

Beginning in August 2015, Lawrence Central Rotary President Kate Campbell sent monthly email communication to the members of the club to ensure that everyone knew about happenings and projects in a timely way.

AUGUST is Rotary Membership and Retention Month!

This month is a perfect time to begin sending periodic updates about Lawrence Central Rotary activities. Everyone needs to know when our “Service Above Self” initiatives kick into action. Plan to help with the club projects, even if you aren’t able to make it to meetings regularly. We want every member of Lawrence Central Rotary be engaged and involved in the activities of the club.

SAVE THE DATES

- Saturday, September 19—Community Bike Ride/East
- Friday and Saturday, October 2 & 3, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.—Plant mums in Downtown Lawrence
- Wednesday, October 7—Help with Safe Routes to School initiative

NEWS

Lynn O’Neal is drafting a District Grant request so that we can fund a **ShelterBox** during the coming fiscal year. Periodically, we’ll dedicate our Happy Dollars for a meeting to that initiative. Thanks for doing this work, Lynn!

Kevin Munge, a **Rotary Youth Exchange** student from Sweden, has arrived in Lawrence. He will be hosted by the Rotary clubs for the 2015-2016 academic year. Kevin will enroll as a senior at Free State High School. Welcome him to our meeting tomorrow, August 12.

Scott Wagner has filled our **program roster** for the entire fall! Watch for his emails each week about what will be happening at the meetings.

Kate Campbell, Shelly McColm, and Fred Atchison attended the **Foundation, Membership, and Leadership** training session in Topeka on Saturday, August 8, and came back with lots of ideas and many new contacts.

September: *Rotary Youth Services/New Generations Month*

October: *Vocational Service Month*

November: *Rotary Foundation Month*

We're not following the Rotary calendar exactly, but we certainly can feel good about focusing on Rotary priorities. In fact, we'll take credit for being proactive!

At our August 12 meeting, we enjoyed our youth and the support we provide to them when we hosted our middle-school and high-school children and grandchildren for lunch. We heard the stories from this year's Sister Cities travelers to Japan and welcomed Kevin Munge as a Rotary Youth Exchange student here in Lawrence. And of course, we have our Community Bike Rides in both July and September.

September's series of vocational programs by our newer members has jumped us "ahead" to October's focus on Vocational Services—as well as continued August's emphasis on membership and retention.

And thanks to Michael Steinle's periodic briefings about Rotary's international efforts and Lynn O'Neal's work to submit a grant proposal to fund a ShelterBox, we are well on the way to celebrating November's emphasis on Rotary Foundation.

Muddled? Of course. But what is clear is that the priorities of Rotary are thoroughly integrated into how we spend our time at Lawrence Central Rotary!

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- Saturday, September 26, 9:00 a.m. to noon—Rotary Arboretum work day
- Friday and Saturday, October 2 & 3, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.—Plant mums in Downtown Lawrence
- Wednesday, October 7—Cheer the walkers during "Safe Routes to School"

NEWS

The Board recommends a number of changes to the club **by-laws**. We will make time at the October 7 quarterly meeting to highlight suggested changes, gather your comments, and answer your questions. A vote to accept the new document will take place at the annual meeting in mid-November.

Jim Peters will invite nominations from the floor for **next year's officers** at the October 7 quarterly meeting. A vote will take place at the annual meeting in November.

Invoices for October, November, and December dues will arrive before the end of September.

OCTOBER: A Look Back and a Step Forward!

Time flies when we are busy, and certainly the past three months have been full of activity for Lawrence Central Rotary.

COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE SUCCESSES

First and foremost, Lawrence Central Rotary hosted not one, but two successful Community Bike Rides! On September 19, our riders numbered 93; in July, we had comparable participation. These rides seem to happen effortlessly, but of course, that is not the case. While a sunny morning never hurts, it is Steve Lane, project chair, and his meticulous planning that make these events routine enough to host more than once a year.

In preparation for the rides, Steve Lane and Jim Peters solicited cash and in-kind contributions totaling over \$2,500. With the club's contribution of \$1,000, all expenses fell within budget, and there is a small surplus that can be used for vests and helmets next year. Many club members supported the rides with financial sponsorships from their businesses. Shelly McColm arranged the printing and distribution of flyers, posters, yard signs, and banners not once, but twice, to be sure that the event was well-publicized, while Tobin Neis marshalled social networking to spread the word.

The clockwork execution on the day of the rides is a result not only of Steve's planning, but also of the marvelous cooperation among Lawrence Central Rotarians. Each person knows his or her assigned responsibility, fulfills it, then assists in any other way that is needed. At each event, our volunteers tallied over 20 people. That means that over 70% of our club's members helped at one or both events, supplemented by family and other community helpers. The comradery and opportunity for small talk is as important as the community outreach. Many, many thanks to all who make this event possible!

