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Monthly Theme: Youth Service Month

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR ADAM EHLERT

Dear 5710 Rotarians:

Many and sincere thanks to the 200 or so District Rotarians who shared their energy and commitment to *Making a Difference* at the 2017-18 District Assembly and Conference! And just as importantly, I thank Rotary International for giving us the history, infrastructure and global direction for over a century. We are privileged to be a part of this group, and I think that sentiment was in full display last weekend.

We had some terrific speakers joining us from outside the Rotary world, including an eclectic experiment on a post-dinner murder mystery. Heavy, perhaps, on the word experiment. But frankly, the best content came from within our ranks, including: the Youth Exchange students from all over our small world; a forum representing perspectives on 30 years of women in Rotary; a travelogue panel (and report on service projects) from our Kansas Rotarians who traveled to South Africa's District 9350; a terrific address on significance and perspective through Rotary from PDG Carolyn Johnson, our President's Representative, and, a rallying summary from Jim Arnett, our District Polio Chair.



I am thrilled with the response and participation... and I'm even more thrilled to turn over the keys to DGE Blanche Parks come July 1. I know we're all confident in her vision and leadership for the new year.

But I'm not quite yet finished.

1. **We announced our Drive for 45!** Between now and May 30, we will be working with club and Foundation leadership to identify prospective new Paul Harris Fellows. We have generous benefactors who will contribute points, to narrow the gap of new dollars needed in order to christen new PHFs.
2. **We will celebrate these new donors when Rotary International President Ian Riseley visits us on May 30!** The Atchison Rotary Club will host a reception (a celebration, really), that afternoon in President Ian's honor. And especially in honor of the new, significant supporters of The Rotary Foundation.

We will discuss and announce (ssshhh, don't yet tell President Ian) a partnership with our neighboring districts, to launch a Public Image and Membership campaign. This will position us well, in concert with DGE Blanche's neighbor-Governors, to grow in the first few months of the new Rotary year.

Thank you all for your support so far, and especially in the remaining two months of this Rotary year. Your enthusiasm is driving our ability to continue *Making a Difference*.

Sincerely,

District Governor Adam Ehlert



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MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

District News & Events

2018 DISTRICT CONFERENCE & ASSEMBLY RE-CAP

For the Rotarians who attended the 2018 District Conference and Assembly, the theme “Rotary: Making a Difference” resonated throughout the entire event. Friday morning’s highlights included presentations about Zone Institute, RLI graduates, RYLA info, Kansas Leadership Center, The Rotary Foundation, Membership and a message from RIP-elect Barry Rassin.

Collectively, the audience was blown away by our lunch speaker and performer Janine Stange, “The National Anthem Girl.” Janine is the first person to perform the National Anthem in all 50 states. She shared a wonderful story about her inspiring mother—then sang the Star Spangled Banner for us. Goosebumps all around.

The afternoon featured an outstanding panel celebrating the 30 years of Women in Rotary, which included our three female PDGs Sandy Rieger, Vickie Randel and Deb Rodenbaugh-Schaub, as well as Olathe President Vanessa Vaughn-West, Rotarians Judy Wright and Joan Wagnon, as well as the lone male panelist PDG Bill Kromer.

After recognizing Heart to Heart for its 25 years in service—and in partnership with Rotary, a check was presented for \$7,500 collected in honor of the 30 years of Women in Rotary, for women’s hygiene kits. The day concluded with a service project for Heart to Heart, and the kits were assembled.

The evening dinner proved to be an extension of the day, with awards and recognitions by DG Adam. The presidents and presidents-elect were recognized and a very special Paul Harris Fellow was awarded to Charlotte Urban (daughter of Village West member Lee Urban). Frank White shared stories of his baseball career while the packed house enjoyed dinner. The silent auction and “murder mystery” entertainment concluded the evening.

Saturday picked up where Friday left off with the ever-popular panel of Youth Exchange students, followed by fantastic presentations on peace and the plight of human trafficking. The Friendship Exchange team provided lots of info and pictures, then we learned all about the efforts of the tree-planting initiative, polio-plus and public image.

Saturday’s luncheon brought our conference to a close, with our fantastic President’s Rep, PDG Carolyn Johnson. Carolyn embodies “Making a Difference” and told us about her efforts with literacy and teaching children in Guatemala to read. A teacher by trade, Carolyn’s passion for literacy and Rotary is evident in every word she speaks.

