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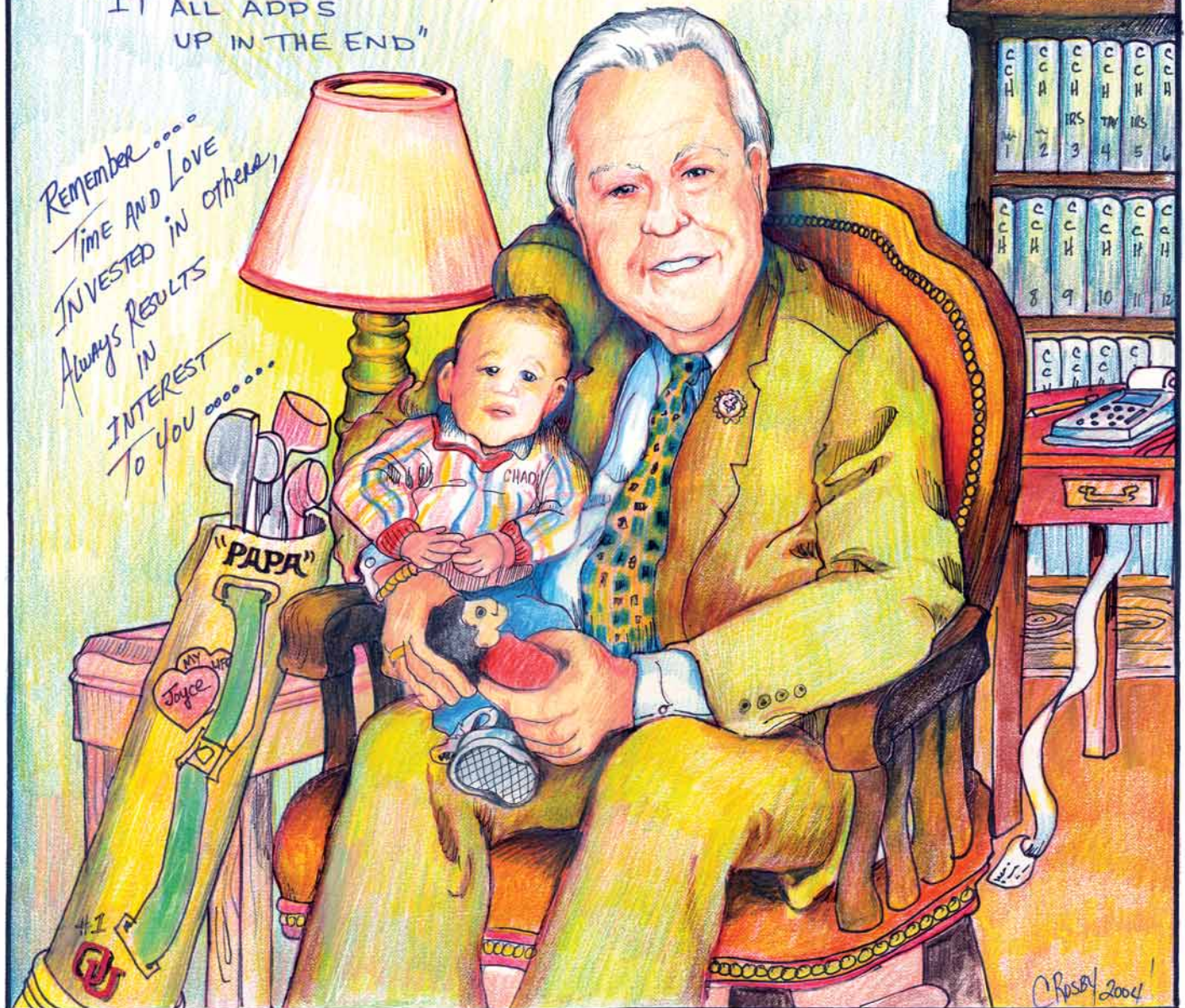
THE 4 WAY TEST
"IT ALL ADDS
UP IN THE END"

Remember...
Time AND LOVE
INVESTED IN OTHERS,
ALWAYS RESULTS
IN INTEREST
TO YOU.....



