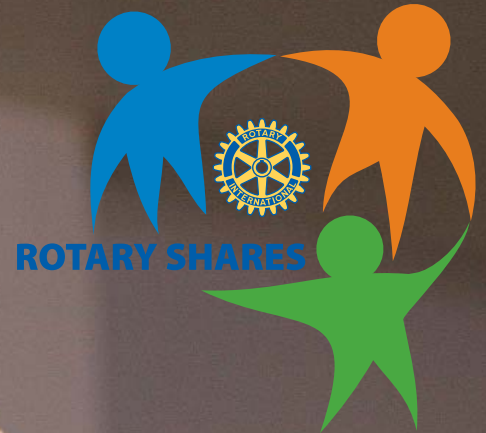


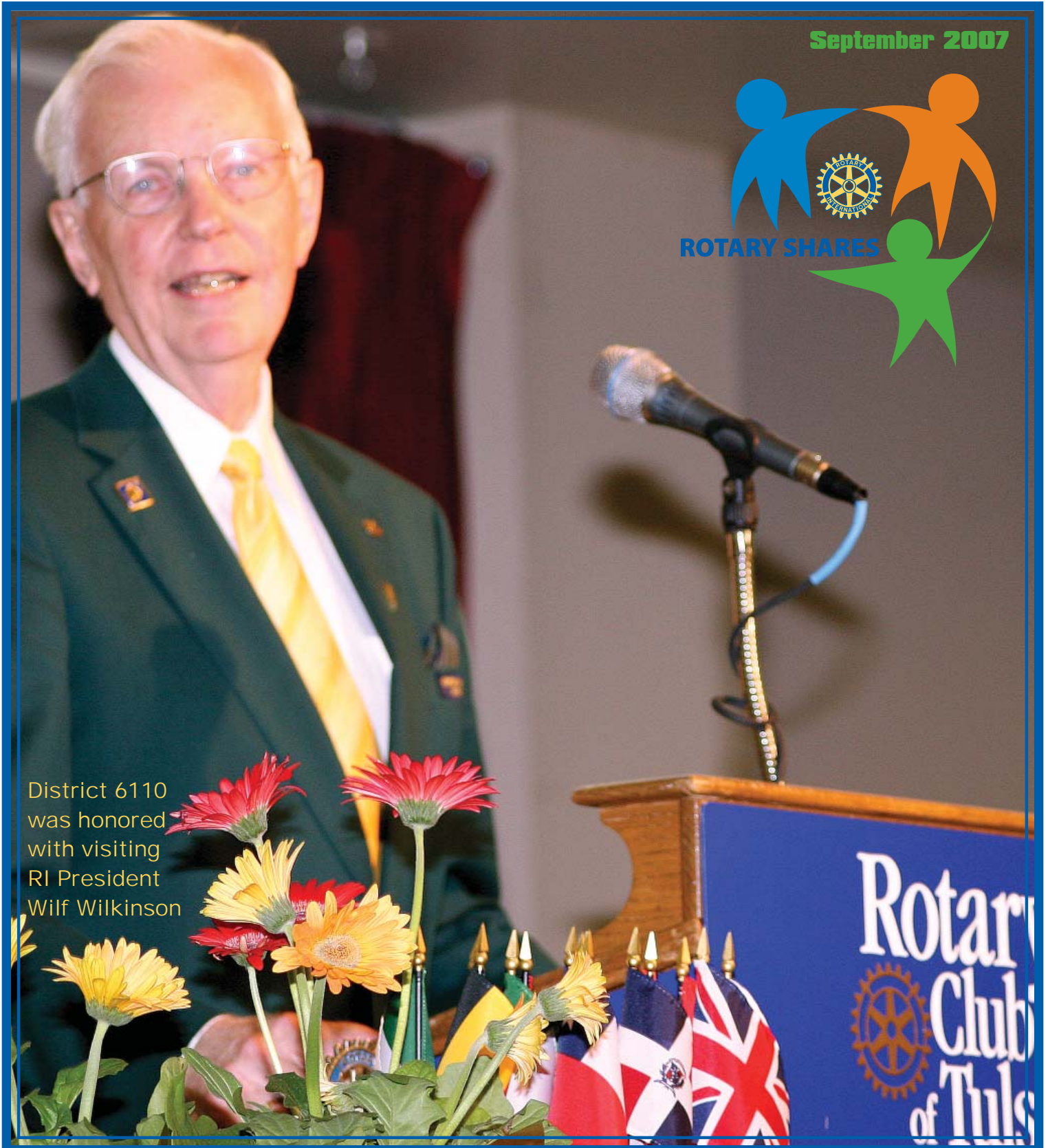
District 6110 News

A Clear Vision for Service

September 2007



District 6110
was honored
with visiting
RI President
Wilf Wilkinson



September Governor's Message

District Governor C. Ellis Potter, OD.