If you missed this conference/assembly—you missed a LOT! We hope you can join us next year in Topeka!

Thank you to our **Conference Chair Jason Leib, Assembly Chair Mike McVey, DG Adam and DGE Blanche**—what a great ASS/CON!!!

Check out the next page for photos from the weekend.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE & ASSEMBLY PHOTOS



The End Polio Now flag flying high!



Mary Ann and Jim Arnett (our District Polio Chair)



Janine Stange—the “National Anthem Girl”



Heather & Adam Ehlert with Janine Stange and RIP Rep, PDG Carolyn Johnson



Ike Ehie and PDG Deb Rodenbaugh-Schaub



Lee Urban, Frank White & Janine Stange



Lee & Charlotte Urban with DG Adam



Patti Mellard



Youth Exchange Students

2018 ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (RYLA)

We are getting closer to RYLA week. I have heard from several of you around District 5710 and it appears that we have a lot of interest in RYLA again this year. We have received a few applications, so far, but I am hoping that we see more in the next few weeks. Remember May 4th is the deadline to turn in the applications for the students your club wants to sponsor. Do not let your club miss out on this wonderful opportunity to sponsor a student to enjoy this unique experience.



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). A record 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. You can also submit the applications electronically to either the e-mail address listed below or to mandy@rotary5710.org. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Faron Barr (fbarr@t-mfinancial.com).

DISTRICT PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROJECT

We are organizing a District-wide project that focuses on eliminating modern day slavery, Human Sex Trafficking, in our communities. There are 3 prongs to human trafficking – the victims, the traffickers, and the buyers. We are working with the Kansas Attorney General, Derek Schmidt's office on this project and we are starting with 2 projects that are:



- Providing Crisis Packs for victims
- Assisting in the roll out of an Educational program, "End the Demand," to our clubs, businesses, and communities

There are many more areas that we can work in if we have enough interest from the clubs in our District. A major need is a "safe house" for victims who have been rescued to stay while they are waiting to testify.

If you or your club are interested in participating in this new District wide project, please contact **Patti Mellard**, District Peace Chair, at patti@keystaffing.com or 785-272-9999.

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

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 Or Neil Wakefield at 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?

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



RLI GRADUATES SIX MORE ROTARIANS AND ONE ROTARACTOR

District 5710 graduated its eighth Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) class on April 7, 2018. RLI is a grassroots multi-district leadership and Rotary development program that engages Rotarians and in turn strengthen their clubs and increases membership retention. This three session program emphasizes both leadership skills and knowledge of Rotary. All Rotarians from brand new members to veterans including prior district governors and club presidents have participated, enjoyed their experience, and increased their skills be attending.

A special congratulations goes to the following for successfully completing all three sessions of the eight RLI program our district has just concluded. They are:

John Armburst	Manhattan Noon
Doug Barrington	Topeka South
Karen Carroll	Junction City
Steven Graham	Manhattan Noon
Carolyn Osbern	Kansas State University Rotaract
Debra Rodenbaugh-Schaub	Manhattan Konza
Carrie Saia	Holton



A special honor and mention goes to Carolyn Osbern. She is the first Rotaractor in District 5710 to complete our RLI program. We hope she will be the first of many.

On behalf of our District leadership and RLI facilitators, thank you to all of our recent graduates for their time and very active participation. They now join 56 other Rotarians who graduated from our previous District 5710 classes.

A big thank you goes to **Ellen Bogdan, John Donovan, Tom Gray, DeEtte Lombard, Patrick Schaub and Vernon Turner** for being amazing facilitators. Your giving up not only the time you facilitated, but also the time spent preparing for your session is so much appreciated.

POLIO PLUS UPDATES FOR MAY 2018

By Jim Arnett, District 5710 Polio Ambassador

There is great Polio-Plus news that through the start of May there have been ZERO new cases of Polio for 3 weeks in a row. Even if the 8 cases reported so far this year in Afghanistan and Pakistan are the last cases we ever see it will still be 3 years before Polio will have been declared eradicated. And after that, every child, everywhere, must be vaccinated every year to assure that Polio will never emerge again! So now is the time to look ahead to see if our Clubs can grow this year's \$92,000 in donations all the way to the \$100,000 donation level and with District help turn that into more than ½ Billion \$'s for Polio-Plus.



