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Monthly Theme: Rotary Fellowships Month

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR ADAM EHLERT

Dear friends in Rotary District 5710:

Thank you.

Thank you for your commitments, at all levels, to our great organization. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve with you for this past Rotary year.

I've enjoyed the work, but much, much more, I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you, and especially seeing your good works individually and through the 45 clubs of our district.

I feel really good about three things.

Thanks to the diligence of the District Governors preceding me, we seem to be trending up in membership. At this moment, we have improved by 24 members on the year. That comes from hard work—club presidents have ensured that the club experience is worthwhile, and then members have been great at sharing the word, being proud to invite neighbors and friends. Our beloved organization has faced some tough times in North America for more than a decade. The news of today is huge. We really are Making (more of) a Difference!

Our short-term Paul Harris Fellow campaign has been a success. We announced the “Drive for 45” at the District Assembly and Conference, not five weeks ago. Thanks to PDG Jim Mattes, our earnest Foundation Chair, we have blown past our goal. I was thrilled to be able to read a list of 65 NEW Paul Harris Fellows at our ceremony with Rotary International President Ian Riseley on May 30. Support of The Rotary Foundation is paramount to our ability to affect the world. Many sincere thanks to the district and club leaders who helped on the campaign, and much more important thanks to those 65 Rotarians who have stepped up in significant support of the Foundation. It was especially fitting that we were able to celebrate our International President’s visit at the terrific Atchison club. President Chris Taylor and his team put together a great show, absolutely worthy of the club’s centennial (and our guest of honor!).

And finally, thanks to the creativity of Public Image Chair (and soon to be President of the Olathe club) Pat O’Donnell, we are launching a campaign that will really help Rotary move forward in our region. We have put together a coalition of generous support from our two partner Kansas districts and our Missouri friends in 6040 to launch a Public Image and Membership campaign. We started with the plan for a radio campaign using RI’s People of Action message. Headquarters thought so much of the campaign that they augmented our fundraised budget by 150%, and will add outdoor advertising! This will simply help us continue the momentum, raise and grow Rotary’s image in our communities, and therefore help Rotary International alter the course of human history (see: Polio eradication, in the very near future).

I have personally learned a tremendous amount in the last 11 months. And I’m almost at a point where I’ve figured out how to do this District Governor job.... But I am much more happy to turn it over to Blanche Parks’ capable hands—I can’t wait to see what her leadership and our district’s energy can do in the coming year!

Sincerely,

Adam Ehlert

District Governor 2017-18





District News & Events

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT IAN RISELEY VISITS ATCHISON

More than 100 Rotarians gathered at the Atchison YMCA to welcome RI President Ian Riseley to Kansas. The event kicked off with a fabulous and spirited performance by the Top Dawgs Drill team, with President Ian commenting that “he loved seeing the kids performing.”

Atchison President Chris Taylor led off the event, introducing special guests and welcoming District Governor Adam Ehler to the stage. DG Adam proudly shared some of the accomplishments of District 5710, including our donations to End Polio and the recent Friendship Exchange to South Africa. Then, the new Paul Harris Fellows, gained during the Drive for 45 campaign, were announced and called to the front. A special presentation was made to three new “PHFs”, who are three generations of the same family—Bob Berger, Rick Berger and Reed Berger from Atchison. President Ian congratulated all of the new Paul Harris Fellows in attendance, shaking each one’s hand.

President Ian then took the podium to make a few remarks. He talked about his presidential theme, and told some humorous anecdotes from his time as RI president. He also remarked that he was very pleased with how Rotarians have taken on his challenge of planting trees, and was happy to hear of the efforts in our district as well.

With time running short, everyone moved outside, where President Ian helped dedicate the new trees planted at the YMCA, by revealing the granite plaque with a flourish. He then gave us several generous minutes to take photos with members before departing for the airport.

It was a great event—thank you to the Atchison club for being wonderful hosts, and thank you to all the Rotarians who attended!



You can watch a FB Live Video of the event by clicking [HERE](#).

RYLA 2018

RYLA week is almost here! Thank you to all the clubs around District 5710 who sponsored at least one student this year. We have received 71 applications for 2018. These students were sponsored by 26 of our clubs in District 5710. We are very pleased that all of you have been so supportive of this program.



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 3rd - June 7th. The curriculum has been arranged and the packets have all been mailed to the students. 71 students representing several areas of the State of Kansas and the world will be engaging in a wide range of leadership development, team-building, civic engagement, and community service activities.

