

Rotary's Second Century

District 6110 Governor's Newsletter - Beginning the Second 100 Years of Rotary Service

November 2005

Governor's Message

November is Rotary Foundation Month



Ed Hardesty

The Rotary Foundation is the vehicle used by Rotarians throughout the world to make our dreams of Service Above

Self a reality. The Rotary Foundation was founded in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth President, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund to "do good in the world". Your Foundation has grown from the initial donation of \$26.50. During the 2004 - 2005 Centennial Rotary year, Rotarians throughout the world gave over \$83.5 million to the Annual Programs Fund. Our District contributed \$582,983.65 to the Annual Programs Fund during the 2004 - 2005 Rotary year, thanks to the leadership and personal philanthropy and generosity of immediate Past District Governor Gerald Harp. Gerald's dedication to service and his selfless giving enabled our District to finish in the top five in the world in giving to the Annual Programs Fund.

While we can take pride in our accomplishments in Foundation giving during the past Rotary year, we cannot reduce our level of

support for our Foundation. Your Rotary Foundation supports projects in local communities throughout our District through District Simplified Grants. Additionally, through the use of additional District Designated Funds and Matching Grants, our Foundation supports projects that improve the quality of life, provide healthcare, food, disaster relief, clean water, and education programs. Our Foundation builds peace and world understanding through Group Study Exchanges, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Grants for University Teachers, and Rotary's Centers for International Study in Peace and Conflict Resolution. The Trustees of your Rotary Foundation insure good stewardship of our funds. Literally millions of lives are touched by Foundation projects. More importantly, however, individual lives are touched, one at a time. When we see the faces and hear the stories of the individual lives of those touched by our Foundation our hearts are warmed and from that flows our generosity and selfless giving.

My dream is to exceed last year's giving to our Foundation by challenging those capable of leadership giving to become Major Donors, and for every Rotarian in our District to participate at some level in giving to our Foundation. The need for funds for Foundation projects has grown exponentially with the natural disasters and interna-

tional conflicts that have marked the past several months. We cannot turn our backs on those who count on us as Rotarians to step forward to help. I challenge each of you to see that Every Rotarian, Every Year becomes a reality. If all of us do something, we can far exceed a few doing a lot. For most of us giving a little at a time over a period of time through electronic funds transfer (EFT) is the best vehicle to insure that future projects will not go undone. Thanks primarily to PDG Gerald's continuing generosity, we still have matching Foundation credits available for Rotarians who sign up for EFT. Make your gift today then insure that every member of your club follows your example by giving to our Foundation.


People have been critical and have expressed skepticism that we could dare to believe that every Rotarian in this District would actually step forward and give to our Foundation and that we can maintain or exceed last year's level of giving. William Shakespeare said, "Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we aft might won by fearing to attempt". Not only will we attempt, but we will succeed. Success, however, will only come when we all join together in the spirit of Service Above Self in support of our Foundation.

Ed



SERVICE Above Self

Group Study Exchange

One of the most successful programs of the Rotary Foundation is Group Study Exchange (GSE). District 6110's outgoing GSE team will travel to District 3080 in India in January 2006. The team recently met with District Governor Ed Hardesty, who invited as his special guest, District 6800 Governor Vijay Surpuriya of Memphis Tennessee, who had previously led a GSE team to District 3080. Governor Vijay briefed the team as to what to expect on the trip, how to prepare, and showed the team photos of District 3080 Rotarians and sites within the District. 



Shown the photo left to right: District Governor Ed Hardesty, GSE Team Members James Smith and Dacre Whitaker, GSE Team Leader Larry Long, GSE Team Members Angie Dowell and Jake Lambert, and District 6800 Governor Vijay Surpuriya.

Foundation Golf Tournament

The Rotary Foundation Golf Tournament held in conjunction with the District Conference resulted in a net profit of \$10,960 donated to the Rotary Foundation. Thanks to Foundation Chair PDG John Brodbeck for his leadership in this event. A special thanks goes to the following clubs and Rotarians who will receive Foundation recognition credits for their support of the Rotary Foundation through this event:

Bentonville B/V Early Risers . . .	\$468.00
Bentonville B/V Noon . . .	\$468.00
Berryville	\$168.00
Broken Arrow	\$84.00
Bixby	\$468.00
Claremore	\$300.00
Eureka Springs	\$1150.00
Fayetteville	\$300.00
Ft. Smith	\$300.00
Grove	\$1362.00
Holiday Island	\$126.00
Joplin	\$426.00
Joplin Daybreak	\$300.00
Iola	\$84.00
Lamar	\$84.00
Miami	\$300.00

Mid-Marion	\$168.00
Mountain Home	\$168.00
Muskogee	\$42.00
North Tulsa	\$292.00
Owasso	\$42.00
Springdale	\$1014.00
Southeast Tulsa	\$768.00
Tulsa Sunrise	\$126.00
Individuals:	
Rick W. Barrows, Springdale	\$ 600.00
John M. Brodbeck, Eureka Springs	\$300.00
Troy Richards, Joplin	\$300.00
Davis Starrett, Joplin	\$300.00
Curt Roland, Lamar	\$300.00


New 6110 Website Opportunity!

I have added a new section to the web site that displays the projects the individual clubs are involved in. Please review the following link;

<http://ri6110.org/RLCS/index.htm>


Please also encourage your clubs to submit a project to be included and help spread the word throughout the district.

