



Rotary for a Better World

District 6110 Governor's Newsletter



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By Peggy George

As we pass that magic moment between the old year and the new, I wish each and every one of you a blessed and prosperous 2007. We are now half-way through our Rotary year and have many accomplishments to be proud of, but we cannot afford to go into "coasting" mode. I hope you are renewed and refreshed and ready to take on the second-half of our Rotary ball game by stepping up the pace for the second half!

By the time you receive this newsletter, I will have completed the 77th "official" club visit in our District with several additional visits for special presentations. What a joy it is to learn how each club serves its community and our world through Rotary. As I have said sincerely to each club that I have visited, "If I can motivate one Rotarian, one club, one District to greater service, it will be a privilege beyond price. That is my goal, and each one of you is my target." Thank you for the privilege of serving you this year as your District Governor. Thank you for all you do unselfishly for others to help us make this a better world, and thank you for being my brother or sister in Rotary. Our family *IS* changing the world.

In the next few months, many educational, interesting, and informative events will be taking place. Our Finance Committee meets on January 8 to set the budget for the 2007–08 year. Ellis Potter will travel to San Diego for the International Assembly on January 28 where he will be filled to overflowing with information and an overview of his responsibility as our incoming Governor. Another Four-Way-Test Speech Contest push is on, and it is my hope that many of you have this event already scheduled in your club so that your contestant's tape can be forwarded



in plenty of time for judging before our final competition at District Assembly on April 21. Meanwhile, **SCRYE** weekend is coming up in Tulsa February 2–4, where we will be hosting approximately 180 international students from all over the south central region. What an exciting time for them and for us! March 16 and 17 will see our incoming Presidents gathering in Fort Smith for our Multi-District President Elect Training Seminar, and RYLA follows on March 29 – April 1. In May, we will begin soliciting applicants for our Group Study Exchange leader and team members, and on June 17–20 we will gather in Salt Lake City for our International Convention! What an exciting locale for the event. This may be one of the most inexpensive international conferences ever for those of us in the U.S. If you've never been to an international event, why not take advantage of this opportunity and wrap it around a family vacation? You'll be amazed at how much you will learn about Rotary and what an awe-inspiring occasion it is to gather with your friends from every corner of the world and know that we are all united in a common cause. Just do it!!

We have a lot of year left and much work to do, so get these dates on your calendar and be ready to roll. If you think Rotary is just about getting together for lunch, just go over the above list and think again! We have the privilege of being an essential part of an incredibly active, powerful worldwide family, and we have many opportunities to learn, to grow, and to serve. Don't think of our Rotary year as half over. Consider that we have half left. So let's go forward with the work we are called to do in these last six months and fill it to the brim. It takes all of us together to make it happen by picking up the pace. ! 🌟

A. C. Moncrief Elected District Governor Nominee



On Saturday, December 16, the Council of Past District Governors interviewed seven excellent candidates for the position of District 6110 Governor - 2009–10. The final selection is Rotarian AC Moncrief of the Van Buren, AR club.

AC has been a Rotarian for 20 years and has the unique experience of having served as President for three clubs including Russellville, AR where he was a member for seven years; Ozark, AR where he was a member for three years; and Van Buren, AR, his current club, where he has been a member for ten years. AC also served as an Assistant Governor in 1993 and was an Assistant District Trainer in 1992–93.

Currently employed with the Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Van Buren as an investment advisor, he has been in the banking profession since 1991. Prior to that AC was Executive Director of Franklin & Logan Industrial Corporation in Paris, Arkansas following his career as a business owner of travel and real estate agencies in Russellville.

Also active in other civic organizations, AC was a Leadership Fort Smith Board Director from 2003–2006 and served as Executive Director of the Van Buren Chamber of Commerce in 1999.

We extend hearty congratulations to AC and his wife Doris along with our confidence that his extensive professional and Rotary background will serve him well as District Governor for 6110. 🌟

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IN TULSA, PAST RI PRESIDENT ENCOURAGES APPRECIATION FOR ROTARY AND SUPPORT FOR FOUNDATION BY TIM COLWELL

“Look around this room and realize the heritage and scope of Rotary,” stated Frank Devlyn, one of the most dynamic speakers to serve as president of Rotary International.

This was after he asked members of the 400-Rotarian audience in Tulsa to stand if they were a second generation Rotarian, a third generation, a fourth. One member at the November 14 meeting at the Marriott Southern Hills meeting was a fourth generation Rotarian — starting with her great grandfather.



