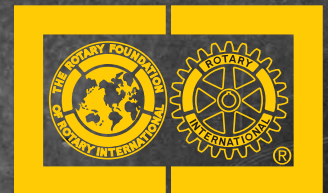
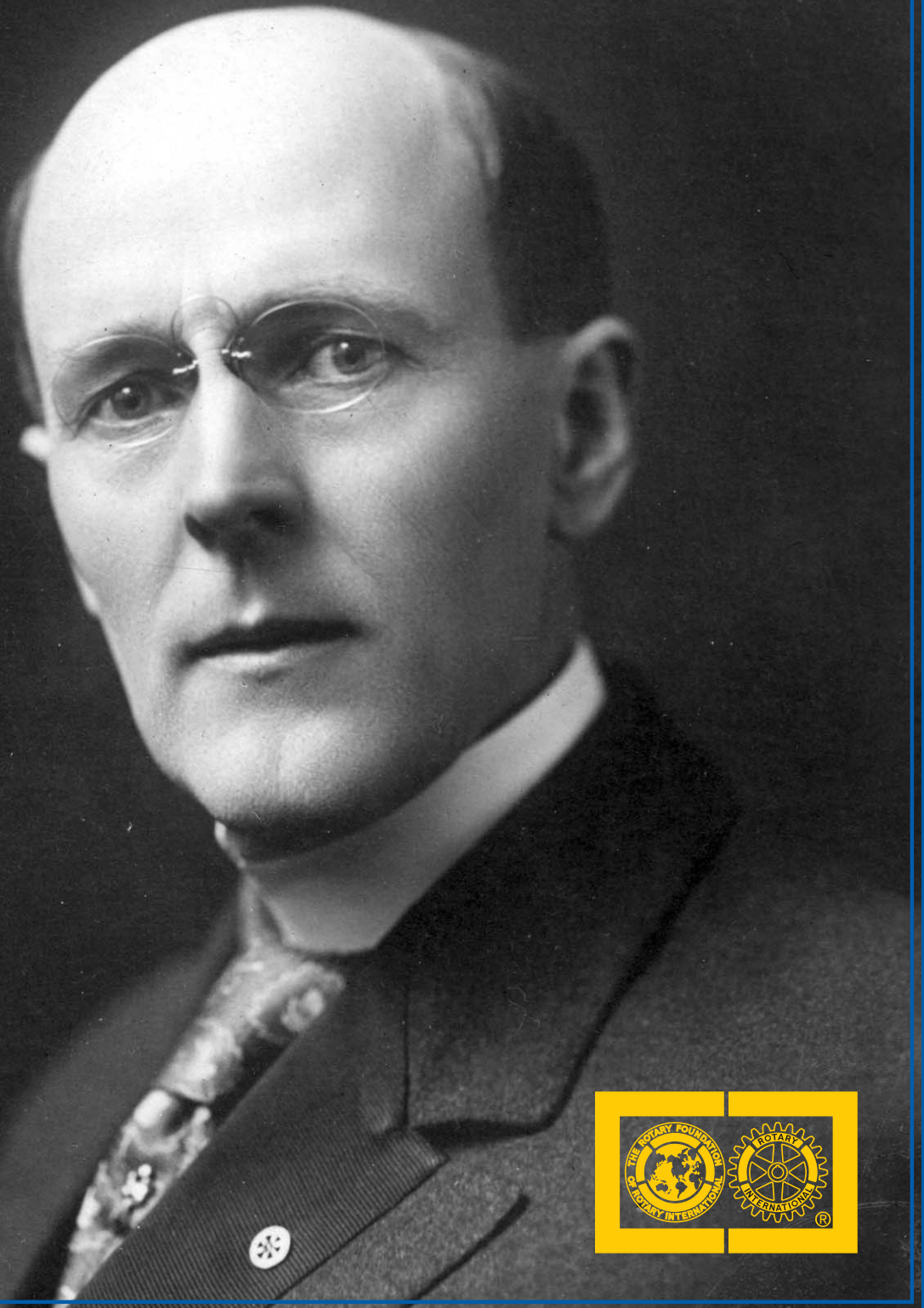
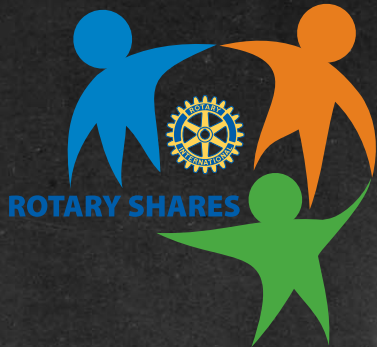


# *District 6110 News*

**A Clear Vision for Service**

**November 2007**



# November Governor's Message

District Governor C. Ellis Potter, OD.

## Why You Should Contribute To The Rotary Foundation!



One of the things that differentiates Rotary from other civic organizations is our International focus and long term view. Our projects, like **Polio eradication**, have given us an international view and a realization that the world is, in many ways,

as close as next door. By helping people in other countries we ultimately help ourselves. Likewise, our reputation as a non-governmental organization has given us great prestige. Our contacts and cooperation with international partners, like **UNESCO, WHO** and **CDC** make us a responsible and respected visionary partner. The Foundation is the vehicle to make these things happen.

More than **100%** of the money contributed goes for the intended purpose. Rotary's unique system of holding funds for 3 years (drawing interest to pay for administration) and then distributing the corpus plus some of the interest means all that is given is returned plus some. Charity watchdogs give our Foundation the highest marks for this system's fiduciary responsibilities.

An earmarked contribution can help build the Rotary Foundation endowment, similar to other organizations, where interest is used to pay for some current expenses.

Contributions to the Foundation are part of any member's obligation to support Rotary programs. Being a responsible member of any organization whether it's your church, your college alumni organization, or your favorite charity requires your financial support. It is often said; those that give-receive. In fact, many wealthy individuals have said they do not feel satisfied with life and are not complete until they give their money to help others.

Foundation donations are a way to participate in international projects (one of the objects of Rotary is international understanding) that occur thousands of miles away.



Foundation contributions are collected and in some fashion all returned to you or your club. Some of the returns are intangible, like the **Peace and Conflict Resolution Study** (which many not yield results for many years). Some of the returns (like District Simplified Grants) come right back to your club for local projects in your community or neighborhood. Whatever the use, in some way you can claim ownership for Foundation sponsored activities.

Foundation donations can be your way of giving back to the society and community that have given you so much. It could be your way of giving thanks for your success.

You are rewarded, recognized and can take honor in being a **Paul Harris Fellow** or a **Major Donor**.

These are a few among the many reasons to contribute to the Rotary Foundation.

There are various ways that you can contribute to **OUR** Rotary Foundation:

- You may simply write a check for the \$100 that the Foundation has set as an objective (Every Rotarian Every Year).
- Your club might have a special fundraiser with all or part of the proceeds going to the Foundation.
- You could contribute indirectly through meeting fines, happy bucks or other means of stealth giving.
- You could participate in the Electronic Funds Transfer program.
- You may benefit (tax wise) from a gift of appreciated or other property to the Foundation.

These are a few among the many ways that you can contribute to the Rotary Foundation.

