5710



Newsletter Change Up

Starting next month, the newsletter will have a new look—and it will be emailed directly to you as a bulletin from Clubrunner. So, watch your emails in August for the new and improved district newsletter!

FML & RLI

The Foundation Membership Leadership Seminar is scheduled for **Saturday, August 13th**. There will also be Grant Certification Classes and the first class of Rotary Leadership Institute (see article below).

Here are a few of the session topics for this year: *Rotary Behind the Scenes, Facebook for the Non-Facebook User, Your Club/District in 10 Years, Rotary Club Central & Club Runner, 45 in 45, Rotary for today: Membership and Fundraising Perspectives from the Field.*



The very special lunch speaker will be Past District Governor Aziz Memon from District 3270, Pakistan & Afghanistan. He is the Chairman of the Pakistan Polio Plus Committee, and his topic will be Polio Eradication.

You don't want to miss this FREE district event. Please [click here](#) to register.

As was done in 2015, the first session of the **Rotary Leadership Institute will be held as one of the tracks at this year's Foundation, Membership, and Leadership Training Seminar.**

The **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** is a grassroots leadership and development program whose goal is to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education. The **RLI** program is great training for "new" as well as "seasoned" Rotarians. RLI can help with growing our clubs both with membership and meaningful service projects.

RLI training involves three (3) five-hour courses. A variety of the topics include:
 the purpose and structure of Rotary,
 attracting members, and how to improve their (and your) Rotary experience,
 local and international service projects, and
 team building and effective leadership strategies
 and critical issues such as attracting and retaining new members by engaging them as well as how we can better provide "service above self" are explored.

RLI is open to any Rotarian who is interested in learning more about our amazing organization. Besides networking and exchanging ideas with other Rotarians, attending will enhance your knowledge of all facets of Rotary and how it works.

The first of the three sessions of the next RLI class will be offered on Saturday, August 13th from 8:00 am to 3:15 pm at Washburn University. The second session will be held on Saturday, August 27th and the third on Saturday, September 10th. Both the 2nd and 3rd sessions will be held at Community America Ballpark in Kansas City, Kansas. (Home of the T-Bones!)

The cost to attend is \$90.00 which includes all three sessions including lunch plus a RLI notebook. Money will be collected during the first session.

To register, [click here](#):

Questions? Can't make all three sessions? Missed a session?
 Contact Chuck Udell at chuckudell@msn.com or 913-908-3672 (cell).

District Events

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

FOUNDATION, MEMBERSHIP, LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

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

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

First Class on August 13, 2016

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.

TOPEKA

July 2, 11 am—5 pm
Rotary Freedom Festival
5th & Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS

MANHATTAN KONZA

August 6, 4:30 PM
Water Matters Day
Sunset Zoo, Manhattan, KS

SUNSET ROTARY OF JO CO

August 22, 5:00 PM
Mid-Summer Mardi Gras
Top Golf Tournament
Top Golf, Overland Park, KS



Join the Douglas County Community's

SCHOOL 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:

backpacks 3 ring binders ear buds
pocket folders highlighters dry erase markers

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.



New Club Members for May & June

Emporia	Peggy Mast, Kent Schnakenberg
Kansas City, KS	Robert Marteniz, Lacy Ward
Lawrence	Michael Davidson, Garrett Halton Kyle Hayden, Dena Johnston
Lawrence Jayhawk	Trey Strecker
Leavenworth	Gregory Bedrosian, Michael Fraser, Jeffrey Pittman
Leawood	William Crowe, Brian Paulsen
Lenexa	Michael Dix, Charles Earnest, Bryan Sarff, Erik Troy
Manhattan	Michael Henry
Manhattan Konza	Aaron Apel, Joan Pierce, Lindsey Schroeder
Olathe Noon Rotary	Nick Rodriguez
Oskaloosa	Michelle Lopez
Overland Park	Jeff Ellis, William Gladhart, Patrick McCartney, Dominic Senese, Doug Simmons
Overland Park South	Jeff Freiermuth
Topeka Downtown	Eric Claspill, Cody Fredrickson, Jim McCollough, Nicki Salazar, Robbie Smith
Topeka South	Laura Maag Lutz, Adrienne Olejnik
Valley Falls	Philip Dunn
Village West	Mandy Aycock, Christina Hankinson
Western Jo Co	Kristin Johnson



Topeka Downtown



Come Celebrate at the Rotary Freedom Festival!

