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Monthly Theme: Maternal and Child Health Month

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR ADAM EHLERT

Dear District 5710 Rotarians:

Please enjoy this month's newsletter, and be proud of what our District's clubs achieve.

And speaking of achievements, that's what we will be celebrating at the end of the month! **Join us in Lenexa, KS, for the annual Assembly and Conference on April 27 and 28.** Click the link in the box below to register today! I look forward to seeing you as we congratulate our club presidents, and we welcome their successors for next year. Please show your support for your club's leadership.



We will not only conclude this Rotary year, but we'll spring into the year of DGE Blanche's leadership. She's already well underway in raising money and celebrating "Women in Rotary" for 30 years! Additionally, we will recap this year's highlights, have some fun together, and hear from great speakers—including Friday's Keynote, Frank White. He's "only" achieved eight Gold Gloves, and then augmented that stellar baseball career with a commitment to his community. Do you think his message fits with Rotary's theme of Making a Difference?

Thank you all for your service and your commitment to service through our great organization.

Sincerely,

District Governor Adam Ehlert



DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! [Click HERE!](#)



If this is your first time attending District Conference, use the code "FIRSTTIME" and receive a \$20 discount - intended for first time attendees only (Four Way Test!).

Registration for the Hyatt Place is 913.742.7777 or go to:

hyattplacekansascitylenexacitycenter.com and use the code G-ROIN.



District News & Events

2018 ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (RYLA)

We are getting closer to RYLA week. I have heard from several of you around District 5710 and it appears that we have a lot of interest in RYLA again this year. We have received a few applications, so far, but I am hoping that we see more in the next few weeks. Remember May 4th is the deadline to turn in the applications for the students your club wants to sponsor. Do not let your club miss out on this wonderful opportunity to sponsor a student to enjoy this unique experience.



RYLA 2018 is a five-day camp for incoming high school sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in developing leadership potential. The students will learn from business and community leaders about strengthening their leadership skills and abilities, promoting ethical behavior, and facilitating personal growth and self-awareness. There are several past participants of this program that stated their experience was life-changing and made them more aware of their capabilities. It is common to see a student become emotional when talking about their experience with RYLA. For many students, this is their first exposure to Rotary and what we, as Rotarians, can accomplish. The projects and exercises in this five-day camp are designed to get the students to think differently about certain situations and develop their own solutions with fellow students they may have not met before attending the camp. Many students worldwide, who have attended RYLA, have continued on to become members of an Interact, Rotaract, and eventually a Rotary club.

The University of Kansas in Lawrence will once again host District 5710's Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) from June 3th - June 7th. The cost per student is \$325 (\$300 registration fee paid by the sponsoring club and \$25 application fee paid by the student). A record 85 students attended last year's RYLA, engaging in a wide range of leadership development, team-building, civic engagement, and community service activities.

You can find the applications and brochure for the 2018 RYLA on the District 5710 website under the tab marked "RYLA" on the left hand side - [click here](#) for a link. The applications along with the fee can be submitted to the District office address listed on the application. You can also submit the applications electronically to either the e-mail address listed below or to mandy@rotary5710.org.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Faron Barr (fbarr@t-mfinancial.com).



Have you seen ads like this one on your Facebook and Social Media? You can create these **People of Action** ads by going to the Rotary.org Brand Center. There you can customize an ad using the words inspire, connect, transform or End Polio.

Try it out for yourself and share on your social media page!

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

The annual trip to Tulsa with District 5710 Youth Exchange students for the South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE) winter conference was well represented by District 5710. David Beck and DGE Blanche Parks from Topeka, DGN Jason Leib from Lenexa, Inbound Coordinator Sandy Burgers from Overland Park and Youth Exchange Officer Stephen Wheatley from Atchison attended along with 100 other Rotarians and 150 Exchange students from 40 different countries.



It's that time of year again when we are looking for people who are willing to open their homes and hearts to host an exchange student. Today, more than 8,000 Rotary Youth Exchange students travel abroad each year to live and study in about 80 countries. Some of those students come to us in District 5710. We are responsible for finding host families for these amazing, brave students. It is not only a life changing year for the students but for the host families too.

