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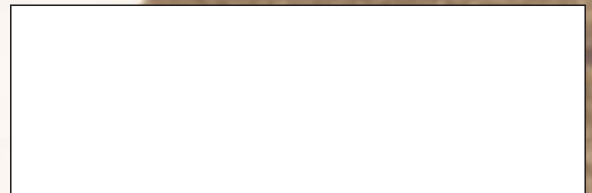


Lend a Hand

Paul Harris said...

"Whether we do much or little in the way of public work, it is apparent that there is a large and unique field of usefulness in Rotary. Possessing as we do red blood in our veins, it is fair to assume that we shall not be indifferent to the welfare of the communities in which we exist, nor unwilling to lend a hand to the doing of those things in the interests of the public which come within the proper sphere of our activities."

Paul Harris



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PDG Ligette Lancaster's District Influence is Alive and Well



Attitude is everything," said Ligette. The always positive energy and discipline which underscored virtually every moment in Ligette's involvement with Rotary — particularly District 6110 and his home club of Tulsa Southeast Rotary — has touched each of Governor Tom's official club visitations.

Coupled with the 2003 - 2004 Lend-A-Hand theme, (an extension of last year's popular "Sow the Seeds of Love") the "stage" has been set for R.I.'s interest in four major areas of sober concerns.

1. Poverty and Hunger
2. Illiteracy and Education
3. The expanded Family of Rotary
4. The Final Eradication of Polio

In future "6110 Executives," we will both examine these concerns and examine a range of actual projects which have been designed to meet each concern.

As our readers begin to imagine and plan their own answers — even their own success in dealing with R.I.'s suggested Quartet of issues for 2003 - 2004 — one is reminded that whatever the proposed solution, the recipes for success need to include some obvious reference to our Paul Harris heritage ... ie. "**P.H. factor.**" With this factor in place, whatever the plan, the project will be unofficially "Rotarized."

So, like Ligette Lancaster, continue to learn about Paul Harris and collect his words. One day your Rotary project may need the Paul Harris touch, a "**P.H. factor.**"

-DG Tom Clark

Excerpt from "My Road to Rotary"

When civilization is at hazard, other things must wait. Conventions were dedicated to war service [WWI].

Rotarians joined with hearty zeal in Liberty bond campaigns, vacant lot gardening, putting libraries in camps and cantonments; provid-



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The Four Original Rotarians

ing social fellowship for soldiers in towns adjacent to their training centers. Rotary clubs interested themselves in providing clothing, etc., for Europeans suffering from the war. Very promptly after the declaration of war by Uncle Sam, the then over 300 American Rotary clubs had a committee in Washington to offer their cooperation. They were particularly interested to see that our boys going into service were recognized not merely as "cannon fodder" but as patriotic youths who should be made to feel at home in any city or town near which they were encamped. (That was the background of the USO of the Second World War.)

As World War I drew to its close we were told by high government authorities that, of all organizations which had loyally and patriotically responded to the call of the government, none had exceeded the Rotary Clubs in promptness or efficiency or in the accomplishment of results.

- Paul Harris

District Loses PolioPlus Pioneer Dr. Ben Saltzman

Mountain Home Charter Member Tapped to Lead International Program

If anyone personified the "Service Above Self" ideal put forth by Rotary Founder Paul Harris, it was Dr. Ben Saltzman of Mountain Home, Arkansas.

A charter member of the Mountain Home Rotary Club, with perfect attendance for 50 years (while delivering 3,500 babies), Rotary District 6110 Governor (1952-1954) and as a Rotary International Director (1961-1963), he was also a firm believer in the need for rural doctors and health facilities. Through his hands-on leadership in Rotary International, Dr. Saltzman spurred on the organization to make a difference in the lives of rural people and their health care throughout the world.

If any individual personified the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self", it was Dr. Saltzman. There is not time or space to relate all that he did in his lifetime. The Baxter Bulletin in Mountain Home has archives full of his contributions, achievements and awards for doing so. I would suggest you look there for more about this extraordinary person. You'll find it at <http://www.baxterbulletin.com> under keyword "archives."