The Topeka Rotary Clubs are celebrating our freedoms on July 2, 2016 from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm at the “Crossroads To Freedom” at 5th and Kansas Avenue in Topeka, KS.

You could also walk away as a big winner for you and your family. **Rotary will sell tickets for its Dream Vacation raffle** right up to the drawing for the Grand Prize at 4:30 pm. The winning \$5 ticket earns you a \$5,000 vacation credit to wherever you want to go! Can’t attend but want a chance to win the \$5,000 Dream Vacation? **Tickets available online at:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/topeka-rotary-raffle-tickets-tickets-25872531438>

There will be events and activities for the whole family at the Rotary Freedom Festival.

- Re-enactment of the dispersal of the Free State Legislature – On July 4, 1856, President Franklin Pierce sent US soldiers to disperse the meeting of the Free State Legislature. Historic re-enactors from across the region will present how that happened at Noon, 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm. *Little known fact* – Because of Pierce’s efforts, Topeka decided he would be the only President not honored by naming a street after him at that time.
- The 31st Infantry Division Brass Band will play a concert at 1:00 pm in front of Constitution Hall.
- Between performances of the re-enactment of the dispersal, you can tour Constitution Hall and hear about its important role in both Topeka and Kansas history.
- Throughout the day, all can participate in the “Touch-A-Tank” display of classic military equipment showcased by area collectors in the old Post Office parking lot.
- Volunteers from the Post Office will provide limited tours of the historic courtroom where Brown v. Board was first heard.
- Through our partners, Mater Die parish, will provide a Beer Garden in the Rotary Park beside and behind Constitution Hall and concessions will be available in the American Home Life parking lot along the east side of Kansas Avenue.
- Heritage Tourism groups will have tables along Kansas Avenue on its east side to showcase their sites and programs.

Come celebrate our freedoms at the Rotary Freedom Festival!

Manhattan—Water Matters Day

Sixth Water Matters Day Slated for August 6 at Sunset Zoo in Manhattan

The Konza Rotary Club of Manhattan will host the Sixth Annual Water Matters Day, from noon to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at Sunset Zoo in Manhattan.

Water Matters Day raises awareness of the challenges many folks face in obtaining clean water every day, plus raises money to help provide access to drinking water locally, nationally and internationally.

"Water is one of the six primary focuses of the Rotary International. Through Water Matters Day, we hope to involve the community in teaching about the importance and availability of water through educational exhibits, plus raise funds for water projects here and around the world," says Rory Peddicord, co-chair of Water Matters Day for Konza Rotary. "We have so much clean water here in Manhattan that we can play in it. Yet worldwide, 700 million people don't have enough water to drink."

The Konza Rotary has used proceeds generated from previous Water Matters Day events to provide simple water filters for villages in developing countries; wells for an orphanage and town in Haiti; scholarships for swimming lessons held through Manhattan's UFM; Kansas River clean-up and access projects, plus helped pay water bills for neighbors in need through the Shepherd's Crossing in Manhattan, helped pay water bills for neighbors in need. "We have also provided labor and supplies for communities that are rebuilding water infrastructure through the Kansas Small Towns Environmental Program, or KAN-STEP," adds Andy Hutchinson, Water Matters Day co-chair for Konza Rotary.

Children are invited to participate in the annual poster contest that teaches how to use water wisely. That is one of several educational opportunities available at Water Matters Day. Others include booths, activities and giveaways – all of which help teach how to enjoy water and use it more responsibly. And for the first time, Water Matters Day will be held at Manhattan's Sunset Zoo, in conjunction with the Zoo's annual Water Safari. The day will feature fun activities for children, who receive free admission with a paid adult.

"Water Matters Day is a signature event of Konza Rotary and we are grateful that Walters Morgan Construction has signed on to be a premier sponsor again for 2016," Hutchinson says.

Wester Jo Co... On the Move!

Western Johnson County Club is on the Move & Times are A'Changin'! Effective July 5th, 2016 the Rotary Club of Western Johnson County will be meeting on Tuesday mornings at 7:15am at Eggtc, 7182 Renner Road, Shawnee, KS 66217. We have lots of great speakers lined up for the new Rotary year so drop by our new digs, say hi and get a great breakfast to start your day!

