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DG John's Message

Greetings Eastern Kansas!

Where **did** September go? As I continue to make the rounds, you continue (unsurprisingly) to impress me, big clubs to small. I can't emphasize enough that you really don't know the breadth and depth of Rotary if all you know of Rotary is your own club. Get out and visit others (the District website has all clubs meeting locations and times on the front page, upper left) and go to their events!

The wee but mighty Frankfort Rotary has decided to take on a really big project in helping rehab a senior citizen facility in their town. And they're taking to the [Rotary Showcase](#) to pitch their project and to try to crowdsource the funds they're going to need. THINK BIG and don't be afraid to fail – you'll learn something and do it better the next time. I am pleased as punch that Frankfort Rotary has taken a deep breath and is getting ready to make a big leap! BTW, they'll take your donations and help, too.

Western Johnson County sponsored a multi-club event – Rotary Day for Polio Plus. The Western JoCo, Johnson County, Shawnee and Lenexa Rotary Clubs co-hosted a Rotary Day for PolioPlus event that was simple and fun. Admission was \$10.00 which included one drink, a burger, chips and a cookie. There was a short presentation on PolioPlus and Dr. Priti Lakhani, healthcare executive for Cerner's Physician Alignment Organization will speak about her climbing expedition to Mt. Kilimanjaro. An unadvertised bonus was Mr. Tyrone Powers from Higher Impact (an organization supported by the Johnson County Rotary) who has a simply amazing story to tell. This was a simple event, and I had a great time.

You can check out upcoming events on the District Website by clicking the "[Calendar](#)" button on the top toolbar. Johnson County has their Oktoberfest up there and Topeka South has the Pumpkin Run. Hint – if you don't see your event, you haven't told us about it! Atchison – where's Octoberfest? Leawood – you missed a chance on Blues Brew and Barbecue! Olathe – Omelet Fest? Lawrence Jayhawk – Trivia Night and the Habitat event? Oh, wait – I'm busted. You told me, and clearly I neglected to tell Mandy. We'll get that fixed, probably before you see this note. The point is – TELL MANDY SO SHE CAN GET IT ON THE CALENDAR!

****This is where Mandy jumps in and says—Don't forget, YOU can enter your own events on Clubrunner and select the "Share with District" Button. This will automatically put your event on the Calendar!**** Back to John now...

It's not too late to put something together for [World Polio Day](#) on 23 October. I encourage all of you to do something to mark the day, and INVITE THE PUBLIC – or at least some non-Rotarian friends. Show them that we do much more than just eat and talk. For those of us with Rotaract and Interact Clubs, there's a great chance to get them involved with a Global Event being driven by Rotaractors from France – "Rotarians and Rotaractors from France are organising an International Walk on Saturday 24th October in aid of Polio.

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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.

The walk will take place in every major city in the World. Rotary, Rotaract, Interact and Innerwheel clubs will help raise awareness of the devastating effects of this disease as well as raising funds to vaccinate a large number of children, which only costs euro 0.50 per child to vaccinate.” There’s a bandwagon surely worth jumping on, and gives we Rotarians a chance to affirmatively interact with our future Rotarians, no? [Polio Walk 2015](#) is being organized via Facebook, and I strongly encourage you to engage your Rotaract and Interact Clubs on this.

Foundation Chair Kevin Tubbesing put out a missive about the upcoming Foundation Banquet on November 14 – he needs your help to gather data about all the great things we do and have done with Foundation Grants. Which will, of course, feed into the project I gave all of you to put together just such a list for District Conference – where we will celebrate 100 Years of Rotary in Eastern Kansas. Speaking of what we do with the Foundation – the Grants Committee met, and you have all been informed of the results. There are some really great projects in there. But there were some really sad, sad, projects. Those are the ones no one submitted, leaving us with TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS of money left on the table. Next year, please do DGE Chris a favor, and give him, Jim Mattes (who will be the Foundation Chair), Greg Shondell (Grants Subcommittee chair) and the committee a *lot* of great projects to wade through when the committee meets. Which means for many of us – remembering that a wave of clubs will need to re-certify their grant writers! Yep, it’s been three years, so a bunch of you are going to need to re-certify, which means those of you who *aren’t* certified, can also get that taken care of – [stern governor look].

