



October, 2017

Monthly Theme: Economic and Community Development

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR ADAM EHLERT

Rotary Makes My Day

Day in and day out, I am impressed by the spirit of our District's Rotarians.

Our generosity and pride is exhibited at each club that it's been my privilege to visit. By example—while again, Rotary is not an emergency relief agency—we do seem to activate and rally around a need very well. On the first morning after we announced our fundraising goal for the Hurricane Harvey relief, I visited the Topeka West club. And it warmed my heart to see them happily more than double our per-capita goal of \$5.00 per Rotarian. Club President Bob Mackey was on the ball and the club responded, in just a matter of hours. What a great start.



And then a week or so later, the mighty Manhattan club put up a number of \$5,500—that's incredible! Of course, they're a large club, but that is still an average of more than \$30.00/member. President Vern Henricks sure knows how to motivate those 177 Rotarians!

Just this past week I made the nice drive down to Garnett. I enjoyed the lunch, president Dr. Bill Whitesell ran a nice meeting, and they were very eager to make presentation of a check to Heart to Heart International for \$1,850. The club has 18 members. The math is easy, and the result is spectacular. The pride in that check presentation was matched perhaps only by Rotarian Burke Rogers' voice—that is a club that knows how to sing!

Wow. Thank you District 5710 Rotarians. You define Making a Difference. Just like Rotary International has for three decades, as we've been working to eradicate Polio from the earth. Please keep that pride and enthusiasm in mind as we enter our Polio month, and commemorate World Polio Day on the 24th.

Keep Rotary in your heart and on your shirtsleeves (or better yet, on your collar—wear your pin!). And the best way to keep up the enthusiasm is to share the gift you've received by being a Rotarian. Please invite your neighbors, friends and colleagues to see the infectious energy in your club. We should be proud to be Rotarians—share that message!

Sincerely,

Adam



WORLD POLIO DAY—OCTOBER 24

END POLIO NOW: COUNTDOWN TO HISTORY



How You Can Celebrate World Polio Day

View

- Mark your calendar to tune in for Rotary's World Polio Day event on 24 October.
- Watch the event on 24 October on endpolio.org (or anytime following the event).
- Follow the event on social media and share it with your network.

Share

- Share the sample Facebook posts, Instagram Images, and tweets on our website.
- Use the [#endpolio](https://twitter.com/endpolio) hashtag to follow and join the global conversation on social media.

- Follow End Polio Now on Facebook and Twitter.
- Update your Facebook cover photo and Twitter avatar, using the graphics provided.

Host

- Host a viewing party for friends and club members to watch the World Polio Day event.
- Invite local media, elected officials, and community leaders to a viewing party to show new audiences and potential members the power of what we can accomplish as an organization.
- Dedicate a club meeting to World Polio Day, and update your website with information about the event.

- Organize a fundraising or community event. Every \$1 you raise for polio is matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Write

- Email or call local reporters and pitch a story about World Polio Day and your club's contributions to the effort.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about the importance of ending polio. Send it to the op-ed or editorial features editor for consideration.
- Write your government officials asking for their continued support of polio eradication efforts.
- When stories are published, send us links and share on social media. Also link to our media page, which shows other coverage of Rotary's work.



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Poliovirus Update

20-Sep-2017, World Health Organization

New wild poliovirus cases reported this week: 0

Total number of wild poliovirus cases in 2017: 10

Total number of wild poliovirus cases in 2016: 37

New cVDPV cases reported this week: 2

Total number of cVDPV cases in 2017: 49

Total number of cVDPV cases in 2016: 5



SAVE THE DATE—DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018

Rotary 5710 District Conference 2018
Fri/Sat April 27-28, 2018
Lenexa Conference Center @ Hyatt Place
8741 Ryckert Street
Lenexa, Kansas 66219

We are excited to announce that plans are already underway for an exciting District Conference! A few items of note: New this year... the banquet dinner will be on **Friday** instead of Saturday. Back by popular demand... we're planning to have service projects both Friday and Saturday!

