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## MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR ADAM EHLERT

Dear District 5710 Rotarians:

Wow—lots happening around Eastern Kansas Rotary! Please, of course read the rest of these pages for more detail, but I'm thrilled to summarize, from my perspective.

Heartland Multi-District PETS took place last week to educate and unify our next class of club leaders. Was your club's president-elect there? What did they learn and share? Are they excited? One of Rotary's best attributes is our evolving, or rotating, leadership.

And speaking of leadership, we are remarkably fortunate to have applied for, and received a huge grant with the **Kansas Leadership Center**. That grant has afforded us scholarships to the center's leadership training. This is a valuable and sought-after business benefit. Our district is pleased to be able to share it.

And speaking of Rotary leadership, our first "western class" of the Rotary Leadership Institute is currently underway in Manhattan. I refer to RLI as "Rotary 201," and I strongly encourage the program for active Rotarians, at every level. It's a neat format, where you learn by interacting with your fellow classmates (as the facilitators are particularly adept at creating those conversations within the curriculum).

And finally, we are two months for our annual District Assembly and Conference. Last year we made some changes, and really had some fun with the event—look for that to continue this April. We will continue the core Rotary functions, awards, education and sharing—especially sharing of this year's accomplishments!—but we'll also serve more and be surprised more. Stay tuned. I'm excited already. That event will also herald the vision of DGE Blanche Parks' upcoming year. We are fortunate to have her leadership as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of women serving in Rotary. I shudder to think where our organization would be without their dedication, guidance, and addition to our service world. Please also embrace the fundraising effort, which will again bolster the relationship with Rotarian-founded Heart to Heart International. It's great to have a like-minded agency here, who can fill humanitarian needs as they become immediately necessary.

This is but a sampling, but is wholly indicative of all the good energy coursing through our district. With that, they are too numerous to list, but my sincere thanks to all Rotarian volunteers who make the above possible. It truly is a privilege to be able to serve, and to be Making a Difference in our world.

Thank you,

District Governor Adam Ehlert

***P.S. Speaking of our world, don't forget to register for June's International Convention! The host city of Toronto provides a great opportunity for us to enjoy a European flair, but with a shorter plane ride. To say nothing of the Rotary benefits that abound at the International Convention.***





## District News & Events

### CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF WOMEN IN ROTARY

District Governor Elect Blanche Parks has announced a special event to kick off her inauguration year by supporting women in need.

Her goal is to raise \$5,710 to purchase the items for Women's Hygiene Kits. These kits will be sent to disaster areas and underserved countries. The kits will be assembled by Rotarians during the District Conference April 27th in Lenexa.



Girls in developing nations often lack access to adequate menstrual hygiene products. Instead these girls may use rags or grass as a substitute and have to change those in isolated, poorly lit areas, often resulting in infections, stains and physical attacks. To avoid embarrassment, potential attack and the cultural stigma associated with menstruation, many girls will choose to stay away from school during their periods, missing several days of education every month. Girl's menstrual hygiene kits were developed to break the cycle of poverty by giving girls the confidence and security to continue attending school, regardless of menstruation.

A special Heart to Heart donation portal has been set up to accept your donation and name of anyone you wish to honor with your gift. Access the donation site at: [www.hearttoheart.org/rotary5710/](http://www.hearttoheart.org/rotary5710/)

While the campaign began earlier this month we understand some Rotary Clubs in the district are planning special events, Ladies Night Celebrations, collections and other fundraising methods to help meet or exceed Blanche's goal.



The impact of Women in Rotary District 5710 will also be included in the April District Conference. Plans for that session are being developed and will be announced soon.

### PETS SUCCESS



We had a fabulous time training new Presidents-elects in Wichita on Feb 23-24. Thank you for your leadership in your clubs and in the District!

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018

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

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

Registration for the Hyatt Place is 913.742.7777 or go to [hyattplacekansascitylenexacitycenter.com](http://hyattplacekansascitylenexacitycenter.com)

# Rotary 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/dsponsor100>

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](mailto:jasonl@jasonleib.com)



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## ROTARY PEACE PROGRAM GUEST SPEAKER

**Thursday, March 22, 12:00 – Human Trafficking in Kansas**

The Rotary Peace Committee will be hosting a presentation by Dorthy Stucky Halley, LMSW on Thursday, March 22. A licensed master social worker, Halley is director of the Victim Services Division in the Kansas attorney general's office. Halley, who received the Outstanding Victim Advocate of the Year award in 1996, has given more than 1,000 presentations at the national, state and local level on batterer intervention, domestic violence, human trafficking and other topics regarding victimization.

The presentation will be at the Midwest Health training room at Heritage Bank, 3024 SW Wanamaker Rd. Enter from the SE (backside) door and go down stairs to the training room. Bring a brown bag lunch and drink! All Rotarians and interested community members are invited to attend this Rotary Peace program. Please RSVP to [jamies@keystaffing.com](mailto:jamies@keystaffing.com).



