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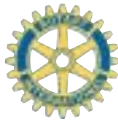
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Face the Sun, Rotarians!

District Governor
Tom Clark



The 2003-2004 Rotary year is not even half over! We are still looking at 27 club visits. Ah, but no matter . . . **THE** season is *here*. This time of year seems to bring out the best in all of us. (And as McDonald's sez, "I'm lovin' it!") Why? Because we are constantly thinking about other people. Our smile seems to have more staying power. Humor/fun propel our days. Those beautiful "T" words — thoughtful and thankful — follow us wherever we go. There is Love in the air! (Makes a person wonder why we don't carry this seasonal trait with us throughout the year - why not?) While on the way to the Rotary International Convention in Australia last summer, we spent a week in New Zealand and heard of a great bit of Maori wisdom - ***"Turn your face to the sun and the shadows will fall behind you."***

On a personal note — I used to think of November as "Birthday-Time." The count down to presents and Thanksgiving Day was a daily reminder to all within range of "me-thinkin'-about-me" voice. Not proud of those days ... but nevertheless, grateful! There are times when all of us need a little Maori "sunlight" in the restructuring of priorities. How do I let my "sunlight" shine for

those kin folk, friends, neighbors, acquaintances for sure, especially fellow Rotarians? Whoa, did I hear . . . Rotarians?

Did we just mention Rotarians . . . as in Rotary? Hey, all of a sudden our seasonal senses have an advanced agenda. Before self, think service. Like ***"Service Above Self,"*** right? We've immediately coupled the "think-good-stuff" with doing good stuff . . . with and for other folks. Now that's exciting! But, friends, that is what being a Rotarian is all about. Some might say Rotarians "Lend A Hand."

So, how is your "HAND" these days? Is it connected with your heart? Is it's antenna constantly scanning your "seasonscape" for new opportunities to make a difference in someone's life — perhaps a heretofore-unknown member of "The Family of Rotary."

In closing, please accept my deepest appreciation for the kindnesses you have surrounded this District with to date. More smiles than we can count, more thoughtfulness than can be measured. It's like District 6110 Rotarians have adopted yet another theme — "Breathe Friendly" — as in the happiness that is in the air.

Remember what Cliff Dochterman says, . . . "Happiness is Helping Others." Thanks for your thoughtfulness and a Happy "Thanksgiving" Day to all. There is so much for which to be grateful! 🌻

"Grandfather was an ambassador of good-will in the eyes of the youngster who sat at his table during his impressionable years; he never spoke evil of any man nor of any man's religion or politics."

(My Road to Rotary, by Paul Harris, page 208, copyright Rotary International)

The Economic Road Ahead: This Isn't Your Father's Recovery

By Arthur A. Rasher, Ph.D., University of Tulsa, Tulsa Sunrise Rotary



Art Rasher

As we prepare for the holidays and the coming New Year, it is a good time to reflect on all the things we are thankful for including family, friends and fellow Rotarians doing great service for all humanity. It also is a good time to ponder what lies ahead for

the coming year. Since I am a business professor, I will focus upon the future outlook for the economy.

Leading economic indicators suggest that the U.S. economy is working steadily towards recovery from the last recession. This is not surprising, since the economy has always behaved in a cyclical manner. However, as economic news continues to be good for corporations, the news for the job market doesn't seem to be quite so rosy. What gives with what pundits are calling "the jobless recovery"?

When something unusual happens in the business world, I like to call my 85-year-old father, a Wall Street veteran and a Paul Harris Fellow in New York and get his spin on things because it seems he has lived through almost everything. In our conversation about the current economic news, he agreed that business is getting better and the economy is heating up. He also thought that the stock market will continue to reflect the improvement. My Dad cautioned that the goings-on in Iraq are still a wild card for this economy. But when I asked him "What about jobs?" he just scratched his head. He agreed that economic recoveries should also

bring an improved job market. However, this recovery doesn't seem to hold the same promise of the past.

To try to get a handle on this new-fangled recovery, I did some research. I found a cover story in *The Economist*, from last summer that highlighted India and China as the new emerging economic players. In that article and others I found, it told how American industry is exporting more jobs overseas. This phenomenon of off-shore labor used to be limited to manufacturing and unskilled jobs for the cheaper wage rates. Suddenly, India and China are players in the more skilled and technical labor markets as well. Thus, many of the new, high-paying jobs opening up due to the recovery are not being offered to American workers.