Families come in all sizes and ages. As a host family you generally host for a semester and then the student goes to a second host family. While hosting you are responsible for room and board. Students come with excellent English skills, spending money for personal needs and wants, as well as insurance. Rotary, and esp. District 5710, has a very strong program whose purpose is to build peace and world understanding one exchange at a time. If you or someone you know would be interested in hosting please call **Sandy Burgers at 913-787-4553** or **Stephen Wheatley at 913- 426-0576**.

END POLIO NOW – UPDATE

By Jim Arnett, District 5710 Polio Ambassador

Thank you to Rotarians across the District who are continuing to support the amazing efforts of the volunteers in Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan who place themselves at risk to find and deliver to every child the critical vaccines that are bringing eradication closer and closer.

There was a sad news report in early March that two polio workers were killed by gunfire near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. While 2017 ended with only 22 wild polio cases we are sorry to say that this year there have been 6 new cases reported; all in Afghanistan. In a major response to these reports, over 70,000 polio volunteers spread out across Afghanistan for a week in late March and successfully delivered vaccines to more than 1.2 Million children.



We are “This Close”, but in addition to supporting the efforts in the endemic countries, it is so important to continue to support surveillance and world-wide vaccination efforts. Stay tuned for the very latest status to be reported at the District Conference.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING AT THE KANSAS LEADERSHIP CENTER



**KANSAS
LEADERSHIP
CENTER**

Thanks to the efforts of Pat O'Donnell of the Olathe Rotary Club, Rotary District 5710 has received a Kansas Leadership Center Transformation Grant. This Grant of \$25,000 provides 40 training seats at the Kansas Leadership Center. The Kansas Leadership Center is a non-profit organization committed to building stronger, healthier more prosperous communities through the effective exercise of leadership.

The district has 25 seats remaining for these three courses offered by KLC:

Your Leadership Edge: Designed for anyone who wants to lead more and get better results. Three days of intense learning followed by virtual learning. Held monthly in Wichita and Four times in the Kansas City Area

Lead for Change: Designed for people called to lead others through tough situations. Transforming the way you engage with your community or organization. Phase 1: Four Days at the Kansas Leadership Center. Phase 2: Three Months of Coaching and Online Learning. Phase 3: Three additional days at the Kansas Learning Center

Equip to Lead: Designed for those who know the KLC framework and want to share the Ideas with others.

Tuition is provided by the grant and all other cost will be the responsibility of the participants.

PLEASE LOG INTO: www.kansasleadershiopcenter.org

You will find the specifics of the three courses available, the schedule and how to register.

The District Training Team believes all who participate should enroll in Your Leadership Edge, and then either or both of the other courses. Enrolment in the remaining 25 seats is on a first come first serve basis.

For answers to your questions, and to receive the PROMO Code for enrollment in the Transformation Grant Seats. Please contact, Chuck Udell at chuckudell@msn.com Or Neil Wakefield at neilwakefield51@gmail.com

We look forward to your participation!

Testimonial

“Wow! So thankful to Downtown Rotary Club and Blanche Parks for encouraging me to go. I had such powerful 2.5 days of training through **Kansas Leadership Center!** Your Leadership Edge is an amazing class and such an eye opener.

Love the principles we've learned:

- * Leadership is an activity , not a position.
- * Anyone can lead, anytime, anywhere.
- * It starts with you and must engage others.
- * Your purpose must be clear.
- * It's risky!

Highly recommend this class to anyone and it doesn't matter what position you have at your job or in community. This class is so inspirational and definitely will help you to grow as a person no matter where you are in life.”

Yana Ross - Topeka Downtown Member

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS - HOW CAN CLUBS HELP?

On Thursday, April 26th, the **Manhattan Rotary Club** will be assembling hundreds (exact quantity unknown, as it keeps increasing as we gain more interest) of clean birth kits to be shipped to International Partner Clubs for them to distribute to rural maternal clinics/centers. Club members will be assembling the kits at their regular meeting time and place, at noon at the Holiday Inn at Campus. Any Rotarian interested in joining us in this project is welcome to attend!

So what exactly are clean birth kits? These kits ensure the World Health Organization's "6 Cleans": clean hands, clean perineum, clean delivery surface, clean cord cutting implement, clean cord tying, and clean cord care. Every minute a woman dies of complications related to pregnancy and childbirth. Ninety-nine percent of these deaths occur in developing nations. For every woman who dies in childbirth, another 30 women incur injuries and infections, which are often preventable. The Manhattan Rotary Club is looking to assist in the prevention of these deaths, injuries and infections with these clean birth kits.

