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SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES
District 5710





Rotary International President, Shekhar Mehta

A quarter of the Rotary year is now behind us. I am sure you are helping Rotary to grow more and do more. And I hope you have already done your part for the Each One, Bring One initiative by introducing one person to Rotary.

Do you ever think about your earliest days as a Rotarian? I often do — because those first moments of discovering the power of service shaped who I am today. When I joined my Rotary club, our efforts focused on India's rural communities, where people were living without toilets, getting their drinking water from the same pond they bathed in, and sending their children to outdoor classrooms set up under a tree. The nearest health care provider often was miles away — and the services were inadequate. But after Rotary clubs carried out some service projects, the villages had toilets, clean drinking water, a classroom for early learning, and a nearby health care center.

The spark that Rotary kindled within me forced me to look beyond myself and embrace humanity. It made service a way of life and led me to a guiding principle I still stand by: Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on Earth.

If you feel the need to reignite the spark of service in yourself or your club, October — Community Economic Development Month — is a great time to do so. When we work to improve the lives of people in underserved communities — through, for example, projects that provide vocational training and access to financial resources — we help build and sustain local economic growth.

The need is great. According to the United Nations, 9 percent of the world's population — that's 700 million people, a majority of them in sub-Saharan Africa — live on less than \$1.90 a day. By supporting strong community development as well as entrepreneurs, we can help improve conditions for people in that region and others.

Your club can also promote economic development in your own community by expanding vocational training opportunities through local schools and community colleges, partnering with lenders to improve access to financial services, or working with a nonprofit that provides resources to entrepreneurs and connects them with the business community.



District 5710 Governor, Vernon Henricks

Rotarians, welcome to Manhattan!

We hope you enjoy our community and find the District Conference to be a valuable experience in your Rotary life. We have completed the first quarter of the year and I am excited and humbled by the reception and feedback that I have received from club visits. I have seen many Rotarians "Serving to Change Lives" which supports my goals to:

- 1. Educate and inspire** by reflecting on what Paul Harris set out to accomplish when he started Rotary and remind Rotarians of our focus to serve those in need. As Rotarians, we should all proudly serve our local communities, regional areas, and international causes.
- 2. Make impacts in the seven focus areas; locally, statewide, internationally** so we reaffirm to our members what Rotary is about and also educate non-Rotarians about our efforts—which hopefully will encourage others to join our Rotary organization.
- 3. Value the Service Above Self motto** so as Rotarians that we model that it is not about us, it is about making a difference in our communities and beyond.
- 4. Reflect on the Four Way Test** and demonstrate to all that we need to come together. There is no organization more capable of making this happen than Rotary.

I hope my year as District Governor helps all Rotarians to; 1) understand more about Rotary, 2) value the seven areas of focus, and 3) serve your communities proudly. It is our calling to "Serve to Change Lives" so as Rotarians we must answer the call.

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Thursday, October 21 Manhattan Country Club

12:30 p.m. Golf Event: Four-Person Scramble

5:00 p.m. Manhattan Conference Center **Flint Hills Room**

6:00 p.m. Registration

6:45 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Golf Awards

7:15 p.m. Opening

8:00 p.m. Speaker - Major General Douglas A. Sims

8:15 p.m. After Hours Social

9:00 p.m. VIP Social - (Invitation Only) **Konza Prairie Room C**

Conclusion

Friday, October 22 Manhattan Conference Center

7:00 a.m. Registration **Flint Hills Room**

7:15 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Opening

8:10 a.m. General Session #1 **Flint Hills Room**

Vern Henricks - Opening Comments

Dave Lewis - Rotary Trivia Contest

9:00 a.m. Break

9:15 a.m. Breakout Session #1

Dawn Buehler - A River Runs Through It

Jason Leib - Kill for Kisa

Jan Janasek, Dale Bradley, Joan Pierce - Polio Plus Panel Discussion

Konza Prairie Room A

Konza Prairie Room B

Konza Prairie Room C

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Breakout Session #2

Brad Loveless - Protecting the Environment & Promoting Outdoor Activities

Dave Lewis - Club Fundraising Ideas

Mandy Sheldon - Navigating MyRotary / Learning Club Runner

Konza Prairie Room A

Konza Prairie Room B

Konza Prairie Room C

11:30 a.m. Break

11:45 a.m. Lunch

12:15 p.m. General Session #2

Suzi Howe - Rotary International Update

Brian Clay - Journey from Olympic Gold to business entrepreneur

Flint Hills Room

1:30 p.m. Break

1:45 p.m. Breakout Session #3

Steven Graham, Ryan Klataske- Rotary Scholarship History and Impact

Deb Klutz / Usha Reddi - District 5710 approach to Human Trafficking

Greg Shondell - District Grants 101

Konza Prairie Room A

Konza Prairie Room B

Konza Prairie Room C

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Breakout Session #4

Jessica Northam - How Rotary Changed My Life Trajectory (Virtual)

