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Monthly Theme: Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR ADAM EHLERT

Dear District 5710 Rotarians:

‘Tis the season! Although, if you really think about it, as Rotarians we are afforded the blessings of the holiday season all year round.

Day in and day out, we’ve got the opportunity to be *Making a Difference* through our Rotary membership. And if round-the-clock altruism isn’t enough—the camaraderie, meetings and meals and friendships complete our Rotarian benefits.

Please keep Rotary in your heart as you enjoy the holiday season. Mention Rotary to friends and family; share what is important to you, and even tell them *why* Rotary is important to you. And then (of course) invite them to a meeting.

Rotary International does great work, and it all starts with individual members in individual clubs. Thank you each for your commitment to *Making a Difference*.



Happy Holidays!

Adam



Overbrook Rotary welcomed DG Adam for his Club Visit on November 14th with a cake and a serenade of “Take Me Out to the Ballgame!” Nice job, Overbrook! Adam is pictured with Overbrook President, PDG Jon Wilhite.



Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming District Events

February 10, 2018 ~ Rotary Leadership Institute Session One , Manhattan, KS

February 23 –24, 2018 ~ President-Elect Training, Wichita, KS

April 27-28, 2018 ~ District Conference, Lenexa, KS



District News & Events

FOUNDATION BANQUET 2017

Huge thanks and congratulations to Rotarian Dawn Tubbesing, Elaine Copp and her assistant PDG/Foundation Chair Jim Mattes, and Lt. Governor/District Executive Mandy Sheldon for executing a spectacular Foundation Banquet on Veterans' Day last month.

While some may have been cynical that last year's marching band could be topped, this year's spectacularly entertaining Strolling Strings from Shawnee Mission Northwest high school set the tone early. [Click here](#) to see a video of these talented students! Special thanks to Dr. Stephen Wheatley for bringing our district's hosted Youth Exchange students. It's always a pleasure to see their enthusiasm.

Congratulations to the award winning clubs. Will your club president be on the podium next year? Our district is remarkably engaged and generous—this was a fun way to recognize those core Rotarian traits. Top Awards went to #3 Shawnee for \$288.10 per capita to the Foundation; #2 Shawnee Mission with \$350.41 to the Foundation and #1 Leawood with 371.94 to the Foundation. Clubs were also recognized for their Polio giving, as well as their Star Club status (per capita giving over \$100). The total overall giving in District 5710 during 2016/17 was \$399,016.74. Amazing!

Star Club 2016-2017	Per capita	Star Club 2016-2017	Per capita
Atchison	\$103.42	Manhattan	\$100.24
DeSoto	\$104.44	Olathe	\$113.21
Emporia	\$151.74	Overbrook	\$102.38
Gardner	\$140.53	Overland Park	\$108.90
Holton	\$109.52	Overland Park South	\$172.12
Jayhawk (Lawrence)	\$196.22	Paola	\$111.43
Johnson County	\$130.55	Shawnee	\$288.10
Jo. Co. Sunset	\$103.03	Shawnee Mission	\$350.41
Kansas City, Kansas	\$101.41	Topeka	\$138.48
Lawrence	\$155.07	Topeka South	\$118.12
Leavenworth	\$173.39	Topeka West	\$110.59
Leawood	\$371.94	Valley Heights Blue Rapids	\$180.56
Lenexa	\$125.57	Western Johnson County	\$254.13



SAVE THE DATE



2018 District Conference

April 27 & April 28

REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 26th, 2018

<http://bit.do/dcregistration2018>

FRIDAY April 27th @ Lenexa City Center & Hyatt Place



Keynote: Frank White, Jr.

Start the weekend, on Friday, by learning about the Rotary International and District goals for 2018-2019 and how to apply those goals to your club at the District Assembly. We'll pause in the middle of the day and do what Rotary does best: a service project!

Celebrating 30 years of Women in Rotary.

