

THE CENTENNIAL NEWS

Rotary District 6110 Governor's Newsletter, Celebrating 100 years of Rotary Service



February 2005

Governor's Message



100 years old.

Has your club got special plans to celebrate this great day? So much has been accomplished during this past 100 years.

1. Over 36,000 scholarships have been awarded since 1947.
2. 10,600 GSE teams have traveled to foreign countries creating goodwill.
3. 276 total Health, Hunger and Humanity projects awarded to 74 project countries since 1978.
4. 18,000 grants in 166 project countries at a cost of more than \$182 million since 1964.
5. Grants for Rotary Volunteers 354 grants in 50 project countries.
6. Thousands of Youth Exchange students who have traveled all over the world and thousands of foreign students who have traveled to our country.

We belong to a wonderful organization. So much still to be done, but 1.2 million Rotarians can accomplish any goal they desire. Thanks for what each of you do in Rotary.

Ten Centennial Celebration Ideas

Looking for ways to celebrate the Rotary Centennial? Throughout the centennial year, we will share ideas on how clubs can commemorate this milestone event and have fun in the process.

1. Create a Rotary Centennial airport display. Show local and international service projects. Emphasize Rotary's internationality.
2. Distribute bumper stickers featuring Rotary and the centennial logo to promote awareness of Rotary's anniversary.
3. Set up a Rotary information booth or table at a flea market or carnival. Offer food for sale or plants donated by local greenhouses to raise funds for local service projects.
4. Promote 100 years of vocational service and the "recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations" by featuring Rotarians and their professional and civic accomplishments in the local newspaper.
5. Enlist the help of Rotary alumni (former Rotary Scholars, Youth Exchange students, Group Study Exchange members, etc.) to work on a Centennial Community Project.
6. Work with the local community to have a street named after Rotary - particularly at the site of a key Rotary project or at the location of a club meeting.
7. Sponsor a "Taste of Rotary," offering food representing various Rotary countries. Decorate the booth with flags and provide information about Rotary and its centennial.
8. Organize a centennial progressive meeting or dinner to reflect the early practice of holding meetings at different locations. Feature

interesting anecdotes about Rotary's history at each new location.

9. Sponsor a Rotary Centennial sporting event such as a volleyball competition, baseball league, or athletic activity for the disabled. Distribute information on Rotary and its contributions to the participants and spectators.
10. Conduct a centennial conference or seminar focused on volunteerism. Invite representatives from community groups and feature an inspiring speaker. Offer tips and ideas about project development, management, and networking.

Centennial Projects

It is never too late to start a project or participate with another club or district in a project.

FOUNDATION NEWS

What a great year we have going for the Foundation. A special THANK YOU to the over 800 Rotarians who took advantage of the matching monies and supported the Rotary foundation and mankind during this first six months of our Rotary year. We have utilized over \$309,000 of matching funds at this time.

PDG Tom Clark has increased his bequest level to level 2. Tom, thanks for this commitment to mankind. Thanks for your leader-

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ship in the district and your continued support of our programs.

PDG Don Wasson is actively seeking 25 Rotarians to join him in joining the Bequest Society so that we will have a legacy to hand down to future Rotarians in our district, which will allow us to fund the great programs of Rotary throughout our district.

Many new Bequest Society members and Major Donors in our district and we will have more of these Great Rotarians in future articles.

6110 Membership

Jack Maxwell informs us that our district is leading the Zone in membership increase. A 2.89% increase during the first five months of this year. The busy fall and holiday seasons are behind us and we can put a renewed effort into the membership growth of our clubs. Get creative in your club and make it happen. Jack thanks for keeping us motivated about membership. Look at the attached sheet of Rotarians per 1,000 population. The success of your club depends on your leadership.

This is not 100% scientific but gives you an idea of the number of Rotarians per 1,000 population in your community. Multiple club/towns with the same population figured for all. Look at the top seven clubs - 3 clubs over 20 per 1,000 and 4 clubs over 10 per 1,000 population. Great Job!!

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SCRYE

- Rotary Youth Exchange Conference, Tulsa, Sheraton Inn, Saturday, February 5, 2005. Drop in for part or all of this conference and see the great program we have going in Youth Exchange. Learn how to make it an important part of your club.