November is Foundation Month-be sure that your club celebrates one of Rotary's greatest institutions, our **ROTARY FOUNDATION!**



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# Thankful for the Rotary Foundation

## A Simpler Time? By Steve Reid

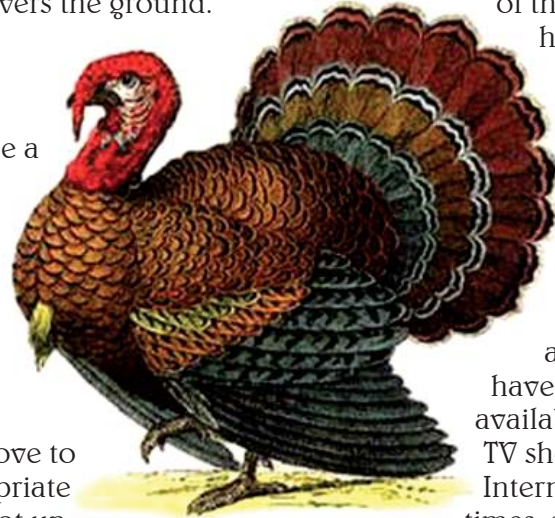
In 1979 the Reid family spent Thanksgiving at the Farmstead in Stoughton, Wisconsin. We had a large two story house that was expensive to heat, so we supplemented the propane heat with a wood stove in the kitchen and potbelly stoves in the bedrooms. The wood stove in the kitchen was an old "Monarch Malleable cooking oven ... complete with a humidifier on the right-hand side! In November, Wisconsin is always quite cold and snow is already covers the ground.

Since the stove was going 24/7 to heat the house we decided it would be a good idea to cook our Thanksgiving turkey in it. There was a thermometer in the oven that one could watch to adjust the wood fire in the stove to achieve the appropriate temperature. We got up early to dress the turkey and get the stove evened out. The smell of the turkey filled the house as the fire crackled ... we were truly going back in time using old technology,

When mom took the turkey out of the oven, it made our mouths water. It was golden brown and moist. Our stomachs were growling from the aroma of the Thanksgiving meal. We went to a lot of extra work and the food was wonderful. We haven't had a better tasting turkey since. Electric and Gas ovens are just not the same.

The Rotary movement is from the same era of cooking on the

old wood stove. The concept is simple, "Service Above Self," or *putting ones' self out for the good of another.* Back in the days of the would stoves people spent a lot of time doing the manual work to have the wood available for the warmth and taking care of ones needs without the advantage of having all of the time saving appliances and processed food we have in today's world. Having "free time" to do things for others required putting some of the chores one had aside.



Today we have all sorts of distractions that squander the free time our modern appliances have made available. We have TV shows and the Internet that, at times, seem more important that doing

something constructive. Most service clubs throughout the United States are experiencing a drastic decline in membership due to these distractions. Rotary is still going strong!

We Rotarians know that we are making a difference. We are thankful for the Rotary Foundation that is responsible for financing the many projects throughout the world that are making the lives of others better. We Rotarians are proud of the fact that we are making the world a better place. 



# Caution: Life Defining Experiences Ahead

From the Youth Exchange Committee Ken Colley – 6110 District Chairman

*You head to the Philippines for a Typhoon and three weeks without electricity. Now you're lost in a major Japanese city without a clue of how to find your home. You desperately need a hug, but there is no word in your host language for "hug;" to approach your host mom with open arms would be culturally unacceptable. You turn the corner on your way home from school to find yourself engulfed in a huge anti-American demonstration, complete with flag burning. Think chef school in France. Now imagine an autocratic and abusive very famous chef. You desperately want to learn from him...but you have to duck a flying pan now and again. It's after midnight and you're the only passenger on the train, which slowly stops in what appears to be the maintenance yard in a city in central Europe in a country whose language you are just learning to speak.*

Rotarians – think of instances in your life when you found yourself in equally disassociating circumstances, equally trying, and equally challenging. **Think about it.** You experienced fright, resignation; sometime in the process you found resolve and learned that the problem solving worked...for you.

Guess what? Problem solving worked for each of the Rotary Exchange Students who found themselves in the trying circumstances listed above. Each one now knows that he/she can deal with almost any circumstance which life or fate or fortune may drop on him/her.

And the kicker: They learned it while they were still in high school! How old were you when you discovered that well of resources within you?

Rotary Youth Exchange doesn't plan for students to deal with such trying circumstances. But when you mix the ingredients of travel, language, culture, and youth, you optimize learning opportunities. Students go from discussing movies, make-up, and cars to real life problem solving and adapting.

Are YE students prepared for such events? Not really. But who is ever prepared for such events? Would you be? We cannot prepare students for specific events, but we do prepare them to deal with the unexpected, whatever it may be. In a five day intensive camp (early June in Siloam Springs, AR, this year) we give the students the tools and the resources to manage most any circumstance they will face. What we can't give them, what we pray they will discover, is that "internal resource" discoverable only by the self, through experience. You, **Rotarians**, you provide those students the opportunity to find themselves in a situation which requires that they reach inside and access that personal resource toolkit we are all given at birth. Once accessed, the toolkit is theirs for life.

**Matt McCall** learned: **"people are people."** A teenager from Ecuador is just like me in that he is trying to figure out life and live it day by day."

**Grace Gude** experienced a microcosm of the good and bad in life. In her words:

"My first host family was quite welcoming and although I was feeling really homesick, I never felt like I was a burden in the house. My third family was **INCREDIBLE**. They really took me in and told me I was like a daughter to them. I couldn't believe how close I got to Marlies, my host mother in this family.

While I really lucked out with these two host families, sadly I can't say the same about my second. That family was constantly arguing and bringing me into their fights; the mother confided in me with information that was none of my business, I took on lots of chores with which I didn't have much help. My bedroom was... half of the living room with a door that didn't close all the way. Their dogs were mean, for no apparent reason. I was told they were hosting me as a favor and that I was a guest in the house. It

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was really hard for me to live there. I never got comfortable and always felt like the family was just counting down the days until I left, which I didn't understand because I have never been told I was high maintenance or trouble for anyone.

Living with this family was a real struggle, but I'm glad it happened because it was such an important learning and growing experience. I learned a lot about dealing with totally different type of people and I think I can deal rationally with almost any conflict with another person. I also learned to rely on myself for happiness and got a lot better at calming myself down in uncomfortable situations. Even though I was not happy at the time, I know that was an experience that matured me a lot and I really feel like I grew from it.

**Sarah Ketchum**, Tulsa to the typhoon-savaged Philippines, writes: "The most challenging experience I had overseas was overcoming my own self-pity and participating in my own life... my new life! [Wow, what insight!] ... If I could change one thing about my exchange, I would change... nothing!"

**Erin Hensley**, from Tulsa to Switzerland, stumbled, tripped, and REALLY connected:

"The first 3 to 4 months... All I did was literally ask questions and sound like an idiot and hope that someone would correct me. It was through that humility that my language proficiency started to improve.

I learned all the birds of Switzerland in German, in one of my Biology classes, and lo and behold my counselor **LOVED** to go bird watching! It gave me an excuse to hang out with him as well as talk to him...

When I left at the Zurich airport...my entire class, as well as at least 10 other exchange student friends and 2 of my host families, showed up bearing all kinds of gifts... I went through at least a ...box of tissues!"