And conclude with a Friday-night banquet including a message from Rotary International President Ian Riseley's representative, Keynote Speaker: Frank White, Jr., followed by mystery entertainment!



SATURDAY April 28th @ Lenexa City Center & T-Bones Stadium

Saturday will continue the celebration and recognition of all the good works our clubs have done this year. Travel to the T-Bones Stadium for lunchtime FUN! And more good works!

While you're here, check out Lenexa's new City Center area - fine dining at Ignite Wood Fired grill just outside the hotel to Grand Street Cafe just across the street. Or wander over to the Civic Campus and check out the Public Market and art gallery, or get a day pass for the Rec Center and enjoy spectacular views on the cardio equipment or elevated walking path.

Want to get your business or group recognized at the conference?

Sponsorships of \$100 are available at <http://bit.do/dcsponsor100>

Confirm sponsorship by sending email to Jason Leib. Include brief company description and high resolution logo to be used in marketing materials.

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Contact Jason Leib: jasonl@jasonleib.com



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

END POLIO NOW—UPDATE

By Jim Arnett, Polio Ambassador

A huge thank you and congratulations to all the clubs and members that worked so hard to meet this year's **District 6X Polio-Plus Challenge** that resulted in an amazing **\$64,000 from the Clubs PLUS \$50,000 from District leading to a fantastic total—including the Gates Foundation 2X Match, of \$372,000.00.**

Sorry to report to you that this week another new Wild Polio case has occurred in Afghanistan bringing the total to 16 so far this year compared to 34 for this same time last year. This is why it continues to be so important that our District Clubs continue their dedicated support of Polio-Plus. Even if this is the last case we ever see it will still be 3 years before Polio will have been declared eradicated. Every child, everywhere, must be vaccinated every year to assure that Polio will never emerge again!



NEW MEMBERS FOR NOVEMBER

Burlington	Leonard Hernandez
De Soto	Rob Daniels
Downtown Topeka	Michael Powell, Glenda Washington
Emporia	Marvin Kuehn
Gardner	Frank Denning
Kansas City, KS	Claudine Sanders
Lawrence	Sibel Aker, Daniel Palen, Jason Schroeder
Lawrence Jayhawk	Lindsay Simms
Leavenworth	Michael Sevcik
Leawood	Jodi Fincher
Manhattan	Jordon Erickson, Alison Wheatley
Ottawa	Danielle Dodson
Santa Fe Trail	Merv Penner
Shawnee	Rajeev Verma
Shawnee Mission	Steve Anderson
Western Jo Co	Srinivas Kolli

WELCOME

DISTRICT RECEIVES \$25,000 KANSAS LEADERSHIP CENTER GRANT

Have you heard about the Kansas Leadership Transformation Grant that District 5710 has received from the Kansas Leadership Center? It gives the district 40 seats at fantastic leadership training classes for free! We are currently recruiting to fill those seats. Interested? Read on!



**KANSAS
LEADERSHIP
CENTER**

What is KLC?

The Kansas Leadership Center exists to build stronger, healthier, more prosperous communities so that Kansas can become a better place for generations to come. We believe that people learning how to exercise leadership more effectively and more often will impact the state for the better. With a decade of leadership development experience under our belts, we train thousands of people worldwide each year. Come experience our proven framework. Find space to practice new behaviors. Feel challenged and receive support. Leave with an action plan.

Foundation for KLC Framework

At the Kansas Leadership Center, we hold to the belief that anyone can lead, anytime, anywhere.

Too often we think about leadership and authority as the same thing. Because we mix those two concepts together, we place too much burden on those with authority and too little expectation on those without. You have the power to make a change on something you care about and we're here to help you tackle the tough challenges you face every day—the big, messy problems facing your organization, or the seemingly minor ones that get complicated because they involve people's feelings.