“This is the world of Rotary in Tulsa and there is a great heritage here and internationally, where 1.2 million Rotarians are serving their communities,” the 2002-02 RI president said. “We need to appreciate what Rotary is doing in the world and what it is doing in each of us.”


Frank, a successful Mexican businessman who spends part of his year in Texas, was invited by Rotary Club of Tulsa President Linda Bradshaw to the special event that encouraged Rotarians to become Paul Harris Fellows by contributing \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. “Those less fortunate who are positively impacted by Rotary also need you to become a sustaining member,” he explained. Sustaining members are those who continue to support the foundation annually.

Members of Rotary Clubs from

throughout the district came to hear the motivational speaker who is not only headed RI but also the Rotary Foundation. Frank also authored three books about Rotary. The meeting served as the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Tulsa, as well as others who changed their dates to accommodate the outstanding speaker.

Before the meeting, visiting students from Tulsa’s Sister City, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, performed a traditional dance in full native costume. Frank was appropriately pleased and greeted the students in his and their native language. Frank also signed copies of his latest book, “Frank Talk about the Rotary Foundation,” which was produced by Tulsa book designer, Jim Weems, a Rotary Club of Tulsa member and webmaster of that club’s outstanding TulsaRotary.com.

Frank outlined the good works of the Rotary Foundation — fighting polio, delivering wheelchairs, educating third world natives, providing drinkable water — just a few high-profile projects Rotary funds through the foundation. He encouraged every Rotarian to give every year and to sign up for regular electronic funds transfer to make it easier.

“This was a wonderful opportunity for Rotarians to meet a great Rotary leader and to see how their foundation dollars are invested throughout the world,” said District Governor Peggy George. “Frank Devlyn is a great ambassador for all of Rotary’s good works, and we were pleased and honored to have him visit our district. It is a tribute to District 6110’s consistently outstanding giving history to Rotary International’s Foundation.” 

POTEAU ROTARACT CLUB RECEIVES OFFICIAL CHARTER

The Rotary Club of Poteau, in partnership with Carl Albert State College, officially established the Rotary Club of Carl Albert State College – Poteau on September 12, 2006. The new club started with 17 members, including Katie Balagbagan, President; Britney Barcheers, President Elect; Juanita James, Secretary; Eric Burwell, Treasurer; and Amanda Frier, Director. Advisors to the club are Scott Webster, Past President of Poteau Rotary, Poteau Rotary Advisor; Alexandria Baker, Faculty Advisor; and Dawn Webster, Campus Advisor.



The inaugural reception, hosted by Poteau Rotary, was held November 27 at the College Student Center. District 6110 Governor, Peggy George, and Jerry Huff, Assistant Governor serving the Poteau Club, participated in the charter ceremony. Several campus faculty members also attended.


The vision for organizing the Poteau Rotaract Club originated in July of 2004 when Scott Webster was Poteau Rotary President. The club received its official charter after nearly two years of planning and many meetings with the Campus's Business Department. Members of the new club were primarily recruited through the college's on-site Club Fair (staffed by the Rotary Advisor and the Campus Advisor) and then by word of mouth.

The new club has worked in conjunction with Poteau Rotary on many functions, including their annual Family Fun Fest and their county Dictionary Project. In addition, the club has held numerous fund raisers and is initiating a citywide Adopt-a-Roadway Program in which they will assign trash pick-up areas, train on safety procedures, and keep track of clean-up

requirements. In the future they plan to visit the Heifer International farm in Arkansas with the possibility of donating funds to the project and fulfilling work assignments. They also plan to attend the National Rotaract Convention this summer. According to

Scott, the key to a successful Rotaract Club is having dedicated advisors from both the local Rotary Club and the college campus who work closely with the new club members.

Addition of the Poteau Rotaract Club brings the total number of clubs in District 6110 to six, including

Cottey College in Nevada, MO., ASU –Mountain Home Rotaract in Mountain Home, AR, NE State University Rotaract in Tahlequah, OK, Pittsburg Sate University in Pittsburg, KS, and Tulsa University Rotaract in Tulsa, OK. 

On the Following Page...