Speaking of the District Conference, I have asked AGs Geoff Neufeld and Jason Camis to look at the tech needs for us to be able to livestream the speakers. Not as an excuse for you to not attend in person, mind you, but to move us forward on the tech side to be able to do the same thing with our training and education outreach. We need to scope it and cost it, and so we’ll use the District Conference as a test bed. Looking ahead, October is Vocational Service Month, November is Foundation, and December is Family of Rotary – please try to incorporate those themes into your club events and meetings. And when it comes to Foundation – don’t beat your members with the nitty gritty of the details (just have it available), WOW them with just how much the Foundation does around the world and in our communities. Don’t tell them the HOW, tell them the WHY – that’s what will get ‘em motivated!

As ever, thank you for donating your time, talent, intellect, skill, and yes, money. I’m blessed to have the chance to be DG, and it’s only because of you that I get that chance. So I promise, I’ll continue to do my best to make sure you guys shine!

Foundation Banquet



[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Nigeria Declared Polio-Free, Removed from Endemic List

The World Health Organization (WHO) announced on 25 September that Nigeria is now polio-free and has been officially removed from the list of countries where polio is endemic. It's been 14 months since any cases of polio caused by the wild virus have been detected there.



With Nigeria's historic achievement, polio remains endemic in only two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. That means transmission of the virus has never been stopped there.

Nigeria was the last country in Africa where polio was endemic. The continent celebrated its own first full year without the disease on 11 August. Once three years have passed without a case in WHO's entire African region, officials will certify polio eradicated there.

"Rotary congratulates Nigeria on its tremendous accomplishment in stopping polio," says RI President K.R. Ravindran. "On behalf of the entire Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we thank volunteers, health workers, and parents in communities across Nigeria for their tireless commitment to ensuring every last child is protected against this devastating disease. In the months ahead, their dedication will remain as important as ever, as we work to keep Nigeria polio-free and to eliminate polio from its final strongholds in Pakistan and Afghanistan."

Nigeria's success is the result of several sustained efforts, including domestic and international financing, the commitment of thousands of health workers, and new strategies that reached children who had not previously been immunized because of a lack of security in the country's northern states.

Funding increase needed to reach final goal

On 25 September, the Polio Oversight Board met to determine the next steps needed to eradicate polio. The group concluded that \$1.5 billion in new funding is needed to help Rotary and its partners end polio in the next few years. With Nigeria now polio-free, spending will focus on the most vulnerable children in Afghanistan and Pakistan, while continuing to shield millions of children already living in polio-free countries.

"With a fully funded program and global commitment to ending this disease, we have the opportunity to interrupt transmission of the wild poliovirus in Pakistan and Afghanistan in 2016, opening the door for certification of a global eradication in 2019," says Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary's International Polio-Plus Committee. "With [Rotary members'] continued support, we will soon see our dream of a polio-free world realized."

[Donate Now to End Polio](#)

District Events

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

FOUNDATION BANQUET

November 14, 2015
Overland Park Sheraton

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

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. or exec5710@swbell.net

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September 26 — 17th Annual Omelet Fest
7:30—10:00 AM

JOHNSON COUNTY

Oct. 15, 2015—Oktoberfest
(to benefit Higher M-Pact)
Click [here](#) for more info.

GARDNER

Oct. 15, 2015—Social Event
KC Wine Co.
6:00—8:00 PM

JAYHAWK BREAKFAST CLUB

Oct. 23, 2015—6th Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser

TOPEKA SOUTH

Oct. 31, 2015—3rd Annual Pumpkin Run
Click [here](#) for info.

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SPOTLIGHT ON...