Sipasi Olalekin Ayodele, Tricia Gott - The Mandela Washington Fellowship

Gary Duggan - Global Grant Partnering

Konza Prairie Room A

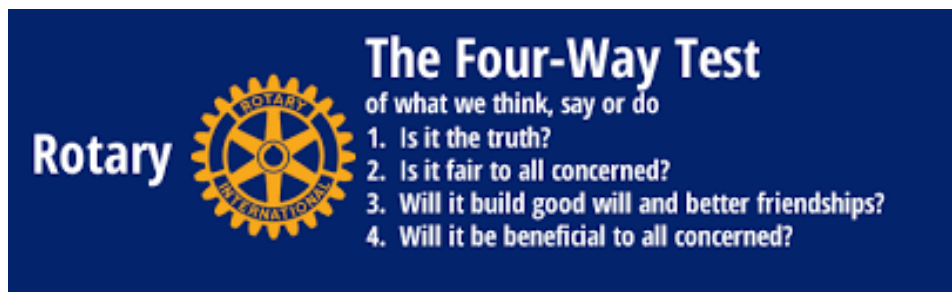
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4:00 p.m. Break

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4:15 p.m.	Breakout Sesssion #5 Christina Nolte - International Service Project/Birthing Kit Packaging	Konza Prairie Room A
5:00 p.m.	Break	
5:30 p.m.	Social	
6:00 p.m.	Opening	
6:10 p.m.	Dinner	
7:00 p.m.	General Session #3 Vern Henricks - DG Year Review Faron Barr - 2020 - 2021 Districts Awards Gary Duggan - Club Recognitions Suzi Howe - Distinguished Service Award Carl Chinnery - Rotary's Effort to Eradicate Polio	Flint Hills Room
8:15 p.m.	Break	Flint Hills Room
8:30 p.m.	After Hours Social	
10:00 p.m.	Conclusion	
Saturday, October 23 Manhattan Conference Center		
7:15 a.m.	Breakfast	Flint Hills Room
7:45 a.m.	Opening	
8:00 a.m.	General Session #4 Dr. Steven Short - New York COVID -19 Response March 2020 Mike Dodson -President's Award of Excellence Suzi Howe - Salute of Rotary Worldwide	
9:00 a.m.	Break	
9:15 a.m.	Breakout Sesssion #6 Isaac McNary - The Outreach Program Georgina Clemens - Digital Philanthropy Sierra Staatz, Cohen Lyle - Empowering Communities & Equipping Leaders	Konza Prairie Room A Konza Prairie Room B Konza Prairie Room C
10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m.	Breakout Session #7 Richard Sell - Satellite/Cause Club Reps - Membership Growth Panel Michelle Sink, Allie Cloyd - Interact/Rotaract Panel PDG Deb Rodenbaugh-Schaub, PDG Faron Barr - Want to Get Involved?	Konza Prairie Room A Konza Prairie Room B Konza Prairie Room C
11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:15 a.m.	General Session #5 DG Vern Henricks - Closing Comments Shekhar Mehta - RI President Message (Virtual)	Flint Hills Room
11:45 p.m.	Closing	



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Speaker Bio: Major General Douglas A. Sims II graduated from the U.S Military Academy at West Point in 1991 and was commissioned into the Infantry Branch.

Major General Sims most recently served as the Deputy Director for Regional Operations and Force Management, J-35, Joint Staff, Washington, DC. His previous assignments include: Director, Operations, Readiness and Mobilization, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, United States Army, Washington, DC; Deputy Commanding General (Support), 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas and Afghanistan; Chief of Staff, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado; Commander, 2d Cavalry Regiment, Germany and Afghanistan; Commander, 1st Squadron, 2d Cavalry Regiment, Germany and Afghanistan.

His operational deployments include OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, and multiple tours in support of both OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM (Afghanistan) and IRAQI FREEDOM (Iraq). MG Sims holds a Master of Arts in Management from Webster University and is a graduate of the Senior Service College Fellowship Program, Security Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Speaker Bio: Stephanie Meyer is a strategic communications professional with more than seventeen years of experience in building community consensus and crafting and delivering messaging for a variety of audiences, in a number of settings. She possesses an extensive knowledge of campaign planning and execution, as well as community, governmental, and media relations.



Speaker Bio: Wyatt Thompson is a four-time Kansas Sportscaster of the Year – including each of the last two years – and 2011 recipient of the Hod Hummiston Award, play-by-play announcer Wyatt serves as the anchor of the K-State Sports Network and returns for his 18th season behind the mic as “Voice of the Wildcats.” K-State’s Director of Sportscasting, Thompson also serves as host of the Chris Klieman and Bruce Weber shows on television and radio.