And...

The Rotary Peace Fellowship application for studies in 2019 is now available at [www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships). Please help us recruit applicants for the Master's degree and the Professional Development Certificate program.

Contact Patti Mellard, District Peace Chair for more information. [patti@keystaffing.com](mailto:patti@keystaffing.com), 785-640-9999.

## 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](mailto:fbarr@t-mfinancial.com)).

# LEADERSHIP TRAINING AT THE KANSAS LEADERSHIP CENTER



**KANSAS  
LEADERSHIP  
CENTER**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PLEASE LOG INTO:** [www.kansasleadershiopcenter.org](http://www.kansasleadershiopcenter.org)

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

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

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

**We look forward to your participation!**

## Testimonial

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

Love the principles we've learned:

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

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

**Yana Ross - Topeka Downtown Member**

## INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS - HOW CAN CLUBS HELP?

Are you interested in being involved with an International Project, but don't know how to get started? There are on-going projects right here in your district that could use your help!

### **Manhattan Konza Has Project Plans in Honduras - Interested in Helping?**

Submitted By Rod Harms, Manhattan Konza President

Our June 2018 (tentative) project is to build a +20 x 20' catchment and storage building (+9,000 gallons) in the village of Bentley Bay, island of St. Helene, Honduras. The 29 homes, 80-100 residents (fluctuates with employment and school) only source of water currently is 50 - 500 gallon personal rain barrels. During dry periods they have to purchase and ferry water by land or water taxi. We plan to build a community water storage (that can in the future tie into a water distribution system being pursued by other Rotary Clubs including Roatan and Edmonton) and deliver thirty 5 gallon, Sawyer Filter, purification systems for each home.

Manhattan Konza currently has \$15,000 on hand for this project. We would like to hear from other Clubs which have available dollars so we can increase catchment volume. Any Clubs interested in helping with this project are asked to please contact Rod Harms at: [rharms@purpleprairie.net](mailto:rharms@purpleprairie.net) or 785-341-3773.



### **Jayhawk Breakfast & Village West Working in Panama**

In partnership with the Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club, Woodland Charity and the Community of Buenos Aires, Chepo, Panama, a community medical facility will be updated to able to provide medical service to 100% of the families of Buenos Aires. Rotarians of Village West RC of Kansas: Glenn Harte and President Jeri McDonnell visited the facility during their past trip to Buenos Aires, Chepo, Panama and helped with the assessment of the project.

The community of Buenos Aires is led by the principal of the school, Mrs. Maria, and a health community committee. The health committee includes volunteer mothers and parents who collaborate during the implementation of the project and on-going follow-ups.

Local leaders started the project by cleaning up the facility and soon will start working with painting the clinic, putting on a new roof and installing all supplies needed in the community clinic. Woodland anticipates completing this project by May 2018.



### **International Projects - Planning Underway**

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

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

Ambassadors - Uganda - Rotary Cancer Center

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

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

Manhattan Konza - Honduras - Water project



## RLI IN MANHATTAN

It was a great start to the RLI sessions in Manhattan - held at BBN Architects. Tom Gray and Vernon Turner were facilitators and there were 10 participants, including 2 K-State Rotaract Club members.



## NEW MEMBERS FOR FEBRUARY

Downtown Topeka

Aimee Copp-Hasty

Gardner

William Vonderschimdt

Lawrence

Hilary Edwards, Patricia Warren

Lawrence Central

Amy Warren

Lenexa

Timothy DeArmond, Bill McCollum

Manhattan

Ashley Iverson

Olathe

Robert Bardeen, Alan Marston, Nikki McDonald

Overland Park South

Joy Broils

Topeka South

Mary Tritsch





# Club News & Events

## MANHATTAN ROTARY

The Manhattan Rotary Club enjoyed programs from; KSU Director of Athletics, Gene Taylor; Executive Director of Shepherd's Crossing, Bev Olsen and our own C. Clyde Jones; attorneys from Kansas Appleseed, Benet Magnuson and held their Quarterly Club Assembly hearing reports for the seven primary committees.

Our 100th Anniversary series continued with presentations by past club leaders; John Walters, 1998-99 President; Don Wissman 1988-89 President; Paul Alexander, 1994-95 President and Bill Richter, 1989-90 President.

We continued our Manhattan High School Students-of-the-Month series and recognized Tessa Irvine and Wyatt Balman for their achievements and goals.

The Club also welcomed the addition of six new members; Stephanie Cleveland, Geneva Hauser, Michelle Haub, Logan Edwards, Tad Thompson and the reactivation of Ashley Iverson.



Pictured above: Club members working on the Club History.