The Manhattan Rotary Club currently has confirmed partner clubs in Nepal, Philippines, Nigeria, India and Uganda who are all on board to receive and distribute the kits. And there will likely be more partners added!

So how can other District 5710 Clubs partner in this effort? There are two important opportunities available:

#1 – Cash for Kits – as we identify more partner clubs the number of kits we'd like to assemble continues to increase. The kits are very reasonable in price, costing a little over \$1 per kit. Any club in the District that has an interest in partnering on this project can fund 100 clean birth kits for just \$100!

#2 – Dollars to Distribute – this may be the most substantial need for the project as the shipping costs are higher than the actual kits themselves. Any club in the District interesting in partnering on this project can fund the shipment of 100 kits (minimum) for \$300.

The Manhattan Rotary Club is committed to packaging as many kits as we can fund for this service project! If your Club has an interest in participating, we request a verbal commitment by Friday, April 20th in order to allow enough time to order supplies for the April 26th project date. Checks can be sent to the Manhattan Rotary Club, Attn: Service Project, PO Box 331, Manhattan, KS 66505. We ask that checks be sent no later than May 31st.

Other International Projects - Planning Underway

(Please reach out to these clubs if you have interest in partnering or assisting.)

Shawnee Club & Ambassadors Club - Nayarit, Mexico - Project involves making repairs at a school.

Ambassadors - Uganda - Rotary Cancer Center

Lawrence Jayhawk Breakfast & Village West - Panama - Community Medical Clinic

Leawood Club - South Africa and Ecuador - In Manta Ecuador - The project is to construct a fish market (at right, officials at the groundbreaking)

Manhattan Konza - Honduras - Water project

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

The District 5710 RFE team travelled to South Africa last month for the first half of an exchange with District 9350. Join us at the District Conference April 27/28 where members of the team will be making a presentation about their journey!

The 2018 District 5710 Rotary Friendship Exchange Team included:

Chuck Udell, Leawood

Lenet and Bob Compton, Lenexa

Todd Frye, Marysville

Sue Maes and Dennis Hemmendinger, Manhattan

Bill and Kathy Musgrave, Lenexa

Andera Norris and Tom Beisecker, Lawrence

Richard Ross, Topeka

Clayton Smith, Overland Park

Wilma Wilcox, Olathe Santa Fe Trail



NEW MEMBERS FOR MARCH

Downtown Topeka

Brent Trout

Leavenworth

Myron Griswold

Louisburg

Travis Thompson

Manhattan

Stephanie Cleveland, Jean-Paul Gonzalez, Michelle Haub, Geneva Hauser

Ottawa

Glendon Rhea

Overbrook

Kenneth Herin, J.C. McHatton, Kyle Sederstrom

Overland Park

Jameia Haines

Topeka South

Phil Tysinger

Western Johnson County

Terrie Johnson, Scott Matteson



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SPEAKER?

Clubs often struggle to find quality programs week after week, so we like to reach out periodically and see who has been speaking around the District—and doing an amazing job. Below are a few vetted programs.

Jay Antle jantle@jccc.edu Executive Director, Center for Sustainability, Johnson County Community College -

Luanne Barron lbarron@kssdb.org KS School for the Deaf

Annette Billings anetfullofhope@gmail.com Maya Angelou of the Midwest/poet

Benjamin Gardner Benjamin.Gardner@KS.Gov Ks. Highway Patrol - Social Media and the Highway Part

KU Chancellor Girod KU Vision - Contact Debra Ann Bia dbia@ku.edu 785 864-4870

Stan Hazlett Disciplinary Administrator, Kansas Supreme Court

Sheri Johnson, President of Morningstar Communications. Sheri's focus is to provide communications counsel, content creation and marketing automation that optimizes clients' marketing and sales. Contact Overland Park Rotary.

