



February, 2018

Monthly Theme: Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR ADAM EHLERT

Dear District 5710 Rotarians:

We often take our Service Above Self motto too literally. It is of course important to be humble, and I think we all appreciate the opportunity to serve within Rotary International because it is a powerful, inclusive and effective force to improve the world. But we need to do a better job of touting our collective successes. Yes, the history-altering course of eradicating polio will be spectacular, but our clubs' countless hours and acts of service have a greater impact, day in and day out.



As we move into the final months of this Rotary year, I'd ask you to please consider Rotary International President Ian Riseley's words from his July '17 profile in *The Rotarian*: "What Rotary doesn't do is calculate the value of its output. We've got 35,000 clubs around the world and they all do good things.' He envisions asking every club to report how much money it spends or donates and how many volunteer hours it puts in so that Rotary can calculate the output. 'I believe that not just the rest of the world, but Rotarians themselves, will be astonished at the value of what we do.'"

And now, six months later, I plead you to heed this reminder. Our District's Club Presidents have the opportunity (and obligation) to track these efforts through Rotary Club Central, and that will help Rotary International tell our story. Beyond that, each and every club member has the opportunity to share, with pride, our good works.

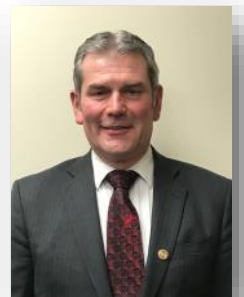
Please keep Rotary's impact close to your heart... and on your lapel. Wear your membership proudly, invite a friend to your club meeting, speak enthusiastically about your impact within your club. Rotary is relevant, powerful, and fun! But the only way it remains so is if we evangelize it, help it grow, and pass on our organization's legacy. It is our privilege to be Rotarians. Thank you all for your commitment to Making a Difference!

Sincerely,

Adam



We are proud to announce the District Governor Nominee (2020/21) is **Faron Barr** of the Topeka South Club. A member for nine years in May, most of you probably know Faron as the RYLA chair for the past two years (this year will be his third). In his club, he has been the Pumpkin Run Race director for three years. This is the 7th year he has volunteered for service projects in Guatemala, last year he led a team of 29 volunteers. He has also coordinated, or helped coordinate projects within the club like Sole Mates and the Let's Help project, serving food to those in need.



Faron is married to Ann, for 26 years, and they have one daughter, Lauren who is 21 and currently attending the University of California-Davis, working on her Japanese and International Relations degrees.

"I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve such a great district!" Faron said.



District News & Events

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF WOMEN IN ROTARY

By Andrea Norris

This coming year marks the 30th anniversary of Rotary formally admitting women at the 1989 Council on Legislation in response to the 1987 Supreme Court decision in favor of the Duarte, California Rotary club's admission of women. In celebration of the decision and the accomplishments of women in Rotary, DGE Blanche Parks has created a committee to organize a fundraiser for Rotary partner Heart to Heart, and to plan a program focusing on women in Rotary District 5710 at the April 27 District Assembly. The committee chair is Cynthia Hornberger, member of Topeka South Rotary. Members are Sue Maes, Emily Randel, Andrea Norris, DeEtte Lombard, Ellen Bogdan, Sharon Tidwell, Zhen Chen, Jason Lieb, PDG John Vandewalle, DG Adam Ehlert, and Mike McVey. (pictured above) Members of the 30 Years of Women in Rotary Subcommittee meeting at Andrea Norris's house in January.



District 5710 Rotarians will be asked to donate a minimum of \$5 to Heart to Heart International to be used to create women's hygiene kits. Heart to Heart International, located in Lenexa, Kansas, is celebrating 25 years of humanitarian service in 130 countries. Their mission is "to strengthen communities through improving health access, providing humanitarian development and administering crisis relief world-wide" You can visit www.hearttoheart.org/about/ to donate. Rotarians will assemble the hygiene kits at District Assembly in April.

The District Assembly program will provide a historical review of the decision and reactions, information about the transition in District 5710 and a panel discussion of women's impact in our district, both in the past and in the future. Plan to join us at District Assembly and Conference to celebrate 30 years of Women in Rotary!

DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE UPDATE

By Pat O'Donnell

Hopefully District Rotarians have started seeing more social media activity from around Northeast Kansas. We encourage all Clubs to post their activity on Facebook and other social media. We are trying to re-post and share so Clubs throughout the District might be better informed.



We have learned through our Zone representatives that more branding materials are in the works and will be released in the future by Rotary International. This includes a new video spot that will have the ability to include a local voice tag line for your specific market area. They are also planning a new public image survey for the next Rotary Year.

If you use Facebook, take a look at the **Rotary Design Hub: Imagery & Graphics** group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1595163847383932/> there you will find a variety of graphic ideas from around the world. Not all are great, but there are some creative Rotarians trying to promote the cause.

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact me at: poppyod@gmail.com

NEXT ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE OFFERED IN MANHATTAN

The next class of the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) will be at the BBN Architects Library in Manhattan!

The RLI dates are:

Session I - **Saturday, February 10, 2018**

Focus is on you, the Rotarian

Session II - **Saturday, March 3, 2018**

Focus is on your Club

Session III - **Saturday, April 7, 2018**

Focus is on your Rotary Journey



All sessions will be from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

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 **\$55.00** which includes all three sessions including lunch plus a RLI notebook. Questions: please email Chuck Udell at chuckudell@msn.com or call 913-908-3672.

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Can't make all three sessions? Missed a session? Then contact Chuck Udell. Learn more about Rotary and how you can better do "service above self" and network with fellow Rotarians!

2018 ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (RYLA)

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). 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.

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

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.

Enhanced **Sponsorships** are available -

Contact Jason Leib: jasonl@jasonleib.com



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN TORONTO

The 2018 Rotary International Convention is rapidly approaching. And our District is low and slow on registrations. This year will be a great opportunity to see the international flavor of Rotary International, in a city with a European feel... without having to cross the Atlantic (you will still need your Passport)!

Please register now. District 5710 will design and order our official Eastern Kansas delegation hats/shirts (or other suggestions?) at the District Conference in April—make sure you're included!

Register Now

ROTARYFEST—Tuesday, June 26th 4-10 p.m.

Join with Rotarians from around the world to celebrate with Fireworks, Canadian Heritage Events, Music & Entertainment . . . Delicious food including chicken & ribs, and vegetarian options . . . Soft drinks, beer & wine . . . Transportation provided
All for just \$90 CAD (approx. \$72 US)
Go to <http://rotary2018.org/events/hoc/3> for more information and to register for this fun event.



Did you know that Rotaract will be 50 years old in 2018?

This is a BIG cause to CELEBRATE! And we will be doing just that at the **Preconvention 50th Anniversary Event** on Friday, June 22nd and Saturday, June 23rd. Rotaractors from all over the world will be in Toronto to celebrate and share ideas for the next 50 years.

Encourage Rotaractors in your District to come to Toronto!

Ask YOUR club to subsidize one or more Rotaractors by paying the \$100 registration fee . . . And perhaps the Convention fee or other convention expenses as well.



Your District will benefit from these enthusiastic young people!



IMPORTANT DATES

June 23—27, 2018 — Rotary Toronto Convention

March 31, 2018—Last day for \$410 online Registration

April 30, 2018—Last day to cancel for a refund (less a \$50 service fee)

TRAVEL TIP

Not happy with the choice of the remaining hotel rooms? (There are fewer than 500 left.)

Check out www.AirBNB.com

Just type in "Toronto" and click on "Toronto Homes" . . . You will have pages of condos, rooms and homes to choose from ranging from \$35 to \$144 per night—many right in downtown with views of Lake Erie.

Convention Speakers



Caryl M. Stern — President & CEO, UNICEF USA

Stern has spearheaded UNICEF USA's emergency relief efforts for children affected by disasters, including the 2010 Haiti earthquake, the 2011 East Africa drought, the Ebola outbreak, and the ongoing global refugee and migrant crisis. A sought-after speaker on the topics of children and philanthropy, bullying, and international development, she has been named one of the "25 Women Changing the World in 2017" by People Magazine and one of the "20 Most Influential Moms of 2017" by Family Circle.

TALK CANADIAN (eh?) - Food Issue



Two-fer - A case of 24 beers

“Poutine” - Fries, gravy & lots of cheese

“Cheezies” - Cheetos (only better)

“Serviettes” - Napkins

(You'll need a lot after the poutine & Cheezies)

Join the Rotary International Travel & Hosting Fellowship and see Canada!

