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- Noon Rotary is the oldest service club in Pittsburgh. It was formed on March 1, 1917.
- Noon Rotary is part of District 6110. Comprised of 79 clubs and 5,100 members the District is one of the largest in the nation.

PITTSBURG NOON ROTARIANS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Pittsburg Noon Rotary club is making a difference locally and internationally. Just six months into its year Noon Rotary has held a local Car Seat Checkup with the Pittsburg Police Department and made large contributions to both Heifer International and Always Better Dental Care. "We went into this year with the goal of really making a difference in our community," said Dr. Brad Hodson, President of Pittsburg Noon Rotary. "Our car seat checkup was a tremendous success and our gift to Heifer International has the potential to help generations of families. "

The clubs next event will be the Always Better Dental Care project, which will allow every grade school child in Crawford

County receive a fluoride treatment. "The number of children suffering from a lack of proper dental care is astounding," explains Dr. Hodson. "When officials with SEK Dental Clinic came to us with this project we knew we had to help." The project is set to take place in early January.

It's not just about financial backing though, it's also about volunteering time and in October several Rotarians took part in the clubs first annual Car Seat Checkup. The checkup was held in conjunction with the Pittsburg Police Department and allowed parents to make certain their seats were installed properly. Noon Rotary donated several car seats during the event.



Dr. Brad Hodson, President of Pittsburg Noon Rotary presents Brad Nelson of Heifer International with a gift of \$2,000.



Krista Postai accepts a gift of \$1,500 from Board member Bruce Henrikson on behalf of Noon Rotary.

KEN BATEMAN LEADS GSE TEAM TO JAPAN

Former club president and district governor Ken Bateman led a three man team to the land of the rising sun this November for the Rotary Foundation. The objective of the Group Study Exchange program is to help build a better understanding and goodwill between the two countries.

"It was the most amazing month of my life," says Bateman. "Japan is a beautiful country and in just a few short weeks, I was able to make friends that will last a lifetime."

Ken kept a blog of his adventure which can be viewed at keninjapan.blogspot.com.



Ken Batman with his daughter and family. View Ken's adventure blog at <http://keninjapan.blogspot.com>

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PITTSBURG NOON ROTARY

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Chartered on March 1, 1917, Pittsburg Noon Rotary is the oldest service club in the city of Pittsburg. Our club is part of District 6110, which is comprised of 79 clubs and 5,100 members, making it one of the largest districts in the nation!

Our weekly meetings are held every Tuesday from noon—1 p.m. in DePaul Hall at Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center.

We are comprised of business and professional leaders from throughout the region. If you are interested in proposing a member for Rotary please contact Ken Bateman at kbateman@pittstate.edu or Mindy Cloninger at mcloninger@pittstate.edu.

**Rotary Club of
Pittsburg**

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District 6110, Pittsburg, Kansas

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, OR DO:

Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

NOON ROTARY HONORS ITS OWN ON VETERANS DAY

Noon Rotary honored the service of its members during a special ceremony held on Veterans day. The event included a steak dinner, presentation of colors by the PSU color guard, live member interviews and a special presentation of service photos. "We sometimes forget the service of our own members," said Kevin Mitchelson, Rotary member and organizer of the program. "We wanted to make this day special for them and thank them for their sacrifices."

Bruce Henrickson served as

M.C. for the event and roved the room asking veterans about their service. "I've been a Rotarian alongside many of these men for decades and even I was amazed at their stories," says Henrickson. "It was a wonderful event and something that we'll probably look at continuing in years to come."

The conclusion of the event included a moment of silence and live playing of Taps for the Pittsburg men who lost their lives in Vietnam. "It's important for us to remember all those who have and are

currently serving our country," said Dr. Brad Hodson, President of Noon Rotary. "Kevin and his committee should be commended for putting together such a wonderful program. I don't believe there was a dry eye in the room by its conclusion."



Charles Peterson (shown here in 1945) was one of many Rotarians honored during a special Veterans' Day program. The event included the PSU color guard, live interviews with veterans and a steak dinner.