OTHER ACTIVITIES THIS QUARTER

While the Community Bike Rides were our primary focus, we've accomplished a lot of other things during the past months:

- Sam Bhakta and George Brenner have made a smooth transition of the treasurer's duties.
- Kate Campbell, Fred Atchison, and Shelly McColm attended the District 5710 "Foundation, Membership, and Leadership" conference and brought back new ideas, technology know-how, and renewed enthusiasm.
- Steve Mason and Janis Bunker joined the club, bringing our total membership to 30 people.
- Lynn O'Neal prepared a successful grant proposal to purchase another ShelterBox.
- Our members turned out to clean-up and plant at the Rotary Arboretum and in Downtown Lawrence.

- Kevin Munge, Youth Exchange student, visited our meetings.
- And we updated the ClubRunner database with current emails, phone numbers, and additional information on our members.
- Nancy Hause, Fred Atchison, and Tobin Neis teamed to keep our website up-to-date.

And each week, Scott Wagner ensured that we had an eclectic mix of speakers: local non-profit leaders (Willow Domestic Violence Center; Big Brothers/Big Sisters); members explaining what they do for a living (architect; architectural engineer; arts education programming); folks who described the new and curious (students' experiences of Japanese culture in Hiratsuka, Lawrence's Sister City; hypnotherapy; the Bee Hotel at the KU Field Station; archiving digital records); and civic leaders who updated us on current happenings in the city and state (a wrap-up of the legislative session; real estate sales trends in Lawrence).

PREPARE FOR THE QUARTERLY PLANNING MEETING THIS WEEK

The Board recommends a number of **changes to the club by-laws**. Both the 2012 version of the bylaws and the revised version with recommended changes as of 9-22-2015 are attached to this email for your review. At the Quarterly Planning Meeting on October 7 we will highlight suggested changes, gather your comments, and answer your questions. A vote to accept a new version of the bylaws will take place at the annual meeting in mid-November.

It is time to nominate **officers for the coming Rotary year**. We will invite nominations from the floor at the October 7 Quarterly Planning Meeting. If you prefer, you may contact President-Elect Jim Peters in the coming weeks to suggest a Rotarian as a potential club leader or express your own interest in serving. A vote on officers will take place at the annual meeting on November 18.

Other agenda items:

- Upcoming programs
- Holiday luncheon
- Rotary Direct sign-up instructions
- Wreath sales
- Support for KU International students

NEWS

We have received a District Grant for \$666 to purchase another ShelterBox this year. Lawrence Central Rotary has committed to contribute \$334 in matching money. Thank you once again to Lynn O'Neal for drafting and submitting the grant proposal.

Lawrence Central Rotary is eligible for this grant money because we have consistently contributed to the Annual Programs (SHARE) Fund. And when we give \$100 per member, we earn the STAR club designation and are eligible for bonus dollars from the District. The money

that we send to the Annual Fund is invested for three years. After that time, it is returned to District 5710 for District Designated Funds (DDF). The District, in turn, distributes up to half of the DDF money to clubs for initiatives proposed by a club (such as the ShelterBox we are going to buy) and half to Global Grants initiated in the District. Read more about how our contributions return to us in the form of District Designated Funds on ClubRunner: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50021/SitePage/grants>

REMINDER: Pay your dues for October, November, and December.

SAVE THE DATES

Plan to help with the club projects and attend special events, even if you aren't able to make it to meetings regularly. We want every member of Lawrence Central Rotary be engaged and involved in the activities of the club.

- Wednesday, October 7—Cheer the walkers during “Safe Routes to School” (The flyer for the event is attached to this email.)
- Wednesday, October 7—Quarterly Planning Meeting
- Wednesday, October 7—Wreath sale begins!
- Friday, October 23—Jayhawk Rotary Trivia Contest
- Wednesday, October 28—Visit from District Governor John Donovan
- Wednesday, November 18—Annual Meeting
- Wednesday, December 2—Holiday luncheon; RSVP to Janis Bunker
- Saturday, December 5—Bell ringing for Salvation Army

NOVEMBER: Focus on Rotary Foundation

In recent presentations, both District Governor John Donovan and Vickie Randel, District Foundation Chair, highlighted the impact that The Rotary Foundation has in District 5710 as well around the world. Lawrence Central Rotary can be proud of our support of the Foundation. Our personal contributions and our annual wreath sale proceeds have enabled much good work around the world. And our dollars have been returned to us through the District Grant that helps to purchase of another ShelterBox this year.

