

# Rite for Kansas

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## RiteCare® in the Orient of Kansas



Topeka Valley of Scottish Rite Personal Representative, Ill. Don Mahrle, 33° (center) presents the proceeds of the Topeka Valley Scottish Rite Golf Tournament and auction to Dr. Jane Wegner, Clinical Professor & Director of KU's Schiefelbusch Clinic (grasping check on the right), Dr. Betty Bunce, Clinical Professor and Director of the Language Acquisition Preschool (grasping check on the left), and graduate and undergraduate students in the Speech and Language Pathology Program at Kansas University



Scottish Rite Masons  
Helping Children Communicate

# RiteCare Clinics of Kansas

*Scottish Rite Masons throughout the nation provide critical funding to establish and support RiteCare® Clinics. Today, there are approximately 180 RiteCare® clinics, centers, and special programs operating or planned throughout the United States. Through the support of Scottish Rite members, tens of thousands of youngsters across the United States have been helped significantly. Facilitating the good work of dedicated clinicians and parents, the Scottish Rite has achieved dramatic successes. Children who might have remained educationally behind for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead productive lives.*

*In Kansas—the Orient of Kansas—seven Scottish Rite organizations, called Valleys, are organized and coordinate their philanthropic speech, hearing, language, and learning disabilities programs in conjunction with designated Speech-Language-Hearing Clinics in the State. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Valleys in Kansas include the: Armed Forces Scottish Center, Ft. Leavenworth; Ft. Scott Scottish Rite Center; Lawrence Scottish Rite Center; Northeast Kansas Scottish Rite Center, in Prairie Village; Salina Scottish Rite Center; Topeka Scottish Rite Center; and the Wichita Scottish Rite Center. Each of these Valleys and the Orient of Kansas provide the RiteCare® funding for the diagnostic evaluation and treatment of children with speech and language disorders, through designated clinics in Kansas. The designated clinics, contacts and addresses are listed below:*



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Ill Hugh Gill, 33° the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Kansas and President of the Kansas Scottish Rite Foundation (center) presents the initial Scottish Rite funding to Robert Garcia, Communications and Science Disorders Director (left) and John Buckwalter, Dean of the College of Human Ecology (right).



Speech and Hearing Clinic Display Table

# KSU Dedication & Celebration

08/27/14



KSU Speech and Hearing Faculty members with RiteCare® brass Plaque presented by the Scottish



Ill Don Hamilton 32° Personal Representative, Salina Valley, makes RiteCare® Clinic presentations



KSU Speech and Hearing Students with RiteCare® brass Plaque

# Kansas Scottish Rite Foundation— Funds new Clinic & New Programs



**Dr. Robert G. Garcia**  
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Current  
Activities &  
Parents'  
Thank-you

Greetings from the Kansas State Speech and Hearing Center. We are excited to have become an official RiteCare® Clinic for the State of Kansas. We are grateful for the support of the Scottish Rite Foundation and their generosity. Their mission to provide assessment and intervention to children with communication needs will support many clients and families in Manhattan and neighboring communities.

Since being an official member of RiteCare® in April of 2014, Kansas State Speech and Hearing Center has created and distributed scholarships for children with communication needs. The families were very grateful for this generous gift that provided diagnostic and therapeutic services for their children. Below is a thank you from one of the scholarship recipients.

"We would like to thank you and the foundation for the scholarship that was awarded to our son, Ryan, for the summer 2014 session. Ryan has been attending speech therapy, twice weekly, at the KSU Speech and Hearing Center for the last 2 ½ years. At an early age we detected that after multiple ear infections Ryan's speech was delayed. He was, and still is, a little boy who loved to talk. Sadly, when he would try to tell stories or make even simple requests, he was very difficult to understand. A family friend recommended KSU Speech and Hearing Center. We didn't hesitate to make the call.

Ryan has worked with several graduate students as they pursue their goal of becoming speech-language pathologists. We have

been blessed that each graduate student has spent numerous hours designing lessons, activities, and reward systems to make each hour that they work with Ryan beneficial to him. We are very appreciative of the students and staff at the KSU Speech and Hearing Center and of this scholarship." Ray, Cindy, and Ryan Geer.



**Ray & Cindy Geer, with picture of Ryan**

We, at K-State, look forward to providing clinical services as well as education opportunities to fellow Speech Language Pathologists and families. We are proud to be affiliated with the Scottish Rite Foundation and to support their philanthropic mission through work at our clinic.

# RiteCare® Autism Outreach Clinic

## FT. LEAVENWORTH SCOTTISH RITE MASONS HAVE DONATED A TOTAL OF \$12,000 TO FUND DIAGNOSTIC AUTISM CLINICS FOR FORT LEAVENWORTH CHILDREN

On 22 August, 2014, The Scottish Rite Masons from the Fort Leavenworth Masonic Lodge donated another \$1500 to fund a KU Medical Center diagnostic outreach clinic for Fort Leavenworth children and raised the total they have donated in support of this critical program for military children to \$12,000.