Lend a Hand

THE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE
TO REMEMBER
TO GOD, FAMILY,
COUNTRY & COMMUNITY



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A Juggling Act - Maintaining your Balance

If you have read last Sunday's Tulsa World, especially the back page of the Business Section, you already know what Harvey Mackay sez this week. If somehow you missed it, let me pass along the "jist." For you hard working Rotarians, Harvey's moral could be the "wake-up" call that makes a difference. **"Be sure not to let making a living interfere with having a life."**

District Governor
Tom Clark



Harvey's weekly column starts out with "now is a good time to reevaluate our lives and the direction in which we're headed." He continues, "are you balancing out the different roles you have ... wage earner, spouse, parent, community member," etc? "The average American devotes about 56 hours a week to work, including commuting; 70 hours to sleeping, eating and personal maintenance; and 42 hours to leisure activities — of which 6 hours are spent socializing with family and friends." Not much personal time, is there?!

"The good news is that it's never too late to think about balance in a different light — and it's not always your choice." Often your family "helps" you decide to adjust the priorities "between unlimited personal success and a more evenly weighted life." Here is a story Harvey tells which may "help you think differently about balancing work and family."

"A man came home from work late again, tired and irritated to find his 5-year-old son waiting for him at the door. 'Daddy, how much money do you make an hour?'

'That's none of your business. What makes you ask such a thing?' the father said angrily.

'I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?' pleaded the little boy.

'If you much know, I make \$20 an hour.'

'Daddy, may I borrow \$10 please?'

The father was furious. 'If the only reason you wanted to know how much money I make is just so you can borrow some to buy a silly toy or some other

non-sense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. I work long, hard hours every day and don't have time for such childish games.'

The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door. The man sat down and grew angrier about his son's questioning. After an hour or so, the man calmed down and started to think he was too hard on his son. Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$10, and besides, he really didn't ask for money very often. The father went to his boy's room.

'Are you asleep, son?' he asked.

'No, daddy, I'm awake,' replied the boy.

'I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier,' said the man.

'Here's that \$10 you asked for.'

The little boy sat straight up, beaming. 'Oh, thank you Daddy,' he replied. Then, reaching under his pillow, he pulled out some more crumpled-up bills. The little boy slowly counted out his money, then looked up at his father.

The man, growing angry again, asked, 'Why did you want more money if you already had some?'

'Because I didn't have enough, but now I do,' the little boy said. 'Daddy I have \$20 now. Can I buy an hour of your time?' End of story. Time to weigh the consequences.

'Everyone is a house with four rooms - a physical, mental, emotional, and a spiritual room. Most of us tend to live in one room most of the time, but unless we visit every room each day, even if only to keep it aired, we are not complete persons.'

So . . . have a life . . . and enjoy it! ☺

Editor's note: Harvey Mackay is a well-known author and motivational speaker. He can be reached through his web site at www.mackay.com. His latest New York Times best seller, **Pushing the Envelope** is available at your favorite bookstore. Two weeks ago, Harvey's column focused on "happiness," one of the major results of a balanced, prioritized life — this is what Rotary smiles are all about . . . and upon which that infectious positive attitude is based.



Russell Robinson District 6110 Treasurer By Whitney Robinson Franks

I am a very lucky person. I get up and go to work five days a week (more during tax season, of course) and see my dad. That's right. Russell Dwight Robinson, President of Cross and Robinson, Certified Public Accountants and Auditors. Rotary District 6110 Treasurer. He's also married to Joyce W. Robinson, his high school sweetheart, for almost forty years. He is a Father to my brother Matthew and I, a proud Grandfather "Papa" of Chadwick Robinson, age three. A Father-in-Law to my husband Mark and Matt's wife Sheri. These are just a few things he is. He loves, skiing, an avid golfer and member of Cedar Ridge Country Club. The golfing part came to a screeching halt when he fell and tore two rotary cuffs in his left arm at a