Thompson came to K-State from Colorado State, where he was the play-by-play voice for the Rams’ football and men’s basketball teams for five years. An accomplished broadcaster, he won the Colorado Broadcasting Association award for best play-by-play in 2000. Thompson started his broadcasting career in 1976 as a sportscaster for various high schools, colleges and universities in Kansas, spending time at stations in Hays and Goodland. He was recognized with the Kansas Association of Broadcasters Play-by-Play Award in 1982 and the Oscar Stauffer Sportscaster of the Year Award in 1989. Thompson and his wife, Karen, reside in Manhattan.



Presentation: Suzi Howe will provide the Rotary International Directors’ Update.

Speaker Bio: Susan “Suzi” C. Howe serves as the RI Director for 2020-2022. She is responsible for two R.I. Regions (32 & 36), encompassing Central America, Venezuela, and Columbia and parts of the U.S. Suzi joined Rotary in 1992 and within six months was serving on her club’s board. A fundraiser extraordinaire, Suzi has served on three Million Dollar Dinner committees and chaired an event that raised \$3.8 million for The Rotary Foundation. She and her husband, Bill, are Arch Klumph Society and Bequest Society members.

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Presentation: As the 2021-2022 District Governor, Vern's goal is "to educate and inspire". During this presentation, DG Henricks will encourage clubs to focus on projects in Rotary's seven areas of focus to 1) make an impact locally, 2) to have clubs' team up for a District impact, and 3) to team up with club(s) anywhere to make an impact internationally.

Speaker Bio: Vern Henricks serves as the District Governor for District 5710. He has spent 40 years in the development profession with the last eight serving as the President and CEO of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. Vern has been an active member of Rotary since 1988, serving as President of the Manhattan Rotary Club in 2017-18; and chair of the 100th anniversary celebration in 2017. He is a Paul Harris Fellow (+5).



Presentation: This presentation will give some background and history about the Kansas River and Friends of the Kaw (FOK), the river's current situation, and future threats. Collaborative projects with Rotary clubs in the district and other community/governmental organizations will be highlighted. Opportunities for partnerships with Rotary clubs along the Kaw will be discussed.

Speaker Bio: Dawn Buehler, Kansas Riverkeeper® & Executive Director of Friends of the Kaw was born and raised in the Kaw River Valley in DeSoto on a 2,000-acre crop farm. Her love for the river began at an early age when she would sit and watch the sunset on the river at the end of each farm day. Dawn earned a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Conservation from Oregon State University and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Baker University. Dawn's passion is watershed management and finding ways to work together to improve our watershed and the quality of the Kansas River. As a Kansas native, Dawn has a vested interest and passion for the river. Dawn also serves as the current Chairperson for the Kansas Water Authority.



Presentation: In early October 2021, PDG Jason Leib will attempt to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa with a group including Rotarians and local young female graduates of the Rotary supported Kisa Project, a leadership course that prepares girls in their last two years of secondary school to attend university and create positive social change in their communities. Find out more about Kisa, whether everyone was able to reach the summit, and hear stories about why the climb is only one of many challenges faced by these young women.

Speaker Bio: Jason Leib is Past-President (2009-2010) of the Lenexa Rotary Club and Past District Governor (2019-2020) of District 5710. Jason is a Paul Harris Fellow (+7) and a member of the Paul Harris Society. Jason is past chair of CERI (County Economic Research Institute). Other community involvement includes serving on the Lenexa Vision 2030 project, the Economic Development Task Force, the Johnson County Courthouse Advisory Panel, and the Lenexa Citizens Police Academy. By day, Jason is the Operations Manager for Onsite Logic, a technology services firm in Lenexa. He is also the co-owner of Transport Brewery in Shawnee.



Presentation: Many fish and wildlife species are in decline in Kansas. The causes for these declines and the importance of sensitive fish, wildlife and plant species and their habitats to our own survival and quality of life will be discussed.

Speaker Bio: Brad Loveless is currently the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP). Prior to KDWP, he had a 34-year career at Westar which included serving as the senior director of environmental conservation and sustainability. He also served as director of biology and conservation and one of the leaders of Westar's Green Team. In 2009, he was recognized by the Kansas Wildlife Federation as Wildlife Conservationist of the Year. Brad serves on the board of the Kansas Historical Foundation, Kansas Land Trust and on the Kansas Water Authority. He is on the Kansas Forest Service Advisory Council and Chairman of the Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams. Brad has B.S. in Zoology from The Ohio State University and an M.S. in Biology from University of Kansas.

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Presentation: Stuck in the same mode for fundraising. Come learn from the master some quick tips and tools for fundraising and have fun in the process.

Speaker Bio: Dave Lewis is the morning host and Program Director for KMAN Radio Show (93.7 FM). You will recognize his voice as the public address announcer for K-State football and basketball games. As owner of Dave Lewis Entertainment, Dave is an accomplished Master of Ceremonies, wedding reception entertainer, disc jockey, and yes, a game show host.



Presentation: Want to get the most out of your searching on My Rotary and Club Runner? Learn how to navigate both applications and common assets available in these tools to improve your Rotary experience. On My Rotary, view your profile, giving history and more. For Club Runner, learn the types of access available to the general membership, learn how to view the directory, update your picture, edit your biography, email members and more.