Ali Khan Ali.Khan@washburn.edu Diversity of Cultures Relected in Old & New Poems from Pakistan - 785 217-7338

Kacey Kiltz kwiltz@sheepdogia.org Sheep Dog Impact Assistance - 785 845-0823

Trevor Miller of the Overland Park Fire Department, Overland Park's 9/11 Memorial

Mike Patterson mp@topekaharley.com Evil Knievel Museum

John Rollins John@therollinslawfirm.com National Geographic Photographer

SGT Reuben Salemonca rsalamanca@topeka.org Topeka Police Dept. Gang Unit

Jason Seber Associate Conductor, Kansas City Symphony

Gwen Shirkey Gwen@symphonyintheflinthills.org - Symphony in the Flint Hills

John Speckman <http://www.speckmanhoney.com/> - 500,000 Bees

Gene Taylor KSU Athletic Director - KSM Athletics - Contact Vicki Jones 785 532-6912

Steve Wolgast slwolgast@gmail.com Free Speech in Times of Crisis

For the speaker info below, contact [Patrick McCartney](#)

Jeff Alderman President of the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs

Merrill Eisenhower Atwater CEO of People to People International

Esther George Federal Reserve of Kansas City

Steve Hewitt CEO of Kansas Turnpike Authority

Darwin Pennye Director of the Urban Youth Academy (urban core baseball academy in collaboration with KC Royals)

Club News & Events

LADIES NIGHT SUCCESS



Over 50 women including District Governor Elect Blanche Parks enjoyed a Ladies Night event to raise money for the Heart to Heart Women's hygiene kits. The evening was planned and hosted by Overland Park lady Rotarians, over \$600 was raised for the kits.



The event attracted both lady Rotarians from area Clubs and others who enjoyed fellowship and some shopping.

KANSAS CITY, KS & VILLAGE WEST CLUBS PARTNER ON WATER PROJECT

The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club along with the Village West Rotary Club partnered with Grandview Park Presbyterian Church in an effort to bring clean water to storm-ravaged Puerto Rico. Ten members of Grandview Park traveled to Caguas, P.R. to work with Catacumbas Church to do basic clean-up, demolition and construction in support of the devastated communities around Caguas. Two members of the team were Dr. Dee Ann Richards Behrens, member of Village West Rotary, and the Rev. Rick Behrens, member of Kansas City, Kansas Rotary.



Just prior to the trip Dr. and Rev. Behrens learned of a need for water filters in homes and community centers they would be visiting. Dr. Behrens contacted Rotary partner Jorge Coromac with Woodland Public Charity to inquire about the water filters he assembles and distributes. Jorge gave the team a crash course in assembling and operating the filters made of simply plastic pails.



As a result of this effort, ten filters were distributed to community centers and homes in Puerto Rico. Total cost of the project was \$600 with \$250 each contributed from the Village West and KCK clubs and \$100 coming from Grandview Park Presbyterian Church. Grandview Park will be continuing in partnership with the Catacumbas Church in Puerto Rico, raising money, offering support, and traveling to help whenever needed.

MANHATTAN ROTARY

The Manhattan Rotary Club enjoyed programs from; KSU Research Foundation, KSU Engineers without Borders, Eisenhower Library and Museum, and students from the US Army Command Staff College in Leavenworth during the month.

Erin Hackenberg was introduced at the Manhattan High School Rotary Student-of-the-Month.

DG Adam Ehlert joined the Club on March 29th for a District update and KSU Baseball game social. (photo at right)

The cup money for the month was designated to the RYLA and Rotract programs supported by the club.

Our 100th Anniversary series continued with presentations by past club leaders; Richard Seaton, 1980-81 President; Jerry Weis 1985-86 President; Terry Arthur, 1979-80 President and Darrell Brensing, 1982-83 President.



It was announced that the program on the April 26th meeting will be the assembling of birthing kits. Chris Nolte is leading the effort and has been in contact with several Rotary clubs internationally that are willing to oversee the distribution of these kits for the club.

President Vern shared that the club will have the opportunity to raise funds during the Bill Snyder Half Marathon race for the RI Foundation. He announced the dates of the Manhattan Rotary Club Golf Classic on May 21, 2018 and the 100th Anniversary Banquet on Monday, June 18th,, 2018. The golf tournament will support local charities and the Rotary International Foundation and the Banquet will support an International project.

OLATHE ROTARIANS PLANT 30 TREES

Answering the call from Rotary International President Ian Riseley, members of the Olathe rotary Club and the Sunset Rotary Club planted 30 large trees Saturday March 24 on the campus of Olathe Health.

The project was funded by grants from District 5710, The Olathe Rotary Foundation and former Rotarian Mike McDermott, owner of the Grass Pad. More than 25 Rotarians, family members and Boy Scouts gathered in the cold wind to plant, stake and mulch the trees.