Russell Robinson

I thought I would be working at Cross and Robinson for only a short time I have been there ever since. As Martha Stewart would refer to as a "good thing", I would have to say great. Before then, I never realized all the things he was. He has sat on many boards and involved with many non-profit organizations as well as Treasurer for several political candidates. He has served as an expert witness in jury trials, where I saw him in action once. He has conducted several seminars with major oil companies in regard to employees' benefits, financial planning, estate taxes, and IRA rollovers. Most of his experience and expertise, I learned, has been in the oil and gas, manufacturing, and insurance industry. He has extensive experi-



Russell and grandson Chad

Rotary District Conference. I guarantee you will see him out as soon as possible swinging clubs again.

These are just a few things he is. He never meets a stranger and can carry on a conversation

with anybody. His honesty and morals which he holds high not only make him a great person, it also helps in making a successful business owner.

In 1996, I graduated college and started working for him. Although this would be the proper wording, I prefer to say I work with him. I say this because we have a great relationship and work well together, even though I was devastated when I was told to call him "Russell" at work! My heart sank. I understood though.



Russell Robinson and his family

ence in the hospital field and medical service area.

So as you can see, I am one lucky individual. He has brought me up well. To think positive, look for the good in people. To remember who you are and where you are going. He has memorized the poem of the Road Not Taken by Robert Frost and refers to it often, as I do also. He tells me I am the sparkle of the family, but I really think he is. 🌟

-Whitney Robinson Franks (Russell's daughter)

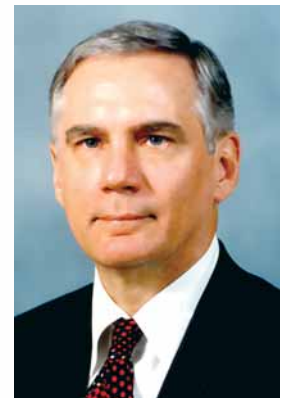
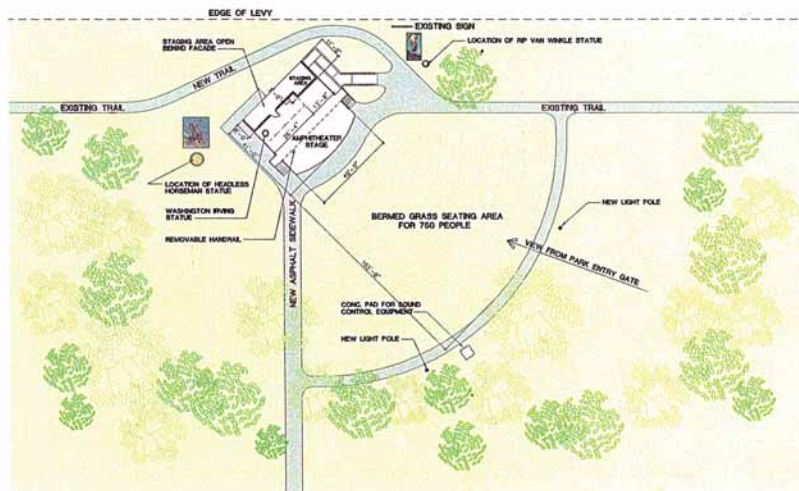
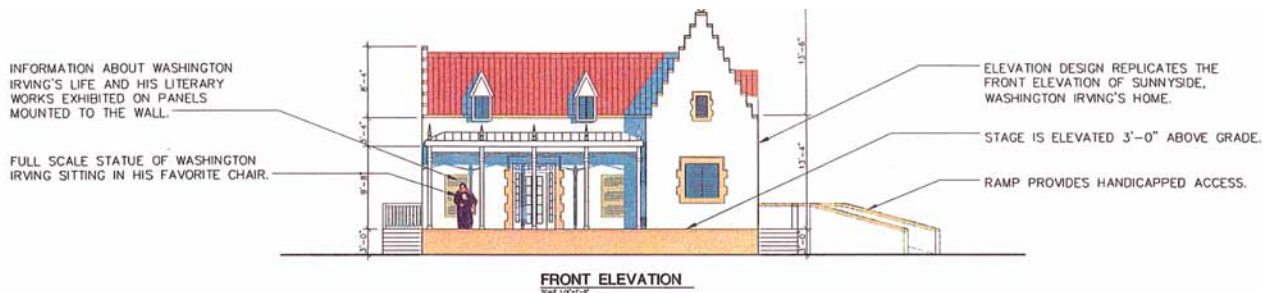
Rotary Club of Bixby Centennial Project