Speaker Bio: Mandy Sheldon is the District Executive for District 5710. She joined the Rotary Club of Gardner in 2001 – and life changed forever! She has served as Club Secretary, Club President, Assistant Governor and Lt. Governor. Mandy also works for the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri and the Rotary Club of Overland Park. Mandy lives in Edgerton with her husband Jon and their fur-baby Calvin. When not working or volunteering for Rotary, they enjoy hiking, kayaking and spending time at the Lake of the Ozarks.



Presentation: Founded by Bryan Clay and Joe Culver, Eat The Frog Fitness is a new fitness training concept born from decades of elite, science-based athletic training, and expert knowledge of the fitness industry. "Your 'frog' is your biggest, hardest task of the day", according to Clay. "I think of it as the one immediate task that could have the greatest positive impact on your life and for many people, that's fitness."

Speaker Bio: Olympic Decathlon Gold & Silver Medalist, Bryan Clay earned the title of "The World's Greatest Athlete" during the Beijing Olympics in 2008. So, what does a 2-time Olympic Medalist, 3-time World Champion, and 4-time US National Champion do after his athletic career ends? Well true to form, Bryan has continued his relentless pursuit of accomplishment, only this time in the entrepreneurial world.



Presentation: In 1947, Rotary International began funding students to study abroad to honor the memory of Paul Harris, Rotary's founder. Over the years, District 5710 has selected many scholars to receive Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships and, more recently, Rotary Global Scholar Grants. We will review the programs and the impact the scholarships have had on numerous District students. One scholar, Dr. Ryan Klataske, will speak about his experience in Namibia and resulting career.

Speaker Bio: Steven Graham is the District 5710 Education and Scholarships Chair. He has been a member of the Manhattan Rotary Club since 1984 and is currently President-Elect as well as Membership Committee Co-Chair. He was Rotarian of the Year in 2019-2020. Steven is a Paul Harris Fellow (+5) and a member of the Paul Harris Society.

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Presentation: This presentation will provide an overview of Homestead Ministries, a long-term, recovery/transitional program for adult, female survivors of human sex trafficking that is making a difference in the lives of survivors. The Community Action Against Human Trafficking (CAAHT) is a Rotary cause club dedicated and committed to putting an end to human trafficking through advocacy, legislation, education, prevention and providing resources and support for victims, survivors and their families here and abroad. The speakers will discuss their collaborations and opportunities to involve Rotary Clubs.

Speakers Bio: Since 2012, Deb Kluttz has served as the Founder and Executive Director of Homestead Ministries. She has expanded Homestead Ministries from one chapter in Manhattan to a second chapter in Salina. She also serves on the leadership team at Westview Community Church. Deb earned a Bachelor of Science in Bible/Family Ministry at Manhattan Christian College and a Master of Science in Leadership at Grand Canyon University. She was ordained in the Wesleyan Church in 2004. She has three children, eight grandchildren and a ninth on the way.



Speaker Bio: Usha Reddi is a member of the Manhattan City Commission and an adjunct instructor in the Staley School of Leadership Studies at K-State. Twice, Usha served as Mayor of Manhattan and for more than 15 years taught in USD 383. In 2019, Usha was the recipient of the National Foundation for Women Legislators with the Elected Women of Excellence Award. She is the current president of the Rotary Club of Community Action Against Human Trafficking (CAAHT).



Presentation: This session includes everything you wanted to know about district grants, the funding, the process and more.

Speaker Bio: Greg Shondell is a third-generation owner of Heathwood Oil Co., Inc. in Kansas City, Kansas. He joined the Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club in 1983, joining his father who was a longtime member and past-president of the club. He is a past-president of the club, and currently Treasurer and Foundation Chair. Greg has served as District 5710's Grants Subcommittee Chair since 2014.



Presentation: After completing her graduate degree in drama therapy, Jessica Northam, embarked on a Rotary Global Grant Scholarship working in Barranquilla, Colombia. She developed peer-led drama therapy groups for female victims of displacement and conflict. This experience launched a career in mental health and has inspired her to continue work and studies in supporting communities recovering after trauma.

Speaker Bio: Jessica Northam is a registered drama therapist of the North American Drama Therapy Association with specializations in trauma-centered psychotherapy and trauma-sensitive program development. She has worked in clinical, educational, and humanitarian settings in the United States and abroad. She now works as a Drama Therapist for a small provider group specializing in trauma and perinatal mental health while completing a second graduate degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Her work during her Rotary Global Scholar Year has been featured in Las Gardenias and was shown at the New York Film Festival in Dec 2020.

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Presentation: The Mandela Washington Fellowship Leadership Institutes are comprehensive programs designed to build skills and empower Fellows to lead in their respective sectors and communities through the themes of business, civic engagement, and public management. Since 2014, almost 5,100 young leaders from every country in Sub-Saharan Africa have participated in the Fellowship. K-State hosts one of the nine Leadership in Civic Engagement Institutes. Learn about the institutes, hear from a Mandela Fellow, and learn how the program has impacted the development of educational/leadership programming at K-State.