You don't need formal authority, or a nametag with initials after your last name. But, you do need a strong sense of purpose and the patience to draw in the people who will contribute to success. You may also need some new skills and concepts. Let the Kansas Leadership Center help you become the leader you need to be.

Testimonial

“Just finished the Kansas Leadership Center(KLC) You Lead Now program. It was indeed an excellent experience. Over my career, I have attended many leadership programs, and not only was You Lead Now one of the best I have attended, it was also unique in its effectiveness. For example, you bring a leadership challenge you have and present it to a group of five or six of your fellow participants, and they help you diagnose your situation and offer suggestions how to solve it. My challenge was effectively leading volunteers and growing our club membership. My group's suggestions are good and doable.

Our district is so fortunate to have a grant for 40 seats in their three programs during 2018. I really do believe that our Rotarians will benefit from taking advantage of their programs.”

Chuck Udell, Rotary District 5710 Trainer

For more information, please contact [Mandy Sheldon](#), [Neil Wakefield](#), [Chuck Udell](#) or [Blanche Parks](#).



Club News & Events

TOPEKA DOWNTOWN RAISES OVER \$20,000 FOR POLIO PLUS

By Grace Morrison, Club President

When our club's PolioPlus chair, **Sam Carkuff**, approached the club leadership and said our club is going to raise \$20,000 for PolioPlus in October, some of us thought he was a little, no, a whole lot crazy! But Sam put together a series of presentations featuring polio survivors and members who were affected by this terrible, preventable disease and we soon realized just how important eradicating Polio is to our club.

Over the month of October, we heard how Polio had affected some of our members. **Jenelle Carkhuff**, Sam's wife, spoke so eloquently as she told her story about having polio as a child and the agony she went through being taken from her parents and family at such a young age. **Mike Hall** spoke about having polio as a child and his experiences. He shared that many times polio symptoms come back as an adult. He stayed in contact with the children he was in the hospital with and has had to endure sadness as one by one they have passed from polio coming back as an adult. **Kathleen Marker** shared what she went through as a baby when her Mother was diagnosed with polio. She was denied the warmth of being held by her Mother as a baby. Grandparents stepped in to provide the closeness of family, but Kathleen missed the intimacy of maternal comfort. Her childhood was forever changed because of polio. **Patrick Michaelis** told about being exposed to Rotary in Lebo, KS at the age of 11. He has been a Rotarian in many clubs in Kansas but seeing all the good this club does, he decided to become a Paul Harris Fellow when his contribution would be maximized with the 6 to 1 match.

To help some of our members reach their first PHF or reach the next level, one member of our club stepped forward to match contributions with points, up to 500, to help our member reach that PHF level. From this campaign our club will have eight new PHFs and twenty PHFs increased to the next level.

But it wasn't just our club raising the funds. Two Topeka businesses agreed to contribute a portion, up to half of their sales from the Topeka's First Friday Art Walk on October 6th to PolioPlus. These businesses handed out flyers and promotional information about Rotary and the Polio Campaign to their customers for the month.

This promotion brought in \$600 towards our \$20,000 goal. But one week from the end of the month we weren't there yet, but getting so very close, so we sent out a "we are this close" email to members asking them to rise to the challenge and help us reach that \$20,000 goal. Some of our members forwarded this email to their staff and friends. The phone started ringing from members of our community wanting to contribute to Polio. (continued below)



As the funds rolled in the excitement of the club's leadership that thought \$20,000 was a crazy idea began to build. At our November 2nd meeting, the newspaper and all the TV stations arrived to hear about this exciting reveal. It was time for the announcement. The Drum Roll slide was put up on the screen and everyone started to play the table drum. When the "We Did It" slide was revealed, the room exploded with applause and excitement. **Our club had raised \$20,609.77 for PolioPlus in just 31 days.**



President Grace awarded Sam the "Rotary Super Hero" cape for his outstanding efforts, and Sam received a standing ovation. And the question asked of Sam as we left the room – What are you going to do next year!