The net result will be more profitable corporations and higher stock prices coupled with a less-than spectacular labor market and weak consumer spending. What that means to U.S. retailers is tough times ahead. What with mortgages being refinanced and all, the consumer was the mainstay of the U.S. economy over that last recession. The consumer may be left on the sideline for this recovery.

So the economic news for the coming year is a mixture of good news/bad news. The good news is that the economy is back on track; the bad news is that fewer Americans will be employed at their pre-recession levels. Have a safe and happy holiday and take comfort in the fact that predictions of the economy are rarely dead-on accurate. 🌟

RYLA leader Donna Berryhill presented with Paul Harris Fellowship

Donna Berryhill leaves her day job annually to inspire and lead RYLarians at the annual gathering at Heart 'O the Hills Camp near Tahlequah. Her day job is with Tulsa Public Schools where she is a recipient of the "Teacher of the Year" honor.

Rotary clubs send 150-160 high school juniors — leaders in their own right from across District 6110 — to the Salvation Army's facility on

the Barren Fork River each spring. Donna introduces them to the "Chiefs" — a dozen collegians from the University of Tulsa — and the once-in-a-lifetime experience in leadership begins. "We ask them to take one step past their comfort level," Mrs. Berryhill says.

This year Mrs. Berryhill was honored with a Paul Harris Fellowship. Past Governor Don Wasson and his wife Shirley made the presentation

March 27 as RYLarians and Chiefs gathered for camp instructions. She later commented that "I am very proud to be part of such a worthwhile activity. Rotary does so much good — and it is a good feeling to be part of that." Wasson said during his presentation that he could not think of anyone more deserving for Paul Harris recognition. "You demonstrate 'Service Above Self' in so many ways," he said. 🌟

The Margaret White Story

By Jerry L. Cornelius Rotary Club of Tulsa Historian and editor of the Gasser magazine

"It was the luckiest day of my life when I answered that ad." Margaret White, Rotary Club of Tulsa's retiring Club Executive answered a newspaper ad in February, 1977, saying that the club was looking for a secretary to assist the executive secretary.

She got the job as secretary to Louise Spence and started February 14, 1977. She will retire as Club Executive on December 31, 2003, after 9826 days working for a club that was very lucky she did answer that ad almost 27 years ago.

"It's been a wonderful job and a wonderful career" says Margaret. "Rotary is the best service organization there is anywhere. Rotarians are a cut above."

By the way, she is an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Tulsa. She has served 22 presidents as Club Executive from Pete Winget to John O'Connor.

In addition to her duties with the Rotary Club of Tulsa, she has assisted yearly with numerous District projects and meetings. Added to working with 22 club presidents, she's also worked with 22 District Governors.

Margaret is native to Northeast Oklahoma. Mary Margaret Peale was born in Claremore, Oklahoma, during the depression and graduated from high school in her hometown. In case you want to send a birthday card, it's May 7th.

Immediately after high school she married Robert M. White, who died in 1987. During their life together, they lived in Muskogee (where her children were born), Fort Worth and El Paso, Texas, where Margaret found time to attend business school in addition to raising two children. She has a son, Marty, now living in Denver and a daughter, Karen, who lives with her in Claremore. She has one grandson and three granddaughters.

The Whites moved back to Oklahoma in the mid-70s and first settled in Vinita before returning to Claremore just before she began working for Rotary.

Looking back over her long tenure with Rotary she comments that "The club is more active today in so many areas. It almost overwhelms you. We have something for everyone to do. Something for any interest."

Margaret will retire as the sixth Club executive in the club's 88-year history. The job title has changed several times but the job is the same.

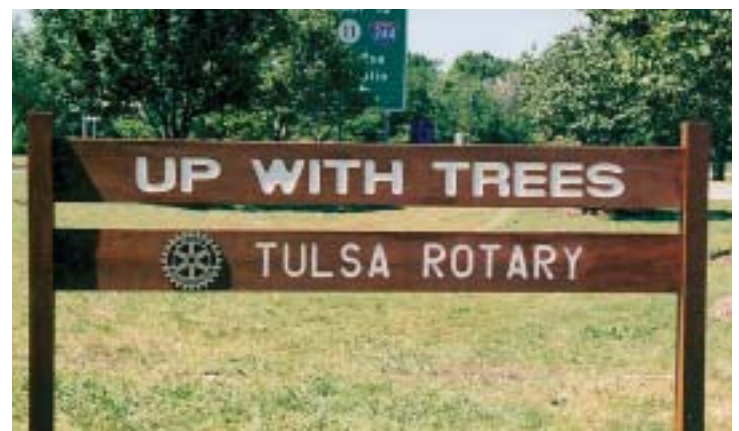
The first was Ed Rethman who served as "Assistant Secretary", a full time job, for almost 40 years before succeeding to Ray Stringer in the late 1950s. Ray's secretary, Louise Spence was called Executive Secretary from the early 60s until she retired in June, 1981. Elaine McDonough served from August, 1981, to June, 1982 when Margaret was convinced she should accept the job.