Speaker Bio: Sipasi Olalekin Ayodele is the Founder/CEO of [ProtectOzone Sustainable Livelihood Initiative](#) where he trains indigent Children, Youth, Active Citizens and Farmers in Sustainable Agricultural Practice and Climate / City Smart Agriculture to alleviate poverty, fight hunger and systematically protect the ozone layer from depletion. He currently serves as a Graduate Research Assistant in the department of Horticulture and Natural Resources at K-State. In June of 2020, he was awarded the YNaija most Powerful Young Nigerian in Advocacy and in August 2021 named a Top Ten Outstanding Youth in Nigeria.



Speaker Bio: Trisha Gott, PhD, is an Assistant Professor and the Associate Director for the Staley School of Leadership Studies at K-State. At the School, she teaches courses in discourse analysis and leadership. She is the administrative director for the Mandela Washington Fellowship Leadership and Civic Engagement at Kansas State.



Presentation: Learn the application process for global grants and how to find global grant partners.

Speaker Bio: Gary Duggan has been a member of the Gardner Rotary Club since 2000. He served as club president from 2002-2003. For District 5710, he has been a trainer, assistant governor and district governor (2013-2014). He is currently the District Foundation Chair. Gary is a member of the Paul Harris Society, the Bequest Society, and a major donor.



Service Project: As a part of the 2021 District 5710 Conference, Rotarians will be packaging 1,000 clean birthing kits to be shipped to Nigeria, Mumbai, Nepal, Uganda, the Philippines and others for distribution. Our International Rotary partners are proud to receive the kits and help us carry out this simple, yet impactful service project.

Event Organizer Bio: Christina Nolte is Executive Director of Good Shepherd Homecare & Hospice and member of the Manhattan Rotary Club. In 2017, she realized that the focus on Maternal and Child Health was lacking in the Club and organized two events with assembly lines for packing clean birthing kits. To date, the Club has packaged and shipped 1,400 kits to International Rotary Club partners. She is member of the Manhattan Rotary Board of Directors, the 2018 Rotarian of the year and a Paul Harris Fellow.

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Presentation: In 1942, Rotarian Carl Chinnery, his four brothers and his father all contracted polio within three days of each other. During his presentation, he will share his experience along with the history of polio and Rotary's efforts in coming "this close" to eradicating polio.

Speakers Bio: Carl Chinnery, is a member of the Lee's Summit Rotary Club, a Past District Governor, and a Distinguished Service Award recipient. Carl has served in various District 6040 Foundation Committee roles. He is known at the District and Zone level as the spokesman for Rotary's PolioPlus Campaign to eradicate Polio in the world.



Presentation: This is the story of a Manhattan Kansas doctor responding to the call for assistance in Manhattan, New York in the first couple of weeks of the pandemic.

Speaker Bio: Dr. Steven Short is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, Critical Care Medicine and Sleep Medicine. His training included a Fellowship at the Center for Disease Control (1990-1995). He served as an Internal Medicine physician with the Indian Health Service, Medical Director for W. W. Hastings Hospital, Tahlequah Oklahoma (1986-1990) and completed an Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Kansas, Wichita (1983-1986).



Presentation: The Outreach Program is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded and operated by Rotarians from Iowa. The values of Rotary are at the core of The Outreach Program's mission to provide safe water, food, medical care and education to children and those in need at home and abroad.

Speaker Bio: Isaac McNary is a Program Director for The Outreach Program and focuses his efforts on international projects and developmental work in Tanzania, East Africa. He is currently the President of The Rotary Club of El Dorado, a Paul Harris Fellow, and serves on the Public Image and End Polio Now committees for Rotary District 5680. In 2009, Isaac began engaging hundreds of thousands of volunteers across the U.S. in meal packing events to package more than 50 million meals for food insecure people in America and various developing countries. During the response to the Haiti earthquake in 2010, he coordinated a six-month effort to engage more than 120,000 volunteers across America to package more than 20 million meals for disaster relief. During the pandemic of 2020, he coordinated the packaging of more than 10 million meals in Kansas for a nationwide response.



Presentation: Digital giving is the fastest growing means of philanthropic giving today. During the session, we will showcase how local clubs can highlight their service and the Rotary mission digitally. This approach can perpetually serve as a way to encourage new and previous donors, supporting the future impact of your club.

Speaker Bio: Georgina Clemens is a Marketing Account Executive for August United, a national influencer marketing agency, specializing in connecting social media influencers with brands to promote their stories and missions. Georgina's philanthropic experiences come from her work in non-profit organizations highlighted by her time as a Digital Development Officer for the K-State Foundation where she played a key role in growing the position. She established a new way of managing mid-level donors, converting them to major gift donors, while implementing digital giving strategies that enhanced the donor's journey. Introduced to Rotary through RYLA during her junior year of high school, she continued to participate through Interact. After moving back to the Manhattan area in 2019, she joined the Manhattan Rotary Club. She currently serves as a Board Member and the Public Image Co-Chair.