- **Pre-tour from June 15 to 22—The Best of Eastern Canada** (Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa, 1000 Islands, Toronto, Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake)
\$2,729 USD (Double occupancy) includes ground transportation, hotel & 13 meals
- **Post-tour from June 28 to July 6—The Canadian Rockies by Train**
(British Columbia, Vancouver, VIA Rail, Jasper, Columbia Icefield, Lake Louise, Banff, and Calgary)
\$4,699 USD (Double occupancy) includes train, hotel and 13 meals



For more information, call Collette at (800) 581-8942. Refer to Booking #785413 for the pre-tour and Booking #785411 for the post-tour.

ZONE 21B-27 DINNER CRUISE

SUNDAY, JUNE 24th

7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Watch the sunset and experience the sight and sounds of Toronto's bustling waterfront and breathtaking skyline on a cruise with your Rotary friends.

Choose from the outdoor observation deck or the air-conditioned cabin. Listen and dance to the music from a professional DJ following a delicious buffet dinner.

Register NOW at <https://tinyurl.com/rizones21-27dinner> . . . Just \$100 per person

Boarding 7-7:30 pm at Queens Quay Terminal, Lake Ontario Harbor



NEW MEMBERS FOR JANUARY

Downtown Topeka	Michael Kuner, Allison Marker, Nicole Ravenaugh, Michael Riley
Emporia	Kristy Bayer
Gardner	Edward Deckwer
Johnson County	Nikki Anthony
Kansas City, KS	David Bluford, Janell Neal
Lawrence	Charles Bankart, Ronald Gaches, Savanna Maue, Marvel Williamson
Louisburg	Dennis DeShazer
Manhattan	Vara Prasad, John Woods
Ottawa	Diane Fry, E. Kent Fry, Jessica Johnson
Overland Park	Trent Dansel
Valley Falls	Joe Heinen, Lucy Thomas
Western Jo Co	Susan Yockey



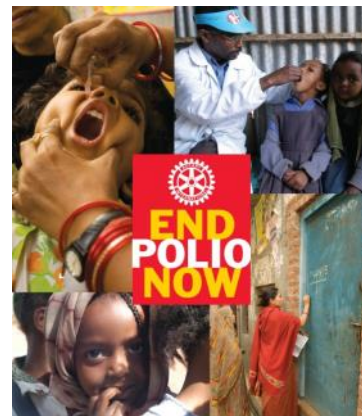
POLIO UPDATE

Unfortunate news on two fronts. We have one case of wild Polio reported last week. That comes from Afghanistan, a country with **14 total cases in 2017**.

The international total for 2017 was **22 cases**, down from **37 in 2016** and **74 in 2015**. **That is HUGE progress!** But the countdown clock to eradication starts anew this week.

The other sad news comes from Pakistan. I'm sorry to report that two of our brave female Polio Vaccinators lost their lives in Quetta, the capital of the Balochistan province of Pakistan on Thursday, January 18, 2018. Sakina Bibi and her daughter, Rizwama, age 16, were giving Oral Polio Vaccine drops to children as part of a major vaccination campaign there when two gunmen on a motorcycle opened fire. The Balochistan Chief Minister, Mir Abdul Qudus Bizenjo, condemned the shooting as an act of "cowardice and terrorism" and added "an attack on those working to serve the people is an attack on humanity." The slain vaccinators comprised one of the 110,000 Polio vaccination teams working in Pakistan last week. Experts have suggested that the attack may have been directed at the Pakistani government rather than directly at vaccinators. Pakistani Prime Minister, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi ordered authorities in Balochistan to step up security around the Polio vaccination teams. The last Polio case in Pakistan was reported on 11/14/17. *(excerpted from Terry Ziegler, Rotary District 5890 Polio Eradication Chair & Zone 21B/27 PHS Coordinator)*

Rotary International has a plan toward Global Polio Eradication, and we can all work toward it—let's keep the heat on!



ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

District 5710 needs your help recruiting applicants for the Peace Fellowship program!

While the world hopes for Peace, Rotary is working to make it a reality by training leaders. The Rotary Peace Fellowship program was launched in 2002, and since then 5 District 5710 nominees have been chosen for this exclusive academic and practical training in peace and conflict resolution.