Margaret lists four things that stand out in her mind as major during her Rotary years. (1) Women being accepted in Rotary (1986) (2) The major club projects, especially the *Iba Award* and Celia Clinton School. (3) The growth of the Community Fund (Presently over \$1.1 Million). (4) Switching the club from manual

record keeping to computers.

When the club installed the first computers, a trainer was hired to work with Margaret and her secretary for a week. "I cried after the trainer left and I was almost afraid to touch the computer for fear I'd do something terrible and ruin everything." She got over that with time and now can't imagine working without the office computers.

What's next? Margaret is considering moving to Denver next summer. "Maybe I might work part time someplace or do some volunteer work." Maybe she'll see an ad in the Denver paper for a part time job at the Rotary Club. 🌻



Mr. Rotary — Some Lines and His Recent Tulsa Times

The following collection of Dochterman "lines" and Tulsa times is a tribute to who some feel is one of the finest Rotarians to walk the globe — "Mr. Rotary," Clifford L. Dochterman.

United Airlines is to be commended: On time arrival and departure — a perfect beginning and a perfect ending to a splendid Dochterman visit to Tulsa.

Clifford L. Dochterman, "Mr. Rotary," showed two packed houses why he is "Numero Uno" among all Rotarians. Witty, informative and sensitive, "Cliff," as he likes to be called, delighted two packed houses — A Reception for Major Donors and Rotary Officers in District 6110 at Gilcrease Museum in the Vista Room with 190 attendees and a Lunch meeting at First United Methodist Church (home of the Rotary Club of Tulsa) with 400+ attending. The "set-up" for Dochterman's talk was spectacular! Rotary Club of Tulsa President: John O'Connor was our "MC" extraordinaire; Invocation: Rotarian Rev. Mouzon Biggs; Pledge: Eagle Scout (121 Merit Badges) Spencer Brown and his fellow troop members who presented the colors and ushered; Assistant District Governors: who deftly handled the crowd; Patriotic Solo: Rotarian Joseph Bias; District Foundation Chairman: John Brodbeck's remarks and presentation to the three most recent major donors; Musical Tribute: The Rotary Men of Note with Director Cory Nickerson and Accompanist Mike Crosslin.

"Hats Off," please, to the chief organizer and irreplaceable "Project Director" Chuck Wilson. The bounty and beauty of this perfect occasion was Chuck's incredible contribution

Switching from infectious one-liners to the well-known perspectives of a Past President of Rotary

International (1992-93) Dochterman wowed his audiences while reestablishing the basic subject matter of the Rotary Foundation. "The Foundation," he stated, "is the rent we pay for the Rotary we live."

As RI President, Cliff was asked to select a theme for his year, which he did:

"Happiness Is Helping Others." Although he continues to enjoy the official theme's message, Dochterman said he suggested another upbeat theme to the RI Directors — one that he thought sure the Directors would enjoy . . . but "Honk If You Love Paul Harris" did not "sell" as expected.

Weaving experiences accumulated by years of travel abroad, Dochterman focused on one young boy dragging his emaciated legs through the streets of New Delhi pointing to a large group of children near by. Cliff remembered the young child's words: "it is to late for me, but don't let the others suffer as I have" (with polio). A new resolve to "Eradicate Polio" by 2005 (Rotary's centennial year) has taken hold partly as a result of the Indian boy's courageous encouragement.

Aware of the recent Oklahoma University/Texas University athletic rivalry, Dochterman quipped that he was especially pleased with OU's Literacy project . . . smuggling real books into Texas!

Evidence of Cliff's personal involvement with Rotary projects comes from one of his many anecdotes: One beautiful California day, Cliff was invited to a "Quilt-In" to benefit Rotary's Rotoplast Program. He attended with his favorite "Singer Sewing Machine" . . . and he sewed his own quilt to the glee of the on-lookers. No, he wouldn't sell it — "This quilt is for the Rotoplast kids," said Cliff. Nor would he stop before

he was finished or let anyone else help him. "I am going to finish this first-ever RI President's quilt if I have to work 'til sunrise" . . . and, eventually, he did!

