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DG John's Message

Greetings Eastern Kansas!

March has been a challenging month for us. Presidential Citation data was due at the end of the month, and, sad to say, many clubs who are used to getting the citation, aren't going to this year. That's a combination of a very aggressive standard set by RI President Ravi – to get us used to using Rotary Club Central, and his push to get us to focus on building the future of Rotary through the New Generations programs of Rotaract and Interact, and challenges with Club Central, and the nine month window. And that came with all the usual frustrations of working with Club Central by people who just aren't used to it. Remember the purpose of the RI President's Citation – it is a distillation of what RI has found to be critical focus areas in Rotary (recruiting, retention, Foundation), the importance of building out our "brand" – New Generations, Public Information, and the importance of continuing to move forward in administration and transparency, Rotary Club Central. This year's standards were a stretch for all of us.

Enough so that my fellow Governors in Zones 21B/27 had an extensive email engagement with Gregg Podd, our Director, and folks at Evanston, including RI President-Elect John Germ, including such things as the effective 9 month window for the citation (cut-off is 31 March) vice an actual year (30 June) and issues with how data is handled in the Club Central interfaces. I'll share with you RIPE John's summation of our sometimes heated conversation:

"Thanks for the series of e-mails. I am aware of this situation and have had conversations with staff and have been assured this is a top priority. Unfortunately, I have been told that it will be January 1 before we get the results. I have forwarded the e-mails to the staff in Evanston so they can understand the frustration and have asked them to move faster if possible.

John"

The President's Elect will be at PETS when you receive this newsletter – I'm sure we'll hear more about that there.

District Conference and Assembly is coming up 22-23 April in Leavenworth, at the Riverfront Community Center. [Register here](#). If you've never been to one, this might be the one you want to attend. We recently sent out a link to our budget documents, both historical and proposed (all part of that transparency I was talking about). We've received some feedback about the proposed budget, which includes a District dues increase. The feedback, positive and negative, is important to us, because the budget isn't finalized until it's approved at the business meeting on Saturday at the conference. We urge you to talk to your PEs and Presidents about the proposed budget and we urge you to show up for the DC to provide direct input into the process. More on that will follow, I'm sure, after DGE Chris Ford talks to the PEs at PETS.

We've made the District Conference and Assembly another ala-carte event, where you can pick and choose how and when you choose to participate. Remember, it is part training, goal-setting, business, and a celebration. We will have RI President's Representative Rocky Jacobs as our keynote on Saturday night, and Canadian Rotarian Allan Mallory with his fascinating take on Rotary, Leadership, and Mount Everest:

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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.

“Climbing Mount Everest is considered one of mankind’s greatest feats of human endurance. The grueling expedition to the top of the world’s highest peak is a journey filled with unparalleled physical and mental challenges and some of the roughest, most extreme conditions imaginable. In 2008, Alan Mallory and his family took on the challenge and set a world record after an incredible self-guided expedition which challenged the mental, emotional and physical limits of their entire beings.

Alan’s dynamic presentation focuses on the passion, commitment and resilience involved in overcoming major challenges in order to achieve a united goal. Similar to many of the service projects we carry out through Rotary, the expedition was filled with countless roadblocks, significant obstacles to overcome and a certain amount of inherent risk. It required a dedicated and collaborative effort in order to make it a reality. Alan’s presentation reinforces the importance of many leadership qualities such as strategic planning, effective communication, risk management, teamwork and development of trust within relationships. There are many parallels between the steps taken during the planning and executing of such an expedition and the difficult work Rotarians do around the world, as both require an unwavering focus and commitment to push on towards the end goal.”

That one presentation should be worth the price of admission for Saturday alone! That, and what will undoubtedly be a spirited discussion about the budget at the business meeting that precedes it.

We’re three-fourths of the way through our Rotary year – and the last fourth promises to be active, with PETS, District Conference, and RYLA all on the agenda!

Thank you for all that you do, for your clubs, your communities, and the world!