It's been an exciting first two months of the Rotary Year. I have learned that every club has a multitude of great projects and programs. I have learned that, like people, every club has its own personality. I have learned that every club contributes in its own


way to **SERVICE ABOVE SELF.**

The great thing about Rotary is that there are no projects that are mandated. Each club sees what is needed in its community and develops a plan to do what is needed. This is truly volunteerism by Non-Governmental Agencies at the grass roots level. At the local level, we make a huge difference.

The impressive thing is that when we add together each little project from all of the 32,000 Rotary clubs we can make a meaningful difference with huge power and influence. If we channel that power, engage every Rotarian to his/her maximum and

focus our efforts, we can do significant programs that even Governments can not do. At the international level, we make a huge difference.

Don't these principals make you feel good to be a Rotarian?

Set your Goals high! Make the work in your club efficient. Strive to engage every Rotarian in some way. Strive to make your programs meaningful to people who are hurting. Attempt new projects and programs and do something different this year. 

And as I said before: **HAVE FUN DOING IT!**

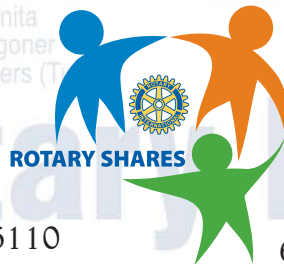
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!


SHARE ROTARY!


Electronic Funds Transfer

By District Governor C. Ellis Potter, OD.

This year, like last, we have a great incentive plan to jump-start your giving! Our very generous Past District Governor, Gerald Harp, has once again contributed **50,000** matching Foundation recognition points, which are available in the District 6110 2007–2008 Rotary year. 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 name a Paul Harris Fellow when the total reaches \$1,000 or multiples thereof.

The appropriate form for submission of the ETF can be obtained from the District 6110 Administrator, Terri Pollmiller. 

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District 6110 is honored by visiting International President Wilf Wilkinson

August was a great month for District 6110. Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson visited Tulsa giving us the opportunity to show off our fantastic projects. Wilf was so impressed with our multi-district PETS conference; he decided to return to learn more about our district and what we are doing as a district to excel and lead the Rotary world.

Tuesday evening featured a Paul Harris Fellow, Foundation Reception at Gilcrease Museum. Our own Kyden Creekpaum who won one of the first

Crescendo Music Awards and has gone on to play for the President of the United States and leaders of other countries, provided the entertainment. Mickey Moore, the force behind our Nicaragua water project was also in attendance.

Wednesday, Wilf started the day having breakfast with the Tulsa area president's council. The president's council features presidents of the 14 Tulsa area Rotary clubs. After listening to the presidents talk about the activities of their respective clubs, Wilf visited the Medical Supply Network aka MSNI.

The highlight of Wilf's visit was the noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Tulsa. Wilf was honored with the singing of the Rotary Men of Note. Those of us in attendance were honored to hear Wilf speak and inform us on his experiences as Rotary president.


One area of Wilf's experience, that he is proud of, is his

discussions with President Musharraf of Pakistan. According to Wilf, Rotarians have the unique ability to travel to the Pakistan/Afghanistan



Kyden Creekpaum, Mickey Moore and Wilf Wilkinson

boarder area on humanitarian projects and bring many cultures together. Cease-fires happen when Rotarians are in the area. Because of this Rotarians can work to try to bring peace to the area.

Unfortunately Wilf's wife was not able to travel with him to Tulsa. She is recovering from a fall while they were visiting India. 

Literacy Program in Progress

At the July Rotary International convention in Salt Lake City, 2006–2007 President of the Tulsa Rotary club, **Linda Bradshaw** presented the Tulsa Literacy Program to a standing room-only breakout session. The unique Celia Clinton Literacy Program that helps kids read better and teaches their parents to speak English was shared. The project's creator and teacher,

Wanda Hartman, provided additional insights and she was given an ovation by the more than 200 Rotarians packed in the room.