Surprise: Ken Bateman, PDG from Pittsburg Noon Rotary Club (Kansas), wore his double-breasted Red Blazer, circa 1992-93, given to him, by then RI President Cliff. Dochterman was heard to remark his red blazer had shrunk over the years!

A tidy sum of 800 "Dochterman Day" badges were in evidence everywhere . . .

Several "stops" punctuated Dochterman's Tulsa visit. In honor of Cliff, the Celia Clinton School flew a brand new American flag, and featured Cliff on their "Welcome Sign."

Celia Clinton teachers and students proudly performed and displayed their "Rotarized" Elementary School, adopted by the Rotary Club of Tulsa several year's ago. Badges everywhere — on everyone! (Mike Chittom wore 2!!)

More badges at the "Bedlam Clinic" — the free OU/OSU medical facility made possible by the "centennial project" supported by 14 Tulsa Area Rotary Clubs.

Even the visit to the famous MSNI (Medical Supply Network) allowed for "badges," including the prestigious MSNI pin and certificate naming Cliff an official MSNI "Ambassador."

Finally, Rotarian and friend, Reverend Mouzon Biggs, took Cliff and his badge, to the top of the fabulous art-deco Boston Avenue Methodist Church. What a sight — a most appropriate finale to District 6110's most successful Cliff Dochterman Day — 7 November 2003.

Badge or no badge, "Mr. Rotary," Cliff Dochterman, will always be Number One in Tulsa. 🌻



Rotary pioneer "Hokey" Dunn dies; Served as District Governor 1960-1961

The most "senior" of District 6110's Past Governors died in a Ft. Smith, AR hospital Nov. 5, 2003. Melvin R. "Hokey" Dunn lived in Booneville, AR. Graveside services were held Nov. 7 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Booneville. A memorial service followed at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Eulogies that were given during ceremonies made many and prominent references to Hokey's Rotary activities, his pride in Rotary, and of his strong belief in its principles.

"Hokey" graduated from Arkansas Tech in 1939. He was active with a Tech class reunion group from the late 1930s. Arkansas Tech officials believe it is the longest-running class reunion held by any institution in the country.

Dunn's son Don is a Past President of the Booneville Rotary Club, and he says members of the Booneville club visited all the 60-plus Rotary clubs in the district promoting "Hokey" for the position of District Governor. Don Dunn believes it was the last time active "politicking" was permitted. Hokey's son Jim is Past President of Fort Smith Rotary Club.

Melvin R. Dunn was born Aug. 4, 1919, at Milltown, AR, son of the late Judge Roy S. and

Effie L. Dunn. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Jeanette Dunn; and a sister, Juanita Ghent.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Cathy Dunn of Booneville and Jim and Suzie Dunn of Fort Smith, AR, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; also a brother, B. J. Dunn of Russellville, AR; and brother-in-law Hugh and Jane Atwood of Jonesboro, AR.

Dunn emceed the "Hall of Distinction" ceremonies at Arkansas Tech from its beginning in 1965. As emcee, Dunn repeatedly, year after year, received a fake telephone call from his mother who asked, "Have you been voted into the Hall of Distinction yet?" That part of the festivities at Tech is legend even today. Dunn was voted into the "Hall" in 1977. The plaque commemorating the event was emblazoned with the fake telephone.

Dunn's nickname "Hokey" was given to him by school children whom he mentored using song as his medium of teaching. One of the kids' favorite songs was "Hokey".

"Hokie" was an active Rotarian until just recently, according to son Don. 🌻

2004 RYLA Camp set March 25-28; Notice to clubs in late November

RYLA is one of the major projects of 70% of the clubs in District 6110. The leadership training program for high school juniors is action-packed from its Thursday noon beginning right up to the conclusion Sunday morning, March 25-28, 2004.

Club presidents will receive an information letter in late November outlining the RYLA program at Camp Heart 'O Hills near Tahlequah. "We hope that more clubs will join this year," co-chairs Chuck Everett and Jim Vander Lind say.

Following the November announcement, complete

information packets will be sent to each club in January — detailing participant selection procedures, participant cost, and registration forms. Also included will be instructions for RYLA participants.

Donna Berryhill will again lead the training sessions. Her work is becoming "legend", District Governor Tom Clark notes.

Questions regarding RYLA should be directed to either Chuck Everett at chuck_Everett@sbcglobal.net (use below-the-line [underscore] dash between "chuck" and "Everett"), or Jim Vander Lind at james-vanderlind@utulsa.edu.