The Rotary Foundation Prepares for Centennial Year

As part of its centennial celebrations, The Rotary Foundation plans to recognize major achievements related to its programs, including the important work that Rotary clubs and districts accomplish through Rotary Foundation grants. At the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, the Foundation will recognize 10 outstanding global grant-funded projects completed in 2015-16. The criteria for selection are:

- Community impact
- Sustainability
- Rotarian involvement
- Replicability



To be eligible for recognition, the project’s final global grant report — submitted via My Rotary — must be accepted by 30 June 2016. As always, we encourage you to include photos and videos of project activities with the final report. Photos should have a minimum resolution of 300 dpi, and videos should be shot horizontally at the highest resolution your camera will allow.

We hope that this project recognition will encourage even more Rotarians to become involved in their Foundation as we work together to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Learn more about the Rotary Foundation’s “100 Years of Doing Good in the World” [HERE](#).

District Events

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

2016 HEARTLAND PETS

(President-Elect Training Session)
March 31—April 2, 2016

Four Points by Sheraton—Manhattan, Kansas

2016 DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & CONFERENCE

April 22 & 23, 2016

Riverfront Community Center—Leavenworth, Kansas
Register [HERE](#)

FOUNDATION, MEMBERSHIP, LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

August 13, 2016

Washburn University—Topeka, Kansas

STAY UP TO DATE ON DISTRICT AND CLUB HAPPENINGS!

Follow District 5710 Eastern Kansas Rotary on Facebook.



Club Events

LOUISBURG

April 1, 2016, 9:00 AM—Noon
E-Recycling Event at Louisburg Middle School

JOHNSON COUNTY

April 7, 2016, 6:00—9:30 PM
TopGolf Fore Charity
Contact [Jeff Shore](#) for info.

SHAWNEE

April 16, 2016, 3:00—6:00 PM
Taste of Shawnee
\$5.00 admission
Click [here](#) for info.

GARNETT

April 27 & 28, 2016, 5:00—8:00 PM
Spring Radio Auction on KOFO Radio

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.

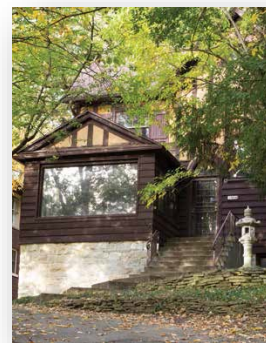
New Club Members for February

Baldwin City	Laura Hartman, Glenn Rodden
Gardner	Mary Nelson
Johnson County—Sunset	Arthur Nease
Lawrence	Elizabeth Keever, Casey Owens, Michael Schaetzel, Daniel Skinner, Donald Stewart
Lawrence Central	Daniel Schenkein
Leavenworth	Derek Wohlgemuth
Leawood	Rod Crawford, Lisa May
Lenexa	David Sneider
Manhattan	Bob Mullen
Manhattan Konza	Ryan Pickett
Olathe-Santa Fe Trail	Steve Hunter
Ottawa	Betty Simpson
Overland Park	Dana Markel
Overland Park South	Norm Craig, Pat Darbe, Richard Deich, Kate Gunja
Shawnee Mission	Largo Callenbach, Barbara Jones
Topeka Downtown	Lawrence Gawronski
Topeka South	Jenny Barricklow, Jessica Lehnerr



Restoring the Paul Harris Home

Did you know? The Harris Home on Longwood Drive in Chicago, IL was the home of Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, and his wife Jean for 35 years. The Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation is in the process of restoring the home to its condition in 1947 when the Harris' lived there. Once completed, the residence will be open to the public for tours. Learn more at www.paulharrishome.org.



Rotary Leadership Institute Graduates Seven

District 5710 graduated its fourth The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on March 12, 2016. RLI is a grassroots multi-district leadership and Rotary development program that engages Rotarians and in turn strengthen their clubs and increases membership retention. This three session program emphasizes both leadership skills and knowledge of Rotary. All Rotarians from brand new members to veterans including prior club presidents have participated enjoyed their experience and increased their skills be attending.