Yours in Rotary.
Jacques (Jack) Chatenay



<p>District Governor 2005-06 Ed Hardesty</p> <p>PDG 2004-05 Gerald Harp</p> <p>DG Elect 2006-07 Peggy George</p> <p>DGN 2007-08 Ellis Potter</p> <p>Secretary Terri Pollmiller</p> <p>Treasurer Russell Robinson</p> <p>Newsletter Editor Steve Reid</p> <p>Associate Editor and PDG Tom Clark</p> <p>Muskogee Bureau Chief Dan Allen</p>	<p>To Submit an Article: Send Stories, queries, tips, and photographs by mail or email: rotary6110@net-wolf.net. Send only high resolution digital images with email. Please copy and paste text for articles into the body of the e-mail message. We encourage submissions, but assume no responsibility for unsolicited materials.</p> <p>To send an address change: Enclose your old address, postal code, and Rotary Club and send to P.O. Box 35913, Tulsa, OK 74153 or Contact Steve Reid - 918-955-1208</p> <p>Postmaster: Send all address changes to; Rotary's Second Century c/o Steve Reid, P.O. Box 35913, Tulsa, OK 74153.</p> <p><small>Published monthly by Rotary District 6110. Contents © 2005 by Rotary District 6110. Postage paid in Tulsa, Oklahoma and additional mailing offices. Views expressed in this publication strive to pass the Four Way Test. If you find errors or anything of concern, please bring it to our attention. Opinions herein may not represent those of District 6110.</small></p>
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LITERACY

 Our district literacy endeavor will get a boost with the acceptance by Ken Mayton, Immediate Past President of Tulsa Southeast Club as chairman for Literacy. In his capacity as Associate Dean at Oral Roberts University he is aware of, and capable of the actions necessary in leading our literacy activities beyond the first step which is **The Dictionary Project**. Illiteracy is considered the most serious hindrance of our culture and Rotary's efforts in this field may become more important than any single project ever undertaken, including Polio Plus.

Kevin Moody, of the Tulsa Rotary Club has agreed to join the district committee in an important position. Additional volunteers are joining us from his club.

Steve Zenthoefler of the Southeast Tulsa club will continue in an administrative role.

The Dictionary Project is alive and well with increased interest nationwide in our model plan as adopted by the National Literacy Task Force of Rotary International. 44 clubs from 18 districts outside 6110 have joined us, purchasing nearly 20,000 books. Many orders have come in from the East Coast but the largest was 4,200 dictionaries for the Shreveport, LA schools. Altogether we have now processed 99 orders

for 38,000 dictionaries since the beginning of school. We have now presented over 100,000 third grade students their own dictionaries. More importantly they have been delighted getting books with their own name inscribed in the front cover. These bookplates establish an immediate bond between the child and the Rotary Club and results in their writing the clubs thank you notes which improves their skills in penmanship, spelling, sentence structure, and results in the satisfaction of knowing they have responded to the gift by thanking someone. Our book, the exclusive property of "**The Dictionary Project**", of which we are an important element, is continually expanded and is praised by teachers and students as an ideal tool to create interest in learning to read.

Lynn Fesperman, President of Tulsa Southside and owner of GT Industries of OK, has allowed us to warehouse and ship dictionaries for three years. During that period over 60,000 books have been handled 80 shipments by Fred Boyce and his shipping department.

Paul Wise leads distribution this fall with nearly 3,000 dictionaries going into the Ft. Smith school system. Ellyn Schleiffarth graciously accepted shipment of books for the five clubs in Southern Arkansas. Fred

Heismeyer leads Northeastern Arkansas in managing distribution of 2,500 books. Larry Strickert of Bull Shoals directed the activities of Northeastern Arkansas. David Starrett handled delivery of 1,200 dictionaries to clubs in MO where Susan McBeth serves as state coordinator.

Gary Pollmiller, KS coordinator submitted a blanket order to accommodate all 13 clubs of Kansas and is securing help in blanketing nearly all of the rural schools in addition to the towns having Rotary Clubs.

Scott Webster manages the large area of LeFlore County, OK by not only giving out dictionaries to the entire Poteau School System, but going into the other 16 school districts of the county.

The newly formed Tulsa MidTown club now takes on distribution to 25 schools within the Tulsa Public School District. Sand Springs, OK covers the five schools in town and an additional 10 rural schools west of the club.

Nearly every club is participating and the involvement is growing as we reach out to rural schools. Any group that needs additional books, gratis, should contact the district committee.

Stan Dixon 

District 6110 Dates

- February 16-23, 2006International Assembly, San Diego, California, USA
- March 6, 2006RYLA Applications Due
- March 17-18, 2006Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.), Peabody Hotel, Little Rock, AR
- March 30-April 2, 2006The 16th annual RYLA camp
- June 11-14, 2006International Convention, Malmö, Sweden/Copenhagen, Denmark

- November**— Rotary Foundation Month
- December**— Family Month
- January**— Rotary Awareness Month
- February**— World Understanding Month
- March**— President Elect Training
- April**— Magazine Month

- May**— Planning for upcoming year
- June**— Rotary Fellowships Month
- July**— Literacy Month
- August**— Membership and Extension Month
- September**— New Generations Month
- October**— Vocational Service Month





One function of the Secretary this month is to prepare for elections in December. First, you will need to know how your club nominates candidates for office. If by a nominating committee then you will want to inform them of when elections will be and the criteria for the offices involved. The following is an excerpt from the RI Manuel regarding suggestions on how and when to conduct elections.

Article 3 Election of Directors and Officers

Section 1 – At a regular meeting one month prior to the meeting for election of officers, the presiding officer shall ask for nominations by members of the club for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and directors. The nominations may be presented by a nominating committee or by members from the floor, by either or by both as a club may determine. If it is determined to have a nominating committee, such committee shall be appointed as the club may determine. The nominations duly made shall be placed on a ballot in alphabetical order under each office and shall be voted for at the annual meeting. The candidates for president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to their

respective offices.

The candidates for director receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected as directors. The candidate for president elected in such balloting shall be the president-nominee and serve as a director for the year commencing on the first day of July next following the election, and shall assume office as president on the first day of July immediately following that year. The president-nominee shall take the title of president-elect upon the election of a successor.

Section 2 – The officers and directors, so elected, together with the immediate past president shall constitute the board. Within one week after their election, the directors-elect shall meet and elect some member of the club to act as sergeant-at-arms.