According to 6110 PDG Bob Melott (1998-99), of Tulsa Sunrise Club, our District provided two additional leaders in the international arena for Rotary's effort in polio eradication as well, Jim Roundtree of Bentonville, Arkansas and the late Mike Pedrick of Sand Springs, Oklahoma. Like Dr. Saltzman, both have served as Directors of Rotary International.

It was during the 1976 Rotary International Convention that Dr. Saltzman suggested Rotary do something about international **H**ealth, **H**unger and **H**umanity. In three years, the 3-H grants began and provided polio vaccine for immunization campaigns in the Philippines, Haiti, Bolivia, Morocco, Sierra Leon and The Gambia.

With his persistence, less than a decade later, Rotary International adopted the goal of worldwide polio eradication by the year 2000. At first, RI decided to put a plan into effect in three year's time from Dr. Saltzman's suggestion. His reply: "how many babies are we willing to let die and be deformed by waiting that long?" The measure passed. As a consequence, more than 4,000 Rotary volunteers worked on 44 national or multi-national PolioPlus fund-raising committees that raised \$247 million.

The year 1988 saw partners, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, U.S. Center for Disease and Control and donor governments like Japan, Canada,

Australia and the United States join the effort.

As Nancy Cole writes in *The Baxter Bulletin*, published February 11, 1999, "additional hundreds of Rotary volunteers assisted in vaccine delivery, social mobilization and logistical help throughout the world."

In an event in Tulsa held in his honor in 1999, Rotary International President Jim Lacy acknowledged Dr. Saltzman's "founding role" in Rotary's efforts to eradicate worldwide polio, one of 35 PolioPlus Pioneers. Then 6110 DG Bob Melott followed with a presentation at the Bull Shoals-Lakeview Rotary Club.

"Because of this gentleman," Melott said, "millions of children did not have to suffer from polio."

Saltzman said he was proud that he had come up with Rotary's 3-H grant program, which led to PolioPlus. "I wanted to do something to indicate that I was willing to work."

From the beginning of his Mountain Home family practice in 1947, in a former harness shop, complete with a potbellied wood stove, some straight-back chairs and a burlap curtain covering the entrance to the treatment room (Bulletin Correspondent Mary Ann Messick, April 13, 1999), Dr. Saltzman's willingness to work eventually turned into a hospital in Mountain Home. Dr. Saltzman increased efforts for rural health care through his position as head of the Department of Family and Community Services (1974-1981) at the University of Arkansas, and as Arkansas State Health Department Director until 1989. Through his persistent efforts, countless lives in rural areas around the world have been made all the better by pushing to end at least one disease that has plagued humankind. In 2003, we are almost there with one percent of the world's population to go.

As a result of a stroke, he passed away Friday, July 4, 2003, at Good Samaritan Village in Mountain Home. A memorial service was held for him Monday July 7th. Dr. Saltzman was 89. Memorial contributions may be made to The Rotary Foundation, Post Office Box 75113, Chicago, Illinois, and zip 60675-5133. Please indicate "The Dr. Ben Saltzman Endowed Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship." 🌻



Lin Kelly

Tulsa Southside Rotary's Dictionary Project is Adopted by District 6110

It all began about ten years ago with a lady in Savannah, Georgia. She bought 35 paperback dictionaries and passed them out to children on their way to school. The Dictionary Project has become a national movement that gives third grade students a dictionary.

The Southside Rotary Club of Tulsa got involved in the spring of 2002 as a service project for their adopted school. The books were so well received by students and teachers alike that Southside decided to distribute dictionaries to all third grade students in the 57 schools in the Tulsa Public School system. Last October 3,700 books were delivered to 187 classrooms.

Each book is personalized with the name of the recipient printed on a bookplate inside the front cover. Rotarians visit the schools and distrib-



ute the dictionaries after some brief remarks. The momentary contact between the child and Rotarian leaves a memory that will last a lifetime.

Stan Dixon of the Southside Rotary Club has been appointed to be 6110 Dictionary coordinator. The cost of last year's books was \$1.46 and the bookplates were \$.14 each You can reach Stan by phone at (918) 481-3188, FAX (918) 481-6533 or email

stanleydixon@sbcglobal.net.