“What difference does it make if you give a child a Dictionary if they can't read?” said Stan Dixon, deceased Tulsa Southside Rotarian and former chairman of the District Dictionary. His inspiration helped form the basis of the Celia Clinton Program. The project's aim is to provide a model that would help students at risk for falling behind in reading skills is now in motion.


The Literacy for Families and Children Program is another one of volunteer projects that the Rotary Club of Tulsa has added to its Adopt-A-School Celia Clinton. A Model Linguistic Literacy System was adapted and taught by Rotarian, Dr. Wanda Hartman, as a supplementary program for 5th graders

with severe reading deficits and parents with very limited English reading and speaking skills. The two goals for the program were to:

- Raise the reading levels of 5th graders currently reading two or three grade levels below grade. With 40 hours of instruction, the average grade-level gains were 1.7 in Word Identification Skills and 2.6 in Word Attack Skills.
- Develop speaking and reading skills for a class of Hispanic parents who committed approximately 50 hours to master the linguistics of the English language. The system was taught using basic vocabulary for everyday living needs, and the progress of the students has been amazing.

A three year long-range plan has been adopted by Celia Clinton principal Cindy Taylor for the pilot program to continue.

2006–2007 RI President Bill

Boyd says “Literacy is empowering.” During his year as RI President he challenged all clubs to participate in a literacy project that would “be appropriate to their community.” 



Dr. Wanda Hartman with Celia Clinton Adopt-a-School Literacy Class receiving their certificates.



Dr. Wanda Hartman teaching Hispanic parents in her Linguistics Literacy class.



Rotary Club of Tulsa members with the presentation of new sign at their Adopt a School Celia Clinton

Reversing Attrition

(Revised by Jack Maxwell, District Membership Chairman

From the Zone 22 Newsletter January 2005)

Here are a few simple steps that can have significant impact on the loss of club members. We all know that Retention is a bigger problem than Recruitment of new members. We also agree that we can't do anything about Deaths or Member relocations due to Jobs. Here are a few suggestions to try on the rest of your club.

Attendance:

Paying careful attention to attendance trends can help uncover retention problems. Not attending meetings is one of the first sign of lack of member interest. Confer with your secretary and get a list of members who are "slipping." If they have missed two meetings or more in a row with out someone in the club knowing the reason, call them to find out why. Personally calling them will show that you care about them.

Burn Out:

Maybe you think that most Rotarians who drop their membership are "burned out" because they have been overworked. Nothing could be further from the truth. Rotarians drop out because they are under-worked and few people recognize what they can truly contribute.

Retention:

All members should focus on retention. While making sure new members feel welcomed, involved and comfortable, it is important to remember long-term members. As people belong to an organization for a longer period of time, their goals and needs may change. Let long-time members know that their continued membership is important by periodically asking them if they are still satisfied with the club.

Scramble Seating Arrangements:

Change seating arrangements at meetings from time to time to allow all members to become better acquainted. Try having members pick a table

number at random when they sign into the meeting. Have a Board Member at the greeter table so that those that can't sit at their regular table don't harass the new member Greeter. This is a table they sit at that week. This will break up the cliques that form at all clubs.

Rotarian of the Month:

Highlight one member each month for a significant or on-going contribution to Rotary or the community. Have them give a short presentation about something in their life. It could be business, their family, or any thing they want to share with us.

New Members Make Great Greeters and Rotarians of the Day:

Have new members serve as greeters for the club functions for the first several weeks of their membership. It's a great way for them to meet all club members. The idea of having them serve as Rotarian of the day once during their first 3 months as a member, allows them to get a free 2-3 minute sales pitch about themselves, their family and occupation. It is a great way for your regular members to get to know them quicker.

Senior Members:

Every club has older members who have never held a club office, and newer members who are just itching to be put to work! Resolve to put these Rotarians to work. Many times that quiet Rotarian who just comes to meetings and goes home is eager to be asked to do a job in which he or she can take pride.

Collect Autographs:

Some clubs give new members four or five weeks to have every member of the club sign the new member's club directory next to the photo or listing in the directory of each club member. A simple but effective way to ensure new members meet every Rotarian in the club and every club member meets the new member. 