By Jack Maxwell, AG - PP Bixby, OK Rotary Club

Over a year ago the Bixby Rotary Club registered their Centennial Project. This dream was to build a \$200,000 Rotary Club of Bixby Amphitheater in the Washington Irving Memorial Park in Bixby. This city owned park is the beautiful 22-acre wooded park located at the Northwest corner of South Memorial and the Arkansas River. This is the same park where the Bixby Rotary club hosts the *Bixby BBQ'n Blues Festival*.

architectural rendering of an amphitheater for over 10 years but no means to raise the kind of money to accomplish it.

Along came Rotary Club of Bixby to the community in September of 2000. By May of 2002, the Bixby Rotary Club had organized the first annual Bixby BBQ'n Blues Festival to raise money to build a \$36,000 electronic marquee sign for the Bixby Public Schools. The 18-month old club attempted this first Festival with 29 members. It attracted 43 BBQ teams and over 4000 people



Jack Maxwell



Washington Irving was America's first great author. He actually traveled by horse through Oklahoma stopping near Stillwater and Tulsa to rest and meditate and do some of his writings. The local stop was on the Arkansas River very near the park, which now bears his name. Some of his most famous writings were about Rip Van Winkle and the Headless Horseman.

The Friends of Irving Foundation is a group of folks in Bixby that oversee the additions to the park, that name the different trees, plant new trees, and raise funds to make additional attractions to the park such as the Twin Towers Memorial last year. The Foundation has had an

through the park in a 24-hour period. This first festival raised \$29,500 toward the sign and allowed us to build it and give an IOU for the remaining \$6,500 to be raised during the second BBQ Festival in May of 2003.

The May 2003 event was even more successful with 44 BBQ teams and over 5000 persons attending. This second BBQ'n Blues Festival raised a profit of \$36,000 which paid off the Bixby School sign and allowed us to park \$24,000 in a new Bixby Rotary Club Fund foundation which is operated as part of the Tulsa Community Foundation.

The Bixby Club accepted bids from 4 or 5 architects and chose

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Look Around You At Next Rotary Meeting

By Past Governor Don Wasson
District 6110 Trainer 2003-2005

Take a look at the Rotarians seated around you at the next meeting. I'd almost bet you're setting next to a former club president, club secretary or club board or committee member. Each one of those past officers of your Rotary Club is an incredible resource.

This past week the Past Presidents of my own club were conducting an informal survey — among themselves — about things they could do to make Tulsa Sunrise a little better. It's probably fair to say the same thing has happened in your club in recent times.

Now, let me share with you the "why" for the first two paragraphs of this short message... As District 6110 Trainer it's a glaring beacon to me how Rotary continues to prosper in times dramatically different from the first 60-or-so years of our association. Those were the days when business and professional people were knocking down the doors to join Rotary. And I say that because:

1. Rotary is the only "service" organization gaining members in the 21st Century.
2. Our tradition of "throwing out" our leaders every year, then training new ones, keeps us in tune with the times. (Women in Rotary, Polio Eradication, Matching Grants.)
3. Rotary's training manuals all focus on the "difference" of leadership in a volunteer organization as compared to leadership in a

work environment where the Friday-night paycheck often is the only "tool" leaders have to motivate employees.

As I write this — on Rotary's 99th Anniversary, Feb. 23 — it's with great pride that we prepare our Presidents-Elect for 2004-2005 with PETS on March 5-6 in Springdale. Your dues — coupled with the hundreds and hundreds of volunteer hours from Assistant Governors, Past Governors, District Committee Chairs, the current and incoming Governors, and those who lead the astounding number of District Projects — continue to make District 6110 one of the best in the Rotary world.