Partner of the Year

The Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, at their May 6 Partners in Education reception, presented their top award, the Partner of the Year 2002-2003, to Southside Rotary for our World of

Words project. The picture at the left shows Tom Wilson, Southside Foundation President, Michelle Smith, Springdale Elementary Principal, Southside President Mike Buchert and Stan Dixon accepting the trophy on May 6. This impressive crystal glass trophy is engraved "Presented to the Southside Rotary Club of Tulsa for your World of Words program. Thank your for your vision and commitment to the future of our community." 🌟

RYLA's Ralph Holmes Retires

After 30 plus years in Rotary, one-third of which was spent as the Director of 6110's successful RYLA Program, Ralph has announce his retirement, effective 1 July 2003.

Fortunately Ralph's #1 assistant, Jim Vander Lind and long time coordinator of the University of Tulsa's student leader counselor program is available to continue as is Tulsa Public School's Trainer extraordinaire Donna Berryhill.



The District is thrilled to add the services of Chuck Everett (known to some insiders as the "Hunk"), husband of District Secretary Pam Everett. Chuck and Jim Vander Lind will act as Directors of 2003-2004.

All those who have worked with Ralph Holmes in any capacity, wish him every good wish for the future. Thank you Ralph Holmes for the outstanding service, and influence in young peoples lives. 🌟

Bentonville-BellaVista club hears Report on "Far Reaching" Rotary programs Laura Fleetwood

Past Governor Ed Clifford and Laura Fleetwood attended the Rotary International convention in Brisbane, Australia in early June and reported to the club June 25. Fleetwood was especially impressed with the far-reaching effect of Rotary's programs.

- Two new clubs were chartered during the convention-Kabul, Afghanistan, and Timor-Leste, Indonesia. The first president of the Kabul club is a woman. "The great thing about Rotary is that it is a grassroots program to allow indigenous people to have ownership in finding solutions to their problems, which is the only way to have a lasting impact for good," she says. Afghanistan has not had a Rotary Club since 1972.
- 17,000 attended the

Brisbane convention. PDG Clifford told Rotarians to begin making plans to attend the 100th RI Convention in Chicago in 2005. "50,000 are expected," he said.

- The convention's focus on Rotary's program to support 70 students annually in the study of Peace and Conflict Resolution was "the most exciting" for Fleetwood. Eight universities around the world now have students studying for Master's Degree in this Rotary effort. Fleetwood encourages all Rotarians to search our possible scholars for these \$50,000 scholarships.
- Adoption of Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan by Rotarians is one of the projects showcased at the convention.

- Opening ceremonies featuring presentation of flags from 166 Rotary countries left a lasting memory.

Brisbane attendees...

BENTONVILLE

DG Ed and Joan Clifford
Pres.-Elect Laura and Dave Fleetwood

EUREKA SPRINGS

PDG & Pres. John and Marilee Brodbeck

NORTH TULSA

PP Wallace and Ann Williams

ROTARY CLUB OF TULSA

Pres.-Elect John O'Connor and Lucia, Executive Secretary Margaret White
Marti Alexander and Ken Ed and Mary Jane Jenkins

SPRINGDALE

DGN Gerald and Vicki Harp
Dist. Secretary Pam and Chuck Everett

TULSA SUNRISE

DGE Tom and Marty Clark
PDG Don Walker

TULSA WILL ROGERS

Pres.-Elect Paul and Sabrina Kane

By Laura Fleetwood

President Bentonville-BellaVista Rotary Club



The **Claremore Rotary Club** officially bid adieu to our outgoing President, Debi Reynolds, with quite a surprise. Debi was named the club's 36th

Paul Harris Fellow. Incoming Prez Jon Klassen also presented Debi with a gift certificate for a "day of beauty" at an upscale Tulsa spa & salon...just to congratulate her on surviving her year in office. As her last order of business, Debi awarded gifts to her officers and those members who continue to practice "Service Above Self." Also, she presented the entire membership with "Kudos" candy bars.

From the Editor

In the past couple of months the experience of reading club bulletins from throughout District 6110 has been quite a privilege. This district really is among the best of the best. District 6110 has a lot of active clubs in four states doing some amazing projects including Medical Supply Network! The "**P.H. factor**" is alive and well.

The *District 6110 Executive* is now published on the 6110 website in PDF format for the general membership. Please relay this to members.