Lawrence Jayhawk

The Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club is scheduled to participate in the next Lawrence Habitat for Humanity house construction project. On October 24th they will have a group of Rotarian volunteers that will help frame the newest addition to the Lawrence Habitat for Humanity constructed homes. The Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary has annually enlisted member volunteers for a Saturday workday with Habitat.

New Club Members for August

Gardner	Greg Martinette, James Pruetting, Ed York
Johnson County	Jordon Rider
Junction City	Laura Cain
Lawrence	Amanda Gress, Joey Hentzler, Jon Jamison Mathew Petersen, Jay Zimmerschied
Leavenworth	Tim Anderson
Leawood	Brenda Newton
Louisburg	Levi Davis
Manhattan	Duane Dunn, Linda Morse
Manhattan Konza	Shelley Carver, Joshua Kyle, Bryant Parker
Olathe Noon Rotary	John Staton
Ottawa	Michael Brown
Overland Park	Larry Bigus, Kristopher Lyle
Overland Park South	Bradley Cooper, Andy Rao
Shawnee	Natalie Reeder
Topeka Downtown	Frank Henderson, Kelsey Purvis
Topeka South	Austin Wingerson



Rotary Royalty

No, not the District Governor... Her Royal Highness, the Queen of England, showed up at the Lawrence Jayhawk Rotary meeting on September 10. And, WHO else but the one and only Maggie Mahoney could invite such a prestigious guest?





Jayhawk Rotary Trivia Night

During the 2010 Rotary Year, Jayhawk Rotarians increasingly were concerned because they were unable to support community service projects as desired. Under the leadership of President Jane Blocher and at the suggestion of Teresa Kempf, Jayhawk Rotary Trivia Night was born.



The first Trivia Night was held on October 22, 2010, during the Rotary presidential term of Bruce Roberts. Teresa Kempf served as chair of the Trivia Night Planning Committee and, through the years, has served as quizmaster for the event. In addition, Teresa recruited her mother, Kathy Mulinazzi, to create questions while her father, Tom, served as umpire and her husband, Tony, was the challenge judge.

Meanwhile the planning committee was busy preparing for the fundraising event. Publicity materials were designed and distributed. In later years, to gather more dollars during the event, a silent auction was added to the festivities. The Jayhawk Rotarians gladly provided baked items for awards, items for the auction baskets and donated funds for miscellaneous expenses. Tables were decorated, and snacks were scattered liberally on the tables.

Trivia teams "bought" tables of ten. Trivia participants selected and named their table teams. A few of the creative team names included "Periodic Table Dancers," "Titanic Swim Team," "Trivia Newton John," "50 Shades of Decay", and "Lady Cerebellum."

As the evening progressed, one dollar tickets were sold for the drawing of donated raffle prizes. The room was filled with conversations, laughter, and gentle jibes. Points were accumulated and a limit number of mulligans (free answers) were sold for those who need extra assistance for the more challenging categories. Of course, there were always the trivia masters who would NEVER resort to using FREE answers.

The five annual Jayhawk Rotary Trivia Nights have been extremely successful. The 2014 event produced approximately \$7,000 which was used to support Jayhawk Rotary projects.

Proceeds from Trivia Nights benefited the Kennedy Elementary Early Childhood Development Program, Family Promise, Willow Domestic Violence Center, Martin Luther King Day Community Breakfast, and Rotary Teacher of the Year. In addition, support is provided for scholarships for high school students, eradication of polio worldwide, water purification projects, Rotary exchange students, and Rotary Youth Leadership Academy.

Jayhawk Rotarians and their guests are looking forward to the **2015 Trivia Night** which will be on Friday evening, **October 23, 2015**. Doors open at 6:30 pm at the Alvarado Country Club in Lawrence. The first question is at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$25 per participant. Put this date on your calendar and plan to participate in this fun-packed evening!

Olathe Omelet Fest Coming Your Way!