### **Parents and students learn that ROTARY HAS YOUR BACK!**

The mother of Emma Britain, from Fayetteville to Peru, writes: "About a month ago my daughter Emma was on her way to Peru from Fayetteville, Arkansas. She called me from Dallas, with the

message that she would likely be stuck in the Miami airport that night as her plane was running very late. I immediately called Paul from our local Rotary club. I was a bit panicked, I'll admit! Paul immediately contacted the "Rotary Mafia" as he called it, and amazing things started to happen . . .

- ★ Rotarians were able to learn things from American airlines that a mere Mom couldn't . . .
- ★ A Rotarian was able to get on the 'other' side of security in the Miami airport (I was truly amazed).
- ★ Rotarian homes were offered up, then turned down (because of an electrical brown out,) Then more homes were offered up . . .
- ★ Somehow my daughter was booked on a "full" flight to Peru later that night . . .
- ★ And (the Rotarian, who managed to get on the other side of security, also managed to find my daughter (who had unwisely decided NOT to carry her cell phone)... had dinner with her, and saw her to her gate!"

### **Rotary makes the world a better place. Rotary Youth Exchange makes the world smaller:**

**Carlos Gamboa Dias**, Columbia to Ft. Smith, sums it this way:

*"...we have the power to make links between our countries and fight for a better world, where the differences are not the most important thing, but the people are. I think the Rotary Youth Exchange program helps to create these links among the "world villages" (resulting in people) being more respectful of the other (culture's) habits and routines."*

Students who complete the YE Program learn that the next opportunity is as close as the next door, or window, or crack in the wall; because of their exchange experience, they do not hesitate to enter.

Most former exchange students (Rotex) thrive in their status as global citizens. Some time after completing exchanges, our Rotex dived into these new opportunities: Betsy Leopard spent a year studying in Austria; Alexander Hunt spent a year

# HAVING FUN WITH A FUNDRAISER

## Have You Ever Thought of Having a Chili Cook-off for a Fund Raiser?

Larry Strickert Bull Shoals Rotary Club

**A** Chili Cook-off can be a lot of fun for your members, as well as raise quite a bit of money for your projects.



COOKING CHILI FOR THE CONTEST

The Bull Shoals-Lakeview Club has sponsored one for three years, after taking it over from the Chamber of Commerce. Our Cook-off, the



**"HILLBILLY CHILI COOK-OFF"**, is sanctioned by the International Chili Society, and is the Arkansas State Championship. The winner proceeds directly to the World Championship.

Our Cook-off is not just a Chili Cook-off, but is a Festival. We not only have the State Championship, we have the Chili Challenge, which are amateurs and the ICS Pro's. The Chili Challenge Chili is judged by a panel of judges, the same as the State Championship. We award cash prizes and plaques in the contests.

All of the cooks bring 4 gallons or more of chili. The public buys tickets for 50 cents to get a tasting cup from the cooks. At the end, the cooks turn in their tickets and we send them a check for 75% of the tickets they turn in. This helps the cooks defray the cost of the chili, or as many do, donate that money to their favorite charity.

In addition to the Chili contests we have Arts & Crafts vendors, Food vendors, Exhibits,

Demonstrations, a live radio remote, and a live band playing all day.



Our Club has a food booth serving bowls of chili, hot dogs, soft drinks, water, and beer. The other food vendors are not allowed to have any of these items, which would compete against our booth.

After all, we do this festival to raise money.

Extensive advertising brings out a very good crowd and we do charge admission to attend the Festival.



CHIEF JUDGE PRESENTING PLAQUE TO WINNER

If a Club wants to start a Chili Cook-off, there is a website that is full of information. It's the International Chili Society site. [www.chilicook-off.com](http://www.chilicook-off.com). There you will find information on how to start a cook-off as well as the rules and regulations for a sanctioned cook-off.

Of course a cook-off does not have to be a sanctioned event. It can just be a fun Chili Cook-off Festival. It will still draw a crowd and it will still raise money.

For more information on what it takes, contact Larry Strickert @ [gofishn@bullshoals.net](mailto:gofishn@bullshoals.net) 

# Ethics and Rotary

**“A good name is more desirable than great riches;  
to be esteemed is better than silver or gold”**

**By Glenn Burnett 6110 Publicity Chairman**

The very day that you were inducted into Rotary, you put a badge on your lapel labeled “Ethics of Rotary”. You were also asked to embrace the guidelines of the **Four Way Test**.

“A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold”

Our Rotary Manual of Procedure says “I am expected to be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation...”.

Any discussion of Ethics nowadays is riddled with news every day. You cannot pick up a newspaper, watch television news, or engage in casual conversation without some sort of “ethical” topic arising! Why is this? Probably **“GREED”**.

Ethics is defined in many ways, but central to any description is that “Ethics is decision making”. Ethics is more than what is imposed by law; Ethics is more than what an employer defines as company policy; Ethics is more than what is expected by society; Ethics rises above law, above terms of employment, above social expectations. **ETHICS IS A PERSONAL CHOICE TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, NOT BECAUSE IT IS REQUIRED OR EXPECTED, BUT BECAUSE IT IS RIGHT.**

Each of you, as Rotarians, can use the Four Way Test as your personal barometer to make those decisions. In the first two elements of our test, we find words of “Principle”: **TRUTH AND FAIRNESS**. These principles call us to an unbending dedication to seek truth,


to dedicate ourselves to fairness. The other two questions in the test embrace practicality: **GOODWILL.....BENEFICIAL**. These two goals are usually attainable through the application of human reasoning, seeking the greater good that may result from our decisions.


Our code of Ethics—**The Four Way Test**—is designed for those who are willing to dedicate themselves, their business, their profession, their

social position — **ALL THAT THEY ARE** — to the principles and the practicalities that have made **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL** the premiere example of Service Above Self the past 102 years.

Look around your community and you will see that Civic, Social, Political, and Economic Leaders are in large part Rotarians. This is no accident. The Four Way Test is serving as a trusted Ethical Guide for us all. Through it we are pointed to the Ethics of Principle. Through it we are pointed to the Ethics of


Practicality. Then, as responsible Rotarians, we are trusted to recognize the differences.

**“ROTARY SHARES”**, a great theme this year. Please join me in “loving” the concept of Ethics and the Four Way Test in our Vocations. 



**The Four-Way Test  
of the things we think, say or do**

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



# Recruit new Members at Church

By Jack Maxwell, Bixby Rotary Club • 6110 Membership Committee Chairman

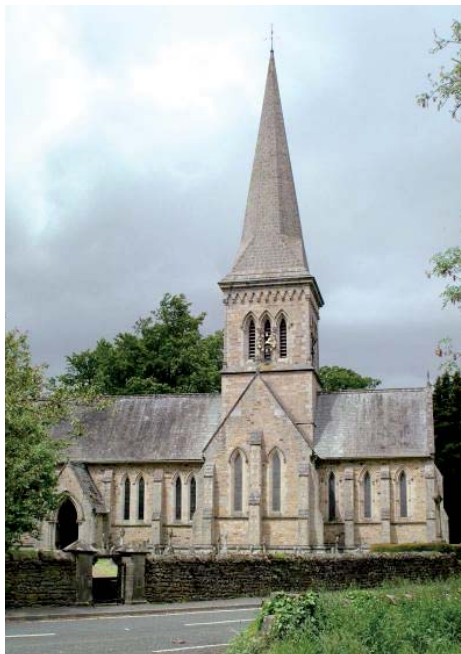
One sphere of influence we have is at Church. Here you get to observe who does what and determine if the person is a **Service – Oriented** Doer, rather than a talk-about-it-only. Several of the members that I have recruited for Bixby Rotary are from my church.