Reflections On Liggett

By Russ Robinson
6110 District Treasurer

One of my first memories of Liggett Lancaster was around 1983 when he brought with him to the Southeast Rotary Club luncheon meeting a 4 x 8 foot piece of drywall with a mannequin leg through the middle of the piece of sheet rock and asked, "Does anyone recognize this"? This was of course after Leggett found out fellow Rotarian Norman Cross had stepped through the ceiling of his own house and was straddled in a rafter and could not pull his foot back through the ceiling without someone going up there to help him.



RUSS ROBINSON


It gave me great pleasure when District Governor Ellis Potter asked me to write this article about Liggett. Liggett Lancaster was District Governor of Rotary International District 6110 in 1989 and left behind a ritual of service that still challenges us today. When he moved here to this District from California, he could not believe that District 611 (yes that's right, that is who we used to be) did not have a viable P.E.T.S or adequate funding to conduct one. His request to add \$2.50, to our then three dollar assessment for District dues was granted and the P.E.T.S. that we know today in District 6110 was founded. And was orchestrated and choreographed by him until his illness physically prevented him from continuing to set the example of what a President Elect Training Seminar should be. Liggett believed, as many of us do now, that an annual P.E.T.S is the most important meeting that a Rotary District will conduct.

George Paden preceded Liggett as District Governor of this District, and when he asked me if I knew George Paden I did not know that he had an agenda for me. That was in 1988 when I had lunch with George and Liggett and have been District Treasurer ever since.

Liggett was known to call people very early in the morning. When George was in Anaheim, California training for District Governor Liggett felt that he needed to call George and make sure he was up and ready to attend class. After the third morning's call around 5 or 5:30 a.m., George's roommate, also a future District Governor, asked George to ask his friend to please not to call so early in the morning; that future District Governor; none other than now Rotary International General Secretary Ed Futa.

It was the ultimate when Liggett showed up on the Governor's visit at his home club dressed in drag, high heels, pantyhose, dress, lipstick, makeup, wig and all.

Liggett's commitment to Rotary was contagious. Whether it was selling steak fingers at the Tulsa State Fair or having us buy "collectible" Five Civilized Tribes Frankoma plates he continued to challenge us in a way that made us continually think about **"Service Above Self"**. He not only inspired the Southeast Tulsa Club to commit to an annual fundraising event he became the organizer and champion of the Brigade. With his good friend George Paden, he brought back RYLA to the District from a non-existent program to the successful event we now see every year.

Let us not forget the footprint that this man and others like him have left on this District and build upon that foundation. 

**"Attitude is
Everything."**

Rotary Volunteers

By Herb Orr, Tulsa Sunrise

Do you like International Travel? Do you have a special skill? Do you have expertise in solving problems related to poverty, health, hunger, and illiteracy? If so, learn more about Rotary Volunteers.

Rotary Volunteers provides a network of volunteerism that extends from local neighborhoods to communities halfway around the globe. The Rotary Volunteers program encourages Rotarians to offer their vocational skills in all types of volunteer activities, at home and abroad, in the spirit of promoting understanding, fellowship, and goodwill.

A program of Rotary International, Rotary Volunteers, is designed to provide tools for Rotarians who are offering their vocational skills in volunteer service, and Rotary-sponsored humanitarian projects that need volunteer assistance. It is a three-tiered information network that operates at the club, district, and international levels. Rotary Volunteers builds on the traditional Rotary commitment to service, recognizing that many Rotarians would happily give more of their time and expertise to help improve the lives of others.

Volunteers, who would like to serve abroad, register with Rotary International because they want their offer of service and skills "advertised" in the online Rotary Volunteers Database, which is reviewed by project coordinators seeking volunteers, or are non-Rotarian or self-funded volunteers who want to serve as a representative of Rotary.

Another innovative way to expand the

opportunities for Rotarians to become actively involved in international service is through




volunteer teams. Registrants are expected to have a proven level of professional or technical skills. It is recommended that volunteers be at least 25 years of age.

Once you have registered, your skills and contact information will be included in the Rotary Volunteers Database on Rotary's Web site. The Rotary Volunteers Database is a listing of Rotarians, Rotaractors, Rotary Foundation alumni, and non-Rotarians who are willing to serve abroad. Project coordinators who find volunteers with the skills their project requires should inquire directly with the volunteers.



Herb in East Timor

The Rotary Foundation also offers Individual Grants to subsidize travel of individuals or small groups (2-5 people) for qualified international humanitarian service in Rotary countries for periods of up to 60 days. Funding is provided to plan future humanitarian projects or for a direct service to the benefiting community. Rotarians, small groups of Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, Rotaractors, and qualified Rotary Foundation alumni are eligible to apply for these grants. 