The Olathe Santa Fe Trail Rotary Club will hold its 17th Annual Omelet Fest on Saturday, **September 26th, from 7:30 to 10:00 AM** at the Heritage Center of Mahaffie, 1200 Kansas City Road, Olathe. The morning breakfast event is the kick-off to Wild West Weekend at the Mahaffie Farmstead. The omelet breakfast features a made to order omelet, with the selection of ingredients for the omelet to be made by each individual. Rotary members and friends serve as cooks, wait staff, and cleanup crew! Each year approximately 250 omelets are prepared, accompanied by fruit, muffin, juice and coffee. Tickets are \$8.00, and are available from SFT Rotary members, or at the door. The omelet ticket includes admission to Saturday Wild West events. Parking is available at Olathe North High School, with shuttle service to the Heritage Center. Proceeds from the Omelet Fest benefit the Mahaffie historic site.



Johnson County Rotary Oktoberfest



The Johnson County Rotary is having it's 7th annual **Oktoberfest on Thursday October 15th at Boulevard Brewery from 6:00-9:00 pm.** Proceeds from this event benefit [Higher M-Pact](#), an organization that works to mentor inner city youth. The event is held at Boulevard Brewery in the Muelbach Room overlooking the Kansas City skyline. In addition to benefiting a great cause, you will enjoy Boulevard beer, wine, and a great German buffet. Also included is music, fellowship and a silent auction.

So a \$50.00 ticket purchased results in the following:

- A evening to enjoy Boulevard Brewery's finest selections of beers, wine and soda
- A German Buffet Dinner
- Beautiful view of downtown Kansas City
- Silent Auction
- A great time with other Rotarians!
- **\$25.00** donated to Higher M-Pact

To purchase tickets, contact me or go online by clicking here: [Oktoberfest Tickets](#)

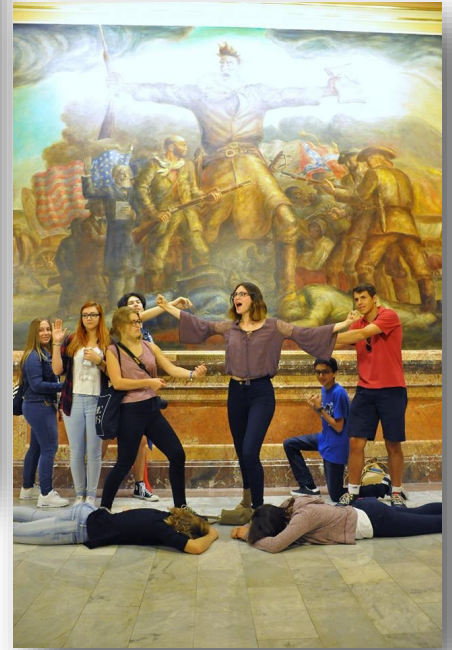
Shawnee Rotary Gears Up for Fall Projects

The Shawnee Rotary Club will assist in providing meals to those in need on October 1st. The club participates in this program regularly, and the assistance is accomplished through the Johnson County Food Ministries.

Also in October, on Saturday the 24th, the club will be participating in Shawnee's annual Historical Hauntings event. This event is held on the grounds of Shawnee Town 1929 where four to five thousand children are expected to tour the park dressed in their costumes. Shawnee Rotarians will staff a booth and provide treats to each of the attendees!



Youth Exchange Students Visit Kansas Capital



Other Happenings from Around the District

Did you know that many of our district's clubs have their own Facebook pages? Not to mention, our District Governor, who posts some fascinating tidbits from his club visits. Here is a sampling of what was "going on" on Facebook around District 5710 in September.

Leawood's Blues Brews and BBQ, Sept 19.



Overland Park South handed out checks for the beneficiaries of Jazz in the Woods.



Rotary Day for PolioPlus -- Rotary Clubs of Lenexa, Johnson County, Shawnee and Western Johnson County.

There were 60 Rotarians in attendance from four clubs.—raised \$1,655 for PolioPlus and had a great meal, fellowship and speaker.



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