Claremore Rotarians serve up Chili treat

The Claremore Rotary Noon Club served hot chili on a cool Halloween night. It was all part of the club's 16th Annual Chili Supper to benefit the Claremore Public Schools Foundation. Pictured (from left) are Richard Mullins, Community Service Director; Beth Ann Jensen, CPSF Executive Director; and Rotarians Frank Robson and Jack Roberts. The Claremore Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the Elks Lodge. Guests are welcome. 🌻

Rotary Interact Club's "Children's Opportunity Program" Begins its Fifth Year

The Rotary Interact Club of Flippin High School, working in conjunction with its' sponsoring Rotary club, Bull Shoals-Lakeview Rotary, received a Children's Opportunities Grant from the Rotary Foundation in April, 1999. The Flippin School was selected primarily for the student need and the most highly rated Rotary Interact Club, worldwide. Only about 800 of over 5,000 applications for grants were approved, with just two in our district of 75 clubs in 1999.

A five-year program (1999-2004) was established to assist 5-12 year olds (Kindergarten thru 6th grade) to better cope with school and life in general. Specifically, enhancing their personal health, ability to study, self-esteem, and social acceptance and to provide adequate clothing, personal hygiene items and school supplies. Continued help with school studies is emphasized. A computer and educational software was made available to assist in this regard.

High School Interact students serve as big sisters/brothers and are matched with little sisters/brothers by the Interact Club sponsor, Traci Luttrell. Currently the Interact Club has 90 members, making up about 32 percent of the 280 students enrolled in high school. This year 77 little sisters/brothers are being helped. The total attending elementary school plus the sixth grade is 484.

(The photo shows a big sister helping her little sister with schoolwork).

It's interesting to note that kindergarten thru third grade students receive Rotary coloring books outlining the Rotary motto to be used in all 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? Students color the books and teachers use them as a guide to teach proper behavior, tolerance and values.

The Bull Shoals-Lakeview Rotary Club appointed five trustees to coordinate the program, to insure compliance with Rotary Foundation guidelines and to promote active participation of Rotary Club members. Trustees are George Lewis, Bill Self, Betty Villines, Larry Strickert and Bob Hobbs.

School officials and teachers are directly involved and frequent meetings with Rotary members are held to make certain that all aspects of the program are being carried out.

The program is now entering its fifth year and is consid-

ered highly successful by all concerned. Teachers report improvements in grades, personal appearance, self-esteem and attitudes of number of little sisters/brothers. The Interact Club high school students consider it an honor to be a big sister/brother. They, in turn, are learning the associated responsibilities that help them to become more mature and to better understand what it means to lend a helping hand to others.

A banquet was sponsored by the Rotary Club to celebrate entry into the fifth year of the program. Interact students and their parents, little sisters/brothers and their parents, school officials and spouses, and Rotary Club members and their spouses attended. We were all pleasantly surprised when our District Governor attended and gave an upbeat talk praising the program. All agreed that we should carry on the program when the Rotary Foundation grant expires in 2004.

We, in the Bull Shoals-Lakeview Club, are proud of our Interact Club and the positive results of the Children's Opportunity project. This year, the first children who were little sisters and little brothers are joining Interact and becoming mentors.

It is fitting that this year's Rotary Worldwide motto is: "Lend a hand". We, in our club, have added three words: "to the children".



Student Short-term Exchange Updates

News from Ken Colley

Wow! What an amazing month!!... Kay Bridger-Riley's city-wide recruitment program seemed to have gone great! (Maybe that SCRYE meeting the 2 of us attended in July really paid off.) I have been doing my share of short-term outbound recruiting as well. In the past month I have been typing, printing, stuffing and stamping 895 letters which I addressed to students and parents of the 2 Fort Smith high schools. I wanted to get more people involved in Rotary's short term youth exchange program, you know, let more people in on this great experience.

I invited students and parents of one of the high schools to attend an information meeting (not an orientation, just an information meeting...sorry again about that Larry!) which was held Thursday, October 23. Like Kay, this was my first attempt to do something like this, and I wasn't quite sure what to expect. So I loaded up anything Rotary I could find: posters, flyers, applications...; had a banner made; re-watched Al Kalter's presentation on recruiting Outbound students; and headed off to Southside high school with 3 of the local inbound

exchangees. Would you believe it, I had about 40 people show up and 17 students took short term applications! I was excited!

I had another meeting the following Tuesday for the other high school and this time it was smooth sailing (well, pretty much). -Unfortunately, I couldn't attend Kay's City-Wide Recruitment meeting which was the same night I had scheduled my second meeting, but it sounds like she had a great night too! I had about 30 people show up for the Tuesday meeting, 17 of which took short term applications and one student even took a long term application. So I guess I did pretty well for my first time.