The Armed Forces Scottish Rite Bodies at Fort Leavenworth (Armed Forces Consistory) provide support and funding for KUMC Outreach clinics at Fort Leavenworth. The KUMC Hearing and Speech Clinic is part of a multi-disciplinary task force currently conducting Autistic and learning difficulty diagnostic clinics for children on Fort Leavenworth as part of the KUMED Center for Childhood Assessment. They handle two groups of children - from birth to 3 years and 3 years and older - and a diagnosis is provided the same day.

This allows the children to get into therapy programs quickly. This is particularly important to transient military families such as Command and General Staff course student families who are at Fort Leavenworth for only 10 months. It normally takes from 4 to 9 months to get children into the regular diagnostic clinics. It is very important to begin Autism therapy at the earliest possible age. Once diagnosed, some of the therapy programs are handled by KUMC and Tricare and some by Special Education programs through the school districts.

The outreach clinics are funded by a grant from the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs program of the Center for Child Health and Development at the University of Kansas Hospital and because of costs they conduct about 6-7 across the state each year with two at Fort Leavenworth.

The Armed Forces Consistory has donated funds for 2 or 3 additional clinics each year, the latest one on 22 August for the Fort Leavenworth children as the clinic group can only take 6 children per clinic. The one day did not give them enough time for more.



*Brother Steve Kempf 32 °KCC handing the check to Dr. Johnson (right) and Dr. Daniels (left) with Jennifer Burford observing*

*The 8 to 10 member clinical outreach team is headed by Dr. Chet Johnson who is also the Chair of the department of Pediatrics. The total for the day at Fort Leavenworth is \$1500 for staff and travel. Point of contact: COL (ret) Stephen Kempf, Scottish Rite Bodies, (Armed Forces Consistory) Fort Leaven-*



*Members of the two KU Med Center Teams that conducted the Autism Clinic at Ft. Leavenworth—From left to right are: Leni Swails, Dr. Debby Daniels, Jennifer Burford (Ft. Leavenworth EFMP Director), Cathy Smith, Dr. Chet Johnson, Jessica Schutter, Carol Prather, and Phyllis Young.*

# Northeast Kansas Valley—

## Successful Support To KU Med Center RiteCare®

At the NE Kansas Scottish Rite dinner meeting on September 3rd, 2014, Dr. Debby Daniels was asked to have a family which is, or has been, a recipient of the RiteCare program at KU Medical Center. She obliged our request by bringing Mr. and Mrs. Sadraluka to the meeting.

Mrs. Sadraluka provided a PowerPoint presentation starting with the discovery that their oldest son was diagnosed with speech problems. She outlined the frustration and disappointment in finding proper diagnosis and treatment for the child. She explained that it was not until she contacted KU Medical Center and was referred to Kathy Johnston, a clinician with RiteCare®, that her child's treatment was successful. Although things improved for her son with proper treatment, things became more complicated as, one by one, each of her next three sons were diagnosed with problems. However, as each child entered treatment, each child improved in order. And, at the time of this presentation, only the youngest son was requiring treatment. The three older sons were transitioning into public school activities and doing well.

NEKS Valley holds an annual pancake breakfast with the resulting funds being designated for the purpose of providing scholarships awarded to students in speech pathology under the guidance of the RiteCare® program. Within the presentation, one of the clinicians, Josh, a recipient of such a scholarship, was in the photograph working with this family. This presentation was very beneficial to our membership and was a real eye-opener for our Valley members to be able to see the result of their efforts from pancakes to education to successful students.



(L-R): Dr. Debby Daniels, PhD., Clinical Associate Professor, Hearing and Speech, KU Medical Center; Dr. Kathy Johnston, Clinical Associate, KU Medical Center; Ill. David F. Kinzie, 33°, who presented Mr. and Mrs. Sadraluka, parents of four children who are or were treated at KU Med Ctr through the benefits provided by RiteCare, with a Certificate of Appreciation for bringing their story to the attention of our members. Mrs. Sadraluka gave an impressive, meaningful presentation regarding the search for/receipt of speech treatment by KU RiteCare.



# Exploring Telepractice for RiteCare® Clinics of Kansas



On October 8, 2014, through video-conferencing, Dr. Deborah Hayes, PhD, and Stephanie Coe, M.A., presented information on the use of telepractice in speech, language, and hearing programs of treatment. Deborah Hayes is the Kelley Family/Schlessman Family Rite Masons Chairperson in Childhood Language Disorders and Stephanie Coe is Clinical Coordinator at Children's Hospital Colorado.