Time Management - Quick Tips

1. *Have a place to put everything.*
2. *Disappear each day for twenty minutes.*
3. *Focus on one thing at a time but keep many irons in the fire.*

Recognition

Did you see where **Stan "The Dictionary Man" Dixon** received recognition from the Tulsa, Oklahoma City Council for his continued great efforts with the Dictionary Program? It is a well deserved award. Stan works full time at this job and he said it keeps him young. Stan all the Rotarians of our District applaud the time, monies, and great effort you put into this program.

JOHN TUA

Vicki and I met John Tua of the McAlester, Oklahoma club during our visit. John has been a Rotarian since 1937. We include in this bulletin a bio of John to give us a glimpse of yesteryears.

John H. Tua has been a member of the McAlester Rotary Club since

1937 and has been an active member during those 67 years.

John became club president a year early, when his friend, the late William J. Edwards had been elected president, in 1943, but was called into the Marines. John was vice-president, so he moved into the president's post during 1943-44.

He remembers that the club worked on attendance during his year as president. The club met at the Enloe Hotel when he first joined. During the war, club members met at the First Christian Church, and later the Aldridge Hotel. John has taken part in various committees of Community Service during recent years, serving on the Rotary Park Committee as the park was developed. He headed the Meals on Wheels Committee, helped with Rotary House near the hospital, worked in the Italian Festival, and rang the Salvation Army bell for many years.

Both of John's parents came to this country from Italy during the coal mining days in the McAlester and Krebs areas. His father was a successful businessman and was named Italian Consular agent. He assisted the coal miners in recording land deeds, assisted in writing wills, and transferring funds, issued passports and visas and sold steamship and train tickets as the Italians went back to Italy to visit or brought relatives to this country.

He also acted as a banker for many of the miners who did not want to put their money in the banks following the Depression era. John's father was a member of the McAlester Rotary Club from 1921 to 1945.

John was one of three sons of John B. and Netta Rosa Silotto Tua. He remembers delivering newspapers on horseback and working after school and in the evening for Public Service Company, taking receipts for the old trolleys which served the McAlester area.

He was elected president of the student body at McAlester High School

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in 1928, the year after Carl Albert, who later served as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. John worked in the old canning factory in McAlester to earn money for college. He attended Oklahoma A&M College where he was a fraternity brother of Bill Edwards and Wayne Milner who also attended Rotary in the McAlester Club. John met Sue Powers from Perry, at what is now OSU and in 1934, after he got a job with Continental Oil Company in Oklahoma City, they were married. The couple had planned to live in Oklahoma City, but he accepted an offer to be the commissioned agent for Continental Oil in McAlester. They had three daughters, Jane, Judy and Susan. Judy and Susan married Air Force officers. Two of John's grandsons and one granddaughter went to the Air Force Academy.

John retired in 1972, after 40 years with Continental Oil Co. He lost his wife in 1984, a few months after their 50th wedding anniversary.

John was active in his church, taking the daughters to St. John Catholic Church, while Sue had attended the First Christian Church. He sang in the choir at St. John's for almost 50 years. He served as president of the local Girl Scout Council for several years. He is a Paul Harris Fellow. He has eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Don't forget the sleeper in our district - MSNI. It is just one of the great projects of the Rotary World. Keep your community aware of our need for medical equipment and supplies.

Four clubs have anniversaries this month.

- Sand Springs, OK** chartered February 3, 1925 - 80 years
- Bristow, OK** chartered February 15, 1926 - 79 years
- Pryor, OK** chartered February 15, 1944 - 61 years
- Frontenac, KS** chartered February 3, 1979 - 36 years.

Thanks for the great tradition your clubs have in your communities.

There were 25,452 organ transplants performed in the U.S. in 2003, a number that falls drastically short of the need. Most of us don't realize that in addition to donating organs upon death, there are also ways to donate organs such as single kidneys, liver segments, lobes of the lung and portions of the pancreas that effectively save lives day in and day out. Another living donation is that of blood stem cells or bone marrow transplantation. These are donations from living donors. Simpler yet, is the donation of blood to a local blood bank. Your district has a new 30 gallon blood donor - our own John Brodbeck. Give John a


pat on the back when you see him.