Grass Pad president and Olathe Rotarian Jerry Moore, could not believe how smooth it went. "I told my wife, I'd be lucky to be home by dinner", but the team was finished and on the way home by 12:30 p.m.

This was the first of two planned plantings, another will be held in the early Fall.



LEAVENWORTH ROTARY CLUB

Our 38th annual Irish Stew Dinner was held on 12 March, a delicious dinner was enjoyed by all who attended! As this is our big fundraiser of the year, we appreciated all donations received for our silent auction, with a special thanks to **DG Adam** for his generous donation which helped us raise almost \$2500 in the silent auction...YAY! In addition, without the hands and work of all members in our club, this dinner would not be the success that it is every year (thanks to everyone in the club and to our friends who support our club as well). A big kudos also goes out to the chairs of this event, Maria Minchew and Jana Goodman along with their great committee who organized and planned everything for a wonderful evening for many in our community! (See below for photos of the event) More photos of our ISD event may be found on the Rotary Club of Leavenworth Facebook page.

The Rotary Wheel was out and about this month making an appearance in our local Saint Patrick's Day Parade; special thanks to Rotarian Tony Martens for providing a GREAT truck from his car dealership to haul our beloved WHEEL!

We welcomed new member, Mike Griswold this month; shown here are Mike and his sponsor, Doug Tystad as Doug presents Mike his new member folder, Rotary pin and name badge. Welcome Mike; we look forward to serving with you!



Making a Difference in our Community...through member donations and proceeds from our Las Vegas Get Away Fundraiser, our local foundation was happy and humbled to donate \$10,000 to the new Interfaith Community of Hope Homeless Shelter; the donation will be put to good use to help with the daily/special operations of the shelter.

Upcoming for Leavenworth Rotary:

Food Pantry Collection Drive (14 April)

District Conference (27&28 April)

ACS Relay for Life (28 April)

OTC Medicine Drive (5 May)



TASTE OF SHAWNEE—NEW DATE!

New Date!
May 12, 3-6 PM

TASTE OF SHAWNEE

great food for a great cause

New Date!

~~APRIL 7, 2018 3-6 PM~~
SHAWNEE TOWN • SHAWNEE, KS

May 12, 3-6 PM



PRESENTING SPONSOR

OVERLAND PARK REGIONAL
MEDICAL CENTER
ER of SHAWNEE

HOSTED BY

Rotary
Club of Shawnee



WHO:

You and all your family & friends!
Please note: Due to the nature of the event, pets are not permitted.
Service animals only.

WHAT:

Family-friendly public event featuring great food from local restaurants, entertainment and fun!

WHEN: **New Date!**

~~April 7, 2018 from 3-6 PM~~
May 12, 3-6 PM

WHERE:

Grounds of Shawnee Town 1929, RAIN OR SHINE Outdoor event

WHY:

The Rotary Club of Shawnee hosts this annual event to raise funds for local charities and the Rotary International drive to End Polio Now

“ The Taste of Shawnee was created with one goal in mind, coming together as a community to share great food for a great cause. ”

TICKETS

Gate Pass \$10.00 - Advance purchase or at the gate.

Children 5 and under do not need a gate pass.

Redeem at the gate for 5 Taste Tickets to start tasting samples from your favorite restaurants!

SPONSORS

The UPS Store, Shawnee
Heartland Coca-Cola
City of Shawnee
Shawnee Dispatch
Spencer Fane
The Amos Family Funeral Home

Hammond Chiropractic
McAnany Construction
Edward Jones, Tim Deves
Weavers Auto Center
Highpoint Family Vision
Heartland Seating

For more information including tickets, food, entertainment and beneficiaries, please visit our website:

<http://tasteofshawnee.wixsite.com/2018>

VILLAGE WEST WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Village West Rotary is proud to welcome two new members inducted in March: Michelle Hereford of American Family Insurance and Sarah Kluba of Sporting KC. Here is a picture from their induction which features our district governor (and Village West member) Adam Ehlert.



VALLEY FALLS GARAGE SALE FOR A CAUSE



The Valley Falls Rotary is having a garage sale at 1914 Fisher St., Valley Falls, Ks on May 18 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and May 19 from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. It is a charity sale and the money will be used to purchase a new piece of equipment for the new city pool in town. Please come by, there's lots of great items for sale!

Time for **Family**
Time for **Work**
Time for **Community**

Rotary



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