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DG Chris's Message

Happy New Year District 5710! I hope the Holidays were good to us all.

While you are all establishing New Years Resolutions and life goals, don't forget about your commitment to Rotary! If you don't recall, our District set our own goal to grow to 3,000 Rotarians by June of 2017; that requires a 20% growth by all of our Clubs.

To date, the leaders are as follows:

OP South 6.45%,
Topeka South 4.5%,
Manhattan 2.82%

As a Rotary community, let's start sharing our community service, our great fellowship, our collective mentorship and our passion for life with future Rotarians... so invite somebody to Rotary.

I look forward to achieving our goals together in 2017!

Chris Ford
District Governor
2016-2017

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2017



January 31, 2017

Rotary International Invoice is due. Go to www.myrotary.org for your Club's Invoice.

March 23-25, 2017

President-Elect Training (PETS) in Wichita, KS. This is mandatory for all incoming Presidents.

March 31, 2017

Deadline to submit your Presidential Citation.

District News & Events



Measure your club's impact - and tell the world!

January is Rotary Awareness Month. In that spirit, we are gathering the combined impact of our clubs' good works. Please send the following information to emilyrandel@gmail.com by January 31st. We'll compile the information and share the results at District Conference on May 6.

Please share the following information for what your club completes annually. (Can be anticipated for the 2016-17 Rotary year.)

- Charities supported and dollar amount given to each
- Service projects, total number and partner organization(s)
- Total volunteer hours spent on club service projects
- Scholarships awarded and dollar amount for each
- Foreign service projects or trips, number of inbound students or groups hosted
- Youth projects supporting Rotaract/Interact, amount of monetary support or project description
- Community gifts, item description and cost
- ...and whatever else you'd like to share!

*Please send a few photos that highlight your favorites from the list above. Please include captions in your email of the photos you send.

**You'll get extra mileage for gathering this information because it's also required in Rotary Club Central for the Presidential Citation. This gets you ahead of the game, and helps us all be more prepared to tell the world about all the good our clubs are doing!

Childcare at the District Conference?

You don't want to miss this year's conference, and neither does your spouse, so if you'd be interested in child care, please email Jason Leib at jasonl@jasonleib.com with the number and ages of your children.

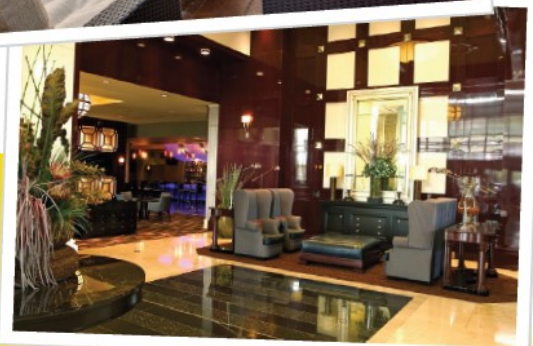
This is just to gauge demand at this point, more information will be available when registration launches next month. Thanks!

Save the Date

Friday, May 5 & Saturday, May 6, 2017
Sheraton Overland Park, KS



**Social events and activities at
Pinstripes in Prairiefire, TopGolf,
iFly Kansas City and more!**



\$100 Sponsorship Available

One Per Company

Benefits include the following:

- Recognition on District Website/Social Media Sites
- Recognition on Conference Electronic/Printed Materials
- Recognition at District Conference
- 2 Additional Drink Tickets for District Conference Banquet

To confirm sponsorship information, please email Marc Shaffer at marc@searcyfinancial.com and submit \$100 sponsorship payment via PayPal; <https://paypal.me/LenexaRotaryClub/100>. Please also send Marc a high resolution copy of your logo and a short brief description of your company to be used at the conference in the marketing materials.

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Next Rotary Leadership Institute Starting January 28, 2017 in Topeka

The next class of the **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** will be in *downtown Topeka* – specific location to be determined.