- Have you enrolled in **Rotary Direct**? Instructions for signing up to contribute to the Foundation through Rotary Direct are attached to this email. They can also be found in the Club Documents section under the “Membership” tab on the LCR website.
- Kate and Nancy are offering their **tickets to “Little Mermaid”** at Theatre Lawrence (2 seats to any performance you choose) in exchange for your contribution to The Rotary Foundation. The tickets are worth \$25 each. Call Kate at 856-1038 or send an email if you are interested.

PREPARE FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2015

The Board recommends a number of **changes to the club by-laws**. After gathering feedback concerning the changes in recent weeks, several modifications have been made to the version of the document distributed in October. The newly-revised version with recommended changes as of 11-10-2015 is attached to this email. We will vote to accept or reject this version of the bylaws at the annual meeting.

Jim Peters is inviting individuals to serve as **officers for the coming Rotary year**. In the next few days, he will distribute a slate of members willing to assume club leadership roles. If you are interested in serving, contact Jim as soon as possible. A vote to elect officers will take place at the annual meeting on November 18.

Other agenda items:

We are working to ensure that membership records are up-to-date before we pay our next installment of Rotary International dues on January 1, 2016. **Pay your dues by November 23 for the current quarter**—October, November, and December 2015. Your timeliness will help!

- Chuck Udell, Paul Harris Fellows and Rotary Leadership Institute
- Holiday luncheon details
- Adopt a Family and Bell-ringing for Salvation Army
- Membership dinners
- LCR Bike Committee and Bike/Ped involvement

'Tis the Season, FA-LA-LA!

Our **holiday luncheon buffet** will take place at noon on Wednesday, December 2, at the Eldridge. The Chamber Choir from Lawrence High School will sing for us. It is a festive time to invite a guest to join you at a meeting. Watch for details and a request for RSVP from Janis Bunker.

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- Saturday, December 5—Bell ringing for Salvation Army
- Tuesday, December 8—Board meeting at 8:00 a.m., HyVee at Kasold and Clinton Parkway
- Tuesday, January 12, 2016—Board meeting at 8:00 a.m., HyVee at Kasold and Clinton Parkway
- Wednesday, January 13, 2016—Quarterly Planning Meeting

NO MEETINGS on these Wednesdays:

- Thanksgiving week, November 25
- Christmas week, December 23
- New Year's week, December 30

DECEMBER: Focus on Family

The Lawrence Central Rotary focus on “Family” launched during the Thanksgiving weekend for our members, according to the Happy Dollars stories shared at our meeting at the end of November. Many were anticipating gatherings of relatives traveling a distance to be together. Michael Steinle and Janis Bunker extended their families by opening their homes to **KU international students** for the holiday meal.

And the month of December continues the priority on “Family”:

- Eighteen Rotarians and their fifteen guests enjoyed a special **holiday buffet** and the music of the Lawrence High School Chorale at our meeting on December 2. As always, it was a special occasion! Thank you to Janis Bunker for making arrangements.
- Several of our members brought their children with them to **ring bells** on Saturday, December 5, for Salvation Army contributions. Thanks to Vern Brobst for coordinating our volunteer effort.
- LCR is once again enthusiastically participating in the **“Adopt a Family”** project for the Salvation Army. We have shopped for gift items and grocery cards for our designated family of five. Thanks to Joe Jarvis for championing this initiative within the club.

Enjoy the weeks of Christmas and New Years with your families. When we get back together on January 6, we can share the stories of our special holiday times!

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- Christmas week, December 23
- New Year’s week, December 30

LYNCH FARM

There is still time to order a **wreath or centerpiece!!** We’ve raised over \$700 for our Rotary projects so far this season. Thanks to Tobin Neis for orchestrating a great fund-raiser.

DUES: Invoices for January-February-March 2016 dues will arrive just after the beginning of the year.

ANNUAL MEETING DECISIONS

At the Annual Meeting on November 18, Lawrence Central Rotary accepted the revised **by-laws** and **elected officers** for the coming Rotary year (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017).

Thank you to these individuals for agreeing to serve:

- Membership Committee Chair – Jim Evers
- Foundations Committee Chair – Michael Steinle
- Treasurer – George Brenner
- Secretary – Shelly McColm

- President-elect – Fred Atchison
- President – Jim Peters

The role of Vice President is still open. If you are willing to fill this position, contact Kate Campbell or Jim Peters to discuss the possibility.