Section 3 – A vacancy in the board or any office shall be filled by action of the remaining directors.

Section 4 – A vacancy in the position of any officer-elect or director-elect shall be filled by action of the remaining directors-elect.

The District and RI will want these results by the end of December so plan the elections in time to forward the results to RI, The District Secretary, and your ADG. I personally prefer to hold elections no later than the week before the last meeting planned for the year. Then, if an interruption occurs (bad weather etc..) there is still time to hold the election.

Another suggestion is to activate the nominating committee early enough to give them ample time to interview potential candidates for their interest and availability for being a board member. Membership attendance and activity records will be another important tool for your nominating committee to have while interviewing candidates. A well informed nominating committee making thorough interviews are important.

Without those interviews your club could be electing a bored member rather than a board member. Your President Elect should also be informed of the requirements for attending PETS and District Assembly. From Article 9 Section 5(c) of the “Constitution of a Rotary Club”:**Qualifications.** Each officer and director shall be a member in good standing of this club. The president-elect shall attend the district presidents-elect training seminar and the district assembly unless excused by the governor-elect. If so excused, the president-elect shall send a designated club representative who shall report back to the president-elect. If the president-elect does not attend the presidents-elect training seminar and the district assembly and has not been excused by the governor-elect or, if so excused, does not send a designated club representative to such meetings, the president-elect shall not be able to serve as club president.

Because PETS is now a multi-district function and in places like Little Rock instead of what has been closer to home, they will need to be aware of that difference before they decide to run for President.

Of course, for those of you using the RI-CAS software, it will be just a matter of pushing a few buttons to provide member information to the nominating committee.

And, last but not least, if you are a first time secretary, while the nominating committee is building a candidate roster, you will want to be creating a template for the ballot that you can simply plug into as soon as the nominations are complete. Take note in Article 3, Section 1 as to how that is to be done.

That’s all for now and just remember: Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves.....for they shall never cease to be amused !!!!!!!!

Dan Allen, Sec.

Muskogee Rotary 

Special, District 6110 "Women in Rotary"

Barbara Hicklin

I have been a member of Joplin Daybreak Rotary Club for about 9 years and am currently serving in my third year as Secretary. I have to admit that it was a little intimidating at first to be a woman in a predominantly male club but I soon found that my fears were unfounded. Our club has been very accepting of women and we now number about 20% of the membership. We have had several outstanding women serve as president and in various other leadership positions.



For the past two years, our club has sponsored a bicycle tour as a fund raiser and since my husband and I are avid cyclists, this is an event I have been very involved with. Next year we are hoping to expand our reach and draw in cyclists from all over the Four-State area. All of you cyclists in District 6110—mark May 6th, 2006 on your calendar and plan to join us for the 3rd Annual Joplin Daybreak Bicycle Tour. (The rest stops will have homemade chocolate chip cookies—how can you resist?)

Barbara Prichard

Women in Rotary: A Perspective

Past President,
Fayetteville Rotary
Club Past Assistant
District Governor,
6110



I receive a phone call request to write a short perspective about women in Rotary! How do I respond to this task with a succinct statement about something that could fill pages? A stream of thoughts run through my mind ... visiting my father's Rotary Club in

the early 60's and wondering why I saw no women in the room, going to Rotary Club functions "BW" (Before Women) with my club president husband, hearing other wives introduced as Rotary Anne's—my husband always introduced me (gratefully) as his wife, hearing the tales of his (and later our) Rotary Club as it was among the first clubs to invite a woman to membership. Time passes and I am proposed for membership. I work to be a Rotarian not just a member. I hear my brother's stories of his club in another state rejecting women as members long after most clubs have conquered that prejudice. As a supporter of women members, he is disappointed but proud later when he brings the first female member into his club. Not long after, I become the second female president of our 200+ club and later an Asst. District Governor. Wow, would my dad be proud! And now District 6110 has a woman in the wings to be District Governor!

My perspective of women in Rotary? I look forward, soon I believe, to the day when the question of what kind of Rotarian one is does not relate to gender. Then my granddaughters will be Rotarians whose perspective of women in Rotary won't be of any interest.

Beverly J. Gaines

It was in 1990 when I was honored to become the first woman member of the Fredonia Rotary Club. The past fifteen years have been extremely gratifying as a participant in numerous Rotary projects. Our club membership is now well represented by women. My background in public health nursing make programs like Polio Plus and the Organ Donor Program



"dear to my heart."

After serving as our club President (1995-1996), I became more involved in District activities and served as a District Representative for three years. I truly benefited from this association and networking with Rotarians in the surrounding area.

In 2001, I was appointed by the District Governor to serve on the District Finance Committee as the Kansas representative. As a banker, I've been impressed with how well District 6110 manages its finances and have been very proud to be a part of this dedicated and visionary group of Rotarians.

The Rotary motto "Service Above Self" is philosophically how I want to live my life every day!

Connie Shiverdecker

I was not at all sure of what a Rotary Club did before I was asked to join the Rotary Club of Neodesha, Kansas for lunch in 1997. I looked it up on the internet and was amazed to find out about their fight against Polio around the world and all of their other accomplishments. I was one of two of the first women asked to join in town and felt honored to be selected. At first the gentlemen in the club got our drinks for us and made us go first in the buffet line at lunch, but they soon treated us just like "one of the guys."

Although my friend is no longer a member due to time constraints, we have had several female members in the last few years, including our current President. I have served as President and currently as Club Secretary. Our club continues to attract new members and is thought of in town as the "progressive" club,



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while the "other" club that does not allow women has been steadily declining in membership. I love being a Rotarian and thoroughly enjoy being a part of such a wonderful organization.

Connie Shiverdecker, Agent
State Farm Insurance and Financial
Services

Ellyn Schleiffarth

Ever since I can remember, Rotary has been important in my family. I can't remember when my father was not a Rotarian. He was a 50-year plus member in Missouri.