You'll see a moment-by-moment account of Angela Henderson's Cinderella-type adventure which wound up making her District 6110's newest (and perhaps only) National Television Personality! Angela is President Elect of the Claremore Noon Club. She was nominated for the honor because of her outstanding work as Director of Claremore's Tri-County CASA (Court Appointed Service Advocate) organization and received an all-expense paid trip to New York, including a guest appearance on NBC's "Today" show with Sarah "Fergie" Ferguson, the Duchess of York. Helping kids comes as naturally as breathing to Angela. The Claremore noon Club led by Marguerite McKinney and Angela recently issued a challenge to the Claremore Reveille Rotary to provide Angel Tree gifts at Christmas time to CASA children. The friendly competition netted a huge overflow of gifts and provided a loving Christmas for many needy children.

Dear Diary ...

By TOM FINK

— As director of Tri-County CASA, Angela Henderson's professional energies are spent on helping the abused and neglected children of Rogers, Mayes, and Craig Counties.

She never expects, or wants, any reward for her efforts, other than aiding as many children in need as possible. But Henderson's friends thought otherwise, deciding the Claremore woman deserved recognition for her efforts — recommending her as the subject on a segment of NBC's "The Today Show."

"I got the call that they wanted to fly me to New York to be on a Today Show segment, about three weeks ago — I couldn't believe it — the woman who called had such a thick, almost too thick to understand New York accent — I wondered if this was an elaborate hoax," Henderson laughed. "But after that first call, everything came together pretty quickly — they told me I'd be on a segment about 'People Who Make a Difference', the 'Today Show' producer came to Claremore to meet with me and my family, and she and I flew to New York on Monday, Nov. 28."

Unbeknownst to Henderson, however, her appearance wasn't just about people making a difference, it was about recognizing them. On her first day, she found out just how special her trip was to be.

"After we got settled, we had lunch, and I met with the 'Today Show' crew. They put me in the back of a limo and drove me around to Lord & Taylor (fine clothing store), where a big guy in a red coat steps up to block my view," she said. "I

can see the crowd, and then, this stunning red-headed woman comes up and opens the car door — it's Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, and I'm ready to die!"

After the taking of photos ("I don't remember what she said or what I blubbered in return — all I know is I was crying my eyes out," Henderson



recalled), Henderson and Ferguson spent the morning shopping and getting to know one another.

"She's such an amazing woman — so warm and genuine, and with a real heart for children," Henderson said. "It was funny — she (Ferguson) had said she was afraid I wouldn't know who she was — quite the contrary — I've long been a Royal watcher, and had admired her for years."

Ferguson met with Henderson intermittently throughout the week leading up to her "Today Show" appearance, during which time Henderson also visited numerous tourist sites, such as Ground Zero, Times Square, the Empire State Building, and others.

By the time she made her Friday, Dec. 1 appearance, Henderson had been treated to a makeover, and was still in store for a few more surprises.

"While I was being made up, I could hear music behind me — someone singing like James Taylor, and I realized 'Dear Lord, that IS James Taylor — and out he walks,'" she said. "I couldn't believe it."

During Henderson's segment, "Queen For a Day," her contributions to CASA are highlighted, as was her week in New York.

"I really don't like being the center of attention, so from that point, it was hard for me to just 'go with the flow'," Henderson said, "but, I thought if it raised awareness for CASA, it would be worth it — that was my whole attitude, going into it — and I made sure that I got to mention CASA during the segment — I had to take control of the segment at the very end, but I plugged CASA, and that's what I really had gone there to do.

"And, on top of everything else, Lord & Taylor donated Teddy Bears and the GAP donated Christmas presents to us for our CASA children," she said, "and Sarah (Ferguson) donated copies of her book, 'Lil' Red', with knapsacks to our CASA kids — it was a surreal week."

So, while Henderson was treated to a week of unexpected surprises and recognition, she's grateful to have New York City behind her, so that she can get back to work at CASA.

"It was an incredible week — unbelievable, really — I mean, who could expect to ever have one like it?" Henderson said, "But, to be honest, it's good to be back, to be plain ol' Angela again, and to get back to helping children in need. 🌟"

Marvin Wahl Receives Special Citation from RI President Bill Boyd

In a recent ceremony at Oswego, Kansas Rotary, District Governor Peggy George presented a special citation for outstanding service from RI President Bill Boyd to Marvin Wahl, long-time member of the Oswego Club. Following is their club's review of Marvin's service which earned him the honor:

The Rotary Club of Oswego, Kansas, is a small club. With 15 members, everyone must participate in every activity to assure the activity's success. Few people can maintain consistent levels of support throughout the Rotary year. Marvin rises above and beyond our expectations by being 'first in and last out' at almost every activity. Marvin is consistently at the forefront and serving as the champion of the club's fund-raising events, public service events, and public relations events. He contributes time, money and talent.

