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Monthly Theme: Vocational Service Month

## MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR ADAM EHLERT

Dear District 5710 Rotarians:

Happy New Year!

It may be an old and hackneyed concept to preach suggestions to new year's resolutions, and I've tried mightily to avoid doing such. But to begin the second half of this Rotary year, I will fall into my own clichéd trap.

As I consider my new year's perspective, I will do so, thankfully, through Rotary's lens.

As we pass from December to January, human nature causes us to dream of big things—personal goals, professional triumphs, hopes and desires for friends and family. And as Rotarians, we've got another avenue to consider: service.

Do you want to have an impact upon the world? Congratulations—simply by being a member of Rotary International, you're already dialed into a like-minded network and a terrific infrastructure that fosters humanitarian service like none other.

As we ponder our plans, reading this District newsletter is a great way to start. It is chock-full of news and smiles from our friends around eastern Kansas. Beyond that, pick up the Rotarian magazine. It's right there, in the coffee table you've gathered around for two weeks. The cover story is "Ordinary Rotarians, extraordinary tales." We all have that story in us. Or, Rotary offers the structure to create it. Simply—start a new project by mentioning your idea to the Rotarians at your table, or pick up the phone and call a neighboring club and offer to double the impact of their event by joining forces! Ideas are in the magazine, and are good for sharing both ways. Recently it's added a page on Club Innovation, and is actively seeking items to showcase in the areas of: fundraising, project ideas, ways to engage the community and new membership models.

We are an active, creative and generous district. Let's please utilize some of these ideas to push our service to new levels. Then as we do, share those concepts—at the breakfast table, in the District newsletter, and even in the Rotarian!

Thank you all for your commitment to *Making a Difference*.

Sincerely,

Adam



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## District News & Events

### NEXT ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE TO BE 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**

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

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

Focus is on you, the Rotarian

Focus is on your Club

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 **\$55.00** which includes all three sessions including lunch plus a RLI notebook.

Questions: please email Chuck Udell at [chuckudell@msn.com](mailto: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!

# 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](mailto:jasonl@jasonleib.com)



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## NEW MEMBERS FOR DECEMBER

Gardner	John Tramble
Johnson County-Sunset	Charles Neece
Lawrence	Barbara Seaver, Robert Seaver
Lawrence Jayhawk	Gina Gardner, Taylor Schettler
Olathe Rotary	Dennis Meyer, Clark Stewart
Shawnee	Kathy Peterson
Topeka Downtown	Dale Anderson, Max Hailey
Topeka North	Jason Finson, Darcy Letourneau
Topeka West	Victoria Watkins
Village West	Rich Barbuto, Steve Beaumont, Keith Pappert, Nancy Winkler



## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN TORONTO—TIME TO REGISTER!



INSPIRATION AROUND EVERY CORNER  
2018 RI CONVENTION  
TORONTO, CANADA  
23-27 June  
[www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org)

From DG Adam Ehlert, “The Rotary International Convention is a spectacular opportunity to see the wide-reaching and inspiring power of our organization. You’ll come away awed and enthused. And the opportunity is not just for club or district executives—all 1.2 million Rotarians are invited. I am particularly excited about this one—not just because it signals the conclusion of my term as District Governor, but mostly because it affords the opportunity for an International Convention, in a cosmopolitan and beautiful city... right here in North America. If you reserve your spot by 3/31 (deadline before prices rise), you can have input on our “official” 5710 costume—the more creative, the merrier!”

The cost to attend a full schedule of activities is \$335 online for Rotarians and guests. Rotaractors and non-Rotarian alumnus are only charged \$70. Youth Exchange students and Interactors can register for \$10! Go to [www.riconvention.org/en/toronto/register](http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto/register).



## 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

### OP SOUTH MEMBERS ASSIST KIDSTLC YOUTH

Each December for the past several years, the Overland Park South Rotary Club has sponsored an event known as the “TLC Shopping Event.” With the support of a grant from Rotary District 5710, approximately 60 youth from the KidsTLC (Transforming Lives through Care) program are served.

The following is taken from TLC’s website: “KidsTLC provides children with a continuum of care through innovative and successful psychiatric treatment, community outreach, outpatient behavioral health, autism and wellness programs. Services are focused on evidence-based therapies and trauma-informed care, with a strong emphasis on family wellness and preserving the family unit.”

At the shopping event, Rotarians and volunteers are paired one-with-one as the youth purchases gifts for family members following a budget of \$60. The event takes place at a local Walmart store where, after shopping and gift wrapping, everyone enjoys pizza. Pictured are some of the Club members and volunteers.



### MARYSVILLE ROTARIANS SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER

The Marysville Rotary club has been working hard and having fun spreading holiday cheer to all community members. The club’s finest crooners continued the annual tradition of caroling at local retirement homes and the community hospital, entertaining many guests and encouraging them to sing along. The club has been stirring up this yuletide joy for more than 30 years!