When Rotary started to take women into their membership, my father called me on the telephone telling me that good news. He was excited, as he had wanted me to be able to join. At that time, I lived in Springfield, MO., and was just starting my career.

When I moved to Fort Smith as the CEO of the Girl Scout Council of Mount Magazine Area, I was interested in Rotary but did not know any Rotarian. Then Taylor Prewitt stopped by to see me. He told me about the Fort Smith Rotary Club and invited me to join him for several meetings. Well, because of Taylor, I became a member - the second woman in the club.

I could not wait to call my father to tell him that I was now a Rotarian. He was quite pleased and encouraged me to be active in the club. He also cautioned me about aspiring to be the president of the club as it was "a lot of work." I did not heed his advice.

I was active in my club and it became a highlight of my week. Eventually I became the first woman President of the Fort Smith Rotary Club. What an honor...and a lot of work. But the work only made me more excited about Rotary and also assisted me in my profession. After

my term as President I was asked to be an Assistant District Governor. Again, what an honor. This position introduced me to a wider world of Rotary and allowed me to meet more wonderful people as well as learn more about the wonderful service that is accomplished in other clubs.

After my term as Club President, the Fort Smith Rotary Club sent me to Barcelona, Spain for the International Convention. As Assistant District Governor I also attended the Centennial International Convention in Chicago. Each convention increased my love for Rotary and its service projects. It was exciting to be a part of an organization who collectively combined their talents to help people everywhere. I noticed while participating in the conventions, that women in some countries were very welcomed and active while some were not allowed to participate. Occasionally, some of the men, from countries who did not allow women to participate, were threatened by the women membership. Some of the men did not even know that they were reacting in a discriminating way towards women. However, I chose to not overreact but to just be myself. I realized that cultural differences play a huge part in how men react to women and to just try to work with the men instead of force them to accept all women. I basically only felt or experienced this on the International level.

Overall, I have actually been welcomed wherever I went in the name of Rotary. Even the traditional Rotarians who were against women being in Rotary were very gracious. I remember Arch Glenn, who was a District Governor for 6110 and a member of my Rotary Club, was very gracious toward me even through he made it known that he did not approve of women in Rotary.

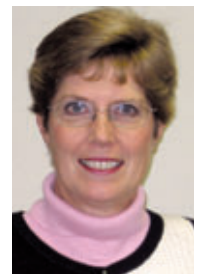
I don't look at women joining Rotary as exceptional. I look at

women in Rotary as a natural way, to join with men, to help Rotary continue and increase their good works and service projects. When we all work together, no matter our gender, we make stronger clubs and thus help more people in the world, including our own communities. Rotary is a powerful force of aid and service throughout the world. Together men and women can continue to make the world a better place by doing good works even when politics or nations are not effective.

What a blessing Rotary has been in my entire life and my hope is that we, together - men and women, can continue to make Rotary a blessing in the lives of people throughout the world.

Jean Anderson

Shortly after joining NorthWest Arkansas Community College in July 2001, as a college administrator, I was invited to attend a



Bentonville/Bella Vista Daybreak Rotary Club meeting. A short time later, I was invited to become a member, which I am so glad I joined! Almost immediately, I was asked and agreed to assume responsibility for our weekly newsletter and then the following two years I was chair of the Club Avenue of Service. After serving as president-elect last year, I stepped in to serve my term as president. I am the third female president in our club, which is comprised of approximately 36 members, including an assistant district governor.

Our club is very active with the Bentonville High School Interact Club, which we co-sponsor with the Bentonville/Bella Vista Noon Club. We also are participating in the Dictionary Project for the first time at the Decatur Elementary School and getting more involved in identifying well projects to support.

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There is nothing more rewarding than meeting with fellow Rotarians every week!

Linda Bradshaw

Women in Rotary

The evolution of Rotary from a men's business club to a service club to an all-inclusive service organization, clearly defines the future of Rotary.



Barriers of gender stereotypes have been broken and women around the world are making major contributions and receiving recognition in the world's largest service organization. What do women bring to Rotary? We bring the same longings for Paul Harris's realization that by working together more can be accomplished; women bring the same heart of compassion and caring for all mankind; and women bring the same dedication and work ethics that has put Rotary where it is today.

Looking towards my year as President of one of the world's largest Rotary clubs, and being its first woman President, I welcome the opportunity for service. Hopefully, there will be no emphasis on gender but only on the heart. We should all beat as one.

"Service Above Self" says it all.

Rotary Regards,
Linda Bradshaw, President-Elect
Rotary Club of Tulsa

Lucy Cravens

What an awesome time to be a Woman in Rotary, the beginning of a new Century in Rotary. Not only am I in a great club that encourages and supports my leadership but I also have an awesome, understanding family that supports what I'm doing in Rotary. I started at the



Rotary Club of Will Rogers just 6 short years ago. I was encouraged immediately not to just come for lunch, but to get involved in a committee. I started on our Will Rogers Gala Committee in 2000. In 2002/2003 I served as Community Service Director and then Sergeant-at-Arms in 2003/2004. I was asked to serve as President Elect in 2004/2005, which brings me where I am today as current Club President. Is it a lot of work? Just as our 4 way test says, "Is it the truth?" yes. Am I having fun? I would say most definitely, yes.

What does it mean to me to be a Woman in Rotary? It means this isn't just an old man's club that gets together every week for lunch and singing! I believe International President, Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar's quote at the convention in Chicago was "I would like to see the Rotary year 2005/2006 be the year of Women in Rotary. I'm not quite sure what that looks like just yet, maybe more women in leadership, or more women altogether. Maybe some unknown clubs, I won't mention any names, that still do not have women as members could join the rest of us in this Rotary year. I'm very proud to be a Woman in Rotary and very blessed to be a part of this great Family of Rotary. I have a passion for Rotary and what we do in our communities and around the world! God says that we should be a lover of people and what better way to do so than "Service Above Self" through Rotary.