Marvin believes in Rotary at the local level. He presents the RYLA film to the local High School students & makes the arrangements for taking the applications and later interviews the applicants. He encourages all Rotarians to participate in the process.

He sets up the Four Way Speech Contest competition with the High School Speech teacher and then invites Oswego's business and community leaders to hear the presentations of the students with the Oswego Rotarians at a special Luncheon Program.

Marvin co-chairs the Oswego Rotary High School Scholarship selection process.

He also arranges and sets up the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Scholarships and RYLA at the Community Center and obtains raffle items from local artists and merchants for additional fund raising. During the fall "Oswegofest" at Riverside Park, a fundraiser for Rotary Scholarships and RYLA, Marvin sets up the site providing canopies, tables and barbecues and then does much of the cooking and cleanup the next day.

Marvin provides the location to store and decorate the

Oswego Rotary's Christmas Float. Every fall he opens his building for several evenings to work on the float. He also cooks and provides a meal to Rotarians, making the event fun for Rotary families. He also pulls the float in the Christmas parade with his truck. Marvin has always shared his welding talents and welding equipment to the credit of Rotary for several community projects, including the city park and fire department. He started the Club's silent auction of the secret items


to raise funds and have some additional fun and excitement at the Club's noon luncheon meetings.

This outstanding Rotarian is our public relations chairman. He provides info/articles and photos to the local newspaper and Rotary District's monthly newsletter with his equipment at his own expense.

Marvin believes in Rotary at the district level. Marvin has obtained donated items from local artists and merchants for the Youth Exchange Auction

held at District 6110's Conferences each year. He organized the Club's participation in the District's Shoe's for Orphans Project and then delivered the shoes to the District Conference. For four years Marvin has provided Rotary dictionaries at his own expense to 3rd graders in a neighboring school district where there is no Rotary Club.

And Marvin believes in Rotary at the international level. Marvin is a multiple PHF and also honored his wife, Dorothy with a PHF this past year. He organized the Club membership in participating in the District's Electronic Funds Transfer program for the RI Foundation, leading the Club to be recognized as one of the top three in the District for percentage of participation.

Oswego Rotary is very proud to have Marvin as a member. He has been, and will continue to be an exemplary Rotarian. 



ROTARY DISTRICT 6110 PICKS TEAM FOR GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE WITH ROMANIA

*Rick Eggert, Rotary
District 6110, GSE Chair*

The Rotary Group Study Exchange selection committee met the 9th of December to choose a team leader and four team members to participate in the exchange this coming May.

Our district was very fortunate to have had several well-qualified Rotarians volunteer for this most important position of team leader. After a lot of discussion and deliberation we feel we chose an outstanding Rotarian for this most prestigious position. Jim D. Spears of Fort Smith. Rotarian Jim is a judge in Fort Smith, has served as president of his local club, and has been involved in various club and community activities over the past several years. Jim is a hands-on kind of person who will represent Rotary, this district, and the United States very well in Romania.

The team members are also a joy; they are a diverse group all with interesting backgrounds of special gifts and talents.


Marilou Shreve-Doffin from Bella Vista is a nurse practitioner with a speciality in paediatrics that has recently started, along with a partner, her own independent paediatric practice. Her primary interest is how medical care is delivered in Eastern Europe. Marilou was influenced in her decision to apply by former GSE participants.

Benjamin Benton of Gentry is a media technologist with John Brown University at Siloam Springs. He brings a varied background to the team, all the way from turkey farmer, to forklift driver, to teaching instructional technology. His particular interest is the Romania culture and how culture affects the way people approach problems and their solutions.

Patricia Bryson of Tulsa is a broadcasting consultant who has traveled extensively and who has a background in radio management. As Pat says, she is not the typi-

cal applicant for this program but is looking forward to studying Romania as if it were an open book ready to read and she says she has her library card. Her primary goal is to help the next generation of radio and television people grow and become better at their particular skills.

Cassie Hombs of Joplin is an employee of Pittsburg State University at Pittsburg, KS. Cassie also has a background in the communication arts; she presently works in the public relations department of the university. She has been involved in various communications media, from being a reporter for the Joplin paper to doing some freelance writing for various publications. Cassie indicates that she is most interested in just how the media in Romania has been affected by the drastic change from a veritable dictatorship to a free society.