The Individual Grant Application (136) is available in print and by download at:

http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/136en_writeable.pdf

More information on Rotary Volunteers is also available at:

http://www.rotary.org/programs/volunteers/participate/volunteer_teams.html

Keeping Immunizations Current for Kids (KICK)

By Amy DeVore, President Vinita Rotary

If your club is interested in a cost-efficient yet effective way to promote childhood immunizations in your community, consider what many Oklahoma communities are doing. Originating in 1999 with the Tulsa Area Immunization Coalition, the **KICK** (“Keeping Immunizations Current for Kids”) theme was introduced. This theme serves as the basis for immunization information packets provided to parents of all newborns born at local hospitals.

In 2003, the Oklahoma County Immunization Coalition introduced their theme for immunization packets as **KISS** (“Keep Infants Safe With Shots”), and the idea has since spread across the state.

Immunization representatives from the local county health departments and immunization coalitions partner with local businesses and civic organizations to provide these information packets.

Immunization information contained in the packets is provided by the State Health Department, vaccine manufacturers, the Immunization Action Coalition website (www.immunize.org), the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia website (www.chop.edu), and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention website (www.cdc.gov/vaccines). The plastic folders for the packets are purchased at a low cost by local civic groups and businesses who are interested in protecting children against vaccine-preventable diseases.

The project is a win-win situation for all involved. The parents receive vital information related to childhood immunizations, immunization schedules, clinic contact information, and other community services available. Hospital staff has access to an official immunization record (included in the packet) on which to document the baby’s birth dose of Hepatitis B vaccine. This record is retained

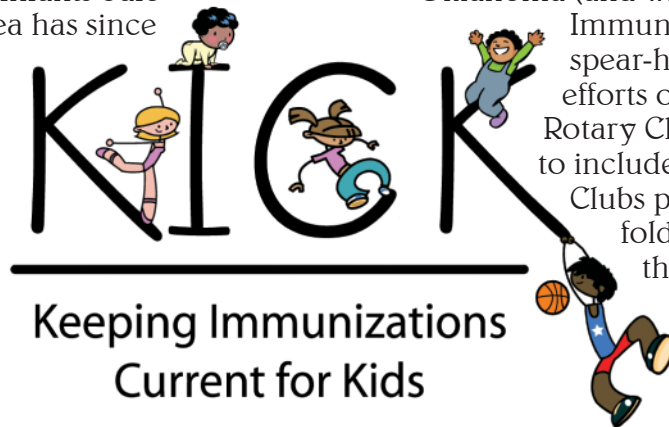
by the parent and can be used as a permanent record for documentation of all of the child’s future immunizations. The plastic folder is a great location to keep all important documents for the hospital staff to send home with the parents and for the parents to retain for future use.

In Northeast Oklahoma, the Vinita and Miami, Oklahoma Rotary Clubs have partnered with the local Health Department to provide KICK immunization information packets to parents of all newborns born at the local hospitals. Amy DeVore, President of the Rotary Club of Vinita, Oklahoma (and who is also the Health Department

Immunization Field Consultant) has spear-headed this project, combining efforts of the Health Departments and Rotary Clubs. She obtains the information to include in the packets, and the Rotary Clubs purchase the low-cost plastic folders. A cover sheet is placed in the front of each packet, indicating that the information inside was provided by the local County Health Department as well as the Rotary Club.

Public Health officials strongly promote the early and continuing education of the importance of timely childhood immunizations as a strong relevance to the prevention of vaccine-preventable diseases.

For more information on the **KICK** or **KISS** Immunization Information Packets, contact Amy DeVore at (918)256-7531 x123 or amyd@health.ok.gov



Here is your opportunity to participate in the Rotary Group Study Exchange program.

By Rick Eggert, Rotary District 6110 GSE Chairman

Just what is Group Study Exchange, or as it is commonly known by Rotarians, the GSE program?

It is a unique cultural and vocational exchange with another Rotary District in the world. It is primarily designed to give young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40, in the formative years of their professional life, an opportunity to visit another country, and another culture. The participants will live with Rotarians and study that culture and their profession for four weeks as these exist and are practiced somewhere else in the world. The team will study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas. Team members can come from corporations, small businesses, community organizations, medical and educational facilities, government offices and any other walk of life. They will experience a country as only an insider can and will return with a new appreciation of our world and those others who inhabit it.