Lucy Cravens
Rotary Club of Will Rogers (Tulsa)

Marcille Lawrence

I was already a Paul Harris Fellow when I joined the Harrison, AR Rotary Club in 1996 because I was lucky enough to grow up in a Rotary family. My father, Joe Miller,



is a 60-year member of this club. He had asked me to join several years before, but I was hesitant. I did not want to force my way into a group that preferred to remain all-men. After several other women did join, I decided that I too could be a Rotarian. Our club now is well represented with professional women, and I think more alive because of the change. The make-up of the club certainly better reflects the make-up of today's world of business.

As I have told many people, after my church and family, Rotary has become my most important commitment. I believe that we are making a positive difference in the world. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this awesome group of humanitarians.

Personal and Rotary information:
Classification, Property Management
First female president of the
Harrison Club
Paul Harris Fellow
Benefactor
Bequest Society
Attended 3 International
Conventions
Husband, Jay
Blended family of 5 sons and 12
grandchildren

Pamela L. Everett

As a Rotarian of just over four years, I have found my experience in Rotary as extremely rewarding. Very few personal experiences have netted me the friendships, growth and rewards afforded me during these few years.

I came into the Springdale club in 2001 with the intention of publishing their newsletter and one year later was asked to serve as the District's Secretary for a three year term. During those three years, I



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learned a lot about Rotary but more importantly, I learned about Rotarians and the human desire to make this a better world. I have heard the expression often "if you want to get something done, give it to the busiest person you know". I found myself working with some of those people and they were the ones doing the lion's share of the work. Through conflict, personal tragedies and sorrow their resolve never waned. Yet my biggest surprise was the smile on their faces as they encouraged me and others and their heart felt support that never ended. There was never a class situation or gender barrier. Everyone was on equal ground due, I believe, to their unselfish motives and true desire to demonstrate "Service Above Self" not as a motto but as a lifestyle.

My faith in young people was shored up by watching RYLA kids in camp, experiencing Youth Exchange students in activities and Ambassadorial Scholarship students who were interviewed. The Four Way Speech program never ceased to amaze me. where did those students come up with the ideas and the confidence to speak at our District Assemblies? Do they know they are on our watch list for potential Rotarians???? There are so many programs and worthwhile projects that are a part of this organization that you are never bored. Need a make-up? I have visited clubs in other cities and states and felt just as welcome as any member there. What an opportunity for fun and fellowship!! Don't just be a member of Rotary...be a Rotarian...you deserve it.

Pamela L. Everett

Peggy George

When I joined Rotary seventeen years ago, I had very little understanding of the total scope of this wonderful organization and not



a clue of how it would impact my life in the years to come. My pastor, Bill Mason, did me the honor of inviting me into Rotary membership, and as he described its mission of "Service Above Self" and told me about some of the exciting projects that were underway, I just knew it was my kind of organization. I said yes, and the rest is history.

It would take volumes to tell the many ways Rotary has changed my life, but here are just a few highlights: It has made me a part of a 1.2 million member family that truly has the ability to change the world. It has given me the opportunity to plant trees that will outlive me, to provide Christmas for hurting families torn by domestic violence, to comfort crying children after they receive their much-needed immunizations, to sit on the floor surrounded by third graders and share with them the joy of reading, to travel to Romania to assist a medical team in correcting the disfiguring effects of cleft lips and cleft palates, and to share many other inspiring, fulfilling events in fellowship with men and women who embrace our Rotary vision. It has given me a new attitude that stretches me beyond the trivial concerns of self-serving existence and encourages me into a more purpose-filled life of service to others. I will have the privilege of serving as District 6110's Governor in 2006-07. In this role, I hope to convey the excitement and fulfillment I have experienced through my membership in Rotary and to find the words and ways to inspire all 5,000 of our district's members to even greater things than we have achieved in the past.

Sue Brown Osbourn

As a professional singer and motivational speaker i was invited to be the main speaker and entertainer at an International Rotary



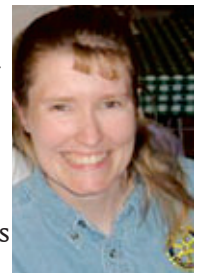
Convention in California forty years ago...I was the only woman present...I never dreamed that one day I would be the president of the Henryetta Oklahoma Rotary Club. We have four women members, and sixteen men. I have two women on my board. We have several young members and my goal is to get more women involved in Rotary by showing them an exciting, fun, and productive club. I have invited the Henryetta Lions to join our meeting on the 2nd of Nov. when our guests will be the famous "Men of Note" from Tulsa Oklahoma.

Sincerely, Henryetta Rotary President, Sue Brown Osbourn

Tamara Miller

My introduction to Rotary happened as a small child. I remember attending special children's programs with my father and stopping to visit him as he rang the bell along with other Rotarians for the Salvation Army. In short Rotary is in my blood. I was invited to join the Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise when my Dad was visiting me in Tulsa and I joined him for Breakfast so he could make up. The Rotarian we sat next to handed me his business card at the end of breakfast and told me to call him if I would like to become a Rotarian. I thought about it, realizing for the first time, that I, a woman and mother of two small children (now three), could be a Rotarian. I was excited and thrilled to be asked to join Sunrise. I called him back the same day.

Before I even became a member of Sunrise I was put to work. I visited the Laura Dester Shelter and started thinking about how Sunrise could serve the children there. I worked with other Sunrisers to put together several seminars for the children that year. The second year I was in Sunrise I was honored to serve as Secretary and then last year as Vice-



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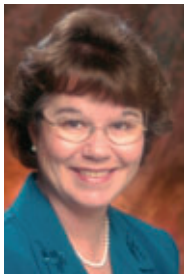
President. Currently I am serving as President.

I am thrilled to be a part of Sunrise. I love the energy and enthusiasm of this club. The members are always ready to meet the challenge, whether that means giving to help provide Tulsa school children with boxes of cereal so they may eat over a weekend, giving to provide a special gift to a child who needs to know someone cares, spending time teaching children about how to get or keep a job, working at MSNI, or to give a needy family a place to go for clothing. The list can go on and on and that is only one club!