The RLI dates are:

Session I - **Saturday, January 28, 2017** Focus is on you, the Rotarian
 Session II - **Saturday, February 25, 2017** Focus is on your Club
 Session III - **Saturday, March 11, 2017** Focus is on your Rotary Journey
 (All sessions will be from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm)

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.

The **topics** that will be discussed include:

Purpose and structure of Rotary – in your community and through out the world
 All about *membership* - Attracting them – engaging them - retaining them
 Local and international *service projects*
Working better with your team of fellow Rotarians to do awesome service projects,
 Your Rotary International Foundation and why it rocks
The Five Avenues of Service – Community, Club, International, New Generations, & Vocational
 Effective *leadership strategies and motivational techniques* for our clubs to provide “service above self”.

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

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.

Questions: please email Chuck Udell at chuckudell@msn.com or call 913-908-3672

Space is limited, [click here](#) to register!

Can't make all three sessions? Missed a session? Then contact [Chuck Udell](#).



New Members for December 2017

Council Grove	Dave Baker
Johnson County	Aaron Mendoza
Johnson County Sunset	Amanda Buchanan
Louisburg	Carol Aust
Manhattan	Geraldine Craig, Summer Dierks, Karl Kunz
Olathe Noon	Mark Gash
Overland Park	Nellie Caldito
Overland Park South	Allan Bangston
Shawnee	Lan Nguyen
Topeka South	Alicia VanWalleghem



Rotary Speaker's Bureau

One of the things that this year's PETS class asked for was an on-going list of "tried and true" Rotary Program Topics and speakers. So, since we are half way through the year, we reached out once again to the clubs and asked for their best suggestions. Here is that list:

Joe Reardon, The Future of Public Transportation - KC MSA - pcurtis@kcata.org

Greg Knapp, Radio KCMO 710 - 103.7 - greg.knapp@cumulus.com

Brent Thiessen/John Scott Dickson, Missouri Mavericks Professional Hockey Team (GM/Head Coach)
BThiessen@missourimavericks.com jsdickson@missourimavericks.com swatson@missourimavericks.com

Sean Maher, Anheuser Busch Vice President sean.maher@anheuser-busch.com

Sheryl Parker and Greg Carter, Bee Keeping, gcarter15@kc.rr.com

Kendell Gannon, THE WILL WALL, Do you owe gratitude to someone? And other things FOOTBALL by the former quick snapper for the Chiefs. klgammon@mac.com

Harry Campbell has written two books about leadership and positive momentum and in 2015 he gave 108 speeches about the topic. harryscampbell@gmail.com

David Huston, Winter Olympic Curling Find out more about the sport of curling in Kansas City from David Huston 913-226-5900

Rabbi Zalman, program that includes extracting olive oil & explains its significance in the Jewish religion. chabadku@gmail.com

Neeli Bendapudi, KU Provost who is a dynamite speaker on virtually any subject. neeli@ku.edu

Jancita Warrington, Haskell Indian Nations University Cultural Center & Museum- presents the largely unknown history of Haskell. 785-749-8404 x686

Alex Burden, Truman Library and Museum. alex.burden@nara.gov

Joel Goldberg, Kansas City Royals joelgoldberg5@gmail.com

Russ Thaden is a retired US Army Colonel. He was in intelligence and his area of focus is the Middle East.
Thadenr@cs.com

If you have a suggestion for a speaker, please email it to Mandy@rotary5710.org.

You can find additional Speakers on the website. Click [here](#) for a link to the page.

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CLUB EVENTS

Lenexa Rotary Club 50th Anniversary Celebration

Feb. 3, 2017

Thompson Barn
11184 Lackman Rd
Lenexa, KS 66219
6pm-10pm

Email Terry Tevis for details

Gardner Rotary

February 10, 2017

**Poker Tournament to Benefit
the Rotary Foundation**
Tradenet Publishing Co.
*1st Place Wins a Seven Night
stay in a Vegas!*

Club News & Events



Leawood Club Sponsors Black Friday STOP HUNGER NOW 20,000 Meal Event

On November 25th, the LEAWOOD CLUB sponsored the 4th Annual Black Friday Meal Packing Event at STOP HUNGER NOW's Overland Park warehouse. Over 160 Rotarians, Rotary family members and community friends volunteered in two hour shifts over the course of seven hours to successfully pack over 20,000 life-changing meals, far exceeding the original goal of 10,000 meals. This event raised \$4200 toward the fight to end hunger by providing food to children and families in such far-flung places around the world as El Salvador, Haiti, Nepal, Panama, the Philippines, Nicaragua, Swaziland, Liberia, Burkina Faso, and South Sudan.