ROTARY OPPORTUNITY

Want to know more about Rotary and how it works? Consider participating in the **Rotary Leadership Institute**. The next session begins in January. The training falls on three Saturdays during the first quarter of 2016:

Session One - January 30, 2016
Session Two - February 20, 2016
Session Three - March 12, 2016

All sessions are on a Saturday starting at 8:30 am and finishing up about 3:00 to 3:30 pm. They will all be held at the Downtown Ramada Inn off I-70 in Topeka. Contact Kate if you are interested.

SAVE THE DATES

- Tuesday, January 12, 2016—Board meeting at 8:00 a.m., HyVee at Kasold and Clinton Parkway
- Wednesday, January 13, 2016—Quarterly Planning Meeting

JANUARY 2016: Focus on Rotary Awareness

WATCH FOR YOUR INVITATION TO A “FIRESIDE” CHAT

In February, Lawrence Central members will gather in small groups with their spouses/significant others for potluck dinner and a “fireside” potluck supper and chat about Rotary. The purpose of these social events is not only to build fellowship among members, but also to learn how each Rotarian got involved with Rotary and what they like best about being a member. These conversations will also help new members and our spouses/significant others learn more about Rotary and become better acquainted. What better way to raise awareness about all that Rotary does!

WELCOME JASON!

Jason Walker officially became a member of LCR this month. Jason is a Trust Officer at The Trust Company here in Lawrence. In the past he has coached several youth sports and has been a W.A.T.C.H. Dog Dad volunteer. His application expresses his wish to get involved and give back to the Lawrence community as well as to make business contacts.

FUND-RAISING SUCCESS

We’ve raised \$1,150 for our Rotary projects through selling wreaths and holiday décor from Lynch Creek Farm. Thanks to Tobin Neis for orchestrating a great fund-raiser.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The proceeds of our wreath sale as well as a portion of our local dues will fund our club’s contributions to community and international initiatives during the coming months. Should you have opinions on how funds should be distributed, get in touch with a member of Board to let them know of your priorities. We will begin making funding commitments at the February Board meeting.

SAVE THE DATES

- “Fireside Chat”—Various dates in February
- Tuesday, February 9—Board meeting at 8:00 a.m., HyVee at Kasold and Clinton Parkway
- Wednesday, March 2—Evening meeting to celebrate LCR’s anniversary

DUES

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2016-2017 VICE PRESIDENCY VACANT

The role of Vice President is still open. If you are willing to fill this position, contact Kate Campbell or Jim Peters to discuss the possibility.

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FEBRUARY 2016: *Focus on Peace and Conflict Resolution*

“FIRESIDE” CHATS BRING US TOGETHER

On February 6, seven Lawrence Central members and their families gathered at Kate Campbell’s home for the first of a series of “fireside” potluck suppers. It was a full house with 13 adults, five preschool/grade school children, and two gracious teens who helped to supervise the littler ones. The conversation was lively, uncovering all sorts of mutual interests and life-history coincidences. Certainly we met the goal of getting better acquainted!

Three more such social events are scheduled for the coming weeks: Friday, February 12, at Tobin Neis’ home; Saturday, February 13, at Jim Peter’s home; and Tuesday, February 16, at Shelly McColm’s house. Nancy Hause has volunteered to host a fifth potluck sometime in late February or early March for those who have not been able to attend one of the earlier parties. Thanks to Jim Evers and Margaret Morris for orchestrating these potlucks.

WELCOME MEGAN AND DAN!

Megan Richardson and Dan Schenkein officially became members of LCR this month. Megan, an Officer at First Dakota Bank and Trust here in Lawrence, was inducted on February 3. Dan Schenkein transferred his membership from Dodge City, KS. Dan, a retired Chamber of Commerce executive, now maintains a small consulting firm and is fulfilling his “bucket list” dream of becoming a blackjack dealer at an area casino.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The proceeds of our wreath sale as well as a portion of our local dues fund our club’s contributions to community and international initiatives. Should you have opinions on how to distribute this money during this fiscal year, get in touch with a member of Board to let them know of your priorities. The group began discussion of funding commitments at the February Board meeting and will continue that conversation at a work session scheduled for Tuesday, February 23.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

During the first week of March each year, Lawrence Central Rotary celebrates the anniversary of its charter. 2016 marks eleven years that the club has been in existence. This year, Shon Qualseth has arranged a dinner buffet for our party. It will take place on Wednesday, March 2, at Marcelli’s from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. There will be a cash bar. Each member of Lawrence Central Rotary is invited to bring a guest at no cost. Watch for an RSVP request for Shon in the next week or two.