A special congratulations goes to the following Rotarians for successfully completing all three sessions of the third RLI program our district has conducted. They are:

Jim Arnett	Leawood
Paul Welcome	Overland Park South
Katie McDowell	Atchison
Brad Moore	Leawood
Neil Wakefield	Gardner
Grace Morrison	Topeka Downtown
Hank Chamberlain	Kansas City, Kansas

On behalf of our District leadership and RLI facilitators, thank you to all of our recent graduates for their time and very active participant.. They now join 26 other Rotarians who graduated form our first three District 5710 classes

A big thank you goes to Blanche Parks, Patrick Schaub, Ellen Bogdan, DeEtte Lombard, Sharon Sweeney for being amazing facilitators. Your giving up not only the Saturday you facilitated, but also the time spent preparing for your session is appreciated.

And, last but certainly not least, another thank you – to Linda Ireland of the Topeka Downtown Club for her support in working with the Downtown Ramada Inn to coordinate food, drink, and other program needs.

The next Rotary Leadership Institute Class will be in August and September, 2016. The exact dates will be determined shortly.



WANTED! Rotary Peace Fellowship Applicants



Each year, Rotary selects individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of our peace centers. Each year, Rotary awards up to 50 Master's Degree fellowships at premier universities in fields related to peace and conflict resolution and prevention; and up to 50 Professional Development Certificates for those with more extensive experience in peace-related fields. We are now accepting applications for the 2017-18 Rotary Peace Fellowships program.

Our District has successfully nominated 5 Peace Fellow awardees in the last 6 years! Please help us continue the success of this program in District 5710 by recruiting prospective applicants.

Below is the process:

- Clubs recruit and nominate Peace Fellow applicants. You can send out a press release, meet with community partners, and promote it on social media. Clubs accept applications and perform interviews to determine who they want to nominate to move on to the District level. The 2016 deadline for club nominations is May 31, 2016.
- The District 5710 Committee interviews clubs' candidates and nominates who should move forward. District applications are due to Rotary by July 1. Rotary International makes the final selections and announces the world-wide selected Fellows in October, 2016.

[Click here](#) for the 2016 application form. It is recommended that applicants complete this application and submit it to the club for review **prior** to completing the online application.

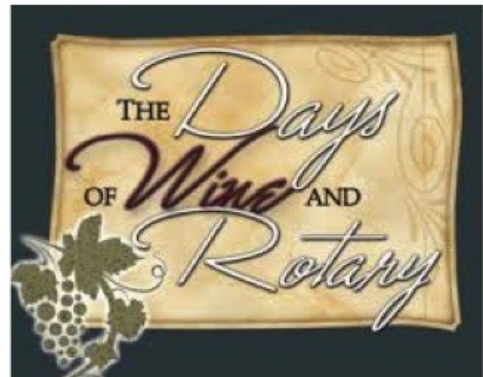
Find more information at this link to Rotary website: www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships

Please contact Patti (Bossert) Mellard, District Chair, with any questions. It is recommended that you ask applicants to call Patti prior to completing an application on-line. Patti can be reached at 785-272-9999 (w) or 785-640-9999 (c)

Days of Wine and Rotary



Olathe Rotary Club Invites You to

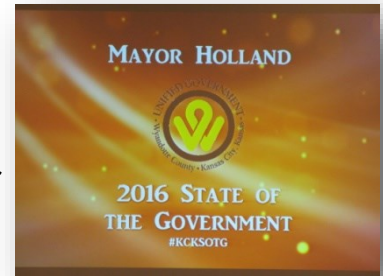


Save the Date
Days of Wine & Rotary
May 14th, 2016
Saturday, 6:00 P.M.
Ritz Charles, Overland Park, KS

<http://thedaysofwineandrotary.com/>

Kansas City, KS State of the Government Address

On February 23, 2016, the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Kansas hosted the annual State of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas. The Club has a long history of hosting this annual address, dating back to the 1960's. Mayor Mark Holland, a fellow member of the KCK Rotary Club, spoke to a crowd of over 425 persons, reviewing the past year in Wyandotte County.