These scholars are: David Kozar (2007) and Summer Lewis (2009), Master's program at University of Queensland, Australia, and Katrina Lewis (2011), Vibha Jani (2012), and Ryadi Adityavarman (2014), Certificate program at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.



Summer Lewis

Summer Lewis recently spoke about how the Peace Fellowship and a Rotary community service experience in Guatemala have helped shape her life and enable her to become a peace builder, making a difference in many parts of the world. Please take time to watch the video below of Summer's presentation and learn how you too can be a Peace Builder right here in your community. Clubs are welcome to download the video and use it as a club program. Handouts are available—email Patti at the address below.



Please take a few minutes to think about someone you know that may be interested in this program. The application for the 2019 Peace Fellowships will be available at rotary.org in February. Contact Patti Mellard, District Peace Chair, at 785-272-9999 or patti@keystaffing.com for more information.

YOUTH EXCHANGE

The District Youth Exchange team accompanied by our DGN and DGE recently attended the annual Tulsa conference where there were 160 exchange students from 37 different countries along with over 100 Rotarians from our multidistrict organization South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (www.scryste.org).



Here they are at the banquet on Saturday night. Kneeling District YEO Stephen Wheatley-Atchison RC. First row Left to Right: Lucy-Germany, Elvira-Spain, Michi-Italy, Blanche Parks DGE. Back Row Left to Right David Beck-Downtown Topeka RC. Jason Lieb-Lenexa RC, Leo-Brazil, Takeru-Japan, Ariana-Romania, Tea'-Belgium, Kristian-Denmark, Justus-Germany, Anne Faucett-Atchison Rotary Club-District YE Social chair, Sandy Burgers-Overland Park RC-Inbound student coordinator.

If you need any information on hosting a student for the next year please contact either Stephen Wheatley at wheatleydc@sbcglobal.net or Sandy Burgers at sandraburgers@outlook.com. They would be happy to help any club with hosting through our wonderful program.



Club News & Events

OVERLAND PARK "ROTARY READS" - CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

Rotary's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy initiatives for children and adults.

Rotary's continued mission is "service above self," and the Club feels this Children's Book Drive initiative is an impactful and positive way to provide homeless families, economically disadvantaged and all children a meaningful and educational gift. Our partnership with Feed The Children's Education Project (provider of the books for donation) has been a valuable way to serve our local communities' children.

To date since Fall 2016, the Overland Park Rotary Club has donated a total of 189,000 new children's books to 100+ charities and 55+ school districts in the Kansas City Metro. These book donations have a monetary equivalent of over \$1.95M in value.



VILLAGE WEST ROTARY GRANTS FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS

The Village West Rotary Club announced the four recipients of their \$1,000 scholarships in early January. The scholarships are given to college or tech students who graduated from Wyandotte County High Schools, the home of the Village West club. Eleven higher ed students submitted applications for the scholarships for the winter/spring semester. This year's awardees are:

Colton Russell attending Wichita State University and graduated from Turner High School

Rese Wynn attending Creighton University and graduated from Piper High School

Janice Levina attending The University of Kansas and graduated from Piper High School

Gabe Pappert attending Kansas State University and graduated from Piper High School. Gabe's dad, Keith Pappert is a member of the Village West club.

Applications are available in the Fall of each year and college and tech students can re-apply and receive scholarships in multiple years. Funding comes from club projects such as the annual Service with Taste Banquet. Chair of the Scholarship committee is Marilyn Alstrom.



MANHATTAN ROTARY STARTING 2018 WITH SERVICE

The Manhattan Rotary Club had a short month due to a holiday break and weather cancellation. That only ramped up the last two weeks of the month. John Jobe brought us up-to-date on Riley County 4-H Extension and Lyle Butler gave us a Chamber year-in-review.

Our 100th Anniversary series continued with presentations by past club leaders; 1992-93 President John Stites who humored us with Lawyer stories and 1999-2000 President Chuck Reagan sharing the changes made for the Y2K era.



We heard from our two Manhattan High School Students-of-the-Month who always inspire us with their achievements and goals.

Ten members of the Manhattan Rotary Club joined members for the KSU Rotaract Club to assist with a food packing project for Harvesters . Nearly 10,000 meals were packed in 4 hours.