SHELTERBOX

Nine ShelterBoxes funded by Lawrence Central Rotary have made an impact across the globe. Five are in use in DPR Korea; one in Myanmar; one in Haiti; and one in Iraq Kurdistan. Our most recent ShelterBox #24873 is not yet deployed. Go to the ShelterBox website to track the deployments: www.shelterboxusa.org

SAVE THE DATES

- “Fireside Chat”—Various dates in February and March
- Tuesday, February 23—Board work session at Kate’s home, 8:00 a.m. to noon
- Wednesday, March 2—**No noon meeting**; celebrate LCR’s anniversary at Marcelli’s from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 8—Board meeting at 8:00 a.m., HyVee at Kasold and Clinton Parkway

DUES

Thank you for paying your January-February-March 2016 dues invoices so promptly!

2016-2017 VICE PRESIDENCY VACANT

The role of Vice President is still open. If you are willing to fill this position, contact Kate Campbell or Jim Peters to discuss the possibility.

MARCH 2016: *Water and Sanitation*

STEVE LANE RECEIVES THE “BECKY CASTRO AWARD”

Steve Lane received the “Becky Castro Award” at the club’s anniversary dinner held on March 2, 2016. Steve has been a member of Lawrence Central Rotary for eleven years (since December 2004). He is a past president of the club (2009-2010), a Paul Harris Fellow, and regular contributor to Rotary Foundation. He is at meetings regularly, always ready to present the “News of the Day.” Most significantly, Steve initiated the Community Bike Rides beginning in 2011, our signature event, and he continues to manage the project with skill and enthusiasm as we enter its sixth season.

Campbell quotes her thank you letter to Steve after last fall’s Bike Ride:

As always, you impress me with your marvelous attention to detail regarding the Community Bike Rides, Steve. You have certainly met your goal of making this initiative easily replicable each year. It seems to run like clockwork, but it wouldn’t happen without your leadership. I know it is a tremendous time commitment for you, and you need to know how much the club and I appreciate your work. Thank you for creating and sustaining our signature project!

Rebecca “Becky” Elizabeth Castro was a founding member of our club who died after a long illness in June 2014 at the age of 68. A lifelong resident of Lawrence, Becky was active not only in Rotary, but also numerous other community organizations. Her warm welcome greeted everyone who came to a Lawrence Central Rotary meeting. In spring 2015, Past-Presidents Tobin Neis and Carolyn DeSalvo conceived of the Becky Castro Award as a way to honor the memory of this tireless founding member. The criteria state that the award be given to a member who exemplifies the dedication to community service and the love of Rotary that Becky displayed.

Congratulations, Steve Lane, on receiving the first Becky Castro Award. Thank you for all you have done for Lawrence Central Rotary and the Lawrence community.

CELEBRATING THIRTEEN

We’re a teenager! 2016 marks thirteen years that Lawrence Central Rotary has been in existence. Twenty members and fourteen guests gathered from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, at Marcelli’s to celebrate.

Thanks and kudos to Shon Qualseth for making the arrangements. Marcelli’s was a perfect venue and a great host. The choice of a buffet of appetizers instead of a sit-down meal made the whole evening feel more relaxed and certainly encouraged mingling and table-hopping. Obviously, the food selection was a hit, as most of the platters were empty at the end of the evening.

As President Kate Campbell said in her comments that night, our club at thirteen-years-old has many attributes of a stereotypical teenager. We are growing quickly—eight new members

since this time last year. Sometimes we're a bit gangly and awkward because of our growth spurts—as evidenced by the fact that our meeting space at the Eldridge is a bit tight these days.

Like a teen, we're increasingly strong and mature and confident of our identity in the Lawrence community. Our budget is solid. Board members are active and talented. We never have trouble getting stimulating programs for our meetings or finding volunteers for our various community projects. We look outward to donate to international initiatives as well as supporting local ones. Our signature event in the Community Bike Rides will take place for the sixth time this season. Certainly we love our Rotary friends and like to hang out together. And we are full of exuberance, optimism and enthusiasm for what's ahead.

It's great to be a teenager! Here's to many more years ahead.

FOCUS ON WATER AND SANITATION

What a nice coincidence that the Future Cities team from Southwest Middle School will be presenting their project ideas at our March 30 meeting—the month when the Rotary focus is to be on water and sanitation. The challenge for the Future Cities teams this year was to devise new solutions for waste water management. It will be interesting to learn what systems these young people have devised.

“FIRESIDE” CHATS BROUGHT US TOGETHER

Four fireside potluck suppers brought together 21 members of Lawrence Central Rotary and their spouses/partners and children. Thanks to hosts Kate Campbell, Tobin Neis, Jim Peters, and Shelly McColm. Nancy Hause has volunteered to host a fifth potluck sometime on Sunday, April 17, for those who were not able to attend one of the earlier parties.