Get your club involved in the Broken Arrow clubs donor contest. Wonderful program and the need increases daily.

February 14 - Four Avenues of Service Citation nominations are due to RI. Only sixteen clubs have ever applied for this award. Clubs need a system where good Rotarians are rotated to each of these Avenues of Service.

HAVE YOU PAID RI DUES? HAVE YOU PAID DISTRICT DUES?

RYLA names should have been turned in. First 144 names submitted will be eligible to attend camp. This number can not be increased or it will deteriorate the program.

Benefactors to the Rotary Foundation are individuals who have pledged to leave \$100 to \$9,999 to the Rotary Foundation in their Estate Planning. These gifts go to the permanent fund and earnings on these monies will be working for the betterment of mankind till eternity. Our goal for the district is to increase the number of benefactors from 579 to 679. The total is 100 new benefactors or just a little over 1 per club. Can we get a good committee set up in February to plan on making contacts in March and April? Let's overwhelm this goal. Thanks for your help. 

District 6110 Dates

- February 4-6, 2005SCRYE, Tulsa, OK
- Feb 19, 2005Fayetteville Northside Rotary Casino Night Party, ted@duckclubgallery.com
- March 11-12, 2005Multi-District PETS, Peabody Hotel, Little Rock, AR
- March 31-April 3, 2005RYLA
- May 7, 2005District Assembly, Holiday Inn, Springdale
- June 10-11, 2005District Membership Drive Fishing/Golfing Outing
- June 18-22, 2005Rotary International Convention, Chicago, IL
- September 16-18, 2005District Conference, Inn of the Ozarks, Eureka Springs
- September 21-25, 2005Zone 28-29 Meeting, Memphis, TN

2004-05 Presidential Celebrations

- March 19, 2005Health ConcernsRio de Janeiro, Brazil
- April 9, 2005LiteracyIstanbul, Turkey
- April 30, 2005Vocational EthicsTokyo, Japan
- May 7, 2005Every Rotarian, Every YearTaipei, Taiwan
- Future of Rotary



Dr. C. Ellis Potter, District 6110 Governor Nominee-Nominee

IF YOU WANT TO GET SOMETHING DONE-GET A ROTARIAN TO DO IT!

That motto certainly applies to my Rotary experiences. These experiences have given me avenues of service, rewards and inspiration. The experiences and with the accompanying rewards, have extended not only to me and my family, but to others throughout the world.

I believe that every Rotarian has within them the possibility to start or participate in a Rotary project that can affect the lives and well being of many people, locally or internationally. Certainly, that was the case for me. I was fortunate to combine two desires to undertake and complete an International Rotary humanitarian project. Earlier in my career as an Optometrist, my wife and I participated in several VOSH (Volunteer Optometrists for Service to Humanity) projects (see www.VOSH.org). These trips, at minimum, help people by providing eye examinations and donated eye glasses for the underprivileged of the third world. We were privileged to participate in missions to Honduras and Panama.

While participating in these endeavors, I always had the desire to be part of a mission to Chile. The latter, was motivated by our interaction with the 1989 Group Study Exchange (GSE) from Chile. That team of young ladies gave a program at our Rotary clubs describing Chile. I vowed to someday travel to Chile and hoped to be part of a



Dr. C. Ellis Potter

VOSH mission to that country. I tried different approaches: 1) through the lady doctor that was our house guest during the GSE visit 2) through our church missionaries. But, it wasn't until I made the appropriate contact through Rotary that this mission succeeded. PDG Conaly Bedell suggested I speak with PDG Don Walker. Don Walker knew exactly the proper person to talk to in Chile; Rudy Harwardt. Rudy is a PDG of District 4350. Rudy and I communicated by numerous phone conversations and emails. He liked the idea of district 4350 hosting a VOSH team.

PDG Bob Melott and PDG Dave Baker suggested that I apply for a Rotary International Discovery grant to travel to Chile to investigate first hand the possible mission. Without a doubt, this trip could never have occurred without the use of the Discovery Grant. The grant made it possible to have one-on-one interaction with Chilean health department officials, to view possible clinic sites, to meet the local hosts and get to know first hand the culture and customs of the country.