Marysville Rotary ensures the youngest members of the community experience the joy of Christmas through an annual Toys for Tots program. 146 families and 367 kids received toys and books this year. Marysville Rotary raises the funds and works with a local nonprofit called Families First of Marshall County to collect and distribute toys for children of all ages. Donations are received from business and individuals in our community and area. The Christmas Toys for Tots store is a marquee program for Marysville and one we are proud to continue as it grows and serves an ever-widening number of individuals from Marshall County and beyond.



## MANHATTAN ROTARY FINISHES 2017 WITH SERVICE

The Manhattan Rotary Club held its quarterly Assembly day and the club received committee reports for the seven Chairs at the first meeting. The Club was entertained by the MHS Pops Choir on week two which has become a wonderful annual event. Week three was a very special meeting in which long time member and past District Governor, C. Clyde Jones, was toasted on his 95th birthday which happened to be a meeting day. Several speakers shared their comments on the difference that he has made in the community and how much he models the "Service Above Self" for all community members. The City of Manhattan proclaimed the day C. Clyde Jones Day, the Club prepared a proclamation and Larry Dimmitt, R.I. Director, read a proclamation from Rotary International as well.

Our 100th Anniversary series continued with presentations by past club leaders; 2004-05 President Art Loub, 2003-2004 President Randy Martin and 2001-2002 President Ronnie Elmore.

More than 20 members of the club volunteered their time to help the Flint Hills Breadbasket distribute holiday food packages to many families that need support.

Several members also volunteered several hours of their time to review the club's historic files at the Riley County Historical Society. These files had been given but never thoroughly reviewed and a great deal was accomplished and learned through the process.

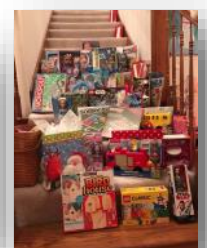
The club also received more than \$8,000 in contributions from members to the Rotary Foundation from a year-end message from President Vern.



## LEAVENWORTH ROTARY "RINGS" IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Our members have been busy ringing the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign; after our last day ringing, we will have donated 105 hours; thanks to membership for getting out to help make a difference in our community!

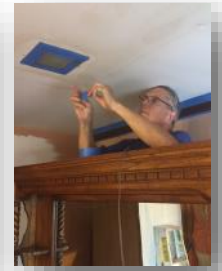
President Tamara hosted a CHRISTmas Party/Open House this month where members enjoyed great food and fellowship; members brought gifts to donate to the CASA foster child CHRISTmas gift drive and made holiday contributions to our local foundation in support of our scholarship program. Many thanks to all for your generous donations!



## A VARIETY OF LOCAL PROJECTS KEEPS LEAWOOD ROTARIANS BUSY

The Leawood Rotarians have had a busy fall! With monthly service as a goal, this club has been focused on making a difference in our community.

Several club members volunteered to help a local homeowner with some important home maintenance projects for the Christmas in October efforts. Painting, yard work and some other minor repairs were made and very much appreciated by the homeowners.



More than a dozen Rotarians joined forces to make a difference along the Tomahawk Creek walking trail for a Trail Clean Up day. They filled more than twenty trash bags with trash, car parts, wayward golf balls, and more plastic bottles than they could count.

While others were out shopping on Black Friday, dozens of Leawood Rotarians and their family members, some of whom were visiting for the Thanksgiving weekend from out of state, worked together to pack thousands of dry bean and rice meal kits at No More Hunger's warehouse in Overland Park.

On two consecutive Saturdays in November and December, club members joined forces with the Johnson County Christmas Bureau to help make sure local families had toys and warm coats under the tree this Christmas.

And finally, the annual Christmas Auction was held during the last two morning meetings in December. Club members donated a variety of items such as great wine, KU basketball tickets, electronics and other gift items. A total of over \$3000 was raised, money that is donated to organizations such as Johnson County Christmas Bureau.



While all of this is going on, they are busy planning their annual April Fools 5K Run/Walk, which is set for Saturday, April 7. We encourage local Rotarians to register today at [www.LeawoodRotaryRun.com](http://www.LeawoodRotaryRun.com).

## BUSY MONTH OF SERVICE FOR OVERBROOK

The club members rang the bell for a local Salvation Army Red Kettle fund drive. Proceeds stayed in Osage County and used at Help House. **Total raised was \$247.57.**



Eight Rotarians and a spouse went to the local KTWU Public Television station to answer the phones for their fund-drive telethon.



The club also held its Annual Christmas Club Dinner, which included a performance by the local high school jazz band.



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## NEW YEAR ROTARY RESOLUTIONS

1. GROW MY CLUB MEMBERSHIP
2. SUPPORT TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
3. BRING A FRIEND ALONG TO A MEETING
4. TELL MORE PEOPLE ABOUT THE GOOD WORK ROTARY DOES
5. ENGAGE MORE WITH THE COMMUNITY
6. HAVE FUN!
7. ERADICATE POLIO!!!



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