Besides being between the ages of 25 and 40, GSE team members must be non-Rotarians, not directly related to a Rotarian, be fully employed with at least two years of experience in their field, reside in or be employed in district 6110, be a United States citizens, be personable, articulate, cooperative motivated team players, and enthusiastic about their vocations. I know that each Rotarian in district 6110 is aware of at least one young person who fulfills all these

qualifications. Think of someone in your hometown who would benefit from this opportunity to grow, get them to fill out an application, which can be found on the Rotary.org website, to be considered for the upcoming exchange with Rotary District 4670 in Southern Brazil and then send that application to me, Rick Eggert, Rotary District 6110, GSE Chair at 31 Grier Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72715, or send me their indication of interest and I will make certain that they get an application form.

**“Experience
a country
as only an
insider can”**

We are also in need of a team leader to participate in this experience, this person should be an experienced Rotarian who is flexible, can lead, can make decisions and is ready to have one of the most satisfying four weeks of his or her life. Application forms for the team leader position are also available on the Rotary.org website.

All travel expenses are paid by the Rotary Foundation, living expenses while visiting the host district are paid by that district, and Rotary District even gives each team member a \$500 stipend to cover incidental expenses.

The GSE selection committee will be meeting early in December to choose a team leader and four team members for the upcoming trip to Brazil, therefore the cut off date for me to receive applications for both team members and team leader will be the 30th of November 2007. 

Yours in Rotary, Rick Eggert,
Rotary District 6110 GSE Chairman
31 Grier Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72715
email rheggert@cox.net

District 6110 Scholarship Recipients Program Year 2008–2009

Terri Pollmiller

On Saturday, August 11th, six applicants were interviewed for the Ambassadorial Scholarship and Kirchner Scholarship in Springdale, Arkansas. This year two Ambassadorial Scholarships in the amount of \$25,000.00 each were awarded to John Carr, sponsored by the Joplin Daybreak Rotary Club, Joplin, Missouri and Madeline Barker, sponsored by the Southside Tulsa Rotary Club.

John Carr a junior at Missouri Southern University, Joplin, MO is majoring in Biochemistry and Mathematics. John was recently elected treasurer of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national honor society for campus and community leadership. John maintains a 4.0 GPA and is a member of the Missouri Southern's Honors program. John does volunteer work at the Joplin Community Clinic in addition to other endeavors. In December 2007, John will travel to Botswana, South Africa where he will participate in a 1-month McCaleb Peace Grant Research project. John has selected the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines to study in 2008-2009. John's proposed field of study will be the previous, current and future outlooks for health-care in his host country.



Madeline Barker of Tulsa, Oklahoma, received her B.A. degree in Spanish and in Letters, August 2007 from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK and graduated Magna Cum Laude. Madeline served as Editor-in-Chief of the Honors College Student Journal. Beginning in September 2007, Madeline will be teaching English in Cantabria, Spain for one year. Her philanthropic projects include serving with the Hands on Gulf Coast, a volunteer organization assisting those affected by Hurricane Katrina, Youth Leadership Tulsa, and Mother Teresa Homes in Calcutta, India. Madeline has selected the Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Santiago, Chile to study in 2008-2009. Her proposed field of study will be political



science/law with Latin American concentration.

One Kirchner Scholarship in the amount of \$18,000.00 was awarded to **Elizabeth Perrey** of Joplin, Missouri.




Elizabeth is a senior at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas majoring in Accounting. Elizabeth serves as Vice-President of the Student Activities Council, is a member of the Honor's College, Choir, and Treasurer for the Student Government Association. Elizabeth Perrey has volunteered her time as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. Elizabeth has selected the University of Wollongong, Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia where she will study international business.

In addition to these three scholarships, the District interviewed an applicant for the University Teacher Grant for program year 2008–2009.

Rebecca Brannock, Pittsburg, Kansas is the recipient of a \$12,500.00 grant for 3-5 months of study.



Professor Rebecca Brannock is Director of Special Academic Programs at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas as well as School Counseling Program Coordinator. Rebecca has selected the Saint Louis University, Baguio City, Phillipines from February to May 2009. While there Dr. Brannock will teach Educational Psychology and/or School Counseling courses. She also hopes to volunteer her services as a school counselor in a secondary school.