Following our exploratory trip, we developed plans for an eye care mission to Osorno, a city of 100,000, about 600 miles south of Santiago. In March of 2000, 7 Optometrists and Ophthalmologists and 14 auxiliary personnel, attended nearly 2,500 patients at a 5 day clinic. My memories of that trip were the extraordinary togetherness of the VOSH volunteers and the

Rotary Hosts; the gracious recipients with smiles of appreciation and thanks that needed no verbal translation.

In March 2004 we returned on another mission to a region not far from Osorno; Ancud on Chiloe Island. Many of the people of that area had had no eye care of any kind. 5 Eye Doctors and 15 auxiliary personnel provided eye care to nearly 1,800 patients. I learned from this experience that if different groups, in this instance, the VOSH team, the local Rotarians and ladies auxiliary, put their energies into a joint project, any thing is possible.

Further, I learned along the way that while providing desperately needed eye care, that missions of this kind accomplish much more. They not only created a bond within our team, but they strengthened the host rotary club with a spirit de corp, and the realization that they could do more to help their community and the people within it. Further, the ambassadorial exchange between our Rotarian groups helped promote a RI principal: to advance international understanding.

These experiences were profound for me. I learned that Rotary customs and traditions in many third world countries were close to what Paul Harris envisioned; a network of individuals that help one another and help their community. I learned powerful lessons of leadership from my Rotary colleagues: Together we can do more than we can do individually.

If humanitarian service projects of this nature can originate from my small town on the fringe of district 6110, they can from any club no matter what the size or location. I'd like to inspire others to do the same. No matter where you

are, or what you do, there is a spark of an idea; a dream that can come true. It may take perseverance, patience, and encouragement, but it can happen. Imagination and will power can do wonders.

My father was president of the Chanute, KS rotary club so my interest in Rotary started early. Serving many posts as an officer in the Iola Rotary club (including president in 1987-88) and as the District Governors Representative (now Assistant Governor) has given me a broad range of experience in the Rotary organization. I have been privileged to receive the RI District Service Award, the RI Four Avenues Service Citation, several citations from the Ancud and District 4350 Rotarians and the Iola Service Above Self Award.


After graduating from Kansas

University in 1964 and Southern College of Optometry (Memphis, TN) in 1967, I served as a captain in the Biomedical Service Corp for the USAF, stationed at Kincheloe AFB in Michigan. Following my service obligations, I practiced in Salina, KS and Denver, Colorado before returning to SE Kansas to establish a practice in Iola in 1979.

I have been involved on many Optometric boards, committees and in officer positions. My post graduate experience includes Diplomate Status in the Primary Care Section of the American Academy of Optometry and several leadership positions in that organization. My involvement in the Kansas Optometric Association includes many committee assignments as well as 5 1/2 years as the Editor of the Kansas Optometric Journal.

Jane, my wife of 38 years, is a registered nurse. Our son, Jim is a Real Estate Development Consultant and builder in Kansas City, MO. Our daughter, Julie, is a bank Human Resource Officer, in Glen Ellyn, IL.

As an upcoming district governor, I would like to motivate every Rotarian in the district to find a niche, a cause, an idea to cultivate and promote, to deliver humanitarian service to a greater level. We may help several others directly, but we can help dozens, hundreds or thousands by bonding together in our local Rotary clubs or as Rotary International.

Satisfaction comes from helping others. Volunteering and donating your time and skill are just as important as giving money and possessions. As the saying goes, the more you give the more you gain. 

TOGETHER, WITH ROTARIANS DOING IT, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING

Thai e-mail spurs Rotarians' help

BY GINNIE GRAHAM World Staff Writer

Judy Houskeeper had an awful feeling after reading a reply to an e-mail she sent to a fellow Rotary Club member in Bangkok, Thailand.

She and seven friends are traveling to the country in February and planned to meet with a local Rotary Club. The group asked if they could bring anything to help with the tsunami relief effort.

"He said 'We need money to buy coffins,'" Houskeeper said. "It was just not a good e-mail. I can't put myself in their shoes to understand how the majority of those people feel right now. It was just awful."

The e-mail prompted Houskeeper and her friends to start a campaign to raise 1 million baht, which has an exchange rate of between \$26,000 and \$27,000.