We had the pleasure of sharing a club proclamation with **Jerry Lowry** who celebrated 50 years as a Rotarian .



SHAWNEE MISSION ROTARY HAS A NEW HOME!

If you plan to visit Shawnee Mission Rotary, and we hope you do, please note, we have a new meeting location. Our club now meets at 5960 Dearborn Street Mission, KS at the **Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City** building. Just a few blocks east of Lamar, between Johnson Drive and Martway Street.

Our club meets Wednesdays at noon. The first Wednesday of the month, we take Rotary on the Road for a business tour or off-site meeting of some kind. Those are always fun, and open to visitors, so please visit smksrotary.org for details. We hope to see you soon!



VILLAGE WEST'S SEAFOODFEST SET FOR FEBRUARY 23RD!

The Village West Rotary will be holding their 6th annual Seafoodfest on Friday, February 23rd from 6 to 9 p.m. at Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Parkway in Kansas City, Kansas. The Seafood Fest includes a menu of seafood as well as a pasta bar, complimentary beer, wine, soda and water, silent and live auction, cash prizes and live entertainment. Cost is \$50 per person with tables of eight available for \$400 if the whole gang is coming. Reservations are required and can be made at Eventbrite



Proceeds go to the Village West Rotary Foundation and supports college and tech student scholarships and fine organizations like the CLJ Foundation that prepare young Wyandotte County adults with developmental disabilities for living and working in their community.

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

LEAVENWORTH ROTARY CLUB

Drum roll please, we are excited to announce that Rotarian Tom Dials has been named Rotarian of the Year for 2017; Tom is very deserving of this award for his dedicated work and commitment to our club and our local community; congrats, Tom!



We started the year off right with 10 for 10 birthdays; celebrations are in order for Pico Lamas, Larry Martin, Blake Waters, Tony Kramer, Lori Simmons, Wujeong Duncan, Wayne Shehorn, Timothy Moran, Gary Cordes and Don Murphy!



Last Rotarian standing...Brett Napier was announced as the winner of our Football Forecaster Pool this year! He is pictured with Football Forecaster Chair, Mike Lehnherr.



After almost 52 weeks, Rotarian Blake Waters drew the lucky joker; his winnings of \$805 will be donated to our local United Way.

We welcomed new member Chuck Webster this month shown here lighting the candle of commitment with sponsor, Mike Sevcik.



Past President, Ellen Bogdan, is excited for our Rotary year ahead!

On a sad note, we said farewell to our friend, Bill Thompson this month; he was a long-time Rotarian serving our club and community for over 50 years; Bill was 96 years old. Our club will continue to remember his family in our prayers; Bill will be missed.



In the month's ahead for our club:

Back Pack Buddy Food Pack Up

Irish Stew Dinner and SPD Parade

ACS Relay for Life

OTC Medicine Drive

Food Pantry Collection



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR TASTE OF SHAWNEE

The Rotary Club of Shawnee's third annual "Taste of Shawnee" will take place on April 7, 2018 from 3 until 6 PM at Shawnee Town 1929. Participants can sample dishes from neighborhood eateries and at the same time, give a boost to charity.



LENEXA ROTARY SHRIMP FEST

A colorful poster for the Lenexa Rotary Shrimp Fest. At the top, it says "LENEXA ROTARY" in a yellow gear-like shape. Below that, "\$25" is written in large blue numbers. The main title "SHRIMP FEST" is in large, green, bubbly letters. A banner below the title says "LENEXA COMMUNITY CENTER". The illustration shows two pink shrimp surfing on waves, one playing a guitar. A green fish is also surfing. In the background, there's a sailboat and a sunset sky. At the bottom, the date and time are listed: "March 3, 2018 5:30-8:30 pm". Below that, it says "All you can eat Shrimp (prepared with our secret boil), chicken wings, condiments, and endless soft drinks. Bingo, Prizes, Silent Auction, and Wine Table. A Great Family Event for Kids of any age!"

March 3, 2018
5:30-8:30 pm

All you can eat Shrimp (prepared with our secret boil), chicken wings, condiments, and endless soft drinks. Bingo, Prizes, Silent Auction, and Wine Table. A Great Family Event for Kids of any age!

Contact Matt Janes
(816) 255 - 0744
for ticket info

ONE FINAL THOUGHT!!

