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"A MAN ON MANY MISSIONS"

CORY NICKERSON

AND HIS

ROTARY MEN OF NOTE



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“Celebrate Rotary” - says RI President Elect Glenn Estess, Sr., is our 2004-05 Rotary theme.

District Governor Tom Clark



What a wonderful time of the year! We're finishing a banner 2003 year of Rotary success. Once again district 6110 Rotarians can celebrate the exciting potential of 2004.

We're beginning a new year, 2004-2005, inspired by the desire to celebrate the ideals that our Rotary founders set in motion in 1905. The Centennial Year cometh! - when we will celebrate "all of the wonderful things that have happened as the result of a simple meeting between four Chicago businessmen.



And . . . 2002 = "Sow the Seeds of Love" + 2003 = "Lend A Hand" + 2004 = "Celebrate Rotary" - Our last 3 themes fit beautifully!

DGE Gerald Harp and his wife, Vicki, have just returned from Anaheim, California, where they heard RI President-Elect Estess begin our Pre-Centennial Celebration. "Mo," short for Momentum, is alive and well!

6110, the "District of Doers," will continue recognizing and encouraging Rotary Good whenever and wherever it grows, And, with DGE Gerald "Mo" Harp on the move, our March 5-6th PETS should set a new standard for President-Elect Training.

Looking ahead . . . especially for Club President-Elects . . .

MARCH 2004

- March 5-6th: PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar, Springdale, AR
- Plan A: Of course, is to attend District 6110 PETS.
- Plan B: Attend an AREA "PETS." If... your President Elect absolutely cannot attend the March 5-6 District 6110 Springdale Arkansas function ... the next best option is to ask one of the other 3 area PETS for permission to attend their function.

Note the following dates, location and contacts:

- Lone Star PETS - March 25-28
Hyatt Regency DFW Airport

Link for registration is:

<http://www.lonestarrotarypets.org/aindex.htm>

- Show-Me PETS - March 26-27,
Lodge of Four Seasons,
Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri

Link for registration is:

<http://www.rotary6060.org/showmerotary.htm>

- District 6150 - MARCH 26-27,
Embassy Suites, Little Rock,
Arkansas


Contact is DGE Jake Morse:
jake@morsecompany.com

- Plan C: Replace yourself with another officer. The unfortunate statistic suggests that if the President Elect does not attend an official PETS Conference himself/herself, the respective Club seldom recovers from the complications. Plan C is a weak option, at best.

100% attendance by all 76 club President Elects is required in District 6110. See you there!

****March 25-28th: RYLA Camp - Tahlequah, OK; Camp Heart of the Hills - more in next issue**

I am sure you are aware of the Anaheim, California GETS (Governor Elect Training Seminar) which DGE Gerald Harp and his wife, Vicki, have just completed. Guaranteed: DGE Gerald will be ready for March 5-6 and eagerly waiting to greet everyone of the District's new 2004-05 President Elects all 76 of you! The key to what looks to be one of the truly great years in District 6110's history is . . . Try your best to avoid disappointing your new Governor on your first major assignment.

A most successful 2003 is behind us, thanks to all in District 6110. My wife, Marty, joins me in thanking each member of this incredible District 6110 Family for your part in strengthening one of the most powerful assemblages of caring Rotarians in the world. As I said, "What a wonderful time of the year!" District 6110 sez "2004 . . . Here We Come!" 

Claremore Reveille Rotary to the Rescue

As in the past, the Claremore Reveille Rotary Club helped honor Claremore's most famous citizen (and Paul Harris fellow) November 2, 2003. Will Rogers is honored by Claremore and surrounding areas every year to commemorate the birthday of "America's Favorite Son."

This year's parade was endangered by budget cuts. But, through the Claremore Reveille Rotarians and the Claremore Chamber of Commerce, the parade was again



a success. Reveille Rotarians lined up parade entries and participated in the parade with a float featuring Reveille members. The Cowboy Regional Rodeo Association crowned their rodeo queen and rodeo sweetheart at the Claremore Expo center the night before the parade. With their horses too tired from the intense performance the night before, the queen and sweetheart needed a float to ride on in the parade. Again, Reveille Rotary to the rescue with a float suitable for such royalty. 🌟

Annual Fund Letter

Each year there are many requests for money, and all of us have different priorities and commitments, I am asking you to join me and include Rotary this year in your giving.