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Presentation: What do Rotary Club and Engineers Without Borders have in common? Established in 2013, Engineers Without Borders at Kansas State University has allowed individuals to create purposeful designs that help solve the world's most pressing challenges. With a focus on sustainability, the chapter has completed two projects and now increased the locations and types of projects throughout Latin America! Presenters will walk audience members through Engineers Without Border's project phases and community driven approach to show how we care about providing a solution WITH the community, not FOR the community!

Speaker Bio: Sierra Staatz is a senior studying chemical engineering at Kansas State University and originally from Tonganoxie, Kansas. In her four years of involvement in Engineers Without Borders she has held various roles with her current role being president of the Kansas State University Chapter and an executive member of the Midwest Regional Committee. Sierra will graduate in May of 2022 with hopes of working in biotechnology, process design, or manufacturing.



Speaker Bio: Cohen Lyle is studying mechanical engineering at Kansas State University and originally from Scranton, Kansas. In Engineers Without Borders, he has been a committed individual in fundraising for the program as fundraising chair, financial team lead, and his current role as Treasurer. He plans to graduate in May of 2023 with a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master's in Business Administration.



Presentation: In this interactive session, members from across the district will share how they grew their membership.

Moderator Bio: Richard "Rich" Sell is the current President of Manhattan Konza Rotary Club that has 98 dedicated Rotarians. He previously served as the Programs Chair and Membership Chair during which 23 new members joined Konza Rotary. Rich retired from Kansas State University in July of 2020 after serving five years as the Director of Corporate Engagement. Rich enjoys working with the First Tee organization as a coach, gardening and golf.



Speaker Bio: Crystal Bryant-Kearns has been a member of the Konza Rotary Club of Manhattan, KS since 2014, serving as Young Professionals Chair, Membership Chair, Programs Chair and President of the Club. Her family hosted a Rotary Youth Exchange student in 2019 from Brazil, which was a wonderful experience! Crystal was awarded the Quiet Rotarian of the Year in 2016, is a Paul Harris Fellow (+4), and serves on the District #5710 Nominating Committee. Crystal lives with her husband, Ben, and their 3 children in Manhattan and supports our US Military service members and their families, serving as the Senior Transitions Operations Manager for the USO (United Services Organization).

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Presentation: Hear from Interactors and Rotaractors from across the District as they discuss how they handled the pandemic, the service projects they have been a part of, and what being part of Rotary means to them.

Moderator Bio: Michelle Sink is the Area Director of KS Big Brothers Big Sisters for North Central KS. Her Rotary roots go back to her father being a Rotarian for as long as I can remember. Her family supported a Rotary Exchange Student from the Netherlands when she was in high school. Michelle has been a member of the Manhattan Konza Rotary Club for five years, serving as the Club Service Chair, Membership Chair and now President Elect. She was part of the team that launched a young professional satellite club within the Konza club. She also serves as the District Interact Chair for 5710.



Presentation: Hear from two past district governors on ways to become involved at the district level.

Speakers Bio: Faron Barr served as the 2020-2021 District Governor, where he saw the birth of a cause and satellite club, the awarding of a Global Grant for a facility for victims of sex trafficking and much more. A Past President of the Topeka South Rotary club, Faron also served as the District 5710 RYLA Chairperson from 2016-2018. Faron was the race director for Topeka South's annual Pumpkin Run from 2016-2018, which raised significant funds for Polio Plus. He has been a financial advisor with T&M Financial, Inc. in Topeka, KS for 17 years.



Speaker Bio: Debra Rodenbaugh Schaub served as district governor from 2014-2015. As President of the Konza Rotary Club in 2009/2010, she led a successful NYC Marathon fundraising project, partnering with the Manhattan New York Club. Debra served on two water filter installation teams in Panama. She has co-chaired two district-wide Peace Forums and a Peace Essay contest open to Riley and Pottawatomie County high school students. A highlight of her 28 years in Rotary was a Group Study Exchange in 1994 to Sweden.

Polio panel

Jan Janasek - Seventy years ago, October 5, 1951, I contracted polio at the age of 11. I was hospitalized for almost 3 months in Asbury Hospital in Salina, coming home just before Christmas. I was very fortunate to be in the Dr.'s office when I became paralyzed. The rest of the story to follow.

Dale Bradley - My brother contracted polio at a very young age. He was born in the middle 30's. The entire left side of his body was affected by the disease. He lived to be sixty years of age and died from heart failure. I was a younger child when he contacted the disease. I did not get polio or did my brother two years younger than me. It was a struggle for the entire family, both from a psychological standpoint and from the social aspect.

Joan Pierce - My experience of living with my paternal grandfather who had polio as a child and how it impacted the course of his life and his family. We lived with him until his death in 1957. He contracted polio as a young man and had what was once a common sight-a crutch and a shoe with a built up sole.