Many Rotarians deserve a special thank-you for their work in helping us get this team together. We look forward to sharing the Romanian experience when the team returns. Thanks to all who served on the GSE selection committee, 

Recently sighted in Parsons, Kansas, Santa Claus was making his Christmas visits. While there, Santa visited Gary and Terri Pollmiller's 3-month old grandson, Jacob Paul Smith. Jacob was interested in pulling on Santa's beard.

"Santa" (aka Gary Pollmiller) has been visiting kids in elementary schools in Parsons for 23 years. He has brought Christmas cheer to hundreds of kids, who have shared their deepest needs and secrets with him. He says it is one of his greatest joys of each year.



Typhoons... and one of our own students

Paul Reagan (D6110 Outbound YE Coordinator) states: "We should be exceedingly proud of Sarah. She has acquitted herself in a manner to be admired by all. Besides being elected the representative of all the inbounds to the Philippines, she had lived without electricity for 3 weeks after an earlier typhoon. And she prospered." Sarah Ketcham, sponsored by the Tulsa Rotary Club, is currently on a Rotary YE Outbound Exchange in the Philippines.

*Her travel blog is at: <http://www.ri6110.org/rye/2006-2007/outbound/sarah.htm>
Here's the latest news from Sarah (sarahk323@yahoo.com.ph), dated Sunday Dec 10th*

Hi guys...

Sorry I haven't written, there was a typhoon, which I know you know. Death count around 2000 about 2 hours from where I live ... I am going there Thursday with my doctor host mom... I'm scared, but its one of those things that you don't pass up. There was a mud slide after the typhoon that caused all the casualties.

Our house lost part of its roof, and two of the rooms flooded... and this house is huge, and very nice, even in American standards. I can't imagine what it would have been like to live in a house made of bamboo...

The winds were up to 250 km/hr and I got some videos I will try

to put up later. We still don't have electricity at my house, and I have to do all communication thru internet cafes... So it will be a while.

I have begun a draft for my next update letter, but due to difficult circumstances, it will prolly go out around Christmas.

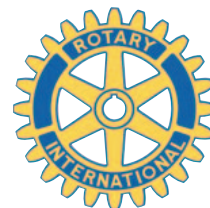
Things here are going well... I'm losing weight thanks to volleyball, and the team is amazing. They are all really nice and they help me if I need it. School is great: I got a 100 on my geometry quiz, and turns out I was the only one in the class. Haha, I learned this from my friend who works in the registrar's office... word travels fast here.

My host family is awesome and I

really like the house I am staying in. I probably won't be able to join the club swim team I wanted to swim with because they practice too far away, but my school team practices nearby at a more convenient time, so I plan on attending practice as soon as the pool is fixed. (the typhoon messed it up).

Um, besides that, all is well. I send my love to everyone, and wish everyone Happy Holidays and hope you all can enjoy the snow for me!!!!

Much love, Sarah



At a joint meeting of the Pittsburg, Pittsburg Sunrise, and Frontenac Kansas Clubs on November 7, the three clubs combined to honor District Governor Peggy George on the occasion of her official club visit by presenting \$100 each to Rotary International Foundation in her name. The \$300 oversized check was presented as part of the evening's program, which included induction of three new members, awarding of three Paul Harris Fellows, and an entertaining program by the local High School chorus.

Pictured from L to R:
Kirk Nelsen, President, Pittsburg Kansas Noon Club
Peggy George, District Governor
James Teats, President, Frontenac Kansas Club
Al Mendez, President, Pittsburg Kansas Sunrise Club

Rotary Club benefits from member's volunteer service

From the *Owasso Reporter*

Jim Ponton of Owasso who, for nine years has been general manager at Cargill Steel Service Center at the Port of Catoosa facility, recently presented a check for \$1,000 to the Owasso Rotary Club from his company.

Cargill presents "Cargill Cares Volunteer" awards each year for outstanding volunteer service, which enhances the quality of life in communities where they live, and work.

Ponton has done his volunteer work through the Rotary Club. This is the second such award he has received from Cargill the past five years, the first going to the Rotary Foundation.

"It's important for me to contribute in the community, both in a personal

and a corporate aspect," Ponton said.

"I like to see the benefits of people volunteering their time and efforts."

In a letter to the Rotary Club from Michelle Grogg, Cargill's director of corporate contributions, she wrote, "Cargill values the time and skills employees devote to nonprofit organizations.

"Each fiscal year, Cargill presents up to 100 employees, retirees and/or employee teams with Cargill Cares Volunteer Awards for outstanding service to our communities.