Rotary International has asked that each Rotarian consider a \$100 gift to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund each and every year. The demand for money for projects has never been so great, yet the supply has not kept up with the demand. Young people and needy people all over the world need our financial strength.

Each Rotary club in the District should encourage their members to participate in the Rotary Foundation. Some clubs find that by forming a \$10/month club within their own members, drawing out a name to receive a Paul Harris Fellow Award when \$1,000 is reached is an easy and good way to increase Foundation interest and giving. For about \$2.74 a day, an individual can gain a Paul Harris status with a \$1,000 contribution at the end of the year.

Your contribution can make a difference. Can I count on you to lend a hand? 🌟

Dave Baker PDG 99-00

Eureka Springs Rotary and the Interact Club received 3rd place in the Christmas Parade which was filmed by A & E Television.

(One of a few cities around the country) The parade consisted of 70+ entries. Our theme was Rotary - Around the World depicting many of our projects like Polio, Feeding the Hungry, Literacy, etc. The parade was aired on Dec. 18 and will probably show 6 or 7 minutes of Eureka plus the same time period for the other cities chosen. 🌟

Want a chance to catch \$10,000?

Catch & Release Fishing Derby for 25 tagged catfish worth from \$25 to \$10,000 in cash & prizes sponsored by

Okmulgee Rotary Club

Saturday, April 3.

8am to 4pm

Lake Okmulgee (4 miles W on Hwy 56)

Tickets available at Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Bank, First National Bank of Okmulgee • First National Bank of Henryetta. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the event at the first landing.

\$15 for Adults

\$10 for Children under 16

•••Special Family Package • \$25 for 2 adults, 2 kids or 1 adult, 3 kids•••

OK fishing license required for anyone 16 years or older. Hamburgers will be available from 11 to 1 at the first landing. For more info, call 758-2452.

Life is Music to His Ears!

Cory Nickerson Leads Rotary Men of Note and a Busy Life! By Lin Kelly

When he's not flying halfway around the world as International Finance Manager for Osborn International, or busy with his family, his church, or other Rotary commitments, Cory Nickerson uses his talents and energy to direct the District's *Rotary Men of Note*. His mission, along with the *Men of Note* is to bring musical enjoyment to all of us.

It all started with the desire to play football.

Born as a "preacher's kid" in Enid, Oklahoma, Cory was destined to enjoy many different schools, from Texas to Kansas. When he hit high school in Kismet, Kansas, he decided he wanted to go out for football.

"Mom said that was okay, as long as I joined the Mixed Chorus as well," said Cory. "I had played in bands since the fifth grade, but thought Mixed Chorus wasn't a macho thing to do. There was no bending Mother's determination (No chorus? No football!), so I joined Mixed Chorus. When I walked into the choir room, there was the entire football team! The music teacher auditioned me, and apparently needed a bass. She immediately put me with seven other guys in a double quartet and I started loving the 'show.' In a small school, you do double and triple duty in school activities. There was no college football scout looking me over to continue that career idea, so music became my ticket to higher education."

Graduated in the first ORU Class Leads to Career.

Cory joined the first 300 students on the campus of Oral Roberts University in 1965, graduating (Magna cum Laude) in 1969 with a Music Education degree. He taught junior and senior high music for several years, and worked for a time for Jimmie Saied. That's when he became intrigued with the business side of music. One step led to another in his career.

"When I learned about the Osborn International missions organization, I saw that they were on the cutting edge of technology," said Cory. "Of course in 1974, that meant using Selectric Typewriters! But music is what got me in the door. I handled the music ministry, took on 365 Vacation Bible School students, moved into the neighborhood outreach, and then took on a full time position as supervisor of the local ministry department."

From there, Cory worked up the ranks of the organization, from department supervisor to office manager to operations manager, helping to move from mainframe computers to office systems to PCs. Now he oversees the financial concerns of the ministry organization in Tulsa, Toronto, Ontario, and Birmingham, England. When he travels for the ministry, he can usually be found behind the viewfinder of a Nikon camera, documenting the effects of Christian ministry in the lives of people.