(Above) Mayor Mark Holland and President Hank Chamberlain.

(Right) The Mayor addresses a crowd of 425 attendees.

Mayor Holland's three main themes this year were Economic Development, Innovations in Government and Healthy Communities. The Mayor took a very forward looking approach to improving our community, and making government function smarter and better. Among the issues covered was balancing property taxes and sales taxes, addressing blight, studies of government operations (specifically right-sizing the fire department), downtown and Indian Springs redevelopment, and next year's tax windfall from Village West.



Greater Kansas City Day April 1, 2016

Rotary Volunteers in Kansas City have "pitched-in" selling newspapers on the Royals home opener for more than 25 years. Every year, thousands of Rotary Club volunteers and donors work together to make Greater Kansas City Day one of the largest one-day fundraisers in the metropolitan area.

The Kansas City Star publishes special edition newspapers to commemorate Royals opening day, and volunteers sell them all over the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area with proceeds going to the fundraiser. When you buy a special edition newspaper on Greater Kansas City Day, you're directly benefiting disabled and disadvantaged kids. Millions of dollars have been raised for Kansas City area charities.

Visit www.kcday.org for more information.



Lawrence Central Presents “Becky Castro Award”

Stephen Lane received the first “Becky Castro Award” at the Lawrence Central Rotary anniversary dinner held on March 2, 2016. Club President Kate Campbell made the presentation.

Steve is the founder, principal, and an investment advisor representative with The Perspective Group, a registered investment advisor, which also provides brokerage services through LPL Financial, Member FINRA/SIPC, in Lawrence. Steve has been a member of Lawrence Central Rotary since December 2004. He is a past president of the club (2009-2010) and a Paul Harris Fellow. Most significantly, Steve initiated the club’s signature event, the Community Bike Rides that began in 2011, and he continues to manage the project during its sixth season.



Rebecca “Becky” Lizabeth Castro was a founding member of Lawrence Central Rotary who died in June 2014. A lifelong resident of Lawrence, Becky was active not only in Rotary, but also numerous other community organizations. The award was established in her memory in order to honor a club member who exemplifies the dedication to community service and the love of Rotary that Becky displayed.

DeSoto Rotary Invites you to Winesong

The Rotary Club of De Soto, Kansas, will be hosting about 1,200 of our “close and personal” friends at the 5th annual Winesong Festival at the Riverfest Park in De Soto, Kansas, June 4th, 3:00PM to 7:00PM. The \$25.00 tickets are only available online at winesongatriverfest.com and provide you with a souvenir Winesong wine glass, 10 wine tastings from more than a dozen Kansas wineries, hors d'oeuvres, two live bands, and all the fun you can stand. For your enjoyment, we will have two 60' x 90' tents, complete with tables, chairs, and live music, and one 60' x 40' food tent. If you prefer, bring your chairs and food, find your favorite shade tree, buy a bottle of Kansas wine, and have a wonderful afternoon. There will also be two food trucks selling heartier offerings for dinner and we will showcase local artists and their unique offerings.

The Rotary Club of De Soto began Winesong at Riverfest in 2012 as its signature fund raising event. The Club supports many local, regional, and international projects. Some of our benefactors were The Barn at Kill Creek Farm Association, The Friends of the Kaw, The De Soto Kansas Food Pantry, The Jess Johnson Scholarship program, Pioneer 4-H Club, De Soto Wrestling Club, international projects in Panama and Guatemala, Shelter Box, and many more.

We extend an invitation to you and your friends to come on over and enjoy the afternoon under a shade tree right on the south bank of the Kansas River. You must be at least 21 years of age and must provide an ID so, if you're riding with someone, don't forget your license. We hope to see you there!