Volunteers first learned about how effective these "Just add Water and Cook" meals are in creating healthy diets, with the added nutrients that go with the rice, soy and beans. Then right to work – donning hair nets or baseball caps - at the assembly lines where bags, each containing food for 6 meals, were labeled, ingredients added, carefully weighed, heat sealed, inspected and boxed for shipment to countries all over the world.

Since 2013 when Leawood Rotary began sponsoring Stop Hunger Now's Annual Black Friday Meal Packing Event, the Club has actively publicized and promoted connections and involvement of community volunteers to join us in this vision of ending hunger around the world. Leawood Rotary's support has helped the Kansas City office of Stop Hunger Now to expand its reach to over 200 community partners in 10 mid-west states, and pack 4.2 million meals.



Overland Park Rotary Club Donates 50K+ Books to Local Children

The Rotary Club of Overland Park provided 87 education and charitable organizations in the Kansas City region with a donation of 57,404 children's books.

This first-time Children's Book Drive was orchestrated by various Overland Park Rotary Club members in conjunction with Feed the Children's book donation program. The book donation had a monetary equivalent of over \$600,000 in children's book titles; high quality books from publishers such as Disney and Marvel.

Rotary's continued mission is "service above self," and the Club felt this Children's Book Drive was an impactful and positive way to provide homeless families, economically disadvantaged, and all children a meaningful and educational gift before the Christmas holiday. Each book donated included a sticker identifying the donation from the Overland Park Rotary Club and space for each child to write his/ her name in the book.



Future goals for the Children's Book Drive project are to expand the children's organizations reached in the Overland Park and Kansas City region, strengthen Rotary's relationship with Feed the Children and explore expanding the Book Drive model out to other Rotary clubs across the country.

Special thanks to all the Club members who volunteered time and energies to sort, stack, load and unload over 5,000 cases of children's books for the Book Drive; and McCray Lumber & Millwork, Edwardsville, KS, for donating warehouse space to store the books before distribution.

Examples of Organizations impacted: Boys & Girls Club of Greater KC, Salvation Army, Rainbow Center, KVC, Head Start, SafeHome, Johnson County WIC Program, CASA, Catholic Charities, Sunflower House and many more.

Manhattan Konza Rotary Partners with Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House (RMH) Charities of Northeast Kansas provides a home away from home for families of seriously ill children staying in Topeka hospitals.

After hearing a presentation from RMH Executive Director Nancy Johnson in 2015, Konza members made plans to address the organization's pantry needs and provide meal preparation for RMH families. With help from \$656 in 2015 District Grant and Club matching funds, nine Rotarians traveled to Topeka in November 2015 to stock the pantry and prepare meals. At that time, members noticed the poor condition of cookware, pots and pans and other kitchen equipment. Further discussions with RMH staff allowed Rotarians to identify other needs and \$1,719 in 2016 District Grant and Club matching funds were used to provide household items, such as vacuum cleaners, bedding and kitchen tools.

The project has provided needed equipment to support the continued comfort of RMH families and allow them to focus on what's most important, the recovery and healing of a sick child.