His wife has more frequent flyer miles than he.

The only surviving child of T.L. and Daisy Osborn, LaDonna Osborn and Cory were married in 1981. Between them, they have six children and 18 grandchildren. Getting the family together for holidays and special occasions is an interesting challenge.

"Our oldest grandson was born in Nigeria and the most recent one (this November) was born in Ecuador. If there is a genetic code for world ministry outreach, this family would have it," Cory continued.

LaDonna is the Vice President and CEO of Osborn International and Bishop of the International Gospel Center Fellowship of Churches and Ministries, which includes more than 600 churches and ministry organizations worldwide. "She fills her passports with entry and exit stamps before they get close to expiration."

T.L. Osborn, now 80, is still totally active in the ministry, having just returned from a three-and-a-half week preaching mission to Thailand.

Cory connects with Rotary and Music.

"I had spent so much time working on international projects that impacted other countries, that I began to search for a way to do something within my local community," said Cory. "It was about that time that I was approached to join the Rotary Club of Tulsa (July, 1993). My co-sponsors were Fred Swensen and Larry Johnston. Fred was president of the Rotary Men of Note at the time and told me that, in order to join the club, it was a requirement to sing in the chorus. (He said it with a grin, so I didn't have to wonder about the 4 Way Test.) So that's what I did. And then, Don Ford, who was director of the Men of Note at the time, learned that I had directing experience, and in 1994-95, I became the director. It has been an incredible ride. The guys are great to work with, and a lot of fun to travel with. Not a week goes by that I do not look forward to the rehearsals, the fellowship and the performances. Music is a fun and relaxing way to unwind, and I miss it when the group takes a break."

About the only change in ten years has been adding more music and some new members. With a roster of about 32, now representing 10 clubs in District 6110, about 24 to 26 can be counted on for any given performance and two-thirds of the members have been there since Cory joined.

"The guys who get in stay in. They have real commitment, and having fun doesn't hurt, either," continued Cory. "And it is one of the activities that help us stay in touch with the entire district."

Cory has also made a musical pledge to the women of Rotary. "If twelve women (Rotarians or Rotary spouses) want to make a commitment to consistent rehearsals (monthly, semi-monthly or weekly), I would be delighted to start directing a women's chorus. A women's chorus can be as distinctive as a men's chorus, and the two groups can be combined to handle the unique requirements for mixed voice works."

Cory's goal is to have 40 voices in the Men of Note. Rehearsals are from 5:45 to 7:45 each Monday evening in the choir room at First

United Methodist Church, 1115 South Boulder, in Tulsa. If you are interested in singing with the Men of Note and can fit in the rehearsal time, or would like to talk about a women's chorus, call Cory at 918-743-6231 or email him at OSFOcory@aol.com.

Commitment to Rotary runs deep.

Not only has Cory been part of the Club Singing and Music Committee for the Rotary Club of Tulsa, leading the singing and lining up others to do the same, he has served on the Board of Directors, the Program Committee, Camp Enterprise (chair one year) and now is instrumental in the club's Crescendo Music Awards (part of Youth Services) which gives thousands of dollars each year to talented young musicians to help further their studies.

"My wife coined a phrase she uses to define international ministry as 'Overflowing Hearts and Rolled Up Sleeves' and to me it also defines the commitment of Rotarians around the world."

He is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Benefactor, Community Fellow and an MSNI Ambassador.

What changes has he seen in Rotary in this decade of membership?

"As we've added more women to the clubs, I've seen lots of improvement in committee work," said Cory. "Women are a talented, committed, creative, and very flexible addition to the volunteer work force that enhances the causes and projects of Rotary International. I am personally looking forward to the time when District 6110 elects its first woman to the post of District Governor."

Thanks, Cory. You add so very much to Rotary with your passion, talent and energy.

Hobbies. What hobbies?