The Tulsa Midtown Rotary Club in cooperation with Rotary District 6110 is sponsoring the fund-raising drive. The district includes parts of Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Collections were taken through Feb. 1 and were sent to Rotary District 6110, Tsunami Relief Fund, 3608 E. Third St., Tulsa, OK 74112.

Houskeeper plans to hand deliver the check to the Rotary Club of Bangkok South during the second week of February.

Each year, Houskeeper and her friends take a vacation together and visit the local Rotary Club. In 2001, the group went to Thailand and met with a different club.

"That country is such a beautiful country, and the people were so wonderful," Houskeeper said. "We enjoyed it so much that we planned to go back."

The tsunami hit Dec. 26 and has killed nearly 140,000 people in 11 countries. Aid workers say the death toll is expected to reach 150,000.

Houskeeper and her friends will be staying about 400 miles from the disaster area in Thailand.

"Right now, other than vacation travel, we are looking forward to visiting with Bangkok South members to see how the majority fared through this disaster. That is our first-most thought right now," Houskeeper said.

"We thought 1 million baht would buy a lot of things. And for every dollar we collect, it will go directly to Bangkok South. There are no administration fees."

The Rotary Club district governor has sent letters to the 77 Rotary Clubs in the district endorsing the project and asking for donations.

Houskeeper said she has found generosity among Rotary Club members throughout her international travels.

"They are a giving bunch of people," Houskeeper said. "No matter which country you're in, Rotarians are giving. If you need help, you go to the Rotarians."

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**Ft. Smith Rotarians doing:
"Service Above Self"
Saturday, January 8, 2005
Tsunami Disaster Relief Collection**

Rotary Youth Exchange

From a Recent CNN News Story

"Last year, 27,742 foreign exchange students visited the United States through programs accredited by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel, the organization Hishmeh leads. The numbers were 44,291 in the 1999-2000 school year and 62,005 in 1993-94.

The State Department has noticed a recent downturn in enrollments too, although for a shorter time.

About 39,000 foreign secondary students were admitted to the United States on exchange program visas in the 1999-2000 school year, compared with 28,200 the year of the terrorist attacks and 24,600 in 2002-2003, according to the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Unlike the figures from the Council on Standards, those numbers don't include students who come for less than a full semester.

Born in the wake of World War II, high school exchange programs have long helped showcase the American people to nations where the United States was trying to build a better relationship.

Christina Pillot, of State College, is hosting Charttraharn Chareonwong, a 16-year-old from Thailand. She sees her participation in a Rotary International program as a way to help bolster America's image abroad.

"I'm doing my own small part in worldwide detente," she said."

February 5, 2005 is SCRYE when many of the youth exchange kids meet in Tulsa. Now is the time to be thinking about hosting an exchange student next year. Now more than ever youth all over the world, need the help of Rotary to provide the opportunity to see other's countries and obtain a fresh understanding of the world without prejudices and misunderstandings

A Couple of letters from 6110 youth exchange students:

Julien in Alma, AR

I have been a Rotary exchange student for one year. I am from France. My new life started on September 14.

I choose to live in the United States because it's a big country and it's very different from France. This experience will help me when I go back to France because my language has improved and I learned to live with another family. But the most important, I saw a new country and I met new people.

My counselor was A.C. Moncrief and one other person helped me Ken Colley. I would like to thank them.

During this year, I lived in Alma with Travis and Casey Collyar my host family. I go to school in Alma High School. I am a senior so maybe at the end of the year, I will graduate. I want to give a special thanks to Alma High School. All teachers and all students are very nice to me. Before I never saw a football games and now I love this game. I was lucky because we have a really good team in Alma.

I had a great time in America. I will never forget this year. It's part of my life. Again thank you for all.

Carlos in Fort Smith

I'm Carlos Gamboa and I'm a Rotary exchange student. I'm 18 years old and I'm from Colombia. I live in Fort Smith since 4 months ago. My host family are Ken and Lynn Colley. They're wonderful people. They've helped me to understand and know more about the American culture. I'm so grateful with them because they've become in a great support for me in this new experience in my life.

I go to NHS [Northside High School], and I must say it's an awesome school. The people is very friendly,

understanding and always available to help. NHS is like the world, you know different kinds of people and you can learn a little bit of each one.