KCK RECOGNIZES L.E.O., WORKS TO BEAUTIFY COMMUNITY

The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club, at its October 31, 2017 luncheon, recognized this year's Public Safety professional from the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Department.

This KC, KS Rotary Club program demonstrates and shows appreciation to the individuals who do so much to protect our community. The leadership of the Sheriff's Department selects an outstanding individual from their department to receive this award, recognizing the individual's dedication and service to our community.



We would like to extend our gratitude to Detective Michael Simmons. He is a prime example of the great men and women of the KCK Sheriff Department who are protecting us every day. Officer Moore, who has been with the department since 2008, was introduced by Sheriff Don Ash. He shared that he has known Detective Simmons since coaching him in little league. In addition to his other duties, the detective has been working with the U.S. Marshall's Service on a joint task force. Michael's wife and several co-workers accompanied him and Sheriff Ash at the award presentation.

The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club is dedicated to community service, and has completed a community wide beautification project. For the fourth year, the club purchased over 1,000 daffodil bulbs that were planted during October throughout the Wyandotte county area. Daffodils are inexpensive, self-propagating and perennial plants that offer Spring beauty, yet are resistant to pests. There are a wide variety of species, which can make for interesting diversity in floral displays. The plantings were done by Rotarians, volunteers, and youth from elementary, middle and high schools. The plantings were carried out in chosen locations, visible to the community, in designated public areas of school grounds, where the flowers will not be likely mowed during the year.



Schools participating this year, include: Banneker Elementary, Central Middle School, Eisenhower Middle School, Eugene Ware Elementary, F.L. Schlagle High School, Francis Willard Elementary, M.E. Pearson Elementary, New Chelsea Elementary, Piper Elementary School, Piper High School, Sumner Academy, Turner High School, & Washington High School.



OLATHE ROTARIANS SUPPORT SCHOOL NURSES

For the third straight year, Olathe Rotarians assembled and delivered comfort care kits to all 52 School nurses in the Olathe School System.

Each kit was packaged in a Rotary shopping bag and contained items that are not covered by the school budget. Each school received a large container of antibacterial gel, a supply of chapstick, granola bars, mints and large box of Goldfish crackers. The elementary school nurses also received a variety of boys and girls under ware, socks and sweat pants to help children when accidents happen.

The Club matched funds from the District to purchase the items. School nurses tell us these items can often help a hungry child make it to lunch, relieve a headache or light-headedness.

The club assembled the kits during a regular meeting, then members delivered them to all schools later in the day.



TOPEKA SOUTH'S PUMPKIN RUN RAISES THOUSANDS FOR POLIO

By Faron "The Pumpkin Man" Barr

On October, 28th, 100 runners, walkers, and strollers came out to show their support and raise attention for Rotary International's Polio Plus Program. Topeka South is proud and grateful to announce that this year we have raised \$8,330 for Polio Plus. With matching funds from Rotary International, Rotary District 5710, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, these funds will grow to \$74,970 being contributed to Polio Plus.

We know that this would not be possible without the generosity of our community, local businesses, and individual Rotarians. This fun filled Halloween-themed event featured some interesting characters volunteering and participating on a beautiful cold and breezy morning at Lake Shawnee in Topeka, KS. Topeka South sends out a big Thank You to all the sponsors, participants, direct contributors, and volunteers that made this event possible. Together we will eradicate polio very soon!



LEAVENWORTH ROTARY—BUSIEST MONTH OF THE YEAR!

Leavenworth Rotary --- One of the Busiest Months of the Year...WHEW!

RYLA-Leavenworth --- we hosted a two-day session for 18 5th & 6th grade students in the surrounding area; several Rotarians participated in facilitating discussions and learning in civic duty, leadership, volunteerism and protocol.



3rd-grade Dictionary Project --- over 700 dictionaries were delivered this month to schools in the surrounding area; a quick lesson in what student dictionaries was given during the presentation of deliveries; thanks to PRHS students for making labels for our student dictionaries.