Rotary Flash mob

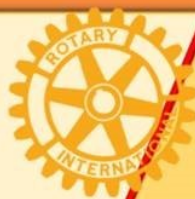
Click on Flyer for more info.

Rotary Flash MOB!

Back to school with Gordon Parks Elementary School



Rotary



How many Rotarians does it take to transform a school environment in a few hours?

**WHEN: Saturday July 30th,
9:00am to 3:00pm.**

3715 Wyoming Street KC MO (near KUMed)

Take a few hours with a few friends and family. Make a big impact to students' lives in a short time.



Sign up here with [EventBrite](#) and keep me smiling or

contact:

Tom Lally - tlally@gpes.org; 816-753-6700

Sunset Rotary's Top Golf Tourney

MID-SUMMER MARDI GRAS

GOLF

Sunset Rotary of Johnson County
TOURNAMENT



Proceeds benefit Safe Home, an organization that provides support for survivors of domestic violence.



AUGUST

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CONTESTS

PRIZES

BUFFET

The Johnson County Sunset Rotary Club (www.facebook.com/JoCoSunsetRotary) is "jazzing up" the traditional golf tournament Mardi Gras style with TOPGOLF (www.topgolf.com/us/overland-park). And best of all, you don't have to be a golfer to have a blast at TOPGOLF. Imagine a mashup of golfing, bowling, and an arcade all-in-one. Picture a 240-yard outfield with dartboard-like targets in the ground. Every ball has a microchip in it, and the closer to the center or "bulls-eye" you get and the further out you hit, the more points you receive. Proceeds raised will benefit SafeHome (www.safehome-ks.org), an excellent organization that provides support for survivors of domestic violence.

- ◆ Tournament Date | Monday, August 22, 2016
- ◆ TOPGOLF | 10611 Nall Avenue, Overland Park, Kansas
- ◆ Check-In 5:00-5:30 p.m. | Tournament 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Awards Ceremony 7:30-8:00 p.m.
- ◆ \$100 Per Player | Includes Appetizer Buffet & Two Drink Tickets (Cash-Bar Thereafter)
- ◆ Individual & Team Contests With Prizes | Best Costume Prize!
- ◆ Golf Clubs Provided By TOPGOLF | You're Also Welcome To Bring Your Own

OP South's SoJo Summerfest 2016

The 27th annual SoJo Summerfest sponsored by the Overland Park South Rotary Club took place Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18, at Corporate Woods. Previously known as Jazz in the Woods, this year's event featured four bands each night in a family friendly environment.

Challenged by excessive heat, club members, spouses, friends, and community volunteers forged ahead in the spirit of Rotary with the goal of supporting four children's charities: Growing Futures Early Childhood Center, Operation Breakthrough, Sunflower House, and Future of Hope (OP South's charity fund).



In recent years, the event has drawn more than 30,000 attendees from the Kansas City region and beyond, helping to spread the Rotary mission to a broad and diverse audience. This year's heat held attendance to 20,000. Individual and corporate sponsors help make this free event one of the best known in the area. Highlights of the experience can be seen at www.sojosummerfest.com.

Marc Shaffer-Event Chair and club members Shawn Roberts, Mark Parman, and Eric Jacobsen.



Manhattan Rotary Raises Money for Relay for Life

On Saturday, June 11th the Manhattan Rotary Club participated in the Riley County Relay for Life and successfully raised over \$9,000 for the event!



Leavenworth Presents Several Awards



President Ellen presented a "Service Above Self" Award to the staff of the Baan Thai Restaurant in Leavenworth for their service to our club during our Executive Board meetings throughout our year; service and cuisine at Baan Thai is absolutely wonderful, and we truly appreciate the staff; when in Leavenworth, you should definitely check them out and enjoy some delicious Thai food. (right)

Pico Lamas won our NCAA Basketball Pool this year and earned a Paul Harris Fellow; presenting his award is our "pool" chair, Dru Wheatcroft. (left)



Paul Harris Fellows named: pictured left to right, Brad Cox, DG John Donovan and Brian Wepking. These gentlemen were recognized for their efforts in organizing the Remembrance Ceremony and the Silent Auction during our recent district conference.

Another Great RYLA Year!