Think of what we can do if every club plans a significant funding event for EndPolioNow to take advantage of the Bill & Malinda Gates 2X Gift Match. There are great ideas for these events ranging from Art Fairs to Food Feasts; Bike Rides to Bar-B-Q's; fly the END POLIO NOW Flag; and lots more. On July 27th we can all turn up to "STRIKE OUT POLIO" at T-Bones Park. As individual Rotarians, you can be prepared to advocate for Polio-Plus in your communities: wear your "End Polio Now" button with your Rotary Pin; follow Polio-Plus on Facebook and Twitter; share what your club is doing to End Polio Now on social media; reach out to friends, neighbors and your community to encourage advocacy for reaching our goal of polio eradication. Tell everyone that we are: **"THIS CLOSE!"**



NEW MEMBERS FOR APRIL

Council Grove	Kevin Leeper
Downtown Topeka	Gianfranco Pezzino
Emporia	Rebecca Jeppesen
Gardner	Lisa Karr
Lawrence	Sarah Bell, Earl Reineman
Lawrence Central	Gena Dellett
Manhattan	Shelley Carver, Robert Copple, Logan Edwards, Esther Swilley, Tad Thompson, Thomas Weeks
Olathe Rotary	Jeremy Bennett
Shawnee	Caitlin Gard
Topeka South	Tina Anderson, Pam Evans, Tyler Johnson, Barry Muninger





Club News & Events

LAWRENCE ROTARY PLANTS FRUIT TREES FOR COMMUNITY

The Lawrence Rotary Club had two responses to RI President Ian Riseley's request that each Rotary Club plant a tree for each member. First, they observed that the club had already planted 200 trees at the Rotary Arboretum, inaugurated to celebrate Rotary's 100th anniversary in 2005. Second, in response to a suggestion, they agreed that planting fruit trees in public areas might contribute both to air quality and nutrition in the community.

With an anonymous donation of \$500, matched by \$591 in Blue Cup funds, the club partnered with Just Food and the Lawrence Fruit Tree Project. They purchased 50 apple, pear and peach trees and planted them, with the help of Just Food volunteers, around the food pantry facility and on Just Food's property in North Lawrence. The Lawrence Fruit Tree Project planted 17 Asian pear, jujube, persimmon, peach, mulberry, cherry and autumn olive trees near the Sunrise Project, the Children's Shelter, and the Lawrence Community Orchard.



HOLTON COMPLETES PROJECT FOR CITY



The Holton Rotary recently completed a 2-part service project for the City of Holton, which involved painting the city's fire hydrants.

The club started in the fall and just wrapped up the project on April 5. Teams of two set off across the city with a map, paint and paintbrushes—and got the job done!

BUSY MONTH FOR THE OVERBROOK ROTARY CLUB

April was a busy month for the Overbrook Club. They completed their dictionary project by handing out dictionaries to all the local 4th graders (3rd graders presented in February). This annual event is made possible by Rotary matching grants.

Another big activity this month was completing the annual spring limb pick-up in Overbrook. Several big truck and trailer loads were hauled off.

Also, Overbrook Rotarians spent several hours doing spring clean-up work on the Rotary-sponsored library landscape project.

And finally, Club President Jon Wilhite presented fellow club member Bill Tudor with a Multiple (2nd) Paul Harris Fellow.



KANSAS CITY, KS CLUB STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club, as part of its annual Student Scholarship Contest, recognized outstanding high school students from Wyandotte county schools. One female and one male student from each school are nominated by their respective schools to compete for \$1,000 college scholarships. All the students exemplify the highest academic, service and character standards in our community. We can all be proud of what Wyandotte county has helped produce in these students, and we are excited about their bright futures.

The male students, accompanied by family and school representatives, made short presentations before the Club on April 10th at its weekly luncheon. The female students presented to the Club on April 17th.

The Club will choose one female and one male from these outstanding high school students to receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship to be used at the college or university of their choice. The scholarships will be awarded at the Club's luncheon on May 1st.



LEAVENWORTH ROTARY CLUB

A busy year for Leavenworth High Interact Club!

Recently, the Leavenworth High School (LHS) Interact Club assisted with the LHS Annual International Festival. Sponsored by LHS DECA and Interact Clubs, the festival celebrates culture, food, dress, music and customs of countries from around the world. LHS Interact and DECA teacher/sponsors Liz Anstine and Lisa Shepherd provide support and guidance to the DECA and Interact students who handled all the coordination, set-up and execution of the event.