What an incredible opportunity Rotary affords us to serve others and positively change lives on a daily basis. I am so blessed to have been given this opportunity to be a part of a family that can and does make a difference in this world.

Terri Pollmiller

“What does Rotary mean to me?” From the first District Conference I attended, I knew I wanted to become more active in Rotary, both on the local club level and at the



District level. Rotary has given me a sense of purpose. I am thankful, not only for my blessings, but for the opportunity to help people who may not be so fortunate. To not take for granted our blessings, health, and our basic freedoms. It is so touching and rewarding to be able to work with youth in helping them to develop to their fullest potential. I feel it is important to foster understanding, service, and peace on all levels, local, state, and international.

Through Rotary we can do this and this is truly what service is all about.

I enjoy working with good, energetic, effective and genuine people who make things happen for the improvement of our community, both locally and worldwide. I have the opportunity to serve District 6110 daily helping clubs and their officers in carrying out their projects and daily work of their clubs. It is an honor and privilege to take care of the office side of the District’s daily paperwork, thus allowing the District Governor to be able to focus on club visits.

Being a part of Rotary has blessed my life and I eagerly look forward to future opportunities to participate in service projects.

Terri Pollmiller
District 6110 Administrator

Cathy Webster

Women have added energy and enthusiasm to Rotary. They are reliable, friendly and know how to get things done. Most importantly, to the people of the world, especially the youth, Rotary shows by example that it takes both men and women working together to accomplish the goals that Rotary has established.



Personally, Rotary has added new friends to my life and a way to contribute to both worldwide and local projects. I also have Rotarians all over the world ready to accept my presence at their meetings, willing to share and exchange their ideas and energies with me. My family and colleagues understand and respect my commitment to Rotary. I truly embrace the ideals of Rotary, using them daily to help other people improve their lives. I am proud to be a Rotarian.



GAZEBO RESTORATION 2005 ANOTHER PROJECT BY SKIATOOK ROTARY

Scraping, cleaning, painting, roofing and masonry work completed, with only the Cupola to “top” off the project left! It was unanimously decided to treat ourselves to lunch.

And what better time than such, to offer a “free lunch” to those outside the club that contributed, plus inviting prospective members. (small clubs like ours have to kill two birds with that single stone). In spite of changing weather, (90° the day before, “lunch” day was in the 60’s) an Abbot & Costello - 3 Stooges and Charlie Chapman type teams doing the preparing, cooking and serving, it went off quite well. At the time of this writing, 24 hours later, no deaths or food poisoning has come to attention. As one picture shows with our own official “rotary bench” Tom Clark, past district governor, was in attendance.

ROTARY CELEBRATES COMPLETION OF GAZEBO PROJECT (Part 2)

The Skiatook Rotary Club hosted a hamburger cook-out at noon on Thursday, October 20th at the Skiatook Gazebo. The club celebrated completion

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OSWEGO ROTARY CLUB BUILDS INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL

On Sunday, October 2, 2005, Dr. Dave Blankinship (Oswego Rotary Club, Oswego, Kansas) met with Dr. Getachew Tikubet (Addis Rotary Club, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) to give the new Addis Rotary Club a pennant from the Oswego Club.

The Addis Club has 15 members and Dr. Tikubet is in agricultural management. He owns BioFarm Systems of Ethiopia. The city of Addis has 1 1/2 million

people, located in central Ethiopia where manufacturing, service, and agriculture are the major industries.

Getachew is the president of Ethiopia's newest Rotary Club and Dave serves as the president-elect of the Oswego Club. The Addis club and the Oswego club will be sister clubs pledged to help each other and continue the exchanges of information that strengthen Rotary Clubs everywhere.

Pictured at the right, Getachew holds the Oswego Club's pennant and he is wearing a ball cap with the Oswego Rotary Club's name on it. The cap was donated by Jerry Barnard from the Oswego Rotary Club.

Dave and Getachew have known each other for about five years and they have worked together to help reduce poverty in Ethiopia by strengthening food security, improving healthcare, promoting education, and facilitating technology transfer. They are the co-founders of the Praxis Ethiopia Alliance. The Alliance is an international coalition of educators, scientists, entrepreneurs, and technical advisors dedicated to community-driven poverty reduction in Ethiopia.

Dave serves as the president/ceo of


The Praxis Ethiopia Foundation (www.PraxisEthiopia.org), which works to raise funding to support poverty reduction in Ethiopia. Getachew serves on the Foundation's Board of Directors and he has been a long-time advocate of



sustainable farming and integrated pest management techniques in Ethiopia. His Excellency Ato Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of Ethiopia, is the Honorary Chairperson of The Praxis Ethiopia

Foundation's Board of Directors and he is the Patron of the Praxis Ethiopia Alliance.

Ethiopia holds tremendous potential to serve as an example of the power of community-driven poverty reduction efforts. Rotary International has had many successful activities in the country, including the work of Polio Plus and targeted work in developing safe water sources for the people of Ethiopia. During this next year, District 6110 will have the opportunity to learn more about the work of The Praxis Ethiopia Foundation, and Ethiopia's unique position in helping all of Africa to advance the quality of life for the people living there. If your club would like to learn more, please email Dave at

DBlanckinship@PraxisEthiopia.org. Dave is a very accomplished speaker and he would be more than willing to discuss some of the Praxis Ethiopia projects to your club. 


SKIATOOK GAZEBO PROJECT (Part 2) continued....