I belong to Southside Rotary club and my counselor is Rodney West. This people had given the big opportunity to improve my English and live experiences that are uniques in my life time such as a ski trip in Colorado (with another 32 students).

This is my first Christmas that I'll spend away from home. This is the first Christmas I'll be away from my only one brother, David (17 years old), and my natural parents (Carlos and Milena). I miss them and my home town Cucuta which is in the north-east side of Colombia and it's border is Venezuela.

However, my host family and my friends are great and I'm enjoying this year in the United States, 'cause I know it will be in a unforgettable moment for me and it's a good chance to learn many differents cultures that the mine.

Thank you

If any club members are interested in learning more about Youth Exchange, please attend SCRYE on Sat. There will be classes about YE and the current exchange students will be there. If anyone is interested please call Ken or Terri at 479-452-0078 or 479-651-8131 (or they can e-mail us at kencolleyinc@juno.com).

We also need chaperones for the lock-in on Sat. night at SCRYE. The shifts will be 10:30p-3a or 3a-7a. Anyone able to help or anyone with questions needs to call Ken or Terri at 479-452-0078 or 479-651-8131 (or they can e-mail us at kencolleyinc@juno.com) 

Upscale 'Elite Repeat' Now Open in the Plaza

Reprint from GREATER TULSA REPORTER NEWSPAPERS, Mid-December 2004

Elite Repeat is a new upscale resale shop that opened in the Plaza at 81st Street and Lewis Avenue December 2.

The store is a project of the Rotary Club of Tulsa with the goal of benefiting the club's charitable projects, and the public is welcome to shop and browse, according to the manager, Margaret White.

Most of the articles in Elite Repeat have been donated by the Rotary Club of Tulsa members and their families. However, anyone in the community who contributes to the effort receives a tax receipt. Items that do not meet the criteria for Elite Repeat, such as certain household goods and toys, are given to other non-profit organizations for distribution.

Not only has merchandise been donated, the space for Elite Repeat has been provided by the Plaza. The fixtures and display items have also been donated in addition to hours of volunteer time to help pull the endeavor together.

White is familiar with Rotary projects, as she served as the club's executive for 27 years. White found she wasn't quite ready for retirement and volunteered to tackle this retail concept.

People are starting to find the store, according to White. She says, "So far, customers have learned about the store mainly from word of mouth. Rotarians have also added to the sales volume. In fact, Rotarians from Alaska who are here for a visit were attracted by the Rotary logo on the sign."

Customers are attracted to the store by the quality items for sale. White says, "Women's clothing includes names such as Carlisle and Chanel, Harold's and Miss Jackson's, and Chico's and Talbots, and men's clothing includes names such as Hart Schaffner and Marx, Ralph Lauren, Norm Thompson, and Tommy Hilfinger. There are upscale jeans, even Harley Davidson ones. Nicklaus and Greg Norman labels will interest the golfers."

White explains that the clothing is in pristine condition, and some of it has

never been worn. She adds, "In fact, some of the clothing is especially expensive. A \$1,200 dress that was recently purchased for \$125 is only one example."

A unique feature about the store is that the items are not sold on consignment. Therefore, all of the profit from the sales goes directly to the charitable projects of the Rotary Club of Tulsa.

The Elite Repeat store is based on an

upscale shop concept that Rotarians in Stillwater started several years ago.

Elite Repeat is located in the Plaza near Arvest Bank and south of the Bourbon Street Restaurant. The store is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Editor's Note:

Rotarian Lin Kelly compiled the information in this article. 🌟



CHARITABLE ROTARIANS: The Rotary Club of Tulsa has opened the Elite Repeat upscale resale store in the Plaza to raise money for its charitable causes. From left are Plaza Manager and Rotarian Malt Davis, Rotary volunteer Linda Bradshaw, Elite Repeat Manager Margaret White, and store underwriter and Rotarian Sid Shupack.

The success of our District's Medical Supplies Network is due primarily to the involvement of Rotarians throughout the District. Please keep everyone informed, advertise the website address of the quarterly Newsletter, Networker. **PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO REPRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP.** The Newsletter and other MSNI information are available for downloading from our web site at www.msni.org after the 30th of the month.