Jerry was head of one of our acolyte teams. I **ASKED** him if he'd be interested in joining the world's largest service organization. I **ASKED** him to visit Bixby Rotary with me to see if he would enjoy Rotary as much as I do. Jerry joined our club and served a Treasurer for 3 years. He has been in charge of Ticket sales at the Bixby BBQ'n Blues Festival each year, and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

The second is Angela. She came up and said she was so impressed with the work I was

doing in Rotary, especially the Container we sent to Uganda a year ago. **HELLO**, Was that a **Buy Sign**, or what? Then the next thing she said was that she had been a Rotarian when she was in Odessa, Texas! Yes, I **ASKED** her to join our club, and she already has sponsored another member, and was Co-Chair of the Hog Pen committee at the Festival. (The Hog Pen is a fenced in area for parking motorcycles.)

New members may be from your church. It helps to know that your Member Prospects are Service Oriented before you ASK them to join Rotary. But, nothing happens in Membership recruitment unless you ASK. So, fellow Rotarians, **GET YOUR ASK IN GEAR!**




## Rotary Youth Exchange continued...

studying music in Russia; Devon Tucker spent a year studying in Moscow, then spent time in Japan researching an honor's thesis on the dispute between Russia and Japan over the Karril Islands. Ariel Weaver is currently working with an NGO in Nepal; Zach Mosley spent a semester studying in Italy and next year is headed to Thailand for study. Jessica Hulgán spent her college summers with the park service, translating for German-speaking visitors. One of Richard Magness's host fathers is paying his way through a university in Japan known for producing top business and government leaders. Matt McCall spent a month and half in Belize and is currently in Sicily studying at the Mediterranean Center for Arts and Sciences.

Students in your community could have the same opportunities to explore their "personal resource tool kit" and become global citizens because you

chose to make the effort to inform them about Rotary YE. Might you do that?

Or, you may bond with another culture yourself, if you choose to share your home with a foreign student for 3 to 4 months. Think what its like to give birth to a son or daughter from another country and culture. Did you know that the bonds can become so strong that you may choose to attend their weddings or other major family-related events. What a powerful link! (And you got to skip the most of the headaches of raising them :-).

Contact Ken Colley at [fsrotary-ye@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fsrotary-ye@sbcglobal.net) or at 479-651-8131 if you are ready for the students in your area to embark on an adventure of a lifetime, or if you're ready to accept a student in your home for 3 to 4 months. 

# Guatemala Stove Project

By Joe F. Walenciak, Ph.D.  
Siloam Springs Rotary Club



Editor's Note: Dr. Walenciak presented this project at the 6110 District Conference in September 2007.

The JBU SIFE Guatemala Stove Project is an attempt to preserve lives and health in rural communities in Guatemala while also stimulating the development of those communities. The relationship between John Brown University **Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)** and several rural communities in Guatemala began in the fall of 2003 while I was on sabbatical from John Brown University and living in Guatemala.

Santa Cruz is an isolated village of about 1,000 people who live in the cloud forests of Baja Verapaz, Guatemala. Villagers work on large farms in the area but are paid wages that are insufficient for survival. They have limited access to education and no access to health care. Infant and child mortality is high. Residents live in small shanties constructed of scrap wood and sheet metal, and most cook over open fires inside of the homes. Santa Cruz has two neighboring villages, Chilasco and San Isidro.

San Antonio Aguas Calientes is a village of indigenous weavers located less than two hours outside of Guatemala City. Men generally work in the fields, making only about \$5 per day, and women make and sell fabrics. Family incomes are not sufficient to ensure access to education and health care. Residents typically use open fires for cooking and carry bundles of wood on their backs over long distances several times each week.

Partnering with **Helps International**, John Brown University SIFE began installing clean, wood burning stoves (ONIL stoves) in Santa Cruz as part of a community development program. Each stove costs nearly \$100, delivered. Given that the average income of the area is only a few dollars a day during certain times of the year, this is not affordable. U.S. donors have funded the program, but participants must pay a fraction of the cost of the stove into a community fund to create a sense of ownership and to create a local "bank" to fund community-based initiatives.

The Santa Cruz Stove Project was launched in February of 2005, and as of July 2007, the total number of stoves installed in the Santa Cruz area totaled 550. Using the ONIL Stoves, residents reported that the wood that would have normally been used in two days now lasted two weeks, freeing up significant family income. In addition, the fire is enclosed and off of the floor, and the smoke is removed from the house through a chimney.

The San Antonio Aguas Calientes Stove Project was launched in February, 2006. To date, 150 stoves have been installed in this community, working through a local cooperative of indigenous women.

Using the ONIL stove, families experience a reduction in the use of wood ranging from 60% to 70%. More than 8,000 trees are being saved in Guatemala each year. As many as 400,000 man hours are being saved each year due to the fact that the trips to forage for fuel are minimized. We estimate that over 5,000 lives have been directly impacted. Local partnerships include other SIFE teams (e.g., Roberts Wesleyan College SIFE), family foundations, individual contributions, and the Siloam Springs Rotary Club.

## For more information:

John Brown University: <http://www.jbu.edu>

John Brown University SIFE: <http://www.jbu.edu/sife>

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<http://www.sife.org>

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# Harrison Younger Set

By Jay Lawrence  
Club President, Harrison, AR

There's something appealing about Rotary for the younger set in Harrison, AR. In the last year, the "less age experienced" among the Harrison Rotary members have really stepped to the plate in providing Service to the Community. Whether it's Matt Miller, Tom Ramsey, and Bruce Reese enclosing a garage at the Dental Clinic, adding valuable space or BJ Fast working with the United Way on their successful fundraisers, or Sonya Edwards playing a key role in gathering items for the Silent Auction at the Spaghetti Fundraiser, the younger group in Harrison Rotary is a shining example of just how important it is to participate in the community. This group is already involved in helping develop future members, having recently worked the Dynamite



Kids project at local Forest Heights Elementary School. They have found that membership and participation in Rotary is a great way to stay connected to the Community and to make a difference where they live and ultimately around the world.

Mike Wood, one of the newer members says that "being involved with

Rotary is a chance to give back to a Community that offers so much to those that live and work here. It's great to see the work current members have done and are doing and an awesome responsibility to help keep that momentum going."


Learning by example is a time honored tradition and with such a strong multi-generational mix at the Harrison Rotary there is no shortage of Leadership and good examples to follow. Jay

Lawrence, President, says that the young group in Harrison is "a breath of fresh air, willing to help and always with great attitudes." Past President Scott Miller commented that "Marilyn Wallis was the leader of our very successful membership drive last year. She divided our club into 8 teams that competed to bring in the most new members. The contest resulted in 13 new members of which many were young folks."