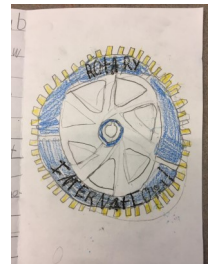
Leavenworth Rotary Delivers Dictionaries & Names Rotarian of Year

The Leavenworth Rotary club delivered 744 Dictionaries at a cost of \$1860. Dictionaries were delivered to all local area schools third grade classrooms this past November. Dictionaries were delivered to the following Schools:

Lansing Elementary School (9 classes), Leavenworth David Brewer Elementary (2 classes), Leavenworth Anthony Elementary (2 classes), Leavenworth Lawson Elementary (2 classes), Leavenworth Henry Leavenworth Elementary School (3 classes), Fort Leavenworth MacArthur Elementary (4 classes), Fort Leavenworth Eisenhower Elementary (3 classes), Fort Leavenworth Bradley Elementary (3 classes), Pleasant Ridge Elementary (2 classes), Xavier Elementary (1 class), Saint Paul's Lutheran Elementary (1 class). Each year, the Pleasant Ridge High School Business class makes personalized labels for our dictionaries that we deliver; we really appreciate their help with this project. This year the class made 744 labels with the each student's name that were placed inside the front cover of each dictionary delivered.

Students are always very happy to receive their dictionaries (as shown by a couple of thank you notes we received this year). On occasion, we have a life-time resident senior student who visits our meetings who still has their Rotary dictionary.

Special thanks go out to Rotarian Bill Kromer for taking the lead on this project and the approximately 20 Rotarians who helped with this project. It was, once again, a great success!



Rotarian Brian Voorhees was named Rotarian of the Year in December. Brian has helped with many projects this year and is always ready and willing to lend a hand. Most recently, Rotarian Brian was the lead for a food drive in support of our local food pantries. His intent is for this to become one of our semi-annual projects. Many thanks to Brian for his great work this year in supporting our Club...you ROCK Rotarian Brian! (Brian is pictured with President Elect Tamara Jo Sevcik).

December Events Filled Overbrook's Calendar

The Overbrook Rotary Club had a very busy December.

On December 6, the club gave out dictionaries to all its local 4th graders. This annual event is made possible by Rotary matching grants. (photo at right)

On December 12, the club's semi-annual red cross blood drive was held, followed shortly by the Annual Club Christmas Dinner on December 15.

Finally, on December 17, club members rang the bell from 11:00 – 5:00 for a local Salvation Army Red Kettle fund drive. Proceeds stayed in Osage County and used at Help House. Total raised was \$227.



Leawood Rotarians Support the Jo. Co. Christmas Bureau

For Leawood Rotarians, supporting the Johnson County Christmas Bureau and their Holiday Shop event has become an annual tradition. This year was no exception, with the club donating \$2500 to the organization and donating over 250 coats collected from a coat drive.

But the highlight was the week-long Holiday Shop event, during which over 25 Rotarians volunteered their time to assist clients with their shopping, restock canned goods, sort and display apparel items, and help load items into the clients' vehicles. This year's event was held in a former grocery store in Olathe, and the venue proved to be a perfect fit for the Bureau.

Leawood Rotarians were pleased to help many underprivileged Johnson County residents have a brighter holiday, and look forward to assisting again in 2017.



Bonner Springs Awards Paul Harris Fellow

Congratulations to Bonner Springs Rotarian Bill Miller who was recently awarded a Paul Harris Fellow. He is pictured here with the other Paul Harris Fellows in the club.



Topeka West Rotary Staying Busy

The Topeka West Rotary had a busy month in serving the Topeka community. Club members participated in its annual Dictionary Project by purchasing and delivering over 700 dictionaries to third grade students in 34 classes at eleven local elementary schools. For many students, these are the first dictionaries they have ever used and personally owned.

Many thank you letters were received from the students showing their great appreciation, and as one student said, "I can now use my own dictionary so I won't have to keep bothering my teacher to ask how to spell a word." The Club has conducted this project for over ten years.

The Club also presented \$775 dollars and a shopping cart full of food to Sarai Harreld, the guest speaker on December 4th, and Public Education Coordinator, for the YWCA's Center for Safety and Empowerment. The Center serves victims of domestic and sexual violence with 24-hour helpline, emergency shelter, counseling, support groups and court advocacy. This is the fifth consecutive year the Club has provided donations and food for the Center.