I'm going to meet with those students who took applications one more time, just to fill them in a little more and then, hopefully, Larry Long and I will be able to set up a time for him to meet with these kids.

Since the Fort Smith meetings went so well, I am going to do all of this again with the Van Buren high school, so I guess it's back to typing, printing, stuffing and stamping...🌻

Letter from Kay Bridger-Riley

Congratulations to all of you!!

Our City-Wide Recruitment meeting went beautifully last night!! Twenty three (23) new students attended, along with their families. Not bad for our first attempt at this.

Thank you to Alan Weyland...the facility was absolutely amazing. As large and theater-like as it was, it didn't seem to make our crowd seem small. The reception area provided a great gathering place to talk to the kids. It was just PERFECT!! (By the way, you might want to think of a career in audio/visual or facility management, Alan)

Thank you to Becky Davee...the cookies, punch and flowers were great!! The atmosphere had the international flavor we wanted. It was comfortable. People stayed around and asked questions. I really don't think it could have gone any better. We even had enough materials...barely...for all who came.

Our Students were fabulous. A huge THANKS to Kayle & Erin Blackstock, Shannon Bridger-Riley and our three wonderful inbound...Ilona, Jennifer and Belen! I stood up there and told the attendees that the exchange students would return as good public speakers...and Kayle, Erin & Shannon proved me correct. I was amazed at the improvement in Belen and Jennifer's English (of course Ilona arrived here with amazing English skills). We are all so of you...our Rotexes and our inbound students!

And, finally, thank you to all the members of the Committee who got the materials out, came to help welcome people, and stayed around and visited with the families. We received short-form Applications for 3 long-term outbounds and 9 summer exchanges last night...from Broken Arrow (1); Holland Hall (3); Bishop Kelley (2); Coweta (4) and Tulsa School of Arts & Science (1). Way to go Duff & Luis!!! But I know that I also talked to kids from Jenks, Cascia Hall, and Booker T. I am going to make one last run at the schools...I'll revise the Poster to emphasize the deadline and leave the short-form applications with the counselors at all the schools.

So please e-mail me you school contacts, so that I can have them delivered to the right place. Thanks again everyone!!

🌻 Kay



SCRYE

Daybreak Rotary buys 25,000 meals to give to Bartlesville Hunger-Relief Agencies.

On Monday November 4, 2003, The Wornick Company, an Armed Forces food contractor in Cincinnati, Ohio, will ship 1500 cases (43,000 lbs) of 'Military Meals-Ready-to-Eat' (MREs) to Bartlesville (<http://www.wornick.com/military/traypack.htm>). The Daybreak Rotary Club of Bartlesville arranged the shipment through "People Building People" in Cincinnati. Once the shipment arrives, the Bartlesville-

based Salvation Army will distribute the meals to local agencies who serve the hungry such as Concern, Community Action, Agapé Mission, The Lighthouse, Mary Martha and other agencies who have made their need known. This food costs half as much as raw food from Tulsa Food Bank whose inventory is, as across the country, at an all-time low.

Each 25 lb case will contain a tray each of protein/entrée, vegetable, starch and dessert, and will provide 18 meals. The food has a shelf-life of three years when kept at 80 degrees, so can be warehoused at our local Tri-County Technical College, who have agreed to donate the space until the food is exhausted. The local need for food is

staggering. 'Concern' alone distributes, on average, over 15,000 lbs of groceries to people who may or may not have facilities to prepare meals. These military-grade 'MRE's' can be warmed up in hot water and served from their plastic trays which fit two to a pan in standard catering steam tables.

Both Joe Blackmon of KKI Technologies, and Gary Wise of Daybreak Rotary have committed to raising the \$7000 cost from the local Church and Community benefactors.



To enact this project, the Bartlesville United Way established regular meetings between local non-profit agencies. States Thad Satterfield, the recently appointed United Way Executive Director "In an atmosphere of cooperation we have been able to more accurately target the allocation of local resources and establish the scale of overall local need for food."

Once the project is completed, Bartlesville Daybreak Club's Poverty Alleviation Committee will assess the prospect of continuing the purchase and distribution of MREs for hunger eradication by means of establishing a local 'MRE' Food Bank.

For more information, please contact

Gary Wise (918) 335-2036 or Joe Blackmon (918) 907-1615 🌻

Nowata Club Projects

November - Thanksgiving Food Basket Project: The membership brings food items to make up six large baskets of food based on a Thanksgiving menu. Gift Certificates are included in each basket for the purchase of a meat item by the recipient. The Department of Human Services of Oklahoma issues the baskets. The Club request that distribution be made based on need. The food is donated by the membership and the club provides funds for the gift certificates.