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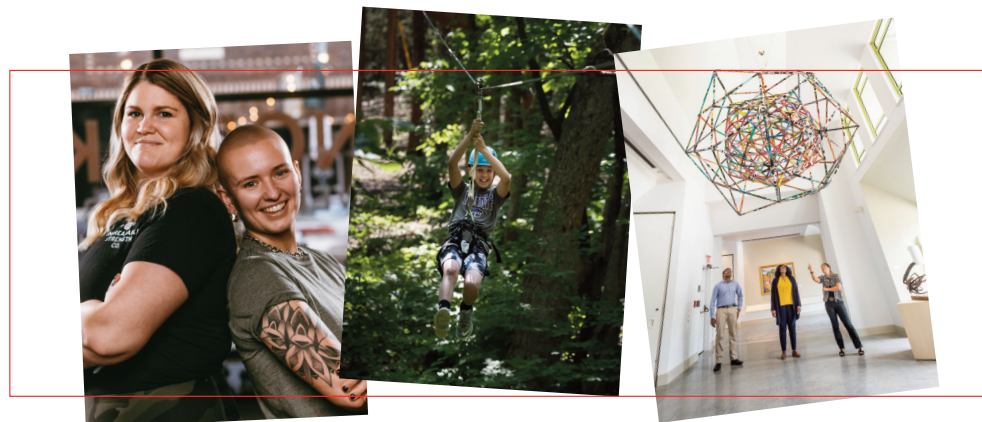


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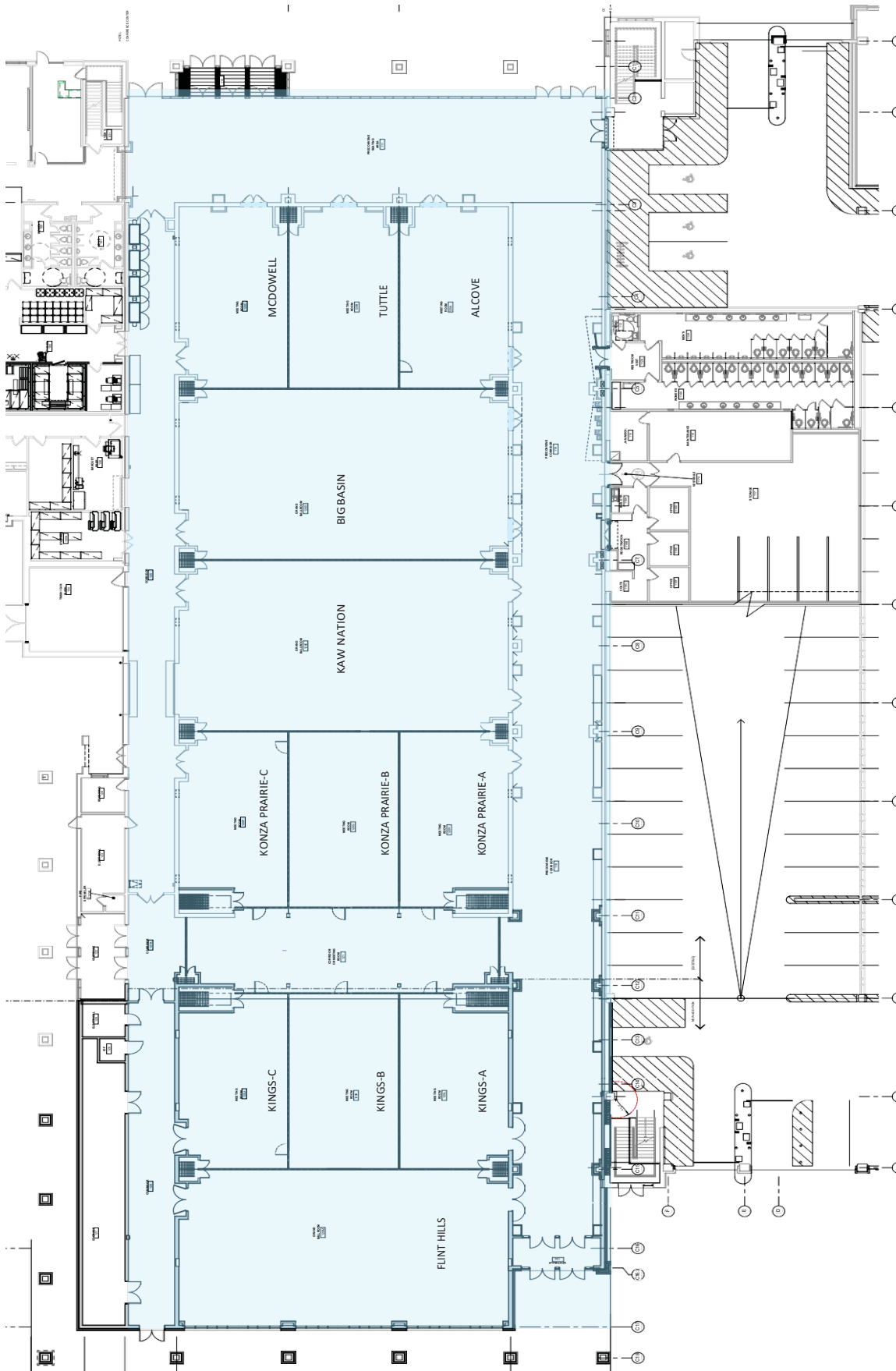
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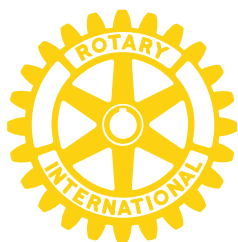
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The roots of Rotary's polio eradication efforts