This year we were happy to welcome 18 Interact students from Seaman High School in Topeka who attended the event accompanied by their teacher/sponsors Tim Collins and Serita Miller. LHS and Topeka Seaman Interact Club Presidents Joe Song and Veronica Fails, as well as the entire group of students, got to meet each other, share information about the event, their Interact Club activities and enjoy the food, music and festivities of the festival.

Several Interact Students from LHS wore traditional clothing from countries of their family origins. The Leavenworth Rotary Club sponsored the table from Ireland. Other countries represented at this year's International Festival included South Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, China, India, Germany, Great Britain, France, Scotland, Jordan, Macedonia, Guyana, Mexico, Italy, El Salvador, Chile, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Thailand and the United States of America.



Next up for the Leavenworth High Interact Club is a Yuda Band Project fundraiser!



Our Club is making a difference in the community through members' donations and proceeds from fundraisers. This month our club made its annual donation of \$1,000 to the Leavenworth Public Schools Education Foundation. Pictured are Bill Kromer (local Rotary Foundation President), Catey Edwards (Foundation Director) and Tamara Sevcik (Rotary Club of Leavenworth President). This donation was made in support of Rotary International's fifth avenue of service (New Generations).

Sergeant at Arms Karel Sigtenhorst leads our club in song at our weekly meetings; great work Rotarian Karel!



Working to keep our city clean...many thanks to all who came out to help with 20th Street Pick Up; pictured here is Rotarian Matt Nojonen; several volunteers covered a lot of ground this month and filled several trash bags; thanks to Rotarian Mike G. for taking the lead on this bi-annual service project!



Several members of our club participated and enjoyed the district conference this month; our club set up a display in the "Friendship House" area displaying our events throughout the year with special emphasis on our STEM work displayed in a slide show throughout the conference; in addition, the murder mystery after dinner was an interesting twist to this year's conference --- shown here are PDG John Donovan and his lovely bride Beth, aka Bertha Peacock. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to plan this conference to make it a great success; special thanks to all of our Leavenworth Rotarians who volunteered to help with conference planning and the 30 Years of Women in Rotary session of the conference.



OLATHE ROTARY CLUB ANNOUNCES NEW WEEKLY MEETING LOCATION

Beginning May 2, Olathe Rotary will hold its Wednesday noon meetings at the Hilton Garden Inn near 119th & Strang Line Road.

Rotary members from within the District and beyond are invited to join Olathe Rotary in Salon A of the Hilton Garden Inn where the Club will meet most Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. Located in the heart of Olathe, the Club's new meeting location offers delicious in-house catering, service upgrades and conference quality audio-visual capabilities.

In announcing the move Club President Vanessa Vaughn West shared, "This move will offer an attractive backdrop and a business-friendly environment to our already engaging and fun Club meetings. And, I'm particularly buoyed up by the swift leadership of our Board to identify and secure such a premier location as well as the overwhelmingly positive member feedback about the move."

Olathe Rotary will also host happy hour Club socials at the Hilton Garden on the fifth Wednesday of the month in lieu of our regularly scheduled noon meetings. These fellowship events will promote Rotary connections and include complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. Learn more about Olathe Rotary at olatherotary.org.



MARYSVILLE ROTARY ENJOYS FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Marysville Rotary Club members gathered with their families for some bowling and fellowship on April 8 at Landoll Lanes in Marysville. The fluorescent-lighted bowling alley was a fun setting for several games among club members and children.



Marysville Rotarian Gage Zierlein and wife, Megan, bowled with their children at the Rotary Club's family fun night at Landoll Lanes April 8.



Weston Smith, son of Marysville Rotarian Ryan Smith, spent an evening of attempted bowling at Marysville Rotary Club's family fun night at the local Landoll Lanes. Weston, 1, enjoyed being the youngest bowler at the party.

NEWLY-FORMED AMBASSADORS CLUB FINDING ITS IDENTITY

Officially formed May 31, 2017, the Ambassadors (West Kansas City) Rotary Club (we refer to ourselves as the Ambassadors Rotary Club) is the brainchild of founder Kevin Tubbesing and represents a new kind of Rotary Club.

Organized around monthly meetings that encourage the participation of spouses and significant others, 8 meetings per year are of the social/networking variety and 4 meetings per year are dinner parties. The monthly hosts are given a budget from the Club to entertain and select the site and the menu.