We invite any Rotarians who wish to meet with the students to attend at least one of two opportunities during this week. The first opportunity will be on Tuesday June 5th at 8:15am in the Burge Union on the KU campus where we will be putting together literacy packets for three elementary schools in the Lawrence area. The second opportunity is the graduation ceremony on Thursday June 7th at 11:00am also in the Burge Union where you will get to see the small group presentations. This will give you a glimpse of the impact RYLA can have on these students.

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

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS - HOW CAN CLUBS HELP?

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

Manhattan Konza - Honduras - Water project

Topeka South & Topeka Downtown - Guatemala



THOUGHTS ON THE HISTORY OF WOMEN IN ROTARY

By PDG John Donovan

"From an untidy desk in a dark dusty corner..."

At the District Conference in April, Governor-Elect Blanche celebrated 30 years of Women in Rotary. In my role as the district historian, I come across interesting tidbits now and again, and here is a topical one I would like to share. It comes from the doctoral dissertation "Rotary and Its Brothers" by one Charles Marden, published in 1935 by Princeton University Press. In the section on "The Emancipation of Women," Mr. Marden observes:



"...It is difficult to imagine the sort of group we have been interpreting with both men and women in it. Such a preposterous thought has no doubt ever arisen in the minds of service club men. They are conventional men and their wives are conventional women. The complications arising out of a situation in which Miss Jones and Mr. Smith belonged to an intimate luncheon club while Mrs. Smith is not included would be too much for all concerned. Still further, business and professional women as a class are still regarded as inferior by men. To admit Miss Jones would be to acknowledge that she is superior to many of the men in the city engaged in what has been considered always a "mans game."

Finally, and perhaps most important, there is something about the purely male companionship which to the conventional man distinguishes it from that of a mixed group. One Rotarian, a business man with earlier aspirations toward Y.M.C.A. work said "There is something about the fellowship of men which is entirely changed once a woman enters the room." The survival of the service club depends in part upon its capacity to provide men with a last refuge where men can be men or, one gravely suspects, where men can be boys."

Mr Marden anticipated most of the arguments made by men in that last quixotic push to preserve the all-male domain, 50 years before the fact.

The fact that Rotary still serves stands in bright opposition to his ultimate conclusion. On an unrelated note, can you **imagine** trying to defend this dissertation today?

ROTARY WINS BEST NONPROFIT ACT FOR ITS POLIO ERADICATION WORK

Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio worldwide won **Best Nonprofit Act** in the Hero Awards of the One Billion Acts of Peace campaign, an international global citizens' movement to tackle the world's most important issues.



The campaign is an initiative of PeaceJam Foundation and is led by 14 Nobel Peace Prize laureates, including the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Rigoberta Menchú Tum, with the ambitious goal of inspiring a billion acts of peace by 2020.

Each year, the campaign picks two finalists in each of six categories for their work to make a measurable impact in one of the 10 areas considered most important by the Nobel laureates. Winners are chosen by people from around the world.

Rotary and Mercy Corps were the two finalists in the Best Nonprofit Act category. Rotary and the five other winners will be recognized at a ceremony on June in Monaco. Betty Williams, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for her advocacy for peace in Northern Ireland, will present the award.

STOMP OUT POLIO WITH THESE AWESOME SHOES!

Bring awareness to polio eradication by wandering the streets in these limited-edition classic kicks. A pair is \$50 and all proceeds will be donated to Rotary's PolioPlus fund. Order now and pick up your pair at the 2018 Zone Conference in Boise, Idaho! If you are unable to make Zone but can't live without these, they can be shipped to you for an additional charge.

Here's a breakdown of where your \$50 will go:

1. Pair of high-tops: \$8.47*
2. Two End Polio Now patches: \$4.08
3. Manual labor to make shoes: \$0

Total shoe overhead: \$12.55

Purchase price: \$50.00



Which means... PolioPlus donation: \$37.45 + Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation 2:1 match: \$74.90 =
Total amount of funding to PolioPlus per pair of shoes: **\$112.35**

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO & ORDER FORM](#)

NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY

Bonner Springs

Jen Anders, Lyle Bracken, Dave Meditz

Downtown Topeka

Leobardo Espinoza, Alonzo Jamison, Colleen Jamison,
Kenneth Myrick, Kerry Norbury, Clint Patty