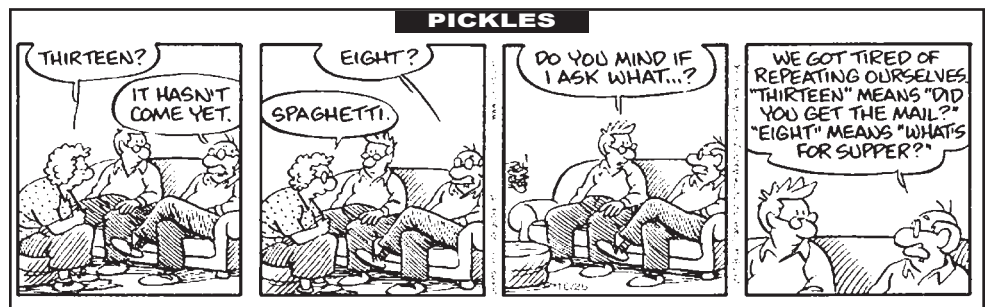
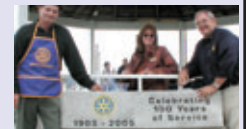
of the Gazebo refurbishing project. They expressed their thanks to those who contributed to the project. Contributing companies were O-State Roofing, G & M Lumber, B & B Masonry (Chandler Material), and Wooden Solutions. In addition many Rotary members exhibited "Service above Self," donating time and effort.

Past-District Governor, Tom Clark, attended the celebration as a representative of the many area Rotary Clubs that participated in last years shoot-out which made funds available for the Gazebo refurbishing.

During the celebration Rotary announced:

1. Meetings will be changed from Monday to Thursday at noon each week at Bobbies.
2. The shoot-out (sporting clays) at Long Shot Ranch in Skiatook will be held Saturday, April 29, 2006.
3. Funding from the 2006 shoot-out will be used to purchase a two-sided ornamental clock on a pole to be installed near the Gazebo.
4. A membership drive will commence during the month of November. Come and see what "Service above Self" is all about.

Sincerely,
Tim Hutto. 



DISTRICT ATTENDANCE AND FOUNDATION GIVING

Year To Date - Contest 2005 – 2006

September

Club Name	Membership 09/01/05	09/30/05	Net Gain/Loss	% Attendance	7/1/05-9/30/05	Goals
Aurora	.31	.31	.0	.67.00	.00	\$.3,100.00
Bartlesville	.167	.166	-.1	.76.78	1600.00	\$16,600.00
Bartlesville Daybreak	.83	.83	.0		192.00	\$7,560.00
Bentonville	.101	.103	.2	.72.80	.00	\$10,200.00
Bentonville/BV Daybreak	.36	.34	-.2	.86.00	5.00	\$3,500.00
Berryville	.34	.34	.0	.68.00	100.00	\$1,980.00
Bixby	.68	.68	.0	.58.00	638.21	\$7,000.00
Booneville	.35	.34	-.1	.68.35	.00	\$.00
Bristow	.32	.32	.0	.65.98	.00	\$3,300.00
Broken Arrow	.76	.75	-.1	.68.14	350.00	\$7,000.00
Bull Shoals-Lakeview	.49	.49	.0	.87.00	1500.00	\$5,200.00
Carthage	.93	.93	.0	.55.00	500.00	\$4,500.00
Cassville	.59	.59	.0	.58.00	.00	\$5,900.00
Chanute	.38	.35	-.3	.54.55	.00	\$.00
Claremore	.77	.79	.2	.58.00	.00	\$3,120.00
Claremore Reveille	.23	.23	.0	.86.05	.00	\$2,300.00
Coffeyville	.56	.57	.1	.57.00	525.00	\$1,650.00
Drumright	.24	.24	.0	.62.60	.00	\$.00
Eureka Springs	.60	.60	.0	.81.60	1530.00	\$5,800.00
Fayetteville	.234	.236	.2	.67.30	1120.00	\$23,900.00
Fort Scott	.55	.58	.3	.64.00	.00	\$1,100.00
Fort Smith	.135	.140	.5	.73.00	200.00	\$14,000.00
Fort Smith Southside	.30	.30	.0	.81.00	.00	\$2,900.00
Fredonia	.27	.27	.0	.71.85	.00	\$.00
Frontenac	.24	.25	.1	.60.00	.00	\$2,200.00
Greenwood	.49	.49	.0	.16.00	.00	\$.00
Grove	.84	.86	.2	.59.01	100.00	\$8,800.00
Harrison	.99	.98	-.1	.61.14	1000.00	\$10,000.00
Henryetta	.20	.20	.0	.66.30	.00	\$2,000.00
Holiday Island	.16	.19	.3	.85.00	.00	\$.00
Humboldt	.20	.20	.0	.57.00	.00	\$.00
Independence	.66	.66	.0	.37.00	.00	\$.00
Iola	.45	.45	.0		1200.00	\$4,600.00
Joplin	.126	.126	.0	.84.60	1200.00	\$.00
Joplin Daybreak	.80	.79	-.1	.75.26	.00	\$7,100.00
Lamar	.59	.61	.2	.86.00	.00	\$5,900.00
McAlester	.85	.86	.1	.64.38	.00	\$8,500.00
Miami	.85	.86	.1	.72.80	100.00	\$.00
Mid-Marion County	.26	.26	.0	.77.00	500.00	\$2,900.00
Mountain Home	.86	.87	.1	.85.20	1100.00	\$8,500.00
Mt. Vernon	.37	.36	-.1	.58.00	.00	\$4,000.00
Muskogee	.82	.83	.1	.48.60	2040.00	\$.00
Neodesha	.20	.20	.0	.74.00	.00	\$.500.06
Neosho	.53	.54	.1	.68.44	1610.00	\$.00
Nevada	.88	.87	-.1	.57.30	.00	\$.00
North Tulsa	.21	.21	.0	.75.00	30.00	\$2,000.00
Northside Fayetteville	.84	.84	.0	.64.23	401.00	\$9,000.00
Nowata	.11	.11	.0	.70.00	.00	\$.240.00
Okmulgee	.27	.27	.0	.67.00	.00	\$.00
Oswego	.16	.16	.0		.00	\$1,600.00
Owasso	.41	.42	.1	.50.40	.00	\$.00
Ozark	.23	.23	.0	.72.00	100.00	\$2,100.00
Paris	.29	.29	.0	.57.00	.00	\$.00
Parsons	.44	.44	.0	.59.00	250.00	\$.00
Pittsburg	.80	.82	.2	.73.73	.00	\$4,250.00
Pittsburg Sunrise	.39	.39	.0	.89.70	.00	\$4,000.00
Poteau	.35	.35	.0		.00	\$4,100.00
Pryor	.55	.53	-.2	.78.92	1084.00	\$5,000.00
Rogers	.146	.150	.4	.63.32	690.00	\$12,600.00
Rogers Early Risers	.52	.52	.0	.50.48	.00	\$.00
Sand Springs	.115	.117	.2	.50.88	.00	\$11,800.00
Sapulpa	.68	.68	.0	.62.00	.00	\$7,100.00
Siloam Springs	.51	.51	.0	.54.00	.00	\$.00
Skiatook	.26	.26	.0		.00	\$.00
Southeast Tulsa	.70	.71	.1	.89.06	1850.00	\$7,200.00
Southside Tulsa	.64	.66	.2	.75.00	550.00	\$.00
Springdale	.231	.230	-.1	.61.29	37576.11	\$69,000.00
Tahlequah-Cherokee County	.33	.33	.0		.00	\$.999.94
Tulsa	.475	.479	.4	.69.10	1927.50	\$47,500.00
Tulsa Midtown	.34	.34	.0	.67.00	.00	\$3,300.00
Tulsa Sunrise	.67	.63	-.4	.81.53	100.00	\$6,500.00
Van Buren	.57	.57	.0	.34.00	.00	\$.500.00
Vinita	.50	.51	.1	.65.00	.00	\$.00
Wagoner	.42	.42	.0	.36.30	46.74	\$4,200.00
Webb City-Carl Junction	.43	.43	.0	.67.45	.00	\$4,500.00
Will Rogers (Tulsa)	.66	.66	.0	.50.00	.00	\$6,700.00
District Totals	5,068	5,094	26		\$.61,715.56	\$.409,800.00