The Ambassadors kicked off with their first monthly meeting on July 16, 2017. First year highlights for the Ambassadors include:

Inaugural Ambassador Rotary Dinner on September 9, 2017.

Participation in the Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School on November 14, 2017. This was the Ambassadors' first public service project and helped raise \$3,000 for this worthy cause. Rise Against Hunger was founded in 2012, and through 2017 has packaged and distributed more than 5.6 million meals in 14 countries.



At our January meeting we received a presentation from representatives of the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy about the Ambassadors' grant to send 5 students to this summer's RYLA camp at KU.

In lieu of our February social meeting, the Ambassadors purchased several tables at the Sunflower House Gala. Sunflower House is non-profit headquartered in Shawnee, Kansas that protects children in our community from physical and sexual abuse through education, advocacy, forensic, medical and therapeutic services. The Gala was co-chaired by Ambassador members Kevin and Dawn Tubbesing and raised more than \$200,000 for Sunflower House.



At our March meeting, the presidency of the Ambassadors was passed to Dr. Rick Randolph and District Governor Adam Ehlert and his wife Heather attended as guests. We received an update on RYLA applications and on Mexico mission trip opportunities.



At our April meeting, we received a presentation from Rick Reiman, Executive Director of The Giving Grove, a program of Kansas City Community Gardens that helps communities in the Kansas City metro area plant small orchards to provide nutritious fruits and nuts for neighborhoods in need.

The Ambassadors enjoyed a successful first year and are looking forward to increased activities in 2018-2019.

LEAWOOD ROTARIANS COMMIT TO PLANTING ONE TREE FOR EACH MEMBER

When the Rotary International President challenged Rotarians around the world to improve our planet and our communities by planting one new tree for each Rotary member, the Leawood membership decided to accept the challenge. After consulting with the Leawood Parks and Recreation department, plans were made for a Rotary tree grove at Ironwoods Park where 20 trees would be planted. This is the first planting in what will be a three-year, 60 tree project.

With the guidance of the City's tree expert, Dustin Branick, the 20th tree, a new Black Gum, was put in place just in time for an Earth Day dedication.



Taking part in the dedication were, Rotary President, Roxann Kerr Lindsey, Tree Project Committee Members, Jim Arnett, Mel Hawk, and Chuck Sipple.

Also digging and shoveling were Rotarians, Chuck Udell, Brad Moore, Jim Rawlings, Bill Crowe, and Charles Lusk. The club was also pleased to have Alice Hawk, president of the Leawood Foundation, and Chris Claxton, Leawood Parks and Recreation Director, present to witness the dedication.

KONZA ROTARIANS BUILD GARDEN BOXES, PLANT FRUITS & VEGETABLES, GROW RELATIONSHIPS ALONG THE WAY

The Homestead is a safe, transitional care program for women 18 years and older who have exited the sex trafficking industry. Participants (Homesteaders) live in a house in Manhattan and have access to drug, alcohol, and mental health counseling, as well as general health care from partnering local social service agencies. Life skill classes give homesteaders the tools to develop a 3-phase Individual Growth Plan to meet long and short term goals. Education and Job Training allow them to integrate back into mainstream society.

Konza Rotarians became aware of the Homestead in 2016 and began to learn more about its operation in order to pursue a District Grant. A fundraiser was conducted in May 2017 in order to support the organization's Healthy Eating Initiative.

This project culminated into the building of raised garden boxes on site, so that homesteaders can learn about healthy eating habits and participate in growing their own food. The joint gardening efforts moving forward will allow for continued relationship building with Homesteaders and Konza Rotarians.

In addition to the gardening, grant funds were used to purchase identified needs in the facility's kitchen. Utensils, tableware, cookware and small appliances further promote meals that are nutritious and healthy.

The Homestead is operated by Homestead Ministries, a not-for-profit 501c3 agency.



EVENTFUL APRIL FOR MANHATTAN ROTARY

The club programs featured; Manhattan Area Technical College President, Jim Genandt updating members on the differences being made at MATC, Aaron Wall sharing the impact of the Colbert Hills First Tee Program with community youth, State Representatives Sidney Carlin and Tom Phillips providing state government updates with the concluding program being the Clubs first ever meeting project organized by Christine Nolte—the assembly of 700+ birthing kits to be sent to six locations worldwide.