"Winners receive companywide recognition and \$1,000 to donate to the nonprofit organization for which they volunteer."

Ponton recently accepted the position of general manager of the south-

west service centers, which covers centers in Houston, Tulsa, Memphis and Panama City, Fla.



Jim Ponton, left, presents a check for \$1,000 to Owasso Rotary Club President Charles Freeland and receives a plaque in exchange. Ponton was given the check from his employer, Cargill Steel, to donate to the organization where he was recognized for his volunteer service.

— Jerry Whited/*Owasso Reporter*

KEEP OKLAHOMA BEAUTIFUL – 2006 AWARDS

For years, the Rotary Club of Tulsa has supported community beautification efforts, mostly through the club's support for Tulsa's Up With Trees organization. Now the downtown club has been recognized with a state award for those continued good works.

In December, a group of Tulsa Rotarians traveled to Oklahoma City to accept the first place Education & Promotion Award from the environmental organization Keep Oklahoma Beautiful. Accepting the award were President Linda Bradshaw and Up With Trees Committee Chair Jason Dent. Up With Trees founder and Rotarian Sid Patterson also attended, along with District Governor Peggy George, and others from the club.

The Keep Oklahoma Beautiful panel of judges were particularly

impressed with the club's commitment to beautifying the grounds of its adopted school, Celia Clinton Elementary.

In part the judges said, "Beautification projects can lead to powerful cultural changes. Anyone who doubts that should look at what happened with Celia Clinton Elementary School in Tulsa and its surrounding neighborhood after the Downtown Tulsa Rotary Club volunteers went to work. The first phase involved beautifying the land around the school which is situated in an economically depressed area. Children, teachers and Rotarians worked side-by-side to landscape the school.

"As the community began to take pride in the beauty they had created, they realized they could improve their entire neighborhood.

"The second part came with the creation of a garden with demonstration beds of Oklahoma native plants and trees, including a rhizosphere. The garden is an outdoor laboratory, used in a variety of ways by the teachers."

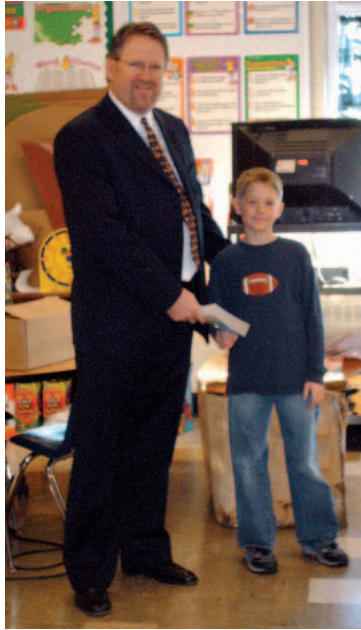
As the judges noted, Celia Clinton principal Cindy Taylor has credited the involvement of the Tulsa Rotarians with playing an instrumental role in removing the school from the federal low performing list. Also, there is now less littering, less crime and new construction going on in the neighborhood, she reported.

All Rotary Clubs in the Tulsa area have been strong supporters of Up With Trees and you can see their signs located at tree plantings throughout the metro area along expressways and major thoroughfares.




Distict 6110 Dictionary Updates

LAMAR -- Several years ago the Lamar, Missouri Rotary club committed to providing a dictionary to every third grade student in Barton County, Missouri. Since then, members have realized how fun and rewarding the dictionary delivery day is. Members deliver personalized copies to eight third grade classes in three communities, providing the teacher with a copy, too. A spare one is left for any student who joins the class later in the year. The spare can go to




Steven Kaderly Delivers Dictionaries

the school library if not used for a new student. This year dictionaries were delivered at Lamar Elementary school on December 8, 2006. Why do we do it? Fighting illiteracy starts in our own front yard. And it's just too much fun not to. Rotarians gather at the school office to decide who will visit which class. Once in the class they introduce themselves and tell what Rotary does locally, nationally and internationally. Locally the Rotary sponsors one event that third graders always recognize, the parade during the annual fair. Rotarians tell them about polio plus, and point out that polio is no longer in their

dictionary because they don't have to worry about it any more. Often students are amazed to receive their very own copies of the dictionary, as evidenced by the beaming smiles and hugs they offer. The effect on the Rotarians is enough to ensure they want to continue this project, and also help deliver the next time. The cost to the club for the project is so minimal, and the rewards generously given and so heartwarming, they encourage every club to do the same. Why do Rotarians do it? Fighting illiteracy starts in our own front yard. And it's just too much fun not to.  Marsha Doyle-Magruder
Parks & Recreation Department
City of Lamar, Mo.