Participants included all five RiteCare® clinics, the SGIG and members of the Valleys. The purpose of this presentation was to share information regarding the opportunities and challenges experienced by the RiteCare® programs in Colorado.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association defines telepractice as “the application of telecommunications technology to deliver professional services at a distance by linking clinician to client, or clinician to clinician for assessment, intervention, and/or consultation.” In Colorado speech-language and learning therapy services by telepractice provide a partnership between Children’s Hospital Colorado and families and communities throughout the state for direct intervention and/or parent coaching. A DVD of the video-conference is available through the Topeka Scottish Rite Center.



*Members of the Topeka Valley Scottish Rite participate in the Telepractice Teleconference. Left to right—Ill. Paul Oldham 33°, Valley Secretary; Paul Honaker 32°; Ill. Don Mahrle 33°, Valley Personal Representative; and Ill. Tom Magnuson 33°*



*RiteCare® Telepractice Teleconference*

# VALLEY OF TOPEKA

## *Raising Funds & Funding*

## *RiteCare®*



### Topeka Valley's RiteCare® Golf Tournament & Auction— Nets \$8400.00 for Schiefelbusch Clinic

The Topeka Valley, on August 8, 2014, hosted its annual RiteCare® Charity Golf Tournament, the best in 8 years. It was all due to volunteers, hard work and the generosity of individual hole sponsors. The Rainbow Girls and Betty Bunce and Matt Gillespie from the Schiefelbusch Clinic on the Kansas University Campus, helped ensure our post-golf silent auction was a success. Bro. Bob Shively, of the Kansas Masonic Foundation, secured an Auctioneer who helped raised \$2400 on the Live Auction. Rick Moody, Potentate of the Arab Shrine

in Topeka, helped by having 10 members of the Arab Golfer's Unit participate in the golf tournament. This is the most Shrine golfers who have ever participated. It is with great pride that the Topeka Valley of the Scottish Rite was able to give the Schiefelbusch Clinic, on the Kansas University main Campus in Lawrence, \$8446.00 for the treatment of children with Speech-Hearing-Language disorders. Thanks to all involved in the 2014 Topeka Valley Golf Tournament. Many volunteered to make this event a huge success.

# Topeka Valley and Schiefelbusch Clinic

## Golf Turney Proceeds Distribution



Ill. Don Mahrle 33° (left) Personal Representative of Topeka presents check of proceeds from the Scottish Rite Golf Tournament and Auction to Dr. Jane Wegner, PhD, Clinic Director, Schiefelbusch Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, (right)



Ill. Don Mahrle 33° speaks to students and staff of the Schiefelbusch Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic



Topeka Valley Brothers at Golf Turney proceeds presentation (left to right) Ill. Paul Oldham 33°, Don Jacka 32° KCCH, Ill. Don Mahrle 33°, Ill. Tom Magnuson 33°, and Ill. Martin Donaldson 33°



Speech & Hearing Students—Schiefelbusch Clinic



# A Labor of Love and Dedication

## ...Resulting in Generous Donations by Brothers of the



Ill. Don Mahrle 33°, Topeka Valley Personal Representative, with the antique Scottish Rite Altar which he purchased, refinished, and donated to the Topeka Valley

KU. The Topeka Valley was able to capitalize on this restoration of a beautiful antique altar—a labor of love and dedication—and turn it into a very successful philanthropy project.

*In the Fall of 2013 Ill. Don Mahrle 33°, Personal Representative of the Valley of Topeka, purchased an antique Scottish Rite Altar at auction when Ft. Scott Scottish Rite Valley relocated. It is presumed that alter was originally made for the Fort Scott Valley around 1926. The altar is made of mahogany with the kneeling bench and altar top covered in a dark and thick leather. The altar is heavily built and measures 55"(L) X 34"(W) X 38"(H). There are four columns, one on each corner of the altar with a Scamozzi capital on top of each column. A double eagle is carved on each of the long sides of the altar. A Rose Croix is carved on the two short sides of the altar.*

*Ill. Don Mahrle 33° purchased the Altar with his own personal funds and immediately started restoring the altar in early July, 2014. Don's project took until early October to complete—approximately 88 hours lovingly refinishing this rare Scottish Rite Altar.*

*On November 2, 2014 the Topeka Valley hosted a reception for Scottish Rite Masons at which the altar in its complete and finished state was unveiled. Ill Don then presented the Altar as a gift to the Topeka Valley. This act of generosity led to a spontaneous auction for contributions to match Personal Representative's gift. The auction was conducted by Bro. Bob Shively, of the Kansas Masonic Foundation, and raised approximately \$4,000 to provide a scholarship to the Schiebelbusch Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic at*



# Rite for Kansas

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KANSAS SCOTTISH RITE VALLEYS AND SCOTTISH RITE  
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CLINICS AND THEIR PROFESSIONAL SPEECH, HEARING,  
AND LANGUAGE THERAPY WITH KANSAS CHILDREN



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