For more information on the Ambassadorial Scholarship, Kirchner Scholarship, and or University Teacher Grant Program, go to the District website at www.ri6110.org 

The Red Thread

Jennifer Lane

The Red Thread is a 501(3)(c) charity whose mission is to provide life-changing medical services to older and special-needs orphans in China and throughout the world.

www.the-red-thread.org

My name is Jennifer Lane and I am one of the founders of The Red Thread. This is my story of how the orphans of China changed my life and how The Red Thread was founded to help these beautiful children in need. Let me first share with you the legend of the red thread. . . our namesake:

An ancient Chinese legend speaks of a silken red thread that connects one person to another. It says this magical cord may tangle or stretch but never break. In this manner, people who are destined to connect to each other will connect, regardless of situation or circumstance.

The concept for The Red Thread as a humanitarian organization began in 2000. At that time I was working in the field of International Adoption and had the opportunity to visit some Chinese orphanages during a humanitarian trip to the PRC. While visiting an orphanage in Luo Yang, China, I met Zhou Zhou, a 16 year old amputee. At 16, Zhou Zhou was no longer eligible for adoption, but his sweet spirit touched my heart. As the eldest child in the orphanage, he was truly a loving "older brother" to the other children. I remember giving him candy, and noticed he did not immediately devour it like the other children. Later that evening, I saw him giving his candy to the younger children at the orphanage. He had no idea I observed his secret act of generosity, but I did... and I vowed in my heart that I would help him, if I could.



When I returned to the USA, I could not get Zhou Zhou out of my mind. That year, with the help of some friends, I began to sell handmade, gourmet gift baskets to raise money for Zhou Zhou's prosthetic leg. The concept was simple: in each basket we sold, we lovingly placed Zhou Zhou's photo and briefly shared his story, letting the recipient know that the proceeds of the basket would help bring Zhou Zhou to the US for medical treatment.

The baskets were a huge success. The unique success of this project was the change it created in the recipients of our baskets. People who merely received a gift basket became a part of Zhou Zhou's journey toward wholeness.

I was amazed to find that people who had never engaged in humanitarian efforts were suddenly activated to help Zhou Zhou ... through a gift they received. His photo was displayed on countless refrigerators and office desks throughout the US, daily reminding people that they were helping to change his life.

Within the year, The Red Thread Project had raised enough money to bring Zhou Zhou to the US. When he arrived in Washington DC (his port of entry) there was a reception of over 100 people to greet him. People gave him gift certificates from clothing and shoe stores and there were countless cards and emails welcoming him to America and wishing him the best in his medical treatment. I was truly overwhelmed with the way this sweet, quiet boy from Luo Yang was impacting so many lives.

Zhou Zhou's medical treatment took place in Greenville, South Carolina. We found an orthopedic manufacturer who donated a prosthetic leg. We connected with an orthopedic doctor, a physical therapist and a loving host family who all donated their time and hearts to Zhou Zhou. In addition to receiving a state-of-the-art prosthetic leg, Zhou Zhou participated in an intense physical therapy program, received six months of English classes and was lovingly embraced by his school, church community and the entire city of Greenville.

Zhou Zhou's six months in the US were truly life-changing. I saw him transform from a shy, reclusive orphan into a confident young man filled with hope, dignity and purpose. When Zhou Zhou returned to China, he was invited by the Chinese government to participate in a traditional dance troupe that traveled around the country. Additionally, he met the entrance qualification for college and was later able to attain a degree in Computer Science from a local university. Few Chinese orphans have the opportunity to attend college, so this was truly an invaluable opportunity for Zhou Zhou.

It was soon after Zhou Zhou's treatment that I met Kathy Korge Albergate, and together we founded The Red Thread, a humanitarian organization dedicated to providing medical treatment to Chinese orphans and other orphans throughout the world. The Red Thread is now an organization of 9 individuals -- all volunteers, who donate their time and efforts to help provide hope to the forgotten children of this world.

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District Governor visits Oswego Rotary

By Dorothy Wahl, Club Secretary

On August 7, Oswego Rotary hosted the District Governor of District 6110, Ellis Potter of Iola, KS. **Lori's Creative Cakes** served the meal for the special occasion and provided a cake celebrating Rotary District 6110.




Governor Potter impressed on the club the RI goal of membership and handed out a sticker to each member to remind us of the goal. He commented on the fact that the Oswego Rotary Club membership, even though we are small, is percentage-wise to be commended. If the whole district had the percent of membership we do for our size town, the district would be thousands of members larger.