On 29 September 1979, volunteers administered drops of oral polio vaccine to children at a health center in Guadalupe Viejo, Makati, Philippines. When James L. Bomar Jr., then RI president, put the first drops of vaccine into a child's mouth, he ceremonially launched the Philippine poliomyelitis immunization effort. Rotary's first Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant project was underway. Bomar and Enrique M. Garcia, the country's minister of health, had earlier signed an agreement committing Rotary International and the government of the Philippines to a joint multiyear effort to immunize about 6 million children against polio, at a cost of about \$760,000. The project's success led Rotary to make polio eradication a top priority. Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985 and was a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988. Through decades of commitment and work by Rotary and our partners, more than 2.5 billion children have received the oral polio vaccine. Some major milestones of polio are;

- 1894** - The first major documented polio outbreak in the United States occurs in Vermont; 18 deaths and 132 cases of permanent paralysis are reported.
- 1905** - Swedish physician Ivar Wickman suggests that polio is a contagious disease that can spread from person to person, and also recognizes that polio could be present in people who show no symptoms.
- 1908** - 2 physicians in Vienna, Karl Landsteiner and Erwin Popper, discover that polio is caused by a virus.
- 1916** - A major polio outbreak in New York City kills more than 2,000 people. Across the United States, polio takes the lives of about 6,000 people, and paralyzes thousands more.
- 1929** - Philip Drinker and Harvard University's Louis Agassiz Shaw Jr. invent an artificial respirator for patients suffering from paralytic polio — the iron lung.
- 1955** - A vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk is declared "safe and effective."
- 1960** - The U.S. government licenses the oral polio vaccine developed by Dr. Albert Sabin.
- 1979** - Rotary International begins its fight against polio with a multi-year project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines.
- 1985** - Rotary International launches PolioPlus, the first and largest internationally coordinated private-sector support of a public health initiative, with an initial fundraising target of US\$120 million.
- 1988** - Rotary International and the World Health Organization launch the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. There are an estimated 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries.
- 1994** - The International Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication announces that polio has been eliminated from the Americas.
- 1995** - Health workers and volunteers immunize 165 million children in China and India in 1 week. Rotary launches the PolioPlus Partners program, enabling Rotary members in polio-free countries to provide support to fellow members in polio-affected countries for polio eradication activities.
- 2000** - A record 550 million children – almost 10% of the world's population – receive the oral polio vaccine. The Western Pacific region, spanning from Australia to China, is declared polio-free.
- 2003** - The Rotary Foundation raises \$119 million in a 12-month campaign. Rotary's total contribution to polio eradication exceeds \$500 million. Six countries remain polio-endemic – Afghanistan, Egypt, India, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan.
- 2004** - In Africa, synchronized National Immunization Days in 23 countries target 80 million children, the largest coordinated polio immunization effort on the continent.
- 2006** - The number of polio-endemic countries drops to 4 - Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, Pakistan.
- 2009** - Rotary's overall contribution to the eradication effort nears \$800 million. In January, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation pledges \$355 million and issues Rotary a challenge grant of \$200 million. This announcement will result in a combined \$555 million in support of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.
- 2011** - Rotary welcomes celebrities and other major public figures into a new public awareness campaign and ambassador program called "This Close" to ending polio. Program ambassadors include Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Desmond Tutu, violinist Itzhak Perlman, co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Bill Gates, Grammy Award-winning singers Angelique Kidjo and Ziggy Marley, and environmentalist Dr. Jane Goodall. Rotary's funding for polio eradication exceeds \$1 billion.
- 2012** - India surpasses 1 year without a recorded case of polio and is removed from the list of countries where polio is endemic. Polio remains endemic in just 3 countries. Rotary surpasses its \$200 Million Challenge fundraising goal more than 5 months earlier than expected.
- 2014** - India goes 3 full years without a new case caused by the wild poliovirus, and the World Health Organization certifies the South-East Asia region polio-free. Polio cases are down over 99% since 1988.
- 2019** - Nigeria goes 3 full years without a new case caused by the wild poliovirus.
- 2020** - The World Health Organization certifies the African region wild polio-free.

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever. The organization's efforts have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