Veteran's Day Pancake breakfast and Parade --- it's a wrap; almost 200 Veterans were served breakfast the morning of Veterans' Day; and, several of our Rotarians enjoyed one of the largest Veterans' Day parades in Kansas; thanks to Wheel Watcher Echo Van Meteren and her husband, Kris, for taking care of our Girl during the parade.



During our second annual Rotary Food Drive in support of Catholic Charities we were able to collect almost 1000 pounds of non-perishable food items and \$350 in cash donations for the Catholic Charities Food Pantry; many thanks to our generous community members who supported this drive.

OISS Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner --- many of members (and some of their family members, friends to our Club) served 226 Thanksgiving meals to International officers and their family members this month.



New Member: Michael Sevcik was inducted into our Club this month...

Many, many thanks to all Rotarians who supported our many service projects this month; Leavenworth Rotarians ROCK!!!

TOPEKA WEST CONTINUES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

It was another busy month for the members of the Topeka West Rotary Club. This was the 12th consecutive year the Club has ordered and delivered dictionaries to all third-grade students and teachers in eleven area schools for a total of over 700 dictionaries. The children are always very excited to receive the dictionaries, as for some, it is the first book they have ever owned. The teachers are grateful as well and use information in the back of the dictionaries for additional class studies. The dictionaries were purchased in part from the Star Club grant received this year.



The Club welcomed its newest member in November. Victoria Watkins is a chemist for the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Victoria was actually a guest speaker earlier this year, addressing the topic of Chemist Without Borders and the work the organization is conducting in Bangladesh to provide clean and safe drinking water for the people in a test area in that country. Victoria enjoyed our Club members so much that she continued to attend our meetings regularly and later decided to join our Club. (pictured at right)



Club officers lead discussions during our Assembly Meeting on November 15th. Reports were presented by the Club's Treasurer, and Committee Chairs of the Foundation, Membership, Programs and Social Events, Fundraising and Nominating Committees.

Guest speakers included: Rick Randolph - Rotary Tree Planting Program; John Muglar, CEO of the YMCA; and Joy Wheeler, CEO of the Girls Scouts NE Kansas and NW Missouri area.

DOWNTON TOPEKA ROTARY CELEBRATES 103 YEARS OF SERVICE

Our club celebrated our 103rd birthday in October. Instead of having a speaker that week, we had a celebration, complete with birthday cake and balloons. We had a “pop-up” project for the meeting, creating Celebration Bags. We had tables put together down the middle of the room and members went down each side. They started with a bag, added a cake pan, cake mix, frosting, candles, balloons, and finished off with colored tissue paper. An “Oh Happy Day” card was created, and each member wrote special messages and wishes on the cards. The cards were added to



the bags and the bags were tied with a ribbon. Over 100 bags were put together then delivered to three schools in the most impoverished areas of Topeka. The school personnel were excited to receive



the bags and will give the bags to students to celebrate a birthday or other special occasion.

MANHATTAN CLUBS SPONSOR PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION ESSAY CONTEST

Peace and conflict resolution can be critically important concerns at any level of society, from global and national issues of nuclear confrontation and ethnic conflict to local challenges of family violence, bullying, and interpersonal communication. This new Rotary-sponsored essay contest encourages high school students to explore and share their thoughts on any aspects of peace and conflict resolution that they regard as important. Contestants are especially encouraged, however, to include in their essays a consideration of ways in which they themselves might contribute to a more peaceful world, nation, or community.