A big part of what makes Harrison Rotary

attractive to the younger crowd is that while the membership takes responsibilities seriously, events are kept light-hearted and they have some fun too. There's a strong feeling of camaraderie, friendship and respect in the organization. Young leaders

in the community see that the generation that has plowed the road ahead of them has a strong commitment to the community and to the Rotary organization and that seems to rub off.

Harrison Rotary has been going strong since 1919 and with the continued participation of "the younger crowd", is poised for continued success and years of Service well into the future. 



# Spreading Goodwill

by Barbara E. Walters The Rotarian

Diegel hit bottom two years ago. Once steadily employed, he'd lost his job, was struggling with alcoholism and depression, and had run out of places to stay in his hometown of Traverse City, Mich., USA.

A relative eventually took him to the Goodwill Inn, a shelter that has received \$400,000 in funding from Rotary Charities of Traverse City. It is owned and operated by the nonprofit Goodwill Industries of Northern Michigan. "At the inn, I was given the time to realize I had to do something differently in my life," says Diegel, 59.

The facility provided counseling and connected him with an array of resources, including Alcoholics Anonymous, affordable housing agencies, and career services. He now rents a subsidized apartment and has finished his fifth semester at Northwestern Michigan College, where he has maintained a 3.6 grade-point average.

Diegel now aspires to be a social worker. At the Goodwill Inn, "they try to let people empower themselves," he explains.

Success stories like Diegel's are exactly what Rotary International and Goodwill Industries International are striving for, not just in Michigan but around the globe. From Canada to Russia, the organizations have been officially working together to improve lives since 2001, when they formed a cooperative relationship and signed a memorandum of understanding. The memorandum grew from the vision of 2000-01 RI President Frank Devlyn, a longtime member of Goodwill's board.

"It's a win-win situation," Devlyn says. "When good people come together, big things happen. Goodwill is entrepreneurial and does a top-rate job of training people."

The cooperative relationship builds on Rotary's strength as an association of professionals committed to service and on Goodwill's expertise in education. Goodwill Industries International is a network of 185 independent, community-based agencies in 17 countries that provides employment training and career services to people with disabilities, welfare recipients, displaced workers, and other job seekers. To fund its programs, Goodwill collects donated clothing and household goods, which it sells at more than 2,000 retail stores and at <http://www.shopgoodwill.com/>. It also offers the labor and skills

of its clients to business and government employers on a contract basis. Goodwill is one of only four organizations to have a cooperative relationship with RI. (The other three are the International Reading Association, the United Nations Population Fund, and USAID.)

Given that October is Vocational Service Month on the Rotary calendar, it's the perfect time to team up with Goodwill. After all, projects with the organization are "only limited by the creativity of the people involved," says David Oliver, president of Goodwill Industries of Tulsa and a former member of the Rotary Club of Southside Tulsa, Okla., USA. Here are some ideas to get you started.

## Provide job training

Sometimes people just need a little professional training to help them transition into the workforce. Police Captain Craig Littrell, of the Rotary Club of

Columbia Valley Daybreak (Kennewick), Wash., USA, helped four Goodwill trainees get experience with the Kennewick police, primarily in the records

department. "You wouldn't believe how uplifting it can be for people to have a place to go, to have colleagues and the supportive atmosphere in a workplace that helps build self-esteem," says Scott Shinsato, associate executive director of Goodwill Industries of the Columbia and a member of Littrell's club.

## Host a career fair

Since 2001, Rotarians have been hosting an annual job fair with the area Goodwill. Held at the Goodwill Career and Conference Center, the event allows Rotarians to get involved as career workshop facilitators and, in many cases, recruiters. "We had more than 100 people get jobs," says Jim Stiff, a member of the Rotary Club of Downtown Macon, Ga., USA, and president of Goodwill Industries of Middle Georgia and the Central Savannah River Area.

## Hire Goodwill's clients or graduates

Does your business need a bank teller, computer programmer, administrative assistant, groundskeeper, janitor, food server, or equipment operator? Your local Goodwill may be able to help. The organization placed about 150,000 people in competitive jobs in 2006, and its training and career



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services have been tailored to meet local employers' needs. Goodwill can also connect companies with information about tax benefits and special funding opportunities that may be available if they hire workers with disabilities or low incomes.

### **Donate computers**

In poor areas of Louisville, Ky., USA, impoverished students have to wait up to two hours at public libraries to use a computer to do homework, says Bernard Strennecky, of the Rotary Club of Prospect/Goshen. So members of his club collected used computers, had university students repair them, and donated them to Goodwill. Goodwill then came up with a way for the machines to benefit needy students who were attending literacy and computer skills training with their parents. When the adults completed the course or passed their high school equivalency exams, they could take the computers home.

### **Tap into Goodwill's resources**

Four years ago, the Rotary Club of Oxnard, Calif., USA, needed warehouse space and workers for its major Christmas wreath fundraiser, and the local Goodwill needed books and computers for its clerical skills training program. Now, in a partnership that benefits both organizations, the club gives up to \$3,000 a year for books and computers to Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. In turn, Goodwill helps the club with its Christmas wreath fundraiser. (Its clients assemble about 300 wreaths, and Goodwill provides the warehousing and delivery dispatching.) It's a perfect match of resources, says Katherine Leahy, president and CEO of the agency and a member of the Oxnard club. "There are not that many Rotarians who have a 44,000-square-foot building, and I do," she says.

### **Organize an international project together**

To provide desperately needed medical supplies around the globe, Rotarians in District 6220 (Michigan; Wisconsin, USA) and Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin have collaborated to ship supplies to countries including Jamaica, Nicaragua, and Russia. They've also given equipment to a clinic on a Native American reservation in Wisconsin that was damaged by fire. The Goodwill agency supplies trucks, warehousing, and packaging and finds the best price for shipping. Rotarians ask hospitals to donate items such as sterilizing machines, surgical gloves, and incubators.

Started after an African Group Study Exchange team's visit to Wisconsin more than a decade ago, the project has shipped 324,000 pounds of supplies, including toys and clothes for African children orphaned by AIDS. The Rotary Foundation has awarded several Matching Grants to support the effort.

"None of it would have happened without Goodwill," says project coordinator Carol Busey, of the Rotary Club of Appleton, Wis.

Rotary and Goodwill have formed a "natural

partnership," according to Bob Pedersen, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin and a member of the Appleton club. "It's been really inspirational how little old Appleton can make a difference in the world," he says.

### **Give a Goodwill gift certificate**

Every holiday season, the Rotary Club of Southside Tulsa, Okla., gives its adopted school \$1,000 to be used toward gift certificates for Goodwill stores, a donation that's matched by Goodwill Industries of Tulsa. The school's 20 most needy families, as determined by the school counselor, receive the certificates.

"When we hear the stories of families who would have had nothing to give their children at Christmas, I tell you, it's priceless," says David Hughes, 2007-08 club president and a former coordinator of the project.

### **Start a program with Goodwill**

Perhaps your community isn't meeting the employment needs of people with physical disabilities. Or maybe no one is helping illiterate adults in your town. If that's the case, consider starting a program with your local Goodwill. The Rotary Club of Houston tried this idea back in 1945, only it went a step further by helping to create an entire Goodwill agency: Goodwill Industries of Houston.