Gardner

Steve Shute

Kansas City, KS

Robert Hoffman, Jennifer Wewers

Lawrence Jayhawk

Jess Brinson, Devon Kim

Leavenworth

Patrick Altenhofen, Michael Suozzo

Leawood

Agnes Bartholf, Gene Bartholf, John L. Brown, Ross Kurz

Lenexa

Ben Harber

Louisburg

Rick Druse, Crista Houchen, Kevin Symes

Manhattan

Cole Buckman, Rachel Herrod, Nathalie Kind-Chambers,
Therese Miller

Manhattan Konza

Christina Douglas, Ryan Hamel, Ric Rosenkranz

Olathe Rotary

David Caldwell, Lucas Fender

Valley Falls

Tyler Williams





Club News & Events

TOPEKA WEST'S FIRST GROCERY GRAB A HUGE SUCCESS

The Topeka West Rotary Club held its first Grocery Grab fundraising event on April 28th at the Topeka Hy-Vee store and it was our most successful fundraiser to date. The Club spent six weeks selling tickets, both at the store and to companies and other individuals prior to the event. Total ticket sales went very well, particularly for our first try for this type of event.



The Club wants to thank Ed Coulter, with the Shawnee Mission Rotary Club, for his guidance and sharing of information regarding his Club's Grocery Grabs. A great example of clubs working together to achieve common goals. The net funds raised will be used to purchase dictionaries for third grade students and teachers in eleven area elementary schools and for grants to local charities.

The Club donated \$150 for hygiene kits in support of the Celebration of 30 Years of Women in Rotary and contributed \$100 to the Public Image campaign that District 5710 is conducting in collaboration with Districts 5670, 6040 and 5690.

Our members answered the challenge to achieve Star Club status again this year by obtaining the minimum average donation of \$100 per member to The Foundation. Pledges have also been made by members for additional donations that will place us beyond the minimum per member.

LEAVENWORTH ROTARY CLUB ACTIVE IN MAY

Bi-Annual OTC Medicine Drive with the Lansing Lions Club; we collected over \$474 in cash donations & almost \$2800 in OTC Meds for our local Saint Vincent Clinic.



Bi-Annual Non-Perishable Food Drive; we collected about 1700 pounds of food items for our local Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Great work on both service projects --- thanks to all who came out to lend a hand; special thanks to the chairs for these service projects!

Our club recently made a donation to the Leavenworth Library for their Summer Reading Program in support of the education of the children in our community --- YAY!



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LEAVENWORTH ROTARY CLUB—CONT.



We welcomed two new members to our Club this month; pictured here are sponsor, Paul Kittle, with new member Mike Suozzo, and Patrick Altenhofen with his sponsor, Rick Hansen; welcome to Mike and Patrick...we look forward to working with both of you!

Sadly, we farewelled Father Michael Munro who is retiring to Arizona this summer; we wish he and his family many blessings and Godspeed as he begins the next chapter in the book of Munro!

The first President of our Rotaract Club at USM, Liz Walden, recently completed her masters degree at Marymount University; she is pictured here with founding Rotaract Club sponsor, Tom Gray; best of luck to you, Liz in your future endeavors!



May was Education Month in Rotary --- Our 2018 scholarship recipients were honored at a recent luncheon; each student received a \$2000 Academic Scholarship. Pictured here left to right are Jane Song, Leavenworth High School, Paige Robinson, Pleasant Ridge High School, Tamara Sevcik, Rotary Scholarship Chair and Tanner Hendrix, Leavenworth High School. Our Lansing High School Scholarship recipient is Mykala Caracillo (not pictured). Congratulations to our scholarship recipients!



Leavenworth High School Interact Club students have had a very busy year --- there recent project (raising funds for education) was the sale of Yuda Bands; their goal was 875 bands; they actually sold 922 bands!!! Proceeds will help support Nyashadashe Nhau from Zimbabwe complete her education; Nyashadashe is 17 years old. In addition to the Yuda Band project, the Interact Club has worked 3 major projects, Rose Sales supporting the Interfaith Shelter of Hope here in Leavenworth and the Pioneer Closet for students in need. Other projects for the year included the International Thanksgiving Dinner, the International Festival, participating in the Homecoming Parade, and the OISS Parade of Nations.

Pictured here are (front) Rotarian Tim Moran and his guest Terry Wojtalewicz; pictured behind the table (left to right) are Lisa Sheperd, Rotaract School Co-Sponsor (L'worth High), Interact Club members, Jazmine McBurney & Jane Song and Liz Anstine, Rotaract School Co-Sponsor (L'worth High).

