



District 6710 Rotaract Newsletter



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- Rotaract Club of Lindsey Wilson College, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Columbia
- Rotaract Club of Kentucky State University, sponsored by the Frankfort Rotary Club
- Rotaract Club of Murray State University, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Murray
- Rotaract Club of Sullivan University (charter pending), sponsored by Prospect/Goshen and East Louisville Sunrise Rotary Clubs
- Rotaract Club of the University of Louisville, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Metro Louisville

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Coming soon to a club near you...

The **Rotaract District Conference** will be November 11 at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, KY.

At the conference, there will be food and fun surrounding Rotaract workshops and activities. You can look forward to workshops focusing on leadership development, one of the focus areas of Rota-

ract. Several Rotarians will be serving as workshop leaders.

Our service project will involve preparing holiday stockings to be sent to US troops stationed overseas. A listing of materials you can bring to go in the stockings will soon be sent to all conference registrants.

There will be get to know

you activities and games Friday night, so come early! Saturday's dress is casual, so wear your club shirt or school colors so we'll all know where you are from.

Participants should register by November 3. Contact your club's District Representatives or club President for information about registering.

Start Making Your Summer Plans!

Rotaractors from around the world are invited to attend the 2007 Rotaract Preconvention Meeting June 15-16 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss a wide range of topics in panel discussions and presentations. Rotaractors are invited to participate in the RI Convention directly following the last day of the Preconvention Meeting.

There will also be a one-day United States, Canada, and Caribbean Symposium held prior to the Preconvention Meeting.

The Rotaract Preconvention Meeting at the 2007 Rotary International Convention is the perfect opportunity to meet Rotaractors from all over the world. Take this opportunity to visit beautiful Salt Lake City and to *Lead the Way* to successful Rotaract clubs, excel-

lent service projects, and enduring friendships.

The Rotaract Preconvention Meeting is free for all convention registrants. Be sure to take advantage of the early registration discounts. Rotaractors who register prior to 1 December 2006 will pay US\$70; registration after that date but prior to 31 March 2007 will cost US\$90; those who register on-site will pay US\$110.



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The Bellarmine Rotaract Club has been playing catch up this year. Last year was our first year, so we had to spend it making our constitution and trying to recruit members. This year, we have bumped up our membership by a lot! We now have about forty members instead of our ten members last year. We also have ordered t-shirts for our members and they look great! We had the four main officers last year: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. This year, we have elected a historian, service chair, and social chair. We are really excited to have extra officers so everything doesn't fall on the main four.

We had a few members show up to the ice cream social even for Make a Wish Foundation on Thursday, September 28. We are also going to plan a Senior Citizen Dance for February. We set aside separate committees that will begin meeting in December. Our members also took part in the Ken-ducky Derby on October 21.

For the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, we are in charge of one night without a home in which our members will sleep outside somewhere on our campus. This will take place the week of November 12-18. We will be having a social outing for our club on November 15 at Wick's pizza to celebrate the semester. We will also be sending some or all of our officers to the Rotaract District Conference November 10-11 at Lindsay Wilson College. Next semester we will be taking part in many more activities with all of our new members!

Kentucky State University

The KSU club has started the year with a new advisor, Dr. Terry Magel. A Rotarian, Dr. Magel works at K-State as the Distance Education Outreach Coordinator. The club is currently searching for a co-advisor. After finding an advisor, members have turned their attention to recruiting new members to help revive the chapter. Members are also working with the Frankfort Rotary Club to help fund some projects. Members from the club are looking forward to attending the District Conference in November.



The Elizabethtown Community & Technical College (ECTC) Rotaract Club is now in its second semester. We recently finished up our participation in a two day campus Fall Festival which is geared towards student organizations. It was an opportunity to showcase what Rotaract is all about. We have also been busy recruiting new members this semester. Now that we are recruiting more members, we are beginning focusing our attention on new projects. Our first endeavor will be a Rotary day on campus. During this day Rotarians can bring children here for tours. Our club will be helping out with that in various ways. We hope to see everyone at Lindsey Wilson College for the District Conference soon!

Lindsey Wilson College

The Lindsey Wilson College Rotaract club has been preparing for the first annual Lindsey Wilson College Soap Box Derby. The Derby is co-sponsored by the Rotaract Club and the Columbia Rotary Club. Members have put in three months of working planning and preparing for this event, which will take place November 4.

The club has also been assisting DRR, Mary Kathryn Cash, in planning the District Rotaract Conference that will take place at Lindsey Wilson College November 11.



The Sullivan University club is doing great! We recently did a project with Habitat for Humanity and Southeast Christian Church. It was a lot of fun and a rewarding experience. Currently, we are focusing on recruitment and fundraising. During our school's "Belle of Louisville Cruise" for night school we sold glow-sticks donated by the East Louisville Sunrise Rotary Club. Through this fundraiser we were able to raise money for a Christmas project. We are excited about the progress of the club and are focusing on recruiting so that we can continue to grow and make a difference at Sullivan University.



We've been busy in Murray! The Murray State Rotaract club has been working on several endeavors since the year started. The club began the year by wrapping up a project from last year, Trash to Treasure. This project allowed members to collect items that would otherwise have been thrown away. In August, items were available for purchase by students, faculty, staff, and community members. Altogether, we raised \$1,650 for donation to the local food pantry. The club has also been working with United Way and the recycling efforts on campus.