As you may be aware, MSNI has become a model for Rotarians throughout the world. Your continued involvement in this project is imperative. This involvement may be in different areas such as locating and delivering medical equipment and supplies from your community to the warehouse in Tulsa. Those clubs that are within a reasonable distance of Tulsa may participate at the warehouse on Saturday mornings doing inventory and preparing shipments. 🌟

WWW.ROTARIANNETWORK.COM

District 6110

I am the current president of the Rotary Club of Daly City - Colma (District 5150, California), and I am writing to let you know about the launching of a Website that is dedicated to supporting the community of Rotarians throughout the United States.

Since the so-called "Information Age" is upon us, it only makes sense that we utilize the Internet's capabilities as much as possible. So, with this in mind, RotarianNetwork.com was established just before the holidays in 2004.

RotarianNetwork.com helps to bring the Rotarian community together by providing the following resources:

1. Rotarian Locator; a searchable database of Rotarians in business
2. Discussion forums
3. Tips, information, and advice for Webmasters dedicating their time to providing Websites for individual Rotary Clubs and Districts
4. A list of District Websites throughout the United States

RotarianNetwork.com can be visited simply by following this link:

<http://www.rotariannetwork.com/>

Rotarian Locator

The Rotarian Locator is an exciting new innovation designed specifically to connect people with Rotarians. Many Rotarians will tell you that they would prefer to do business with Rotarians. Well, Rotarian Locator is a quick and easy way for them to do just that!

As well as being a searchable database, Rotarians are able to add their busi-

ness/employment information through the interface without involving us, or any third parties just by following this link:

http://www.rotariannetwork.com/app_form.php?addlisting=1 and completing the form. Our goal is to only offer the ability to list a business to Rotarians of chartered Rotary Clubs, therefore, we ask that all fields be completed accurately.

Listing a business, or place of employment with the Rotarian Locator is **FREE OF CHARGE.**

Discussion Forums

Discussion forums are a fabulous way to share and discuss ideas and opinions with others, make announcements, or just communicate important information that needs to get a broad audience quickly. The thing to remember with forums is that it is easy to carry on a conversation with as many people that participate and across incredibly vast distances.

It is the RotarianNetwork Forums that we believe helps to take the "Rotary Family" to another level. By perusing the Forums, you will see that they have been used to rally support for financial aid to victims of the recent Tsunamis. The Forums have been an incredible tool for communicating rapid changes and developments.

While anyone can view the Forums at this point in time, we ask that anyone wishing to participate in a discussion, or make an announcement, become a registered user of the Forums.

Webmasters

While it is nice if a club, or district has a member who is a professional

Web developer as a member, this is not the case for everyone. Therefore, the Webmasters section is dedicated to providing tips and advice to those who donate their time in this fashion.

District Websites

It is not always easy to find the Web address for Rotary Districts, assuming that each District has a Web site. Therefore, where we know about a District's Website, we have listed it at RotarianNetwork.com

In order for RotarianNetwork.com to provide these valuable resources to Rotarians, we ask that you visit the site and give it your support by informing Rotarians in your District of its existence. If your District has a Website, we ask that you also place a small image on your Website, linking to RotarianNetwork.com. For your convenience, all code for the links have been placed at <http://www.rotariannetwork.com/webmasters/> You will note there are 2 options available to you.

Of course, I would be happy to receive any questions and comments you might have. Feel free to reply to this address, or give your feedback at <http://www.rotariannetwork.com/feedback.php>