Then in the early 1990s, Houston-area Rotarians got even more ambitious and visited Mexico City with an eye to start a Goodwill agency there. The thought arose because Past RI President Frank Devlyn, of the Rotary Club of Mexico City-Anáhuac, was involved with Goodwill, says Steven Lufburrow, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Houston and one of the Rotarians who made the initial trip to the Mexican capital.

"We became quick friends with Rotarians there," Lufburrow recalls. "We asked them, 'Can we get together in the future to discuss this?' They said, 'How about tonight?' They hosted the whole group for dinner, and the plans began to form."

With help from a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, Rotarians in Houston raised money to build the facility and train the first administrator. Launched in 1993, the Mexico City Goodwill is thriving today, says Hans Burkart, its vice president and a member of the Rotary Club of Ciudad Universitaria. All board members, including Devlyn, are Rotarians.

"Most of the clubs – about 90 from our Rotary District 4170 – give us their help in various ways constantly," Burkart says. "By now, we've helped more than 1,000 persons to get a job, and they are doing well. So, we are proud and happy for all of them."

### **Buy products made by Goodwill's clients**

The sweet smell of success is the result of a partnership between the Rotary Club of Tyler Sunrise, Texas, USA, and the local Goodwill. Club members buy and sell scented candles made by Goodwill clients with


disabilities. The proceeds help fund two \$3,000 college scholarships for needy high school seniors and a \$500 contribution to one of the town's elementary school libraries.

### Get out the checkbook

The Rotary Club of Los Angeles has contributed more than \$350,000 toward Goodwill Southern California's job training, placement, and career resource centers since 1959, says Peggy Smith, the agency's senior director of major gifts and gift planning.

Farther up the West Coast, the Rotary Club of Tacoma, Wash., has also opened its wallet. In June, the club announced it would give more than \$100,000 to

Tacoma Goodwill for a youth career development center.

"This grant is Rotary's way of providing a significant gift to participate in Goodwill's mission to help change lives through work," says 2006-07 Tacoma club president Pete Taylor. 



**Frank J. Devlyn**

President 2000-2001 Rotary International  
Chairman 2005-2006 The Rotary Foundation

## District Calendar

November 3 – Claremore Reveille Rotary **Will Rogers Day Parade**, Claremore, OK

**GARTH BROOKS** to accept **Spirit of Will Rogers Award** at Gala, November 4, 2007 in Tulsa, OK  
TNT Staff Pro at 918-749-6393

November 30th – December 9th Tulsa, Sunrise – **Gingerbread Village at the Promenade Mall**

December 1st Broken Arrow Rotary – **Pancake Breakfast at Central on Main** in Broken Arrow

**Starting November 5, Broken Arrow Rotary will meet @ Bass Pro Shops restaurant  
Islamarada Fish Company on Mondays at Noon.**


Club 2500 will hold the 10th Annual **Cresecendo Music Awards Finals Concert** on April 12, 2008 at Van Trease Performing Arts Center for Education at Tulsa Community College.

# Rotary Receives UN Association's Humanitarian Award

## SPECIAL BULLETIN!!!

The profile of water and sanitation in Rotary International received a tremendous boost on October 25, 2007. On that day the United Nations Association of New York honored RI and The Rotary Foundation with its 2007 Humanitarian Award, in recognition of Rotary's significant efforts to provide safe water and sanitation and its commitment to sustainable development worldwide.

"In the years since RI has started focusing on water as one of its annual service emphasis. We've learned just how much can be accomplished with relatively little, how a single small water project, perhaps a pump or a filter, can change the life of a community," says RI president Wilf Wilkinson. "However, our work has also included participation in many other major water projects."

The award is presented annually in observance of United Nations Day (October 24). This year's award ceremony focused on the global water crisis. Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and special adviser to the UN Secretary-General, served as Honorary Chair of the event. 

*This message comes to you from WASRAG (the Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group). While under the general auspices of Rotary International, this group operates independently of RI and receives no funding from it. As is so often the case with Rotary, all the members of WASRAG are volunteers and we need funds to help run the day-to-day operations of the Group. Please help us by logging on to [www.wasrag.org](http://www.wasrag.org), clicking on "Sign Up" and becoming either a Charter Member (\$100) or an Annual Member (\$25 per year).*

# Membership Growth Our Can-Do vs. Our Want-To

By Jack Maxwell

6110 Membership Committee Chairman

This may sound strange in a membership article, but it is very important to understand the concepts.

Every Rotarian has the **Can-Do**, which is the skill to Ask a friend, acquaintance, neighbor, or business associate to visit his/her Rotary club. Skills are learned. All of us learned to talk, and we learned early-on to persuade our parents and friends to do things we wanted. These skills are your **Can-Do**. You know how to invite a good prospect to share Rotary with you.


If every Rotarian had sufficient **Want-To**, our District 6110 would be over 10,000 members instead of around 5,100. Yet, very few of us make the conscious decision to invite someone to join our club. It is a simple task, skill wise, but for some reason it is not a high priority for most of us.

Shamefully, in North America, 90% of Rotarians have never invited anyone to share Rotary with them. No wonder Rotary is declining in North America, and no wonder our District 6110 lost over 100 members last year!

**Want-To** has to do with your Attitude toward Membership Growth. We all have the skills, but not enough choose to take personal responsibility for bringing a new member into our club.

I plead with every Rotarian this year to do what President Wilf Wilkinson has asked of us. He wants every one of us to **Share Rotary** with some one else this year. After all, that is the same process that made each of us Rotarians; Our Sponsor invited us into Rotary. Go and do likewise.

If you love Rotary, share it with someone you know and respect. You don't have a **Can-Do** Problem. If you haven't invited a new member this year, you may want to evaluate your commitment to Membership Growth in your club. It is a Choice each of us makes.

Zig Zigler said it best, "We need to have a check up from the neck up!" Let's get our **Ask into Gear.** 

## Attention Club Presidents and Other Club Officers **New Regulations**

Please be aware of recently adopted Council of Legislation rules:

Club Presidents will continue to serve until a successor is elected and trained by attending PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) and District Assembly.

Time and time again, Rotary leaders know that successful clubs have one thing in common: Their leaders are trained and have an awareness of the Rotary Principals. These are all obtainable at PETS.


In your club planning nominating process, find a member that is committed to attend both PETS and the District Assembly.

The dates are already known:

**MAPETS** March 7-8, 2008..... Ft. Smith, AR

**District Assembly** May 3, 2008 ..... Springdale, AR

ALSO be aware of another change in district policy:

Because of the mandatory nature of the PETS regulations and to ease bookkeeping, collection and administration; the District 6110 Treasurer will automatically be billing your club for your president's registration at PETS. 

# Dictionary Project?

By Gary Pollmiller  
6110 Literacy Committee Chairman

It is never too late to get your club's local dictionary distribution moving. To date, only 40 of the 77 clubs in our District 6110 have placed their orders after logging on to [www.RotaryLiteracy.com](http://www.RotaryLiteracy.com) to learn about the project, and while there they can download a current order form for the dictionaries, thesauruses, Spanish/English dictionaries and atlases that are available. Gary Pollmiller, chair of our Literacy/Dictionary Project is encouraging each club to personalize

every dictionary with an imprinted bookplate with each child's name. The children need to know that their name is their most important asset. 🌀

You may contact our Literacy chair, Gary Pollmiller through the website by visiting [www.RotaryLiteracy.com](http://www.RotaryLiteracy.com) and click on the link;

[info@RotaryLiteracy.com](mailto:info@RotaryLiteracy.com)

[www.RotaryLiteracy.com](http://www.RotaryLiteracy.com)

## WORDS HAVE POWER

By Peggy Lodewyks, Eureka Springs Rotary

After the Wednesday breakfast meeting, a couple of weeks ago Eureka Spring's Rotarians handed each of the 44 3rd Grade students of Eureka Spring's Elementary School "A Student's Dictionary" published by Words Have Power Products, Inc continuing a 5 year tradition. John Brodbeck explained how to take care and how to use the books through a question, answer and demonstration minute.