CORRECTION:

Megan Richardson works at First State Bank and Trust here in Lawrence. The name of her bank was incorrect in the February Highlights newsletter.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY SEEKS PARTICIPANTS

Faron Barr, RYLA Chair for District 5710, announces that Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) 2016 will take place on June 5-9 at KU. RYLA 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.

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. Over 70 students attended last year's RYLA, engaging in a wide range of leadership development, team-building, civic engagement, and community service activities. If you know a teen who would like to apply for this opportunity, Kate Campbell for more information about club support.

CONTRIBUTIONS

At its mid-February work session, the Board determined to contribute \$1,000 to Sister Cities to help fund travel costs for two students this coming summer. We will also fund the inflatables at Tour de Lawrence during July 2016. Additional funding decisions will take place closer to the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2016.

SAVE THE DATES

- Tuesday, March 8— CANCELLED Board meeting at 8:00 a.m., HyVee at Kasold and Clinton Parkway
- Wednesday, April 6—Quarterly Planning Meeting (no program)
- Tuesday, April 12—Board meeting at 8:00 a.m., HyVee at Kasold and Clinton Parkway

DUES

Thank you for paying your dues promptly! Watch for next quarter's invoice at the end of March.

2016-2017 VICE PRESIDENCY VACANT

The role of Vice President is still open. If you are willing to fill this position, contact Kate Campbell or Jim Peters to discuss the possibility.

APRIL 2016: Maternal and Child Health

SAM BHAKTA RECOGNIZED FOR CLUB LEADERSHIP

Lawrence Central Rotary has named Sam Bhakta a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his four years as Treasurer of the club. Sam joined LCR in November 2009. Up until last summer, Sam was owner and manager of the Econolodge in Lawrence. Since selling that business, Sam has been exploring new business ventures in the region. Warm congratulations and a hearty thank you for your service, Sam!

WELCOME, TARYN!

Taryn Parillo was inducted into Lawrence Central Rotary on April 6. Taryn is a Financial Services Representative for Foresters Financial Services, Inc. out of Overland Park, KS. In her application, Taryn says, "I welcome opportunities to volunteer my time and make a difference. I have worked with a number of projects and have recently aided KaBoom! in building a playground, have cooked for families staying a RMH [Ronald McDonald House], and have 'Built a Bear' for residents of a children's shelter."

ONE MORE CHANCE: "FIRESIDE" POTLUCK ON SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Nancy Hause is hosting a fifth "fireside" potluck. Those who were not able to come one of the earlier social gatherings will enjoy good food and good conversation on Sunday evening, April 17, at 5:30 p.m. Let [Nancy](#) know if you would like to attend.

FUN IN SOUTH PARK ON SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Come with your family to South Park on Saturday, April 30, at 2:00 p.m. for a Rotary social. Audrey Coleman and Paul Radley are planning ice cream treats and plenty of action. Watch for details and a request for RSVP in a separate email.

YOUTH CONNECTIONS

- Lawrence Sister Cities has notified Fred Atchison that our club's financial support is again funding international emersion trips for two students this summer. In May, Elizabeth Grinage is going to Eutin, Germany; in June, Chehails Jones is going to Hiratauka, Japan.
- Scott Wagner has proposed that the three Lawrence Rotary clubs work together to identify a "Rotary Youth of the Year." He will work with representatives of the other clubs to convene a committee during the coming year and develop criteria for this award.

BIKE/PED NEWS

- At the encouragement of Charlie Bryan, Lawrence Central Rotary sent a letter to the Lawrence City Commission supporting the recommendations of the Bike/Pedestrian Task Force. Jim Peters drafted the letter for us. A copy is attached to this email.
- SAVE THE DATE! Club activities to man the Kids Zone during Tour de Lawrence will fall on the same weekend in July as our Community Bike Ride—July 15-17. Details on both commitments will be announced in the coming weeks.

- Jim Peters is proposing the idea of a one-time bike/walk/run event on Saturday, October 15, to celebrate the opening next fall of the South Lawrence Trafficway (SLT). Jim has been in touch with the City of Lawrence and KDOT to explore this possibility.

POLICIES FOR FUNDS REQUESTS

Over recent years, the LCR Board has adopted policies that have established two funds for small grants. One fund supports international emersion experiences, and the second focuses on supporting local initiatives. These policies assist the Board as it allocates money beyond our budgeted commitments to support the Community Bike Rides, Tour de Lawrence, and membership in Downtown Lawrence Inc.