Members of the Manhattan Rotary Club joined members for the KSU Rotaract Club in the first of many mentoring sessions. (pictured at left)

The Club announced the dates of the Manhattan Rotary Club Golf Classic on May 21, 2018 and the 100th Anniversary Banquet on Monday, June 18, 2018. The golf tournament will support local charities and the Rotary International Foundation and the Banquet will support an International project.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**June 18 is the Manhattan Club's 100th Celebration ~ 6 pm - Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center**

## BONNER SPRINGS GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY

**On February 5 the Bonner Springs Rotary Club presented a check for \$5,000 to Vaughn-Trent Community Services.**

**The club raised these funds through an auction at the Annual Holiday Banquet on November 30.**





## OVERBROOK DELIVERS DICTIONARIES

In February, The Overbrook Rotary Club (Rotarians President Jon Wilhite and Gerry Coffman) gave out dictionaries to all the local 3rd and 4th graders. This annual event is made possible by Rotary matching grants.



## OP SOUTH CELEBRATES JAZZ IN THE WOODS

The Overland Park South Rotary Club celebrated the past 28 years of successful Jazz in the Woods outdoor concerts and held a wine tasting event for members and guests on January 31 at Deer Creek Golf Club. The Club's signature event was cancelled for 2018 due to lack of corporate sponsorship. In past years, Jazz in the Woods has raised thousands each year for charities, all that support kids. The Club's commitment to continuing support like this causes Club members to search for new and creative ways to raise needed funds.



Club members Bill Flohrs, JITW Artist Acquisition, and Arell Wasson, JITW Financial Accountant



Steve Conley and Roger Crawford and their wives and Jim Diltz, all JITW volunteers



Jack Shearer, JITW Refreshment Acquisition, and Mary Rimann of Rimann Liquors.



Club members Andrew Heim, Craig Serig, and Adam Dinkel with Andrew's wife, Lauren



Club members Dan Craig and Brad Stratton and guest (center)



Club President-Nominee Colin Vaughn, wife Malloory, and daughter (granddaughter of Rotarian Ken Selzer)

## LEAVENWORTH ROTARY CLUB



Meals on Wheels deliveries continue each Monday; pictured here are President Nominee Elect Timothy Moran with helpers (friends of Leavenworth Rotary), Vi and Ken Willis (President Tamara's folks).

Our club is so lucky to have pianist, Wujeoug Duncan, who helps us continue to be a "singing" club!



Our Interact Club conducted its third annual Valentine's Day Rose sale this month; pictured left to right are Leavenworth High School Interact Club Sponsor, Lisa Shepard & Rotary Interact Club Chair, Maria Minchew and Interact Club members, Jane Song and Jason Trujillo; second photo, Joan Mernane Rendall and Maria Minchew distributing the roses at our Valentine's Day meeting. Proceeds from the sale (over \$300) will be donated to the Leavenworth Interfaith Shelter of Hope and the Leavenworth High School Pioneer Closet (filled with items for students in need).



All the Presidents Men and Lady --- future leadership for our club attended PETS training this month; pictured here (left to right) are President Elect (2018-2019), Larry Martin, President Nominee (2019-2020), Maria Minchew and President Nominee Elect (2020-20210), Timothy Moran... those smiling faces indicate great training received!



New member no longer; Michael Sevcik (pictured with President Tamara) lost his new member "red" ribbon this month; new member ribbons are removed after completing ten service projects from a list of projects provided to new members when they are inducted into our club.

Upcoming for Leavenworth Rotary:

Back Pack Buddy Food Pack Up (6 March)

Irish Stew Dinner/SPD Parade (12 March/17 March)

Food Pantry Collection Drive (14 April)

District Conference (27&28 April)

ACS Relay for Life (28 April)

OTC Medicine Drive (5 May)



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR TASTE OF SHAWNEE

The Rotary Club of Shawnee's fourth 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. This year, proceeds from the fundraiser will be divided between Rotary Club of Shawnee Foundation supported charities, Shawnee Community Services, PolioPlus and Newhouse Shelter.



## BUY YOUR TICKETS - SHAWNEE MISSION ROTARY GROCERY GRAB IS BACK!



The Shawnee Mission Rotary Club Grocery Grab is Saturday, March 24th! Purchase your chance for a 5 minute trip through the Mission HyVee, filling your cart and pulling away a winner! Tickets are \$10 and will support student assistance programs at Shawnee Mission North High School, including the "One Stop Shop" which provides daily essentials for at-risk high school students and their families.

Contact [edcoulter85@gmail.com](mailto:edcoulter85@gmail.com) for tickets soon - only 600 tickets sold! (Five runners-up will receive HyVee gift cards!)

Celebrating Women in Rotary



## Ladies Night!

THURSDAY MARCH 22  
5-7 PM

PRIMELENDING OFFICE  
8900 INDIAN CREEK PARKWAY  
BUILDING 6 IN CORPORATE WOODS

All Rotary Women and their friends are invited to join the fun for wine tasting and shopping. \$5 suggested entry fee and a 50/50 raffle will raise funds for the Heart to Heart International's women's hygiene program.