On Halloween we went Trick-or-Treating to raise funds for UNICEF as we do each year. The next big project will be the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project.

This year, we are making a competition among departments to collect the most shoeboxes!

Despite all of our hard work, we've had time to participate in a team building workshop. We've also been learning about Study Abroad through several guest speakers.

The club has also been working with Rotary through a Golf Tournament and also will be assisting in the Rotary Telethon.

Members from the club will be attending the District Conference at Lindsey Wilson soon. We looking forward to seeing and meeting you there!

FYI—How Rotary Feels About Rotaract



Although Rotaract is perceived as a New Generations program, Rotaractors are young adults — college/university students or professionals aged 18–30 who are dynamic, IT smart, community-minded, and who share and uphold the ideals of Rotary International. They are our leaders of tomorrow, doing incredible work through their focused community upliftment initiatives and we salute them for their consistent efforts since the inception of this program in 1968.

Many Rotary clubs sponsor Rotaract clubs, but don't sustain the communication link causing many clubs to flounder. Our appeal to every district governor and to all Rotarians is to support the Rotaract program. Rotaractors are partners-in-service. Include them in your projects: provide professional mentorship opportunities; assist with professional and leadership development initiatives; invite Rotaractors to visit and participate in important club functions; take an interest and participate in their community service projects. Provide Rotaractors with the support and encouragement they need, and de-

serve. Invite them to become members of your club. Rotaractors have been inculcated with Rotary's important core values. They will enrich your club's resources with their skills.

Improving communication between Rotary and Rotaract is an important focus of the Rotaract Committee this year. Bridging the communication divide that has developed will go a long way to building cohesion in the family of Rotary, resulting in a more effective partnership in service, and ultimately strengthening Rotary's membership.

We wish Rotaractors throughout the world every success with their many community initiatives as they Lead the Way, improving their life skills to create a better and brighter future.

PDG June Webber
Chair
RI Rotaract Committee

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Ambassadorial Scholars from U of L

Two members of the Rotaract Club of the University of Louisville are currently studying abroad as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars. Medina del Castillo, past president, is studying political science at the *Universidad de Colima* in Colima, Mexico.

Chris Cunningham, past sergeant-at-arms, is studying comparative ethic conflict at Queens University in Northern Ireland.

To read more about our Ambassadorial Scholars, visit their blogs: <http://medinainmexico.blogspot.com> and <http://www.cunningspamodia.blogspot.com>

Dates to Remember:

November 11- Rotaract District Conference, Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, KY

May 18-20 Rotary District Conference, Bowling Green

June 14-16- Rotaract pre-Convention Meeting, Salt Lake City

Make sure that your club is included in the next newsletter. E-mail blurbs to juliealewis@gmail.com. Send some pictures if you have any! Next submissions due: December 20, 2006! Thanks.

Contact Your District Rotaract Representative

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Who's Who in Rotaract District 6710?

Rotaract District Committee:

Chair: Mary Kathryn Cash, University of Louisville
Vice Chair: Justin West, Murray State University
Secretary: Julie Lewis, Murray State University
Treasurer: Daniel Hughes, University of Louisville
Sergeant at Arms: Todd Quire, Kentucky State

Members at Large:

Sherri Anderson, Murray State University
Dan Blakeman, University of Louisville
Andy Farmer, Lindsey Wilson
Andrew Fibbe, Lindsey Wilson
Adam Gifford, Lindsey Wilson
Richelle Moore, Bellarmine
Michael Odentunde, University of Louisville
Brian Tate, University of Louisville
Erica Ward, Bellarmine

Rotarians:

Bernie Strennecky, District Rotaract Committee Chair
Kay Sharon- District Governor

Club Presidents:

Bellarmine: Richelle Moore
ECTC: Kelly Harrop
Kentucky State University: Todd Quire
Lindsey Wilson: Adam Gifford
Murray State University: Travis VanBussum
Sullivan: Christy Ward
University of Louisville: Brittney Ridge

Mission Statement of the Rotaract District Committee

"We, the Rotaract Committee of District 6710, will strive to establish and facilitate communication and interaction among all clubs, as well as develop, nurture, and provide resources to new and existing clubs. As a representative body of the District, we will serve as a medium between Rotary and Rotaract clubs, as well as plan and execute District Rotaract Conferences. In following the example set forth by Rotary, we will promote service above self through our fulfillment of the goals of Rotaract."

A Letter from Your DRR

Dear Rotaractors, Rotarians, and Friends,

Rotaract in District 6710 is having a great year! All of our clubs are growing and have reported gaining many new members. In addition, there are many prospective new clubs on the horizon. Several young professionals in Henderson, KY are on their way to starting the very first community-based Rotaract Club in our district. Unlike the existing clubs in our district, the Henderson Rotaract Club will not be affiliated with a college or university. Its members will be young professionals from the Henderson community. The start of this club was fueled by a neighboring community-based Rotaract Club in Evansville, IN. Additional prospective clubs may soon be coming to Campbellsville University, Paducah, Madisonville, Spalding University (Louisville), Owensboro, Centre College (Danville), and St. Catharine College (Springfield). Encourage Rotarians from these places to help our family of Rotary grow by chartering a Rotaract Club! The best way we can spread Rotaract is through the testimony of current members.

I hope that to see you all at our upcoming district conference. It is an excellent time to interact with other Rotaractors, learn more about our organization, and celebrate our successes.

Yours in Service Above Self,

Mary Kathryn Cash