Topeka South Thanks Local Teachers



On March 11, Topeka South hosted a Teacher's Lunch Bunch to **thank the teachers for their hard work and dedication** to Avondale West students. We enjoyed a pizza lunch and gave out bags of goodies to all the classroom teachers. It was a great way to kick off spring break!

Rotary Club of Western Jo. Co.

Inaugural Guns and Horses Trap Tournament

PowderCreek
shooting park 

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](#)



[Click here for more information!](#)

Rotary Club of Shawnee

As the second annual Taste of Shawnee draws near, event organizers are still welcoming participants to the lineup. The event takes place on Saturday, April 16, 2016, from 3-6 p.m. at Shawnee Town 1929. There will be plenty of great food and entertainment for a great cause at the fundraiser hosted by the Rotary Club of Shawnee with the Overland Park Regional Medical Center ER of Shawnee as the presenting sponsor.



To date, vendors will include: Betty C's Bar and Grill, Cosentino's Price Chopper, Country Club Café, Dunkin' Donuts, Firehouse Subs, First Watch, Hereford House, Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, Mad Man's KC BBQ, Marco's Pizza, McAlister's Deli, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Papa Murphy's Take and Bake Pizza, Pegah's Family Restaurant, Pine and Bamboo Garden, Polar Oasis Frozen Treats, Smoothie King, Sombrero Mexican Cantina, Starbucks, Twisters Grill and Bar and Yard Hogs BBQ. Attendees will be entertained by Shawnee Country Singers, Rockin' Rob Children's Musician, Wonderscope activity tent and face painting for the kids.

The \$5 admission pass will include five "taste" tickets to be used to sample the dishes offered by participating restaurants. Admission passes can be purchased at the gate, from any Rotary Club of Shawnee member or at tasteofshawnee@gmail.com. Additional "taste" tickets can be purchased at the event for \$1 apiece.

Proceeds will be divided between Rotary International's overseas polio eradication efforts, Sunflower House, the Circle of Hope NICU Foundation in addition to local and international charities supported by the Rotary Club of Shawnee Foundation. Last year's inaugural Taste of Shawnee attracted more than 1,500 guests who sampled fare from 20 vendors and ultimately raised \$56,389 for charity. During 2014, the Rotary Club of Shawnee Foundation awarded grants of \$500 to \$4,000 to 15 local charities.

For more information and a complete list of sponsors, restaurants, food trucks and vendors, visit www.tasteofshawnee.wix.com/2016.

Leavenworth Rotary Hosts 36th Annual Irish Stew Dinner

Entertainment included the Clanna Eireann Celtic Dancers, piano music, harp music (provided by Rotarian Wujeong Duncan) and singing. There was also a 50/50 drawing which Rotarian DeEtte Lombard won (lucky lady). There was a silent auction filled with many unique items. Attendees enjoyed dinner, drinks (including traditional green beer) and dessert. We also collected non-perishable items in support of Operation Food Locker to help fill the empty shelves at our local food lockers run by Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army.

The funds raised at this event traditionally go towards supporting worthy community and youth support projects. Two of the primary projects are high school senior scholarships and third grade dictionaries.

The dinner was very successful due to the efforts of many folks. Many thanks to everyone who came out and supported this event; a special thanks to Terry Booker (The Café) for all of his efforts in preparing our food for the evening and to those who contributed to the Silent Auction!

Hope you can join us next year! (check out photos from the event on the next page)

(Continued from page 10) Leavenworth's Irish Stew Dinner



Lenexa ShrimpFest Success

The Lenexa Rotary Club's 27th Annual ShrimpFest & Bingo was a HUGE success! THANK YOU to everyone who contributed time, expertise, and resources. We've received fantastic feedback, including people describing it as "extremely well-organized," "a well-oiled machine" and most importantly, FUN! Thanks to our amazing members and volunteers, we hit it out of the park! An estimated 600-700 people were in attendance, and we raised over \$17,000 for the wide variety of youth and civic projects supported by the Lenexa Rotary Club. Also, Congratulations to Shawnee Mission School District for winning Business of the Year, an honor bestowed by our club each year at this event.