By Faron Barr, RYLA Chair

In June we wrapped another great year for RYLA! Rotary Youth Leadership Academy 2016 was attended by 69 brilliant students who learned about leadership, community service, and civic engagement. These students represented 26 clubs from all over the state of Kansas. This five-day experience featured several hands-on projects with many local leaders giving presentations that were educational, active, and enlightening. As usual, there was one main group project that required a presentation by each group involving each participant in the group.

The event finished on June 9th with these groups presenting their presentation at a graduation ceremony attended by RYLA staff, parents, and Rotarians. Many of the students expressed that they were enriched by the experience and some even said it was life-changing. If you have not already heard from these students, I encourage you to reach out to them and hear their experiences.

Thank you to all the clubs who sponsored students this year. Without your support, this program would not be successful. In January of 2017, I will announce next year's dates. I would like each club in the district to be thinking of who they may want to sponsor to RYLA 2017. Let's work together to make every RYLA year successful by promoting the values of Rotary to our youth.

Overbrook Focuses on College & Career Resources

The Overbrook Rotary's 2015-16 District Grant focused on bringing college and career resources to the Carbondale Middle School students. In addition to providing reference materials regarding Kansas colleges and universities, Rotary members attended a college field trip with the students and participated in a career day at the school. Students received information from a wide range of professions. Overbrook Rotarians provided career information in several areas, including Banking, Broadcasting, Engineering, Teaching, Fisheries and Wildlife and Farming/Ranching.

Larry Butel, Foundation Co-Chair, Gerry Coffman, Foundation Chair (left) and Marian Massoth, President (right) present career resource materials to the Carbondale Middle School.



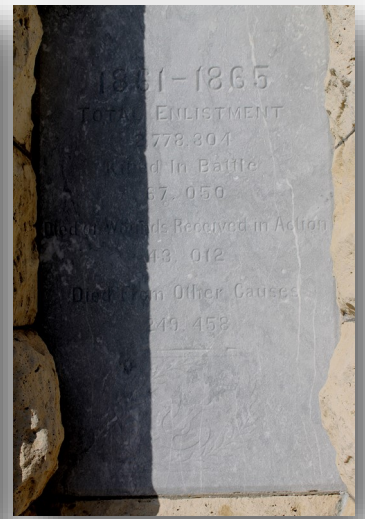
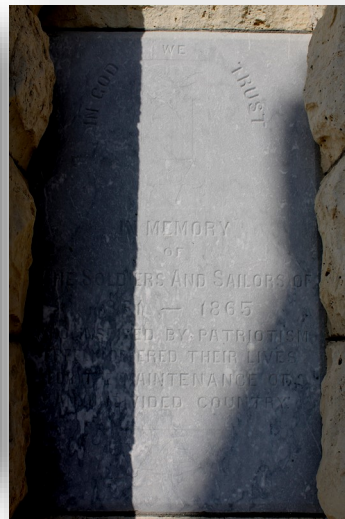
Career Day speakers included Mike Bronoski, President Elect, and Derrick Dahl, Membership Chair.



Junction City Starts 100-yr Project

The Junction City Rotary Club is beginning the steps for their 100 year project to restore the GAR Arch in Heritage Park in Junction City. Bruce McMillan – Rotarian is taking pictures of the condition of the arch. "Service Above Self"!

We are working on making it a historical landmark in Kansas! It is a very lengthy process but it will be completed with our determination and patriotic pride of the Rotary Club in Junction City.



2016 Leawood Rotary Run—Another Success



On Saturday morning, June 11th, the Rotary Club of Leawood held its second annual “Leawood Rotary Run”. The 5K run serves as the club’s main fundraiser for the year, with all proceeds going to support local children’s programs. The unseasonably warm weather did not deter over 150 participants from coming to run or walk along scenic and flat Tomahawk Creek Parkway.

The race was preceded by a flag ceremony provided by members of the Sons of the American Revolution. A Kid’s Run immediately followed the 5K event, with several energetic youngsters competing for first place. Children in attendance were also provided with a

fun and popular kid’s activity area, which included face painting, tractor rides, games, animal adoption and more. The Roasterie Coffee Mobile helped wake everyone with free coffee, while local grocers provided plenty of water, fruit and protein bars. The City of Leawood also provided a fire truck and police car for display.

Leawood Rotary was very pleased to have raised over \$25,000 this year, thanks to the many participating sponsors, and looks forward to taking the event to the next level in 2017!