November / December - Christmas Give Away: This is a very good fundraiser where we receive gifts from local businesses to be given away in a drawing. We offer tickets for a one-dollar donation and the prizewinners are drawn from these tickets. We begin planning for this project in late October, with actual ticket sales and promotion going on through the month of November. The drawing is held the first Tuesday of December.

December - Christmas Angel Tree / Shoebox Project: This project is a favorite with our Rotary Club. Each Christmas, two angels (boy/girl) are chosen from area business Christmas Trees. Each angel has the Christmas wish of the child recorded on the back and our club makes their dreams come true. Individually, the membership also provides a decorated shoe box filled with necessities, such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush and fun items like colors, small coloring books, stickers, Barbie dolls, Beanie Babies, etc. The boxes are designed to be given to either a boy or girl, between the ages of 5 and 12. Our membership usually provides an average of two boxes per member. The Club provides the funds for all Angel Tree gifts, with the membership donating the shoeboxes. 🌻

DICTIONARYS FOR THIRD GRADERS ... PARSONS MAKES THE NEWS!

Fighting for literacy

Rotary donates dictionaries to Labette County [KS] third-graders

By Colleen Surridge

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Many view a dictionary as an occasional reference tool, but Parsons Rotary Club members view them as a tool against illiteracy, and students throughout Labette County are rediscovering them as an exciting source of information. As a club community service project, dictionaries are being delivered to third-grade students throughout Labette County this week.

On Tuesday, Parsons Rotary Club president Gary Pollmiller delivered the first box of dictionaries, complete with individualized name plates in the front for each student, to St. Patrick Catholic School.

"There are high school students who can't read or who have difficulty reading," Pollmiller said. Penny Jacquinot's third-grade students listened as Pollmiller explained the club's mission to eliminate illiteracy in the world.

"We are a group of older people who, when we look back to when we were young, we think about the fact we had older people that helped us in our reading skills, and we want to return the favor," Pollmiller said.

As the dictionaries were distributed, the students opened the cover and found some delight in seeing their name inside the front cover, but then only flipped through the pages a second and sat the new books aside.

Pollmiller simply smiled.

"These are not just dictionaries," he told the students. "In the back there is geography information, state information, facts about countries, maps of the world."

The dictionaries were grabbed back up immediately and it was only seconds before, "Wow."

"Cool." "It's got lots of stuff in it," were heard above the rustling of pages.

Within minutes students were discovering information on planets, weights and measures, write-ups on each president of the United States.

The room was abuzz with activity, as students made each new discovery and shared with their classmates, and soon, moved forward into the front of the book to the actual dictionary and began to look up words and read definitions.

"A lobster has 10 legs," one girl said. "Did you see that?"

Sara Greenough, 8, approached Jacquinot to share another discovery.

"I think it's cool," Greenough said of the dictionary. "It's big so you can actually read it and it has lots of words in it and it shows you lots of facts."

Jacquinot said, "It's like it's the first they've ever seen a dictionary."

"I even got a hug for it," Pollmiller said. "That was great."

The Dictionary Project began in 1992 by Annie Palmer, a housekeeper in Savannah, Ga., who took her entire savings - \$50 - and bought 30 paperback dictionaries. She stood on the corner in front of her home and passed them out to children on their way home from school.

Pollmiller said Palmer had dropped out of school in the ninth grade. Many years later, at age 32, she returned to night school and earned her high school diploma. She died in 1999, but by that time had accomplished her goal of providing a dictionary to every third-grade student in her county.



DICTIONARY GIFT - Helen Jones, a member of the Parsons Rotary Club, gives Preston Reese a personalized dictionary this morning at Lincoln Elementary School. Preston and his classmates in Suzanne Bradfield's third-grade class received the books as part of a Rotary project that gives dictionaries to third-graders. (Sun photo by Brian Holderman) 102903

Before Palmer's death, Mary French, a Rotarian living in Charleston, S.C., admired Palmer's work and helped the program progress. In 2001, Rotary International District 6110 joined in bringing the project to Tulsa area Rotary clubs.

Parsons, a member of that district, joined the project this year.

Pollmiller said the Dictionary Project is great, but he hopes the board will consider taking things a step further.