One of the worldwide service goals of Rotary International is to encourage literacy. Rotary District 6110 has 100% participation of its 77 clubs in this program starting with kindergarten's "I Like Me" reading program. This is another way in which Rotary touches the lives of others in a personal and positive way. 🌀

For additional information, view [www.eurekarotary.org](http://www.eurekarotary.org)

or [www.re6110.org](http://www.re6110.org) or [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



Eureka Springs Rotarians participating in the 3rd grade dictionary gift program are: (back row left-right) Jack Smith, Wayne Carr, Eureka Springs Elementary Principal, Dave Baker, Lou Voelkel, (front row: Rotary President Harley Barnum, Carol Friesen, John Brodbeck, Rotary Secretary, Mary Ellen Sheard, and Peggy Lodewyks (not shown).

"I'd like to share what I believe is symbolized when I wear the Rotary wheel emblem: You can rely on me. I am dependable. I am available. I give more than I take. I add value. I serve."

Past RI President Bob Barth to the 1993 International convention in Melbourne, Australia

# Flower Delivery Fund Raiser


**Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary Club**

**By Judy Collins**

**W**ould you like your Rotary Club to spread joy throughout your entire community? Would you like to have an opportunity for community service, networking and earning funds for your club at the same time? Then, do as the Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary Club is doing...partnership with a local florist and deliver flowers!

On Valentine's Day and Mother's Day, The Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary Club delivers flowers for local florist, Hornback's. Both holidays require two days of delivery, but what they do not require is advance ticket selling, upfront cost of any inventory, advertising expense, cleanup, etc! Quite simply, each member of the club volunteers

1 ½ hours of their time – with their car – and flowers are delivered throughout the community. Club members wear their Rotary Badge, and when given the opportunity, flower recipients are made aware of whom the flower delivery person is! The florist pays \$3 for each delivery and often adds a little more into the fee when delivery requires driving out of the city limits.

This project has raised at least \$1,500, each year, for the past three years. Members of the Sunrise Club look forward to continuing this community opportunity, even hope someday that the busy florist will become a member of Sunrise Rotary! 

# Joplin Daybreak Fund Raiser

**By Wes Bramum**


**Joplin Daybreak • NASCAR & Football Themes**

## NASCAR Theme

- Get a listing of all NASCAR Drivers
- Get a Poster Board for Display
- Cut 3" Circles out of black paper to use for tires
- Print out 2" Rotary emblems to be used as wheels
- Glue the wheels and tires together
- Print and cut out the name of all the drivers and their car numbers (make them small enough to glue on the back of the wheels you have made)
- Tape the wheels to the Poster Board with drivers names hidden.
- Sell the wheels for \$20 to \$25 each. Write the name of the purchaser below the wheel.
- When all the wheels are sold, take a few minutes at your club meeting to reveal the names all the drivers.
- Keep track of the names of all those who purchased wheels/drivers/number.
- Give a weekly update of the points standings.

- The top 12 Drivers that finish the regular season will be in the Championship Race Series. The Rotarian with the driver that wins the final standings gets a PHF

## NFL Theme

This works pretty much like the NASCAR Theme except you make footballs out of paper and place them on a poster board. Sell the footballs at a price to cover the PHF. Reveal the names of the teams and the purchaser after all the footballs are sold. Our club actually let several Rotarians trade teams voluntarily (There were some diehard Chiefs, Cowboys and Packers Fans that could not stand to own another team). When the Superbowl is over...whoever has the winning team gets a PHF. We will be having a Football Theme this year with a new twist. We will give out two PHF's. One will be for the Superbowl Champion and the other for the worst team record. If two teams tie for the worst record then will go based on fewest points scored. It should be interesting to watch people cheer for the good and bad teams. 

# September Attendance

Club Name	Membership August 31, 2007	Net Gain/Loss	Membership September, 2007	% Attendance	9/1/07 - 9/30/07	Goals
Aurora	28	0	28	63%	175.00	700.00
Bartlesville	172	0	172	68%	4,435.00	0.00
Bartlesville Daybreak	83	4	87	68%	1,420.00	7200.00
Bentonville	111	-4	107	60%	725.00	12000.00
Bentonville/BV Daybreak	37	0	37	84%	15.00	3600.00
Berryville	29	2	31	71%	120.00	0.00
Bixby	107	2	109	52%	2,024.00	10000.00
Booneville	35	-1	34	75%	0.00	2250.00
Bristow	30	0	30	59%	0.00	0.00
Broken Arrow	73	0	73	70%	810.00	7000.00
Bull Shoals-Lakeview	48	1	49	67%	1,100.00	0.00
Carthage	86	3	89	54%	0.00	4450.00
Cassville	53	0	53		0.00	2750.00
Chanute	32	0	32	52%	0.00	1155.00
Claremore	81	-1	80	53%		4875.00
Claremore Reveille	31	1	32	79%	3,940.00	3500.00
Coffeyville	64	-3	61	59%	450.00	3300.00
Drumright	18	0	18		0.00	1900.00
Eureka Springs	59	0	59		1,800.00	6100.00
Fayetteville	227	0	227	66%	1,620.00	17250.00
Fort Scott	62	0	62	50%	0.00	0.00
Fort Smith	145	0	145		0.00	12000.00
Fort Smith Southside	36	0	36	56%	25.00	3700.00
Fredonia	31	0	31	55%	1,500.00	150.00
Frontenac	29	0	29		0.00	2900.00
Greenwood	37	0	37	49%	0.00	1050.00
Grove	102	-4	98	64%	2,594.25	10300.00
Harrison	97	0	97	60%	400.00	9700.00
Henryetta	20	0	20		0.00	250.00
Holiday Island	18	1	19	65%	0.00	0.00
Humboldt	18	0	18		0.00	900.00
Independence	65	0	65		0.00	4148.68
Iola	49	0	49		380.00	5300.00
Joplin	109	2	111	54%	1,710.50	12000.00
Joplin Daybreak	73	-3	70	72%	680.00	2450.00
Lamar	49	0	49		100.00	3000.00
McAlester	78	4	82	55%	150.00	0.00
Miami	81	1	82	68%	25.00	2000.00
Mid-Marion County	28	0	28	67%	300.00	2900.00
Mountain Home	102	0	102		0.00	4630.00
Mt. Vernon	32	-1	31	61%	75.00	0.00
Muskogee	82	4	86	57%	0.00	5925.00
Neodesha	18	0	18		75.00	450.00
Neosho	53	1	54	67%	50.00	3900.00
Nevada	89	3	92	45%	0.00	2500.00
North Tulsa	18	0	18		145.00	1800.00
Northside Fayetteville	92	-1	91	62%	410.00	9200.00
Nowata	10	1	11	43%	75.00	200.00
Okmulgee	28	-1	27	63%	0.00	2800.00
Oswego	14	0	14	78%	1,100.00	1300.00
Owasso	39	0	39		460.00	4149.72
Ozark	26	0	26		75.00	0.00
Paris	28	2	30	60%	0.00	280.00
Parsons	44	1	45	50%	1,215.00	3225.00
Pittsburg	77	3	80	75%	25.00	3950.00
Pittsburg Sunrise	40	1	41	92%	1,950.00	3900.00
Poteau	30	1	31	66%	0.00	1600.00
Pryor	48	1	49	84%	1,177.00	5000.00
River Valley	17	0	17	65%	0.00	0
Rogers	141	1	142	59%	630.00	10000.00
Rogers Early Risers	45	0	45		405.00	5000.00
Sand Springs	116	4	120	54%	925.00	8500.00
Sapulpa	67	0	67		175.00	6600.00
Siloam Springs	55	1	56	60%	600.00	2000.00
Skiatook	18	0	18	59%	500.00	1200.00
Southeast Tulsa	59	0	59	86%	2,940.00	6300.00
Southside Tulsa	57	0	57			6600.00
Springdale	224	-3	221	57%	35,659.17	70500.00
Tahlequah-Cherokee County	38	2	40	46%	102.50	2000.00
Tulsa	473	1	474	69%	6,768.49	25220.00
Tulsa Midtown	24	1	25	68%	1,606.00	2400.00
Tulsa Sunrise	62	2	64	86%	305.00	6000.00
Van Buren	59	0	59		200.00	1000.00
Vinita	51	1	52	40%	97.00	2500.00
Wagoner	32	0	32		0.00	3100.00
Webb City-Carl Junction	53	1	54		0.00	4900.00
Will Rogers (Tulsa)	61	0	61	63%	50.00	6000.00
Totals	5053	31	5084		84,293.91	385408.40