And, Leavenworth Schools Educators of the Year were also honored; pictured with Mike Roth, USD 453 Superintendent are Lora Crawford (Primary Educator of the Year) and Sharon Kuchinski (Secondary Educator of the Year). Both Lora and Sharon received a local Rotary Service Above Self Award and a \$250 gift card; each will complete at state level for this prestigious honor. Congrats to Lora and Sharon and good luck at state!



Thanks to all our club members who came out in support of President Ian's Visit in Atchison. During the visit, President Tamara presented the second female President of the Rotary Club of Leavenworth, Maggie Mahoney (currently a member of the Lawrence Jayhawk Club) with a 30 Years of Women in Rotary pin; also pictured are Rotarians Mike Keohane & President Nominee Elect, Maria Minchew and Historian, Don Murphy. Mike Sevcik was congratulated by

President Ian as one of the 45-plus new Paul Harris Fellows and, our Club extends a very happy 100th birthday to the Rotary Club of Atchison!



MARYSVILLE ROTARY DONATES BENCHES FOR CITY RESIDENTS

The Marysville club decided to use the discretionary funds to purchase these benches and the City of Marysville installed them. The first bench is along a wide walking-trail sidewalk fronting US Highway 77. This is a popular path for walkers and gets frequent traffic due to its proximity to parking and the Marysville Junior High and High School.

The second bench is at the Marysville Black Squirrel interpretive site, also in the city park. Marysville has a number of "Black Squirrels on Parade" that locals and visitors can travel around town seeing and learning about. The interpretive site is the hub of the tour and gives some history of black squirrels in Marysville. Now, visitors will have a place to sit and enjoy watching the cute little varmints!

The Marysville club believes this use of discretionary funds helps fill a need, serve the community and its visitors, as well as promote its club to those that can enjoy a restful break on the benches.



TOPEKA SOUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendars for a fabulous golf outing to benefit Topeka South Rotary! This year is the 26th Annual Topeka South Rotary Golf Tournament with Capitol Federal Savings as the Title Sponsor! Proceeds will benefit the Rotary Foundation.

Friday, June 15, 2018

Registration – 11:30 am

Tee off - 1:00 pm

Cypress Ridge Golf Course

Just \$85/per person includes green fees, cart, driving range, box lunch and refreshments. [Here is a link](#) to the online registration on Cypress Ridge website.

Sign up today!



BUSY MAY FOR MANHATTAN

The club programs featured; Tad Thompson's report on Agriculture practices in Mexico, student reports from the Peace Essay Contest, Rachel Herrod's Sunset Zoo update on exhibits and its fundraising campaign, the Riley County Police Department's report on the co-responder program, and retired General Dodson's tribute to our fallen soldiers.

The club money for the month of April was for the One Rotarian One Tree Project.

The Clubs 100th Anniversary series continued with presentations by past club leaders; Don Rathbone president 1981-82, Bob DeBruyn president 1986-87, John Struve president in 1995-96 and KSU Rotaract president Kellie King.

The 100th Anniversary Committee met to continue its planning for the June 18th Banquet. We welcome all Rotarians and friends of Rotary to join us for the celebration.

The club welcomed four new members; Thomas Weeks, John-Paul Gonzalez and Therese Miller.

Vice President Elect Mike Dodson and Konza Rotary Club President Rod Harms teamed to bring the combined total of trees planted to over 400.

Twenty club members volunteered to help with the Bill Snyder Half Marathon race that resulted in \$500 being donated to the Rotary Foundation in their names.

Twenty Rotarians played in the club's golf event that resulted in \$1,000 being sent to the Rotary Foundation in their honor and another \$2,000+ raised in support of the international project.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE MANHATTAN CLUB'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY



Please Join Us!

**Manhattan Rotary Club's
100 Anniversary Celebration**



June 19th, 2018

Hilton Garden Inn—Manhattan

All District Rotarians are welcome! We would love for you to celebrate with us.

[Click here](#) to register.

MANHATTAN ROTARY CLUBS CO-SPONSOR PEACE ESSAY CONTEST

The Manhattan Konza Rotary Club and the Manhattan Rotary Club jointly sponsored a peace essay contest to encourage high school students to consider what peace means to them. The top 3 essayists received a cash scholarship award and a matching donation for the charity of the student's choice at a special recognition event held May 10th in Manhattan. High school students who live in or attend high school in Riley County or Pottawatomie County were eligible to submit an essay. The essays were judged by Rotarians from the two Manhattan clubs based on the originality of the essays, the students' discussion of any aspect of peace and conflict resolution they think is important, and how they might contribute to peace in their world, nation, or community, and the quality of the writing.