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours' In Rotary,

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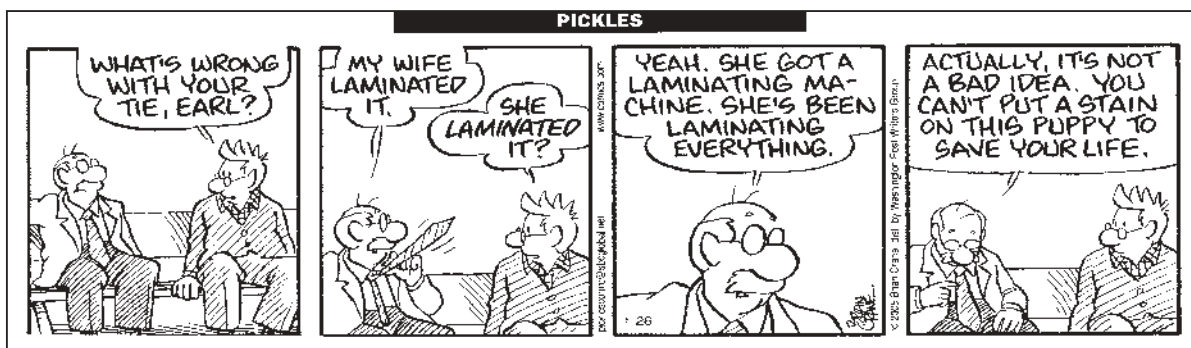
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Club	Population	Members	Members Per Thousand Population
Aurora	7,014	33	4.705
Bartlesville*	36,150	245	6.777
Bartlesville Daybreak*	36,150	245	6.777
Bentonville*	26,457	100	3.780
Bentonville/Bella Vista Daybreak*	26,457/19,237	35	3.780
Berryville	4,433	36	8.121
Bixby	13,336	64	4.799
Booneville	4,117	42	10.202
Bristow	4,325	33	7.630
Broken Arrow	74,859	71	0.948
Bull Shoals-Lakeview	2,000/800	53	5.283
Carthage	10,747	99	9.212
Cassville	2,890	59	20.415
Chanute	9,488	39	4.110
Claremore*	15,873	110	6.930
Claremore Revellie*	15,873	110	6.930
Coffeyville	11,060	60	5.425
Drumright	2,905	21	7.229
Eureka Springs	2,278	49	21.510
Fayetteville*	58,150	231	3.972
Fort Scott	15,000	53	3.533
Fort Smith*	80,000	166	2.075
Fort Smith Southside*	80,000	166	2.075
Fredonia	2,600	26	10.000
Frontenac	2,996	21	7.009
Greenwood	7,112	51	7.171
Grove	5,131	79	15.397
Harrison	13,000	93	7.154
Henryetta	6,096	20	3.281
Holiday Island	2,500	24	9.600
Humboldt	2,178	20	9.183
Independence	9,846	69	7.008
Iola	6,302	44	6.982
Joplin*	45,504	209	4.593
Joplin Daybreak*	45,504	209	4.593
Lamar	4,425	65	14.689
McAlester	17,783	84	4.724
Miami	13,704	87	6.349
Mid-Marion County	1,200	33	27.500
Mt. Home	10,129	85	8.392
Mt. Vernon	4,017	36	8.962
Muskogee	38,310	75	1.958
Neodesha	2,848	21	7.374
Neosho	10,505	74	7.044
Nevada	19,488	92	4.721
North Tulsa*	393,049	20	1.188
Northside Fayetteville*	58,150	86	3.972
Nowata	3,971	13	3.274
Okmulgee	13,981	30	2.146
Oswego	2,046	14	6.843
Owasso	27,204	38	1.397
Ozark	3,525	23	6.525
Paris	3,707	30	8.093
Parsons	11,514	44	3.821
Pittsburg*	19,243	87	4.521
Pittsburg Sunrise*	19,243	39	4.521
Poteau	7,928	40	5.045
Pryor	8,659	49	5.659
Rogers*	37,800	136	3.598
Rogers Early Risers*	37,800	53	3.598
Sand Springs	17,451	119	6.819
Sapulpa	19,166	72	3.757
Siloam Springs	10,843	50	4.611
Skiatook	5,396	26	4.818
Southeast Tulsa*	393,049	74	1.188
Southside Tulsa*	393,049	62	1.188
Springdale	45,798	217	4.738
Tahlequah-Cherokee County	14,458	31	2.144
Tulsa*	393,049	467	1.188
Tulsa Central*	393,049	21	1.188
Tulsa Green Country*	393,049	14	1.188
Tulsa Sunrise*	393,049	68	1.188
Van Buren	18,986	58	3.055
Vinita	6,472	50	7.726
Wagoner	57,491	42	0.731
Webb City-Carl Junction*	15,106	49	3.083
Will Rogers (Tulsa)	393,049	70	1.188

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