When asked what he does in his "free time", Cory replied, "LaDonna calls me a 'terminal volunteer' so, between family, work, church, and Rotary there's not much time left. I do enjoy reading and even getting some yard work done now and then. And if I can get away for a 'personal' trip, I really love to snow ski. I don't ski nearly often enough...so I'm anticipating that in one corner of Heaven, there will be a snow covered mountain range across the street from an Indian restaurant, and I'll be set!" (-30-) 🌟



Shop-with-a-Cop A Successful Intervention Program By Lin Kelly

Springdale retains the Gerald Harp Cup in the 2nd Christmas celebrated in homes not likely to have a celebration. Friends made with off-duty Policemen, caring volunteers and University of Tulsa athletes. The Shop-with-a-Cop program, begun by Rotary, is spreading across America and had its second successful as well as twice as large-event Saturday, December 6th, at the Wal-Mart Super Store, located at Admiral and Memorial. The Rotary Club of Tulsa, the Tulsa Fraternal Order of Police and Wal-Mart collaborate in this youth intervention program.



"The mission of this Youth Services project is to do with young people, not just to do for them," said Chairman John Rains. "It is an opportunity to work hands-on with children who have already been in or are heading for trouble that involves the Police Department. Police can also make friends with children who may be in a home environment where they are frequently exposed to a not so positive Police intervention. It's a wonderful experience, to look into the face of an at-risk child, to listen, to hear a bit about their family and about them. And it's a chance, perhaps, to make a difference in a home where little or no Christmas would normally occur."

The project in Tulsa began with the Rotary Club's adopted school, Celia Clinton Elementary, at 1740 North Harvard. It is hoped that the program can be expanded to include students in the middle schools these students feed into, Cleveland and Hamilton.

"When we told her what our goal was, Celia Clinton's Principal, Cindy Taylor said 'only twenty?' last year and 'only forty?' this year. That's tough to hear," continued Rains.

Rotary's own Roger Myers and Bill Ayers were the official Wal-Mart greeters for this event,

sending everyone to the back of the store, past all the folks queuing up at the Layaway counter into the back where "associates only" is printed on the doors. Wal-Mart had cleared the area of fifteen-foot high pallets and set up gaily decorated tables for volunteers and children, first to sit and make wish lists for the families, and after the shopping, to use for wrapping the gifts. Besides supplying the gift-wrap, lunch, snacks and beverages, many Wal-Mart employees were there to help, off the clock. Rotarian and University of Tulsa Director of Athletic, Judy MacLeod, had asked for student athletes to volunteer. Fifteen arrived, from track to soccer players, to the now famous football quarterback, James Killian, with his arm Velcroed to his body to allow his broken collarbone to heal.

Anticipation. Excitement. Chaos. Lists made, off went each student with a Police officer, getting to know more about one another, about the family and that Cops aren't a scary lot after all.

Of course, there were a couple of kids who tried to convince their "shopping buddies" that



what Mom wanted more than anything was a Play Station. One officer had his student using his math skills, keeping track of how

close they were to reaching budget. At the other end of the spectrum, one young lady asked her Police Officer if she could have something for herself...a toothbrush.

At the same time, Rotarians then went shopping for the student and secretly wrapped the present, putting it in their "Santa bag". A short lull later, the students and Police began to return, baskets brimming. With one of those handy dandy "zap pricers" a running total was kept. Lots of help from the other volunteers was needed for the wrapping. Many of these children had never wrapped a gift.

The Tulsa FOP and the Rotary Club of Tulsa split the cost of the gifts for the families and

December Attendance Figures

the students, each with a budget of \$100 per family. What budget doesn't go over a bit? Rotarians pitched in to meet the extra money needed, the total reaching \$4,300.00.

"This was such a positive experience," said one Police officer. "I'd come out every Saturday to do this if I could."

There's no doubt, after two years, that this project does make a difference.



"I mentor four fifth grade students in math each week," said Rotarian Bob Spears. "One of the boys was summoned by the paging system to come to the office. When he returned, he was literally dancing in the air! He had gotten a letter to take home to his family that he had been chosen to participate in the program. This is a child who has already been in detention several times."

"I was helping three little girls with their wish lists," said Rotarian Matt Davis. "It was a bit of luck to be partnered with a Police woman, for I know nothing about how to ask about clothes sizes. She would ask questions about their Mothers-'is she this size (gesturing) or this size'-questions I would never dare to ask. By the time we finished, those three little girls were glued to that Police officer! Does this work? Definitely. Will I be back next year? Definitely."