Ella Rosenkranz, a sophomore at Manhattan High School, won the first place cash scholarship award of \$250 and chose Flint Hills Breadbasket for a matching donation of \$250. Her essay was about the effects of bullying, particularly "cyberbullying." Ella has volunteered at the Flint Hills Breadbasket. You can read Ella's essay [HERE](#).

Paris Souza, a sophomore at Manhattan High School, won the second-place cash award scholarship of \$150 and chose Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan to receive a matching donation of \$150. Her interest in peace ranges from healthy communities to helping children who need it the most. Paris has volunteered time at the Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan.

Sadie Biedenbender, a sophomore at Rock Creek High School, won the third-place cash scholarship award of \$100 and her choice of charity for the matching donation amount of \$100 was the Shriners Hospital of St. Louis. Her essay focused on how to prevent suicides and she is involved with "Yellow Ribbon," a suicide prevention group. Sadie's brother received tremendous healthcare in the past from the Shriners Hospital of St. Louis.

Presenting the certificates and award checks at the May 10th club meeting event were Manhattan Noon Club President Vern Henricks and Manhattan Konza Club President Rod Harms. In addition, these students received Honorable Mention Certificates in the peace essay contest (in no particular order): Jackson Harvey, Manhattan High School; Isabel McConnell, Home School; Alex Ring, Manhattan High School; Abby McIntyre, Blue Valley High School—Randolph; Chase Biswell, St. Marys High School. All students who submitted an essay also received written informational materials about the many Rotary youth programming/offering available to them for future and continued Rotary involvement – RYLA, youth exchange, Interact, Rotaract and more!

The planning and coordination of this peace essay contest project began last fall and was co-chaired by PDG Deb Rodenbaugh-Schaub of the Manhattan Konza Club and Ike Ehie, Past President of the Manhattan Noon Club. Committee members included Rotarians from the Manhattan Konza Club: Michelle Sink, Patrick Schaub, Karen Roberts and Dori Mildyke. Committee members from the Manhattan Noon Club included Rotarians: Brad Shaw, Betty Stevens, Steven Graham and Bill Richter. Representing an E-Club on the committee was Rotarian Katrina Lewis, a recent Rotary Peace Fellow and professor at Kansas State University. The peace essay contest project was the third peace-related effort co-sponsored by the Manhattan Konza Club and the Manhattan Noon Club, with the first two events being peace forums held in 2013 and 2015, both forums drawing 200+ Rotarian and non-Rotarian attendees from across northeastern Kansas.

Photo of winners on the next page...



(L to R, front row) – Sadie Biedenkemper, Rock Creek High School, 3rd place; Paris Souza, Manhattan High School, 2nd place; Ella Rosenkranz, 1st place; Contest Co-Chair Deb Rodenbaugh-Schaub, Konza Rotary Club

(L to R, back row) – Vern Henricks, Manhattan Noon Rotary Club Pres; Rod Harms, Manhattan Konza Rotary Club Pres; Ike Ehie – Contest Co-Chair

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE KC ZOO

Join Rotarians from across the KC Metro for a special event at the KC Zoo!

\$15/person

RSVP by June 7.

You can register by emailing [Mandy](mailto:mandy@manhattanrotaryclub.org).



Rotary Night at the Zoo June 14, 2018

Thursday

\$15 per person with RSVP
Must RSVP by June 7th or
\$20 at Gate without RSVP
Kids 3 and under free

Schedule of Events



5:00	<i>Loriheet Feeding</i>
	<i>Elephant Training and Chat</i>
5:30	<i>Sea Lion Show</i>
	<i>Stingray Feeding/Keeper Chat</i>
6:00	<i>Snakes Keeper Chat</i>
	<i>Orangutan Keeper Chat</i>
6:30	<i>Penguin Chat</i>
	<i>Gibbon Keeper Chat</i>
7:00	<i>Tiger Keeper Chat</i>
	<i>Bobcat Keeper Chat</i>
7:30	<i>Goat Keeper Chat</i>
	<i>Polar Bear Keeper Chat</i>

Food and Refreshments

5:00 to 7:30 PM

Next to the Penguin Exhibit
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Cookies,
Lemonade and Ice Water