*We're just getting started planning the event, so if you'd like to help out, please email Committee Chair **Jason Leib** at jasonl@jasonleib.com. Watch your email and newsletters for more information to come – registration will open in **January 2018**.*

Sponsorships Available Now at \$100 per person/company.

Benefits include the following:

- ⇒ Recognition on District website/social media sites
- ⇒ Recognition on Conference electronic/printed materials
- ⇒ Recognition at District Conference

To confirm sponsorship information, please email Jason Leib at jasonl@jasonleib.com and submit \$100 sponsorship payment via PayPal at <https://paypal.me/LenexaRotaryClub/100>.

Special thanks to our first sponsors:

J.C. Burcham	Mariposa Veterinary Wellness Center
Adam Ehlert	Kansas City T-Bones Baseball Club
Harold Frye	Music 4 Jeremy's Cherubs
Grant Glenn	Grant Glenn Law Office
Jim Mattes	Mattes Appraisal Services
Joe Morris	
Chuck Udell	Intouch Management
Joanie Underwood	
Roger Underwood	
Marla Williams	Nationwide



SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING FOR ROTARY CLUBS



Are you interested in finding out more about promoting your club on Social Media? Then join us **October 21** for a **free** half-day workshop!

We have a great trainer to help us learn how to use social media to communicate in our communities. Monica Stoneking of SK Consulting will conduct the half-day workshop at the Olathe City Hall on **Saturday, Oct. 21 from 8:30 a.m. until Noon**. The training is free for District Rotarians and limited to 30 people, so please [CLICK HERE](#) to register!

FOUNDATION DINNER—NOVEMBER 11, 2017

Mark your calendars now for another fantastic night celebrating the Rotary Foundation!

Come celebrate the Rotary Foundation and honor our Veterans on November 11, at the Sheraton Hotel in Overland Park. We will have special guests and entertainment. We will recognize clubs for their generosity and Foundation support. We will also honor individuals and members of the Paul Harris Society and Sunflower Society.

The night will start at 6:00 with a reception for the Paul Harris Society and Sunflower Society. Then at 6:30 we will have a cocktail reception for all before dinner.

We will be seated for dinner at 7:00 and the program will start shortly thereafter.

Dinner will be served and then the entertainment will start. Following the Dinner, we are privileged to have Rotary's End Polio Now Coordinator **Dan Himelspace** as guest speaker to address the gathering. We will have awards and acknowledgements after and end the evening with a special program.



Individual cost is \$100, Couples \$150 (\$50 from your registration fee goes to TRF in your name). Clubs may purchase tables of 10 for \$1500 and name a Paul Harris Fellow with your \$1000 contribution to the Foundation.

[Click here to register!](#)

NEW MEMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Gardner	Wendell Doolittle, Rick George
Lawrence	Kathryn Clark, Lacey Hanson Newton, Marilyn Hull, Anna-Marie Keena, Khatija Meghji, Anna Stubblefield
Leavenworth	Gary Cordes
Louisburg	George Karnaze
Manhattan	Brian Thomason
Marysville	Coleman Younger
Overland Park	Emerson Hertzler, Connie Jabara, Raymond McLanahan, Nancy Ogden
Overland Park South	Andrew Heim
Shawnee	Tony Adams
Shawnee Mission	Dahnika Short
Village West	Melvin Gatson

WELCOME



Club News & Events

LAWRENCE CENTRAL COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE

Lawrence Central Rotary held its fall Community Bike Ride on Sept 16th that started at the Haskell University stadium parking lot and coordinated rides that went up Lawrence's Burroughs Creek Trail. The following are some highlights:

- A Mom saying out loud, "Look, he is riding without training wheels!!" Thank you Jane Huesemann for the idea and leadership at the Training Wheel Takeoff Clinic!
- A Dad looking elated to hear a volunteer say, "The helmets are free - we can get you and your son a helmet."
- The Community enjoying healthy snacks - and great smiles from the Community Mercantile (one of our sponsors).
- Smiles from parents and kids after visiting Sunflower Outdoor and Bike and getting free tune-ups.
- Kids enjoying the "Kids Zone" with lots of smiles and lots of bouncing.
- Families heading out together to enjoy the ride.
- One of our ride leaders and course monitor found and rode back with a nervous 8-year old - after his older brother zipped away. It was great seeing the relief he had when he reconnected with his parents - who did not go on the ride. (We did not hear the likely lecture the older brother was going to get.)

Here are the numbers from both of the rides Lawrence Central sponsored (all up from 2016 and our largest count so far):

Summer ride: 146 signed waivers

Fall ride: 104 signed waivers (up from 56 in 2016)

Total: 250 (One waiver per family)

Helmets: 62 (summer) + 49 (fall) = 111 fitted and free

Safety vests: 151 (summer) + 50 (fall) = 201 people who used these to boost visibility (and kids just seemed to love wearing them too).

We are excited to think about 2018 rides and we welcome any comments.



JUNCTION CITY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

Junction City Rotary Club 100th Anniversary Celebration



Club 1618

Please join us for dinner to celebrate our 100th anniversary.

Reception at 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:30 Program 7:15

Cost \$40

RSVP Requested

lcouch@eb-us.com

B: 785-762-1133

C: 785-537-0613

Upon registering please forward check

c/o Exchange Bank

PO Box 348

Junction City, KS 66441

Thursday, October 26, 2017
Geary County Convention Center
310 Hammons Dr, Junction City, KS

MANHATTAN ROTARY REMAINS ENGAGED

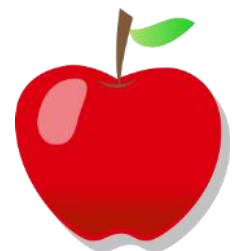
The Manhattan Rotary Club began its September month of meetings with a Club Assembly that allowed members to meet in their assigned seven committee areas. The following week, KSU Student Body President, Jack Ayres and Abigail Olsen spoke about the rising issues of suicides among youth. The club then hosted a very special and accomplished artist, Deborah Marshall, who was also the recipient of a Rotary Fellowship while she was in college. The month concluded with a presentation from Marci Penner, from the Kansas Sampler Foundation.

Our 100th Anniversary series with presentations by past club leaders were; Rany O'Boyle, 2015-16 Rotarian of the Year; Lyle Butler, 2019-10 Club President; Sue Maes, 2010-11 Club President and Mel Chastain, 2007-08 Club President.

The Club answered the challenge from our District Governor with regard to the Hurricane Harvey relief efforts by raising over \$5,400 in one week.

And the Club raised nearly \$400 for the local organizations of Fairy Godmothers and Guardians who reach out and provide emergency support to men and women in extreme need of support.

The also continued its efforts to recognize talented high school seniors by hosting one young male and female Manhattan High School Students of the Month.



CLUBS WELCOME OPEN WORLD DELEGATES FROM AZERBAIJAN

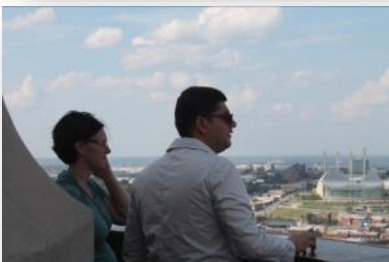
The Lenexa Rotary Club, along with many other clubs in District 5710 (OP South, Olathe, Shawnee, Leawood, Gardner, Ambassadors), officially welcomed the Open World Leadership Center delegates from Azerbaijan on September 23, 2017. The program participants will spend a week in our community (hosted by Rotarians) learning about topics such as combating human trafficking, combating domestic violence, victims rights of domestic/gender based violence, prosecution of perpetrators, and supporting judicial ethics & discipline.