And the cycle of "training" never ceases. Following PETS on March 5-6, club officers and board members will convene for District Assembly on May 8 — also in Springdale, AR. Then in 2005 our efforts at "training" become incremental as our district joins three other districts for Mid-America PETS in Little Rock, Arkansas. (You'll hear more about this from District Governor Nominee Ed Hardesty who will serve in 2005-2006.)

Look around you at the next Rotary meeting. Call on these "trained" leaders to help make your club stronger and stronger as we complete our first century in Rotary. Rotary was the first service club in 1905. We continue to be first even today! 🌟



Rotary International Centennial Postage Stamp Proposed to Congress
Humanitarian organization plans to eliminate polio worldwide by 2005 (Washington, D.C., USA — 25 February 2004) U.S. Rep. Brad Sherman (R-CA) today introduced a resolution urging the United States Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp in honor of Rotary's 100th anniversary, and the organization's efforts to eliminate polio worldwide.

Founded in Chicago on February 23, 1905, Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

"Rotarians are volunteers who support thousands of humanitarian and educational projects that benefit each of our communities," said Congressman Sherman. "The commemorative stamp will recognize Rotary's first 100 years of public service."

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/presscenter/releases/185.html>

Rotary Club of Tulsa Trip to OKC Successful

29th Rotary International Club No Longer Biggest in State

By Lin Kelly

Organized by Harvie Roe, a contingent of 45 from RI Club 145 included an element of surprise for their Oklahoma City counterpart:



RI District 6110 Governor Tom Clark and Senator Charles Ford

with a club roster of 454, Tulsa is now nearly double their size! District OKC Club President



The Capitol Dome Indian

Meg Salyer, also expressed surprise at the quality of commitment and participation: the delegation included District Governor Tom Clark, four past presidents, President John O'Conner and President-elect Steve Clark. The club's three in-bound RYE students also accompanied the

group and were delighted to meet their OKC counterparts over lunch at the Petroleum Club.

The day began with coffee and Krispy Kremes aboard a comfortable coach. First stop, in the midst of gathering protesters from both sides on the question of "gay marriage", was the State Capitol with a guided tour to



Touring the Capitol

view all the renovations that have been completed, thanks to the leadership of Governor Frank and First Lady Kathy Keating. Senator Charles Ford was also on hand to explain how a foundation was set up and how private money was used to help build a collection of art for the capitol. As Oklahomans, we now have a capitol of which we can be very, very proud. 🌟

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RYLA Co-Chair, Chuck Everett

Experience RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Award/Rewards

March 25-28 at the Salvation Army's "Camp Heart of the Hills" is where it happens — just a few miles southeast of Tahlequah, OK. This is where you can see the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program for yourself. And, you will be able to share what you see with your family of Rotary first-hand:



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January Attendance Figures

Club Name	Membership November	New Members	Terminated Members	Membership December	% Attendance
Aurora	34	0	0	34	69
Bartlesville	154	1	0	155	76.1
Bartlesville Daybreak	77	0	0	77	75
Bentonville	99	1	0	100	73.7
Bentonville/BV Daybreak	27	0	0	27	84
Berryville	35	0	2	33	80
Bixby	56	1	0	57	63
Booneville	39	0	0	39	71.6
Bristow	33	0	0	33	72
Broken Arrow	70	0	2	68	58
Bull Shoals-Lakeview	54	0	0	54	83
Carthage	108	0	4	104	44.17
Cassville	59	0	0	59	71
Chanute	39	0	0	39	56.58
Claremore	82	2	0	84	56.71
Claremore Reveille	17	3	0	20	68.06
Coffeyville	63	0	2	61	57
Drumright	23	0	1	22	81
Eureka Springs	53	1	4	50	75
Fayetteville	214	0	1	213	64.89
Fort Scott	51	0	0	51	75
Fort Smith	133	1	2	132	72.4
Fort Smith Southside	39	0	4	35	88
Fredonia	23	2	0	25	79.28
Frontenac	18	2	0	20	75
Grove	73	2	0	75	65
Harrison	93	0	1	92	69.06
Henryetta	19				
Holiday Island	28	0	1	27	83
Humboldt	18	0	0	18	68
Independence	69	0	2	67	55
Iola					
Joplin	132	1	0	133	76.4
Joplin Daybreak	69	0	1	68	70.2
Lamar	64	1	0	65	82
McAlester	83	0	0	83	63.2
Miami	90	0	1	89	70.1
Mid-Marion County	30	1	2	31	77.4
Mountain Home	82	3	0	85	75.9
Mt. Vernon	28	0	1	27	72
Muskogee	67	3	1	69	56.18
Neodesha	27	0	0	27	70
Neosho	67	0	0	67	64.2
Nevada	98	0	2	96	39.1
North Tulsa	19	0	0	19	75.25
Northside Fayetteville	83	0	0	83	61.75
Nowata	11	0	0	11	59
Oklmulgee	30	0	0	30	72
Oswego	13	0	0	13	71
Owasso	37	0	0	37	53
Ozark	23				
Paris	26	0	0	26	69
Parsons	47	0	0	47	67
Pittsburg	86	3	2	87	76.6
Pittsburg Sunrise	44	0	1	43	82
Poteau	35	2	0	37	68
Pryor	53	1	1	53	88.82
Rogers	124	0	0	124	75.04
Rogers Early Risers	61	0	2	59	61
Sand Springs	124	0	1	123	58
Sapulpa	70	0	0	70	57
Siloam Springs	42	0	0	42	55
Skiatook	33	0	0	33	48.48
Southeast Tulsa	75	0	0	78.47	78.47
Southside Tulsa	68	2	0	70	89.8
Springdale	206	3	2	207	62.05
Tahlequah-Cherokee County	26	1	0	27	59.6
Tulsa	445	8	6	447	84
Tulsa Central					
Tulsa Green Cty	15	0	0	15	72
Tulsa Sunrise	71	0	0	71	78.4
Van Buren	60	0	0	60	70
Vinita	48	0	2	46	61
Wagoner	46	0	0	46	52.7
Webb City-Carl Junction	56	0	0	56	68.63
Will Rogers (Tulsa)	78	1	1	78	69

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- 1) R-O-T-A-R-Y in A-C-T-I-O-N
Where leaders from the University of Tulsa, Tulsa Public School's Educational Trainer, Club and District Rotarians experientially join together with High School Juniors to create the RYLA "experience."
- 2) "Leadership" is the camp's core concept. In the past 13 years your District Governor has been RYLA-bound. There are some 200 11th grade participants from District 6110's four states (SW Missouri, NW Arkansas, NE Oklahoma and SE Kansas) including a dozen or so Youth Exchange Students) — all focusing on developing an improved confidence in becoming the best leaders they can be.
- 3) Where "people bonding" at all levels is expected and encouraged. You will see the students and trainers enjoying an "experience" which will mature and expand the souls of all in attendance. The RYLA experience will produce . . . experience adaptable to all phases of the future. For the record, Webster's Dictionary says experience is the result of "direct observation or participation in events" that increase one's basis for knowledge.

You notice that the above paragraph was addressed to YOU! The fact that District 6110's RYLA has been touted as among the best in the world of Rotary, is not yet common knowledge, even amongst Rotarians! Two important keys to communicating the RYLA experience to others are:

- How about visiting our camp/program yourself?
- Encourage returning RYLA students to tell their RYLA stories to your club as soon after returning as possible

In the words of one of last year's student participants, "I was there, I saw it, I did it ,and I loved it!" Another student remarked, "Who would have ever thought that my 200 pounds could make it over the 17 foot high wall?" — you should have seen her glowing smile!