And so will the Tulsa FOP, the Rotary Club of Tulsa, Wal-Mart, and all the students they can handle. 🌟

Club Name	Membership November	New Members	Terminated Members	Membership December	% Attendance
Aurora	34	0	0	34	61
Bartlesville	154	2	2	154	80
Bartlesville Daybreak	76	1	0	77	70
Bentonville	97	0	2	95	83.2
Bentonville/BV Daybreak	27	0	0	27	86
Berryville	35	0	0	35	61
Bixby	58	1	1	59	60
Booneville	39	0	0	39	61.11
Bristow	33	0	0	33	68
Broken Arrow	68	0	0	68	60
Bull Shoals-Lakeview	54	0	0	54	77
Carthage	108	0	0	108	34.8
Cassville	58	1	0	59	53
Chanute	39	0	0	39	52.63
Claremore	83	0	0	83	71.49
Claremore Reveille	17	0	0	17	72.55
Coffeyville	62	1	0	63	52
Drumright	23	0	0	23	74
Eureka Springs	54	0	0	54	71.4
Fayetteville	216	2	3	215	76.47
Fort Scott	51	1	0	52	65
Fort Smith	133	0	0	133	70
Fort Smith Southside	37				
Fredonia	24	0	1	23	70.5
Frontenac	18	0	0	18	65
Grove	70	2	1	71	63
Harrison	94	0	1	93	73.21
Henryetta	20	0	1	19	63
Holiday Island	28	0	0	28	60
Humboldt	18	0	0	18	69
Independence	71	1	2	70	57
Iola	48	0	0	48	50.5
Joplin	135	3	6	132	72.6
Joplin Daybreak	68	2	1	69	69.29
Lamar	65	0	0	65	80
McAlester	83	0	0	83	60
Miami	91	0	1	90	68.23
Mid-Marion County	30	2	0	32	70.3
Mountain Home	81	1	0	82	75.7
Mt. Vernon	29	0	1	28	50
Muskogee	67	0	0	67	48.51
Neodesha	27				
Neosho	67	0	0	67	52.98
Nevada	97	0	1	96	40.1
North Tulsa	19	0	0	19	71.67
Northside Fayetteville	84	2	3	83	58.5
Nowata	11	0	0	11	55
Okmulgee	29	1	0	30	70
Oswego	13	0	0	13	81
Owasso	39	0	0	39	54
Ozark	24	0	1	23	81
Paris	28	0	1	27	55
Parsons	42	0	0	42	58
Pittsburg	86	0	0	86	74.2
Pittsburg Sunrise	43	1	0	44	83
Poteau	35	0	0	35	66
Pryor	54	0	1	53	85.33
Rogers	125	2	1	126	69.7
Rogers Early Risers	61	0	1	60	49
Sand Springs	128	0	2	126	75
Sapulpa	67	3	0	70	60
Siloam Springs	42	0	0	42	55
Skiatook	33	0	0	33	51.51
Southeast Tulsa	75	1	0	76	77.11
Southside Tulsa	68	0	0	68	83.1
Springdale	203	4	1	206	56.57
Tahlequah-Cherokee County	24	1	0	25	69.7
Tulsa	445	2	2	445	78
Tulsa Central	21	2	0	23	87
Tulsa Green Cty	16	2	2	16	71
Tulsa Sunrise	69	3	1	71	69.48
Van Buren	61	1	0	61	59
Vinita	50	0	2	48	52
Wagoner	50	0	4	46	40.12
Webb City-Carl Junction	57	0	1	56	50.71
Will Rogers (Tulsa)	80	0	0	80	

"The most urgent need at the present stage in the development of Rotary is not `more clubs' nor `larger clubs'; it is the evolution of a truer and stronger philosophy. It is not only necessary to the permanency of the success of Rotary that its philosophy be idealized and standardized. It must also be practicalized and trued

Paul P. Harris,

The National Rotarian, November 1911 (from "Honoring our Past" copyright Rotary International)

Peggy George, District 6110 Governor Nominee-Nominee

When I was first invited into Rotary in 1988, I really had no idea what the organization was all about. Like so many people around the world, it's a name I had heard numerous times but with no understanding of what it stood for.