Six delegates arrived at the airport on Saturday - on schedule, and everyone's luggage made it! Later in the afternoon, we met up at the Lenexa Civic Center "September to Remember" celebration. Lots of food trucks, live music, great weather (once the sun went down, it cooled off to a comfortable level), and then, at 9pm...fireworks!! It was definitely a late night for our delegates (it was 6am their time!).



On Sunday 9/24, we met at the World War I Museum and Memorial at 2pm for a tour. We took a trip up to the top of the memorial tower and, despite the wasps, had a beautiful look around. We then headed over to Union Station, where we visited the Science City gift shop and the model train exhibit. After that, we took the street car to the River Market area, and walked out to a river lookout area. Dinner was at Fiorella's Jackstack Barbecue (Freight House), where we built goodwill and better friendships!



LEAVENWORTH ROTARY

A Busy Month for Leavenworth Rotarians...

Miss Leavenworth County, Annika Wooton (right) and Miss First City, Sarah Gustin (left) helped our song leader/Sergeant at Arms, Karel Sigtenhorst, lead our song (When Irish Eyes Are Smiling) at one of our meetings this month. Both of these young ladies will compete in the 2018 Miss Kansas Pageant next year. Annika is a student at the University of Kansas; Sarah attends Kansas State University.



LTG (R) Robert Arter, Honorary Rotarian, was presented a Paul Harris Fellow this month by Rotarian David Van Parys; LTG (R) Arter was recognized for his long-time service in the surrounding communities and Fort Leavenworth.

Gary Cordes, our newest Rotarian was inducted into our club this month; he is pictured with his sponsor, Rotarian Brian Wepking lighting the Rotary unity candle of commitment; we look forward to working with Gary in the future.



A special guest attended our annual picnic this year; pictured here is University of Saint Mary Junior and Rotaract Club President, Leah Anderson with Timothy Moran, Rotary Club Sponsor for the USM Rotaract Club. The USM Rotaract Club is starting its fifth year of service in our community and planning their events for the year. The first service project will in October and members will be putting together meal pack-

ets for Lawson Elementary School through the local Back Pack Buddies Program.

Our annual picnic --- good food, fun and fellowship enjoyed by all, photos follow...many thanks to Mike McDonald and his team for making this event a big success!



Special visitors joined us this month from Wagga Wagga Australia (Leavenworth's sister city) Sara Navin (Miss Wagga Wagga) and Jes Smith (Community Princess). They shared a bit about themselves and played a video message from the Wagga Wagga mayor. Sara is very excited to explore Leavenworth and offered her thanks to the city for so generously hosting them. Jen is eager to learn as much as possible about Leavenworth and it's people while she is here.

Upcoming...

Over-the-Counter Medicine Drive partnering with the Lansing Lions Club

District Governor Visit

More New Member Inductions

Veterans' Day Pancake Breakfast / Parade

OVERBROOK'S ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

The club's big activity this month was sponsoring the 9th annual Steve Cross Memorial Children's Fishing Derby. The fishing derby is a joint effort sponsored by the Overbrook Rotary Club and the Overbrook Parks and Recreation department. There were exactly 100 children that participated and everyone who attended got a fishing rod, goody bag, and door prize.



In other news... the club welcomed a new member. Pictured are President Jon Wilhite and Rotarian Linda Ewing initiating the newest member, JC McFatton.

BURLINGTON ROTARY HAS NEW MEETING LOCATION

The Burlington Rotary Club has changed its meeting location. Effective Oct. 5, the club will meet at Coffey County Hospital, 801 N. Fourth St., Burlington, in the Allen Woods II Conference Room. The conference room is accessible by using the hospital's south entrance from Garrettson Street. Burlington Rotary Club meets at noon every Thursday.

NOTE:
Location
Change!