# Christmas Gifts from Rotarians; A Gift of Help

By DG Ellis Potter

**G**ive a Christmas Gift of significance to that person you know that has everything or needs nothing. If you are unsure what to give that friend or relative, consider giving something that would really make a difference, helping someone else to a better life. Why give a knick-knack that will eventually collect dust and end up in a garage sale, why give a tie that will never be worn. Consider something that will truly be appreciated and needed, a give of need in a foreign country to people of need.

Below are possibilities of Give a Hand, a Wheelchair or Heifer International. You can give by credit card.

## **Give Hope- Give a Hand:**

Web Giving and information: [www.LN-4.org](http://www.LN-4.org), click on Give a Gift-Give a Hand

\$50 Tax Deductible Donation will give one hand to the unfortunate. You will be given a thank you note.

## **Wheel Chair Foundation:**

Web giving and information:

[www.wheelchairfoundation.org](http://www.wheelchairfoundation.org)


Click on Need a Gift Idea

\$75 Tax Deductible Donation will give one wheel chair to the unfortunate. You will be given a thank you note.

## **Heifer International:**

Web giving and information: [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)

Click on Give

Select from the menu for the amount you wish to give. 

## **Electronic Fund Transfer**

**This year, as last, contributions via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) are being encouraged.**

**This year, as last, every Rotarian in District 6110 who signs up for the first time for EFT, or increases their EFT commitment, will receive Foundation recognition points in the amount of their total yearly gift, accruing as each debit is entered. These foundation recognition points, along with the Rotarian's gift, can be used to become or to name a Paul Harris Fellow when the total reaches \$1000 or multiples thereof.**

**Please see the district web site for a downloaded copy of the contribution form. Please send your information to District Secretary Terri Pollmiller so that your contribution is recorded accurately.**

## **YOUR HAND ALONE IS FRAIL!**

*Editor's Note: The following is a Poem delivered by Rudy Harwardt, guest presenter from Chile at the 6110 District Conference, Sept 2007*

Your hand alone is frail

My hand alone is weak

But our hands together will be stronger and more enterprising.

If your hand and mine touch each other, we will be friends.

Instead of unknown hands that come across each other by chance.

If your hand shakes my hand in a fraternal call

They will be hands joined together in search of a lifetime project.

If your hand and my hand come together

They will turn into committed hands.

If your hand and my hand touch

We will build bridges

Where we could go and reach one another.

If your hand and my hand get together to help our neighbor

They will be hands filled with goodness and togetherness.

# Claremore High School Naval Junior ROTC

## Official Color Guard for the USS Oklahoma Memorial Dedication

By Renie Doherty -- President of the Claremore Reville Rotary Club

“This is our opportunity to be a part of history instead of just reading about it.” That is how 18 year old Kati Lortz describes her Naval Junior ROTC units’ invitation to be the official color guard for the USS Oklahoma memorial dedication.

On December 7, 1941, 413 sailors and 16 marines lost their lives on board the USS Oklahoma when the Japanese bombed our base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The USS Oklahoma was the first ship attacked and sunk that day and was the first US ship sunk in WWII. She is the only battleship sunk

that day without a memorial. That is until now. As we celebrate Oklahoma’s centennial birthday, we cannot truly celebrate what is Oklahoma without taking the time to honor the men lost aboard the USS Oklahoma so many years ago. The long over due ceremony will take place on December 7, 2007 at Pearl Harbor where the 92 living survivors have been invited to join with a grateful nation and remember the 429 that gave their lives that day.

The Claremore High School Naval Junior ROTC has been selected to be the official color guard at the event. How can this be an even bigger opportunity? The students have also been asked to escort the survivors of the USS Oklahoma during the four days of celebrations. They will assist these brave vets around the ceremonies and hear first hand accounts of the events of that tragic day 66 years ago. This is an experience that cannot be

learned in the classroom and will surely shape the future of these young ROTC students.

Lieutenant Commander Murry Estabrook, instructor of the Claremore NJROTC unit, is also a member of the **Claremore Reville Rotary Club**. He knew of the club’s opportunity to earn money by working at the Bluegrass and Chili

Festival taking care of the parking duties. He asked if the NJROTC students could help work the event to earn money for their trip. The club responded with a unanimous yes and several personal donations. “These kids are not afraid to work for what they want.” said Claremore Reville President, Renie Doherty. “You can’t help but get inspired to assist them achieve their goals.”

To date this group of outstanding young people have raised \$8700 of their \$20,000 goal. Quick Trip

Corporation recently announced they will donate \$5000 once the group has raised \$15,000 “The biggest expense is the airfare to get everyone over there.” said Lt. Commander Estabrook. It will cost around \$800 per person round trip. “If anyone

has airline miles or a plane they could donate, it would be greatly appreciated as well as cash.”

How do you manage to get 23 students and their 2 commanders to Hawaii and accommodations for six days on only \$20,000? The students will stay aboard a US Navy ship and have their meals at the Navy

ship yard. This group is truly dedicated to do what it takes for this experience.

If you would like to help get these dedicated students to a long over due memorial, please contact the Rotarian, Lt. Commander Murry Estabrook at [mestabrook@claremore.k12.ok.us](mailto:mestabrook@claremore.k12.ok.us) or by phone at (918) 519-4605.





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