NEOSHO -- Ask most any member of the Neosho Rotary Club about the most rewarding project that they do locally and most will mention the District-wide dictionary project. It is where we distribute dictionaries that we've purchased to all the 3rd graders in our area. We deliver to all of the Neosho schools, Goodman, Triway, Westview, Wheaton, Granby and Seneca. Our Neosho Rotary club got involved as a way to honor the memory of a deceased member, Kevin Morrow as a friend to the children in our area. Each year we increase the number of dictionaries that we give out. Last year we passed out 468 to students, plus some for

their teachers and this year the number is almost 650. It is such an experience to see the faces of these children and see how excited they can be about having a dictionary of their very own. 



Lindell Hughes
Neosho Rotary Secretary
Club # 2473



Dictionary Project chairman, Jeff Werneke and Secretary, Lindell Hughes prepare to hand out dictionaries.---->

October						
Club Name	Membership	Net	Membership	% Attendance	7/1/05-10/31/06	Goals
	09/30/06	Gain/Loss	10/31/06			
Aurora	28	1	29	83.0	0.00	\$0.00
Bartlesville	171	-2	169	72.0	17,500.00	\$0.00
Bartlesville Daybreak	85	1	86	74.2	2,530.00	\$7,830.00
Bentonville	118		118		1,400.00	\$11,300.00
Bentonville/BV Daybreak	34	0	34	92.0	20.00	\$3,300.00
Berryville	36		36		360.00	\$1,650.00
Bixby	89		89		1,748.00	\$8,000.00
Booneville	36	3	39	76.0	0.00	\$3,500.00
Bristow	31	0	31	59.0	179.00	\$0.00
Broken Arrow	75	-2	73	72.0	1,155.00	\$8,000.00
Bull Shoals-Lakeview	44	0	44	78.0	1,200.00	\$5,000.00
Carthage	86	0	86	54.0	0.00	\$4,500.00
Cassville	58		58		0.00	\$0.00
Chanute	31	2	33	57.0	0.00	\$1,000.00
Claremore	79		79		0.00	\$1,640.00
Claremore Reveille	26	4	30	75.0	810.00	\$2,300.00
Coffeyville	69	0	69	58.0	250.00	\$3,000.00
Drumright	22	0	22	58.0	0.00	\$0.00
Eureka Springs	60	1	61	66.3	6,000.00	\$6,100.00
Fayetteville	227	-4	223	71.0	1,160.00	\$23,000.00
Fort Scott	68	0	68	43.0	0.00	\$0.00
Fort Smith	157		157		250.00	\$15,900.00
Fort Smith Southside	34	4	38	70.0	0.00	\$3,500.00
Fredonia	29	0	29	44.0	500.00	\$140.00
Frontenac	28		28		0.00	\$2,800.00
Greenwood	52		52		0.00	\$0.00
Grove	101		101		2,460.00	\$9,400.00
Harrison	96	-1	95	60.0	200.00	\$9,700.00
Henryetta	21	0	21	45.0	0.00	\$200.00
Holiday Island	22		22		0.00	\$0.00
Humboldt	20		20		0.00	\$0.00
Independence	69	0	69	41.0	0.00	\$0.00
Iola	46	0	46	64.0	932.19	\$4,700.00
Joplin	125	2	127	63.0	1,680.00	\$13,000.00
Joplin Daybreak	84	0	84	54.0	360.00	\$2,500.00
Lamar	56	2	58	81.4	0.00	\$2,800.00
McAlester	85	3	88	56.0	200.00	\$0.00
Miami	80	0	80	65.0	50.00	\$4,150.00
Mid-Marion County	29	0	29	75.0	400.00	\$2,700.00
Mountain Home	92	1	93	68.0	960.00	\$4,680.00
Mt. Vernon	34	0	34	43.0	0.00	\$4,000.00
Muskogee	77	0	77	54.0	0.00	\$2,500.00
Neodesha	20	-2	18	85.0	75.00	\$1,000.00
Neosho	53	1	54	66.0	100.00	\$5,300.00
Nevada	92	0	92	45.0	0.00	\$0.00
North Tulsa	18		18		245.00	\$1,800.00
Northside Fayetteville	87	4	91	68.0	694.00	\$8,400.00
Nowata	10	0	10	60.0	100.00	\$0.00
Okmulgee	28	-1	27	60.0	0.00	\$2,800.00
Oswego	17	-1	16	84.0	1,050.00	\$1,500.00
Owasso	38	0	38	53.0	380.00	\$4,000.00
Ozark	24	3	27	74.0	100.00	\$0.00
Paris	25	0	25	46.0	0.00	\$0.00
Parsons	45		45		180.00	\$4,500.00
Pittsburg	80	1	81	70.0	0.00	\$8,400.00
Pittsburg Sunrise	39	-1	38	90.0	0.00	\$4,000.00
Poteau	32	0	32	68.8	0.00	\$2,000.00
Pryor	47	1	48	80.0	336.00	\$5,100.00
River Valley	26		26		0.00	\$0.00
Rogers	150	-5	145	70.0	660.00	\$13,000.00
Rogers Early Risers	49	0	49	48.0	1,300.00	\$5,500.00
Sand Springs	114		114		200.00	\$5,500.00
Sapulpa	66	1	67	70.0	0.00	\$6,200.00
Siloam Springs	57	-1	56	50.0	0.00	\$2,000.00
Skiatook	19	0	19	43.0	0.00	\$200.00
Southeast Tulsa	65	1	66	84.0	1,732.00	\$7,000.00
Southside Tulsa	66	1	67	75.0	5,810.00	\$6,600.00
Springdale	230	0	230	64.0	57,878.04	\$69,600.00
Tahlequah-Cherokee County	40	0	40	58.0	1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Tulsa	481	2	483	63.0	3,779.50	\$24,000.00
Tulsa Midtown	27	0	27	67.0	0.00	\$3,300.00
Tulsa Sunrise	60	0	60	84.0	340.00	\$6,500.00
Van Buren	57		57		0.00	\$2,450.00
Vinita	52		52		1,870.68	\$2,650.00
Wagoner	37	-4	33	65.0	0.00	\$4,100.00
Webb City-Carl Junction	46		46		0.00	\$4,400.00
Will Rogers (Tulsa)	57	4	61	58.0	700.00	\$5,700.00
Totals	5164	19	5183		120,834.41	\$392,490.00