The cup money for the month of April was for the International Birthing Kit Project supplies and shipping.

The Clubs 100th Anniversary series continued with presentations by past club leaders; Bob Kruh, President in 1974-75, Dennis Mullin, 1984-85 President and Ed Seaton, 1976-77 President.

The 100th Anniversary Committee met to continue it's 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; Esther Swilley, Department Head of KSU College of Business Marketing Department; Robert Cople, senior administrator of Via Christi Hospital; Logan Edwards, Group Sales Manager for the Bluemont Hotel and Shelly Carver, Development Officer from the KSU Foundation.

President Elect Mike Dodson and Konza Rotary Club President Rod Harms teamed to engage members in spring tree plantings for the One Rotarian One Tree challenged.



President Vern asked members to sign up for the Tree Planting work day, Eisenhower Museum Club trip, the Bill Snyder Half Marathon race fundraiser for the RI Foundation, the Manhattan Rotary Club Golf Classic on May 21, 2018 and the club's 100th Anniversary Banquet on Monday, June 18, 2018.

The club was pleased to learn that the KSU Rotaract Club was selected as the Outstanding KSU Student Organization. (release below)

And, District Governor Adam announced at the District 5710 Conference that the Manhattan Rotary Club was selected for the Governor's Award as the outstanding club in District 5710 for 2018.

Rotaract selected as 2018 Outstanding K-State Student Organization

The Kansas State University chapter of Rotaract International, a registered student organization, is being recognized Sunday, April 29, as the 2018 Outstanding K-State Student Organization by the Staley School of Leadership Studies.

Serendipitously, the award coincides with the 50th anniversary of the founding of Rotaract. The first Rotaract, or Rotary in Action, club started as an affiliate of Rotary International in 1968. The young adult organization focuses on service to community. The K-State Rotaract club has been incredibly active seeking ways to improve the quality-of-life among residents at all scales — locally, nationally and internationally.



OVERLAND PARK SOUTH PLANTS MORE THAN 20 TREES

On a gray and rainy day, 36 members of the Overland Park South Rotary Club participated in the Rotary International initiative to plant trees around the world. Our site was the Shawnee Mission Park located in Lenexa, KS where club members, spouses, and youth were successful in planting 20+ trees. The event also included a light lunch together.



LEAWOOD'S APRIL FOOL'S RUN



Leawood
Rotary
Presents the...



April 7th, 2018
8:00 a.m.
Tomahawk Creek
Pkwy & 114th St.

APRIL FOOL'S RUN

Mother Nature Fooled Us All at this 5K

On April 7, the 4th annual Leawood Rotary 5K was held on an unseasonably chilly April morning, but at least it wasn't snowing! Nearly 200 registered for the 5K though more than a few opted to stay home where it was warmer than 22 degrees. The Rotarians enjoyed a delicious breakfast burrito bar at the lovely Sharp family farm along with more than 35 members of Team Caedy, who participated in the 5K in honor of a cancer survivor in the Sharp family.



TASTE OF SHAWNEE—NEW DATE!



May 12, 2018 ~~~~~ 3 - 6 PM

Shawnee Town 1929 • 11600 Johnson Drive • Shawnee, KS 66203

The Rotary Club of Shawnee's fourth annual **Taste of Shawnee** is a great family event where everyone can sample dishes from over 20 neighborhood eateries, enjoy entertainment, and at the same time, give a boost to charity.

Fun includes:

This year, proceeds from the fundraiser will be divided between Rotary International's Polio Plus, Shawnee Community Services, Newhouse Shelter and local and international charities supported by the Rotary Club of Shawnee Foundation.

The club is proud to once again have Overland Park Regional Medical Center ER of Shawnee as presenting sponsor

The \$10 admission pass will include five "taste" tickets to be used to sample the dishes offered by participating restaurants and other vendors. Admission passes can be purchased at the gate or from any Rotary Club of Shawnee member. Additional "taste" tickets can be purchased at the event. Children 5 and under do not need an admission pass

Last year's Taste of Shawnee attracted more than 1,700 guests who sampled fare from 20 vendors and ultimately raised \$73,276 for charity.

To date, Rotary International has contributed more than \$1.6 billion to fight polio worldwide. Through 2018, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match 2-to-1 every dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication (up to \$35 million a year).

More information: <http://tasteofshawnee.wix.com/2018>



DE SOTO'S WINESONG AT RIVERFEST



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