A poster for Rotary's World Polio Day Livestream event. It features a woman in a colorful orange and blue patterned headscarf and a young boy in an orange shirt. The woman is holding a small object, possibly a vaccine, near the boy's mouth. The text on the poster includes the Rotary logo, the slogan "I want to end polio. Join me.", and the event details: "Rotary's World Polio Day Livestream event 24 October 2017 5:30 p.m. EST". There is also a small "END POLIO NOW" logo and the website "endpolio.org" at the bottom right.

Rotary  

I want to
end polio.
Join me.

Rotary's World Polio Day
Livestream event
24 October 2017
5:30 p.m. EST

endpolio.org

TOPEKA WEST MEETINGS FEATURE FANTASTIC SPEAKERS

On August 30th, District Governor, Adam Ehlert, visited the Club and talked about why he became both interested and active in Rotary and also shared many of his experiences as a Rotarian to include his trip to Finland. He also challenged the TWR Club members as well as all members throughout the District to donate at least \$5.00 per member to the relief efforts in Texas and Louisiana. The TWR members gave an average of over \$10.00 per member.



The TWR joined all of the Topeka area Rotary Clubs and the Holton Rotary Club in sponsoring a welcome reception for Adam on August 31st. It was well attended and Adam again urged all of the Club members to donate to the hurricane relief efforts.



Victoria Watkins, a chemist for the state of Kansas, addressed the group in September regarding the Chemists Without Borders organization that is currently conducting experimental tests in Bangladesh, to help provide clean and safe drinking water for that country. Early results appear promising with more work yet to be done.

Brett Ballard, a former KU basketball player who played on the 2002 final-four team, spoke to the Club about his philosophies not only regarding coaching basketball, but also trying to create an environment which encourages the players to be responsible citizens, both now and in the future.



The Club also had its monthly Assembly meeting. The members continued to discuss ideas for this year's fundraiser and also decided to purchase dictionaries again this year to be distributed to third graders in eleven different elementary schools in Topeka. This project has been well received by both the students and the teachers for over ten years.

GLOBAL GRANT AWARDED FOR ECUADOR FISH MARKET PROJECT

In April of 2016, as Rotarians gathered at the District Conference in Leavenworth, KS, the news of a 7.8 magnitude earthquake in Ecuador was still on many minds. Discussion about how best to assist the citizens of Ecuador led to a long-term goal and project, which has today taken a step closer to fruition.

The Rotary Foundation has approved a Global Grant for \$52,503 for the Ecuador Fish Market Project that is being co-sponsored by clubs in District 5710 and the Rotary Club of Marin Evening (CA). The clubs are sponsoring this project to assist low-income fishing communities along the central coast of Ecuador where the earthquake occurred last year. The project will provide a fish processing center and fish market including clean water and sanitation disposal facilities. It will also include ice making equipment and a cold room to preserve and protect the 1,800 pounds of fish a day brought in by the fisherman's cooperative. The total project cost is \$112,439.

This is a partnership project with Rotary, the City of Manta, Ecuador, and the fisherman's cooperative. The City of Manta is now planning construction of the facility, which should begin soon. Hernan Nieto (Lawrence), Chuck Udell (Leawood) and Hank Chamberlain (Kansas City, KS) have been instrumental in the development of this project.

The local newspaper featured news of this project.





Rotary & Friends

A social mixer for Lawrence Rotarians and friends to enjoy local wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres and music at the beautiful Rotary Arboretum.

Proceeds will benefit Arboretum improvements.

Rotary Arboretum
5100 W 27th St, Lawrence
October 12, 2017 | 4-6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 and will be available through your Rotary club or at the event. For more information, contact Fred Atchison (785-341-0525) or Jim Peters (785-864-9142).



WRAP UP - UPCOMING EVENTS

Social Media Training—October 21—[Sign up here](#)

Foundation Dinner—November 11—[Sign up here](#)

PETS training—February 23/24, 2018

District Conference—April 27/28, 2018