This is going to be an amazing year with a great group of Rotarians. Matt Davis is organizing a fantastic Conference. Make plans today! Send stories to barclay714@cox.net

Steve Reid



District 6110 Fall Conference Takes Shape September 12-14 in Eureka Springs

“With the inspiration from RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe to create the 'Family of

Rotary', we are gearing this year's district conference towards a family friendly event,” said Matt Davis, (Rotary Club of Tulsa) tapped by DG Tom Clark to chair the conference. “We hope that Rotarians will bring their family members with them and celebrate the Rotary spirit.”

Headquarters for the Conference will be the Inn of the Ozarks and its new conference center. A large block of rooms have been saved there and at adjoining properties for Rotarians. It is advised to make your reservations early. Information and registration forms will be e-mailed to club presidents the week of July 21.

A meeting of all past and future district governors is set for 5:00 pm Thursday, September 11, at the historic Bank of Eureka Springs . A governor's reception follows at the bank, chaired by PDG Dave Baker.

Friday gets underway with a Golf Tournament for Rotarians and spouses, chaired by John Brodbeck, Bob Daggett, and Dave Baker. The tournament will be a 4-person scramble, with a tee time of 1:00 pm. Those interested in forming teams and participating should contact them for further information. John can be reached at jmbrodbeck@juno.com . Dave can be reached at bakerdj@ipa.net or 479 253-8241. You can contact Bob at gbsbailork@grandfederal.com or at 918 787-4073.

Friday evening begins with a reception honoring R.I. Representative John Germ with a cash bar at 6:00 pm. An informal buffet-style dinner around the pool follows, allowing families to spend the evening enjoying the Eureka Springs sites and activities.

As in the past, the Rotary Club of Tulsa will maintain a Hospitality Suite throughout the weekend for those who wish to linger and visit.

Saturday begins bright and early with a 7:30 am Continental Breakfast. With PDG Ed Clifford as moderator, it will include awarding the Presidential Citation and awards for the 2002-2003 year. The First Plenary Session, beginning at 8:40 am, will be led by John Brodbeck. It will concentrate on

Foundation giving. The Second Plenary Session, scheduled for 9:40 am to 10:30 am focuses on electronic communication. With a DSL connection set up in the room, District Secretary Pam Everett will demonstrate how effective this form of communication can be and how to use it. Simultaneously, from 9:40 am until 11:00 am, Jack Butt will head up the District's Group Study Exchange presentation, for the third plenary session.

At 10:40 am, the Fourth Plenary Session begins and ends at 11:30 am. Two special projects in the District will be presented: Tulsa Southside Club's dictionary project and Fayetteville's Shoes for Kids in Thailand. A Business Session will also take place from 10:45 am to 11:30 am. A noon luncheon follows, with RI representative John Germ as keynote speaker and music provided by a special Rotary ensemble.

The Fifth Plenary Session begins at 1:40 pm and ends at 2:30 pm. Subjects covered will be the youth program RYLA, and emphasis on Rotary's Four-Way Test. The Sixth Plenary Session, presenting Ambassadorial and Kirchner Scholars, will be put on by Dave Baker from 2:40 to 3:30 pm.

The Medical Supplies Network will have a booth during Saturday's events and will have their business meeting at 1:40 pm. Centennial Projects and club projects will also be displayed.

Plans for a shopping and touring trip and Putt-Putt Golf are underway, as is a book project initiated by DG Tom Clark's wife, Marty, Jane Baker, and the Eureka Springs Library.

A reception to honor RI Representative, John Germ, will get underway at 6:00 pm, with the banquet beginning at 7:00 pm. With entertainment by Rotary's Men of Note, the keynote speaker is Fred N. Davis III, President of Strategic Perceptions. He will share inside stories about the political world we don't see, including what it's really like to get Elizabeth Dole elected and the true wit of Bob Dole. This you do not want to miss! You will be laughing so hard you'll have tears in your eyes. Come prepared with tissues and handkerchiefs.

The conference concludes Sunday with a breakfast buffet, an 8:30 am Memorial Service honoring Rotarians who have died, and a wrap-up of the Convention. Again, Rotary's Men of Note will provide wonderful music.

It's a full weekend and well worth your time!

✍ Lin Kelly 🌻



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