My invitation came from Bill Mason, who had been my pastor and dear friend for many years. I had the greatest respect for his judgment and wisdom and still do. As he described the purpose and work of Rotary, I told him that I believed in all those things and that if he believed I would be a good Rotarian, I would be honored to get on board.

He told me then that Rotary had just opened membership to women, and he wanted his club, Southeast Tulsa Rotary, to be the first in Tulsa to welcome women into membership. I had no idea of the conflict that would arise as a consequence of this invitation. It literally turned into "a can of worms," and much to my regret, three members of the club chose to leave in the aftermath. I didn't realize this until after the fact, but when I saw what a bold move Bill Mason had made on my behalf, I vowed to be the best Rotarian I knew how to be and to make him proud that he believed in me. I never looked back.

Nearly fifteen years later, I am as proud to be a Rotarian as I was on the day of my induction. I served on Southeast's Board of Directors for five years, becoming the first woman president in District 6110. Don Walker invited me to be the first woman to serve as a District Governor's Representative (now termed Assistant Governor) and I served four terms under four outstanding District Governors. I am a Paul Harris Fellow and a Benefactor, and I have fourteen years perfect attendance. When my club plants trees, I'm there with them digging holes. When we volunteer at our adopted school, I'm on board. When we ring bells at Christmas time for the Salvation Army, I am among the "ding-a-lings," and when it's our turn at the Medical Supplies Network, I'm thrilled to be on the team. All this is just to say that I am a hands-on person. I don't believe in "token" Rotarians. I believe each one of us, man or woman, has an obligation to dedicate ourselves to Service Above Self and to further the magnificent work of Rotary International.

When my club approached me about placing my name in application for District Governor of 6110, I was honored, humbled, and skeptical. I realized that no woman had ever served as District Governor in 6110's history and that this would be another "ground-breaking" event. I wasn't sure that I or the District was ready for this move, and frankly I thought that there was little possibility that I would be elected. But at my club's urging and other encouragement from around the District, I thought deeply about it and decided to take the plunge. The rest is history, and I am embarking on another

exciting era in my Rotary life as your District Governor Nominee Nominee. Or the short form term... District Governor 2006-2007.

I approach this responsibility with awe and a great deal of humility. I have much to learn in the next couple of years, and my only hope of success is that I stand on the shoulders of dedicated leaders who have served this District well. They are my mentors, advisors, and support system and in true Rotary fashion have offered their assistance for every step of the way. I also ask for your support and patience as I come to you for help in putting together the strong team that it takes to run this District ... the largest in all of Rotary. We have a proud heritage, and I look to you to continue our traditions in Service Above Self.

Governor Tom has asked me to share a little about my personal and business background with you. I attended Coffeyville College of Arts, Sciences, and Vocations in Coffeyville, KS. and the University of Tulsa in the school of Journalism with a major in Advertising. I worked for Continental Can Company in Industrial Relations and edited our local division's newsletter. I later joined Humble Oil & Refining in Tulsa in their Marketing Division. When the Tulsa division moved to Chicago, I accepted a position at KTUL-TV, Tulsa, in the programming and production department. Following a return to TU for additional work, I joined Oral

Roberts University where I served as General Manager of their in-house agency, placing radio and TV programming on stations around the country and internationally. As Assistant to the Producer, and later Associate Director, I was on the production team for the University's weekly programs and quarterly network specials, which aired in prime time on network affiliates in every major market in the U.S.

In 1982 I joined Pete Mace as partner in Mace-George Advertising. Following his death in 1991, I continued Peggy George & Associates Advertising as a sole proprietorship until 1998 when I joined B/M/C Advertising in Tulsa where I retired in August, 2003.

I have served as President of the Tulsa Chapter of American Women in Radio and Television, the Tulsa Advertising Federation, and Southeast Rotary. I have served on the Administrative Council, Long-Range-Planning, and Finance Committees of Asbury Methodist in Tulsa, and worked with many other projects during my thirty-plus years of membership.

I have two sons, Doug and Mark, and five grandchildren. My hobbies are music, travel, gardening, and sports. My two proudest moments are being selected as the Silver Addy Winner for Excellence in Advertising, a lifetime achievement award, by a jury of my peers, and being named as District 6110's Governor in 2006-2007 by an outstanding group of Past District Governors. I look forward to the journey. 🌟