At its meeting on April 5, the Board modified the local initiatives grant policy to clarify the types of projects that the club sees as priorities:

- Promoting a robust downtown
- Encouraging health and wellness
- Addressing one of Rotary’s Areas of Focus (promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies)

The Board also approved an application form for use requesting money under the policy. These policies and the application form will be posted on the LCR website.

SAVE THE DATES

- April 17—Fireside chat at the home of Nancy Hause
- Friday/Saturday, April 22-23—District 5710 Conference in Leavenworth, KS
- Saturday, April 30—Family Picnic at South Park, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 7—Planting day on Mass Street
- Tuesday, May 3—Board meeting at 8:00 a.m., HyVee at Kasold and Clinton Parkway

DUES

Treasurer George Brenner has sent out invoices for April/May/June 2016 dues. Please pay promptly so the Board can make final decisions about how to allocate funds before the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

MAY 2016: Youth Service Month

SMILES IN SOUTH PARK

There were puddles to dodge at “Family Frolics” on Saturday, but nine Rotarians and a number of spouses joined children and grandchildren for games and conversation in the sun at South Park. Audrey Coleman and Paul Radley made sure there were ice cream treats, popsicles, and lemonade and lots of activities. Brittany Keegan, Curator and Collections Manager at the Watkins Museum, brought hoops and sticks for playing “grace hoops.” She explained that tossing the hoops between two people using the sticks was a way to teach graceful movement at the turn of the century. It turns out that grace was in short supply on Saturday, but everyone had fun giving the game a try.

ACT TODAY TO SUPPORT BIKE/PED RECOMMENDATIONS

Charlie Bryan calls us to action on behalf of the recommendations from the Ped-Bike Task Force to the Lawrence City Commission. [Express your support today!](#) The issue will be discussed at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 3, so your prompt response is important.

MAY IS BIKE MONTH IN LAWRENCE

The Lawrence Public Library reminds us that [May is Bike Month](#) in Lawrence. Plan to participate! Leave it to them to find a great quotation to launch the celebration:

Bicycling has done more to emancipate women than anything else in the world. It gives women a feeling of freedom and self-reliance. I stand and rejoice every time I see a woman ride by on a wheel...the picture of free, untrammelled womanhood. —[Susan B. Anthony](#)

DON'T FORGET YOUR ROTARY DUES

Treasurer George Brenner sent out invoices for April/May/June 2016 dues at the beginning of April. Please send your payment if you have not already done so. Consider including a contribution to the Rotary Foundation as well. The Board plans to make final decisions about how to allocate funds before the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

HELPING THE WILLOW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER

Once again this May, Lawrence Central Rotary is collecting personal care products to deliver to the Willow Domestic Violence Center. [Becca Burns](#), Director of Volunteer Services at The Willow speaks regularly to the club. The agency provides a growing variety of services to survivors of domestic abuse and human trafficking who live in Douglas, Franklin, or Jefferson County. Find a list of items on their [wish list](#) at their website.

BOB SWAN AND SHON QUALSETH RECOGNIZED FOR CLUB LEADERSHIP

Lawrence Central Rotary has named Bob Swan and Shon Qualseth as Paul Harris Fellows in recognition of their service as president in prior years. Bob joined LCR in February 2009. His year as president was 2012-2013. Shon joined the club in December 2007 and served as president from 2011-2012. Warm congratulations and a hearty thank you to each!

“FIRESIDE” POTLUCK ON SUNDAY, APRIL 17

The final “fireside” potluck brought together eight Rotarians and six guests of all ages to enjoy Nancy Hause’s manicotti and her orange marmalade cake as well as an assortment of salads and other side dishes. There was plenty of lively conversation to enjoy along with the good food!

SAVE THE DATES

- Tuesday, May 3—Board meeting at 8:00 a.m., HyVee at Kasold and Clinton Parkway
- Tuesday, June 7—Board meeting at 8:00 a.m., HyVee at Kasold and Clinton Parkway

JUNE 2016: *Finishing Smart, Starting Strong*

It has been such a pleasure to serve as President of Lawrence Central Rotary. Thanks to each of you for the talent and energy that you have contributed to the club. No matter what the project or task at hand, there have been members ready and willing to get things done. And it is so satisfying to hear complements about the warmth, fellowship, and goodwill that welcome all who visit. Congratulations on a great year! ~Kate

FOLLOW THE MONEY!

Because of a refreshed budgeting process during 2015-2016, LCR now has a much clearer understanding of the money that flows in and out of the club treasury. As a result, the Board can now better anticipate income and expenditures during the year and can feel more comfortable about making recommendations on club priorities and activities.

At its meeting on Tuesday, June 14, the LCR Board noted account balances as of May 31, reviewed the club's projected income and expense for the year, and considered various end-of-year transactions. Find a summary of the Board's financial review and their decisions at the end of this "Highlights" message.

OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017 BEGIN NEW ROLES ON JULY 1

Audrey Coleman has agreed to join the LCR Board as Vice President in the coming year. Her acceptance completes the Board roster for 2016-2017. Many thanks for stepping forward to assume leadership in our group, Audrey.

Jim Peters will become President of the club on July 1. Fred Atchison will be President Elect, while Kate Campbell assumes the role of Past President. Others on the Board are remaining in their current positions: Shelly McColm, Secretary/Club Administrator; George Brenner, Treasurer; Jim Evers, Membership Chair; Michael Steinle, Foundation Chair.

TOBIN NEIS RECOGNIZED FOR CLUB LEADERSHIP

Lawrence Central Rotary has named Tobin Neis as a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his service as club president in 2013-2014. In July, Tobin retires from the Board after two years as past president. Tobin joined LCR in December 2007. He has generously contributed his technology expertise to establish and maintain the RideLawrence and LCR websites, and he has championed the club's the wreath-sale fundraiser for a number of years. Warm congratulations and a hearty thank you, Tobin!

REMINDER: ARBORETUM WORK DAY

On Saturday, June 18, members from the three Lawrence Rotary clubs will meet at the Rotary Arboretum to assist with spring maintenance projects there. From 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Rotarians will clean the tree markers, stain benches and mulch trees.

IT'S MOVIE NIGHT!

LCR has an opportunity to help with a Downtown Lawrence Inc. project—serving refreshments at one of this summer's "Dinner and a Movie" events on the lawn in front of the library. Sign up to serve beer and popcorn on Friday night, July 8. The movie will be "A League of Their Own," so there should be a great crowd!

HELPING THE WILLOW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER

Once again this May, LCR collected contributions to deliver to the Willow Domestic Violence Center. The club contributed \$355 in cash and checks and about \$50 worth of personal care products. Thanks to Fred Atchison for advocating for the project and to all who generously supported this initiative.

SAVE THE DATES

- Saturday, June 18—Arboretum Work Day, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 30—Board work session at 8:00 a.m. (Location TBD)
- Friday, July 8—"Dinner and a Movie" support to Downtown Lawrence, Inc., 6:30 to 11:00 p.m.
- Friday and Sunday, July 15 and 17—Tour de Lawrence "Kids' Zone"
- Saturday, July 16—LCR Community Bike Ride

FOLLOW THE MONEY: THE SPECIFICS

- As of May 31, 2016, the Lawrence Central Rotary checking account balance was \$8,383.08; the club held \$7,100.38 in savings as of that date.
- The club expects to finish this program year with expenditures during the period totaling more than income. The shortfall is covered by the balances from prior years held in the club's checking and savings accounts.
- Dues income during 2015-2016 will be sufficient to pay for international and district dues as well as weekly meeting expenses.
- From Happy Dollars, wreath sales, and miscellaneous income, Lawrence Central Rotary has contributed over \$3,100 to local and international initiatives.
 - ✓ Locally, the club contributed \$1,818—\$1,018 for the Community Bike Rides, \$150 in dues for Downtown Lawrence, Inc., and \$650 for the Kids' Zone inflatables at Tour de Lawrence. In addition, club members gave directly to support Salvation Army's "Adopt a Family" and Willow Domestic Violence Center during the year.
 - ✓ We donated \$1,334 to international projects—two \$500 scholarships for local students to participate in the Sister Cities trips in summer 2016, and \$334 as the club's match for the ShelterBox grant.
- Expenses for some line items in the 2015-2016 budget were larger than anticipated. These items included fees for maintaining the website, costs of club social events, purchase of supplies, and travel reimbursements.
- Club income designated for the Rotary Foundation totaled \$900 as of the date of the Board meeting. In addition, member contributions to the Foundation through Rotary Direct totaled \$600 on that date. This total of \$1,500 exceeded budget expectations.

- Article XIV of the LCR bylaws states the club's commitment "to make a contribution every year in each member's name to support the Rotary Foundation with a goal of \$100 per member. The board may exercise the option to contribute to that goal." There are 31 members of the club at this time, so the total contribution to Rotary Foundation for this fiscal year would be \$3,100 to meet this goal.
- The Board voted to meet the \$3,100 Rotary Foundation contribution goal for 2015-2016 using up to \$1,600 from the club's financial reserves to add to the \$1,500 donated by members during the year. A gift of this size to the Annual Programs (SHARE) Fund will give "STAR status" to Lawrence Central, allowing the club to access a larger percentage of District 5710 grant money next year (2016-2017).