GRONER'S INDIA NID* 2006 TRIPS



(*National Immunization Day)

ROTARY FRIENDSHIPS / PERSONAL SERVICE / INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING Polio Immunizing / Home Stays, Rotary Club & Project Visits / City Tours

- **Participate in a polio-eradication Sub-National Immunization Day.**

Note: this is a *Sub-National Immunization Day* immunizing only in the areas where polio cases are still being discovered! The 2005 total of new polio cases in India stands at 37! This is fantastic!

Immunize in the state of Uttar Pradesh on January 15, 2006.

Assist WHO (World Health Organization) with one or two days of door-to-door “mop-up” activities.

Located east and north of Delhi, this state has the highest number of polio cases in India. There are many children with chronic diarrhea, a condition that often goes along with being a carrier of the polio virus. Rotary’s Polio Eradication Committee of India requests our assistance with this area.

- **Build international friendships through home stays and Rotary club visits.**

- **Gain cultural enrichment.** Learn about India through meeting Rotarians and touring the cities of Delhi, Jaipur, Agra, and Varanasi. Visits to humanitarian service projects will be included.

It is vital that you be in good physical condition. You must be able to walk up to three miles a day over rough terrain, climb stairs, and adjust your medications to the 10 ½ hour time difference. (Just the long plane ride is exhausting.) If you are in doubt about your ability to handle any of these things, then this is not the trip for you!

Women volunteers are especially appreciated. The areas where we will be immunizing have a high percentage of Muslims, a religious group that is reluctant to have their children immunized. Women are the most effective immunizers as Muslim women are allowed to talk with other women, and may make eye contact with them. During door-to-door immunizing women volunteers may be allowed to enter the Muslim home to give the polio vaccine drops. Men can give the drops at the NID stations and certainly provide a valuable draw for area children during the NID and mop-up activities.

Two groups of volunteers. Both groups will be involved in the January 15 SNID and two follow-up days of door-to-door mop-up activities with WHO and local health officials. Group A, 50 volunteers new to India, will depart from O’Hare Airport, Chicago, Illinois on January 5, returning on January 19. This group will tour the cities of Delhi, Varanasi, Agra, and Jaipur prior to the homestay/NID days. Volunteers will become familiar with Indian history and culture prior to being a guest in an Indian home and helping administer the polio vaccine. Group B, composed of previous India NID participants, will depart from Chicago on January 12, returning on January 26. This group will go directly to their homestay/NID locations upon arrival in Delhi. After the homestay/NID experience they will depart from Delhi to tour the South India cities of Mysore, Bangalore, Cochin, and Kumarkom.

Travel plans. *It is not possible to use air miles for this trip.* All participants will fly with their group on American Airlines. Participants will be accepted on a first-come basis; however, the absolute final registration deadline is November 25, 2005. The two-page registration form must be faxed (800-811-1529) or emailed to Signal Travel (coreyb@signaltravel.com).

The cost of the trip is \$4000. This includes: international airfare from O’Hare Airport, Chicago, Illinois; visa and courier service; 2 team shirts; transportation within India; hotel and meal costs during the touring section of the trip; monument fees; guide tips; postage and other administration fees. The immunizations you choose to get prior to travel are at your own discretion. India has no requirements for entry from our continent, but recommendations are listed on the Center for Disease Control website, or you may check with your family physician.

Signal Travel will assist you with connecting flight plans from your airport of choice to Chicago and back home.

Our travel agents in the U.S. and India are Rotarians. They believe in the Four-Way Test and “Service Above Self.” These trips will fill up extremely quickly. Remember, Friday, November 25, is the registration deadline.

Trip questions? Call PDG Dave and Barbara Groner at 269.782.2129 or 269.782.2120.

E-mail: gronerfh@beanstalk.net Do NOT send the registration form to them!

Note: Groner’s will be out of the country October 17-24 and November 7-20.