"We are hoping the Rotary will decide to take this on as a five-year project. I firmly think we need to serve a generation of students, rather than just serving a year of students and then forgetting about it," Pollmiller said. "The cost is minimal in comparison to the benefits." 🌻

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Sapulpa club makes splash with community water park

This past May, members of the Rotary Club of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, USA, joined the circus - if just for a day or two - to help raise money for the club's Rotary Centennial Community Project. Entering the world's largest big top astride Carson & Barnes Circus elephants, Rotarians raised US\$10,500 during the two-day event. The money will be used to purchase a splash pad for a local park. It is believed that that this is the first time in nearly 30 years that a circus visited Sapulpa, says Rick Engleman, 2002-03 Sapulpa club president. The Carson &

Barnes Five-Ring Circus raises about \$1 million annually for organizations through local sponsorships and ticket sales. In addition to the circus performances, the public is invited to watch the circus set up and the big top raised, free of charge.

Judy Rothrock, chairwoman of the club's centennial project and guest circus ring-leader, is enthusiastic about the centennial project. "It's an incredible opportunity for the community and something that will benefit everyone.

"And it's been a wonderful opportunity for our club," she adds. "[The project] has

injected a lot of enthusiasm among our members." Splash pads are becoming increasingly popular in parks, municipal pools, and even shopping malls in cities across the US. In-ground jets spray water in sheets, buckets, or fountains from colorful tubes and nozzles that drain onto a flat concrete surface. Similar to a water park, but with the simplicity of your backyard sprinkler, splash pads offer children of all ages the chance to cool off without the encumbrances of going to the pool or beach. And because they operate without standing water, splash pads require less maintenance and liability insurance than wading pools and no lifeguard supervision.

The Sapulpa Rotary club hopes to raise as much as \$60,000 toward the cost of the splash pad, which is scheduled to be completed during Rotary's Centennial year. To date, more than \$20,000 has been raised through various fundraising activities and more are planned, including bringing back the circus. In addition, the club is helping the city apply for a federal grant and will also be seeking a District Simplified Grant to cover part of the cost of the splash pad. "We hope to have an arched entrance complete with the Rotary wheel," says Mary Webb, Sapulpa Rotary club president.

"We look forward to the day when families will gather at the park to enjoy the splash pad that Rotary provided," adds Webb. 🌟

Featured Rotary Trainer On RI Website John F. Germ, RI Director



John Germ was featured in October as District Trainer.

We know him wells from 6110 PETS.

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International Director John F. Germ is president and chief executive officer of Campbell & Associates, Inc., consulting engineers, a firm he joined as engineer in 1965 after four years in the U.S. Air Force. He is a registered engineer licensed in 42 states and Canada. He serves on the boards of several community and state organizations, and is president of the Tennessee Jaycee Foundation, CSTCC Foundation, and Blood Assurance, Inc. He joined Rotary in 1976 and has

served Rotary International as district governor, International Assembly training leader (twice), committee member, Council on Legislation representative, task force zone and area coordinator, and membership zone coordinator. He has also served as a district trainer and has done training seminars on membership and The Rotary Foundation throughout many districts. In addition, Director Germ has done quality control training and led seminars outside of Rotary in his profession. He has received RI's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service. He and his wife are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation. 🌟

Nicaragua Water Well Project Gets New Pick-up

Thanks to the efforts of Past President Rod Sands, Explorer Pipeline has generously donated a Ford F250 pickup truck for use in our water well drilling program in Nicaragua. Having this vehicle will be a great benefit to our drilling team. It will provide them with flexibility to function independently, without always having to rely on the availability of local Rotarians for transportation. In addition, the truck will be used to pull our pipe trailer and our air compressor to drilling locations.

The truck, along with a numerous wheelchairs and an assortment of medical supplies, will be shipped to Nicaragua before the end of the year in order to have it in place for our next drilling session in January-February 2004.

Special thanks are in order for Don Wiruth, who flew to St. Louis, picked up the truck and drove it back to Tulsa, and also for Medical Supplies Network Executive Director Larry Biron who is providing secure indoor storage for the truck until we are ready to ship.

Regards,
Ben Windham
Rotary Club of Tulsa



João Arruda Travels to Brazil

The Rotary Club of Tulsa, Sunrise assisted monetarily on this outstanding Match Fund for a Bank of Maternal Milk. This project will supply maternal milk for hundreds children every week in Brazil. 🌟



President of RC Itbira, Mr. Paulo Coura, project contact & João Arruda



The sign reads ...Fellow Rotarian João Arruda – Rotary Club Tulsa Sunrise: Your dedication is contagious, your visit is an honor. Rotary Club of Itabira 9/24/03



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