Interested? Please contact either of the two Rotary RYLA Co-coordinators: Dr. Jim Vanderlind, at the University of Tulsa james-vanderlind@utulsa.edu or 918-631-2546, or Chuck Everett at chuck_Everett@spcglobal.net or 479-750-7787.

Stop in for a meal, be an overnight councilor or a curious spectator. Whatever you choose will provide YOU with a RYLA "experience." RYLA has rewards for all! ☺

Westbrook Architects because the owner had his master's thesis on outdoor amphitheatres. Randy Westbrook had vision and was excited about this project. He suggested we use a facade of Washington Irving's home in New York as the back of the amphitheater. He presented an estimate of the job that was about \$50,000 below what we had been told by Friends of Irving that it would cost.

The next thing before us was to get the city of

an undertaking could be achieved in a Public - Private partnership. The City attorney, Rotarian Phil Frasier, outlined that the Contractor Private Partner would be the Rotary Club and we would select the sub contractors. This kept the city out of the Loop and thus did not require them to get competitive bids and make us get bogged down in red tape.

I took the Architectural Renderings to Tim and Sherry Remy of Heritage Realtors (one of our



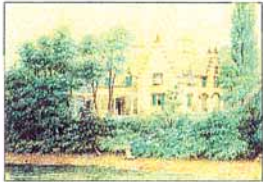
ENTRANCE AT WASHINGTON IRVING MEMORIAL PARK



WASHINGTON IRVING CAMP MONUMENT



VIEW OF OPEN SPACE LOOKING NORTH



FRONT ELEVATION, SUNNYSIDE



WASHINGTON IRVING STATUE



HEADLESS HORSEMAN STATUE



RIP VAN WINKLE STATUE

AMPHITHEATER DESIGN CONCEPT

The Amphitheater design will incorporate elements from Washington Irving's famous home in the Hudson Valley, Sunnyside. Our design replicates the front elevation of the beautiful Sunnyside mansion including its vast, wrap around veranda (porch) which will serve as the amphitheater stage.

To further authenticate the project, we propose a life size statue of Washington Irving, sitting in his easy chair on the porch, amphitheater stage. The following is an excerpt from the book VISIONS OF WASHINGTON IRVING. It says, "The veranda was often the scene of family gatherings, and Irving himself liked to pull his favorite chair outside to sit and enjoy the view of the Tappan Zee," the river which flowed in front of Sunnyside. In our case he will be looking out over the Arkansas River.

It is our belief that this innovative design will serve the Bixby community by establishing the park as a tourist attraction where people can see and be photographed with America's first great writer, Washington Irving, sitting in his chair on the veranda of his historic home.

Other Ideas include:

Washington Irving's history and literary works could be exhibited on panels located on the veranda.

Life size statues of his two most famous characters; Rip Van Winkle with his walking stick, and the Headless Horseman on the back of his running horse, could be placed among the trees along the side of the stage.



VIEW OF OPEN SPACE LOOKING SOUTH



Bixby to embrace the Rotary Club's interest in providing such a project for their city park, and to commit to helping us finance such a bold endeavor. And embrace it they did! Sean Kouplen and Jack Maxwell made a presentation to the City Council using the renderings from the Architect.

The proposal was that the Rotary Club would take the \$24,000 from the 2003 event, and a future \$32,000 from each of the 2004 and 2005 events and apply them to the Amphitheater project. This totaled \$88,000 and we asked the Council to match us dollar for dollar to reach a total of \$176,000 in funding by May of 2005. They agreed to this!

Next we got a written understanding of how such

major Sponsors of the BBQ festival from the beginning.) Tim is the son of Sherry, and is President of Interstate Construction, Inc., a family owned business. Tim looked at the \$200,000 estimate and told me right away that he wanted to build the project for the Rotary Club (his mom and sister were members of our Rotary club), and for the City of Bixby. Furthermore, he said he wanted no profit from it and would not charge us his time to build it. He said anything we would pay him; he would endorse the check back to the Rotary club of Bixby Fund as a charitable contribution. This is how we anticipate building a \$200,000 project with \$176,000 in cash.

Jack Maxwell