Rotary International is a worldwide service organization with a longstanding commitment to building peace at all levels of society. It has sponsored thousands of high school exchanges and international scholarships to strengthen international understanding. Rotary has funded Peace Fellowships for young and mid-career professionals from the U.S. and many other countries at Rotary Centers for Peace and Conflict Resolution at leading universities around the world. In 2013 and 2015, local Rotary Clubs hosted Peace Forums drawing participants from throughout Northeast Kansas and beyond. This new Rotary Peace Essay Contest is a direct outgrowth of those initiatives. It is sponsored by the Manhattan Konza Rotary Club and the Manhattan Rotary Club and invites 9th grade to 12th grade level students residing in Riley and Pottawatomie counties to participate. The essay contest is coordinated by a Rotary Peace Committee, co-chaired by Debra Rodenbaugh-Schaub and Ike Ehie. Members of the committee are: Bill Richter, Patrick Schaub, Steven Graham, Brad Shaw, Katrina Lewis, Michelle Sink, Karen Roberts, Betty Stevens, and Dori Mildyke.

Guidelines: Eligible participants are 9th grade to 12th grade level students in Riley and Pottawatomie counties. Essays shall be no more than 1,000 words in length, typed, double-spaced in 12-point Times New Roman font, with one-inch margins on all sides of the page. All submissions must be original work and well written. Each essay will have a cover page which includes the title of the essay, the author's name, residential address and email address, and the word count (the number of words in the essay proper, not including the title page). Do not place your name or other identifying information on any other pages of the essay. Only the cover page will include this information. Each submission must be sent as a pdf attachment by email to: RotaryEssayContestKS@gmail.com. Submissions in any other format or sent to an email address other than RotaryEssayContestKS@gmail.com will not be considered. The submission becomes the property of the Rotary Peace Committee. The decisions of the judges are final. The essay submission deadline is March 1, 2018.

Prizes: The top three winners will receive cash awards and will each designate a 501(c) 3 charity to receive a donation of an equivalent amount. The first-place winner will receive \$250 and designate a \$250 donation. The second-place winner will receive \$150 and designate a \$150 donation. The third-place winner will receive \$100 and designate a \$100 donation. All participants will receive certificates of commendation.

Every essay is valued! A tremendous thank you to all participants!

The essay submission deadline is March 1, 2018.

Questions may be sent to email: RotaryEssayContestKS@gmail.com

STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM VILLAGE WEST ROTARY

Paying for college is a challenge during and after graduation and thus the reason for Village West Rotary 3rd Annual College Scholarship! Lee Urban, Past President, and Cindy Cash presented six college students each with a \$1,000 scholarship who graduated from a high school in Wyandotte County in 2016. The 3-page application is completed in December and four students will each be presented a \$1,000 scholarship at a Village West Rotary meeting in January 2018 before the spring semester begins. The scholarship began in 2016 and fourteen college student will benefit by 2018.



MANHATTAN ROTARY CONTINUES SERVICE WITH MULTIPLE PROJECTS

The Manhattan Rotary Club enjoyed programs in November from; Bruce Weber, KSU Men's Basketball Coach, Ed Klimek & Linda Glasgow sharing the history and future plans of the Johnny Kaw statue, Allana Park enlightening the club on the History of Eureka Lake and Joe & Sheila Markley, Co-Directors of the JC Opera House.

Our 100th Anniversary series continued with presentations by past club leaders; 2005-06 President Jim Reed, 1999-2000 Rotarian of the Year Roger Reitz, 2002-03 President Tracey DeBruyn and 2008-09 President, Cindy Zapletal.

We have continued our efforts to recognize talented high school seniors by hosting one young male and female Manhattan High School Students of the Month.

The One Rotary One Tree project has ordered 77 trees, planted 36 in partnership with Noon Club and received \$8,125 in donation thus far. The goal is to plant 280 trees by Spring.

The club was recognized at the Rotary Foundation dinner as being a 2016-17 Star Club. Board member Dale Bradley and member former club President, Sue Maes, were on hand to receive the award.



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Happiest of Holidays to all District 5710 Rotarians!

What's on your Rotary Wish List for next year?

Peace? An end to Polio? Goodwill & Better Friendships? I hope they all come true!