SCRYE

The winter South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE) meeting will be at the Radisson Hotel in Tulsa on February 2 - 4, 2007. Each year this very exciting meeting is attended by 175 - 200 inbound students from over 30 countries along with 100 - 125 Rotarians and guests from 29 districts in 10 states. As a bonus this year, there are several exciting new developments. The New to Youth Exchange session will be held Friday night from 6:30 to 9:00 pm to enable all participants to attend the very informative sessions scheduled for the next day. Saturday

will begin with a session that will address the RI certification requirements as well as the new regulations implemented by the Department of State for all youth exchange programs. The Saturday morning session will highlight the many tools that SCRYE has developed to assist the local clubs in meeting these new requirements. There will also be many more informative sessions, e.g., how to start a youth exchange program at a local club, and several guest speakers. Registration is available at www.scrye.org.

The winter SCRYE meeting also offers an excellent service opportunity for the Tulsa area clubs. Each

year the inbound students are home-hosted Friday night, which is a great benefit to the students as well as the host families. Lee Griffin (lgriffin@willrogersrotary.org) is the person in charge of matching the students with their host family for that night. Please survey your club members and provide Lee with the names of any families who are willing to host one or more inbound students for Friday night, February 2. Please consider sending one or more club members to the winter SCRYE meeting and ask for families to volunteer to host some of the inbound students. Your club and its members will surely benefit as a result.

Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange

We took a few photos at YE Outbound Interview Weekend. You can see them at:

<http://www.ri6110.org/rye/photogallery/out2007/interviews.htm>

We held district-level interviews for 9 applicants this weekend (Dec 9-10) at the Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs. Rotarians from Eureka Springs, Will Rogers (Tulsa), and Fayetteville served as interviewers this weekend. D6110 YE accepted all 9 applicants into the program.

Jake Dahlem (Ft Smith)
 Harry Duff (Tulsa)
 Simone Dunn (Springdale)
 Jeny Ancer Lopez (Fayetteville)
 Rene Manjarrez (Ft Smith)
 Augustus Starr (Fayetteville)
 Zachary Weyland (Tulsa)
 Taylor Whitmore (Fayetteville)
 Mitchell Willett (Mid-Marion County)

For more information, contact Paul Reagan (D6110 YE Outbound Coordinator) at pdr@bmaster.com or 479-521-9208.

Have a great day!
 Vicki Lombari
 D6110 YE