He shared with the club some new projects available through Rotary International. One project is an eyeglass kit that makes several **hundred pairs of eyeglasses**. The kit uses a piece of metal rod and a template and needle nose pliers and the outcome is a product that can be made anywhere in the

world at a modest cost. He stated that 60% of eyeglass needs can be met with one or two prescriptions. **The eyeglasses are surprisingly attractive and sturdy.**

Another project provides **prosthetic hands** for those who have lost their hands through accidents or birth defects. The hand is so technologically correct that you can even write with it and is in great demand in countries like Viet Nam where so many of the citizens were hurt as a result of conflict.

Governor Potter was given a gift basket with items that represent Oswego. 



Gary sports Rotary glasses



Ellis Demonstrates "the hand"

The Red Thread **Continued...**

Zhou Zhou's story is only one of many stories we have seen over the years. It is this kind of transformation that inspires The Red Thread to continue our work in orphan relief. The Red Thread has assisted children with medical conditions ranging from cleft lip and palate, eye defects, spina bifida, and Treacher Collins Syndrome, to name a few. Each child we have helped has a unique story, and together, they demonstrate the power of a life changed forever by the compassion and goodwill of others.

It is that spirit that drives The Red Thread onward.

2007 will be our biggest year ever. We are initiating a project to bring 7-10 Chinese orphans to the US to receive treatment for 3rd degree cleft lip & palate surgery and severe orthopedic problems. We are partnering with some remarkable doctors who have agreed to underwrite

the medical costs for this project. We are also currently in the process of finding host homes for these children in Chicago, New York and possibly Cincinnati. In addition to this project, The Red Thread continues our ongoing work of sending blankets, shawls, flip flops, socks and toys to orphans throughout the world, letting each child know that they are special and that they are loved.

Seven years ago, when I first visited these orphanages, I had never heard China's ancient legend of the red thread. This scarlet thread has now encompassed my heart and I have learned that by being connected to the needs of other people, we are changed ourselves.

I am honored to have been touched by this silken thread of destiny and am ready to follow wherever it goes. 

July Attendance

Club Name	Membership June 30, 2007	Net Gain/Loss	Membership July 31, 2007	% Attendance	7/1/07 - 7/31/07	Goals
Aurora	28	0	28	58%	75.00	700.00
Bartlesville	169	3	172	67%	845.00	0.00
Bartlesville Daybreak	83	0	83		840.00	7200.00
Bentonville	120	-9	111	65%	100.00	12000.00
Bentonville/BV Daybreak	36	0	36	87%	5.00	3600.00
Berryville	29	0	29		40.00	0.00
Bixby	102	5	107		507.00	10000.00
Booneville	35	0	35	64%	0.00	2250.00
Bristow	30	0	30	48%	0.00	0.00
Broken Arrow	70	3	73	72%	270.00	7000.00
Bull Shoals-Lakeview	46	0	46	70%	0.00	0.00
Carthage	87	-1	86	45%	0.00	4450.00
Cassville	52	0	52	60%	0.00	2750.00
Chanute	33	0	33	55%	0.00	1155.00
Claremore	76	3	79	84%	250.00	4875.00
Claremore Reveille	34	0	34		1,285.00	3500.00
Coffeyville	64	1	65	46%	150.00	3300.00
Drumright	18	0	18	71%	0.00	1900.00
Eureka Springs	60	-1	59	67%	1,300.00	6100.00
Fayetteville	227	2	229	62%	1,540.00	17250.00
Fort Scott	65	-3	62	46%	0.00	0.00
Fort Smith	150	-5	145	56%	0.00	12000.00
Fort Smith Southside	36	0	36	62%	25.00	3700.00
Fredonia	29	0	29		0.00	150.00
Frontenac	24	0	24		0.00	2900.00
Greenwood	42	-7	35	36%	0.00	1050.00
Grove	103	-1	102	63%	380.00	10300.00
Harrison	96	0	96	61%	200.00	9700.00
Henryetta	20	0	20		0.00	250.00
Holiday Island	17	0	17		0.00	0.00
Humboldt	17	0	17	68%	0.00	900.00
Independence	65	0	65	52%	0.00	4148.68
Iola	49	-1	48	53%	260.00	5300.00
Joplin	108	1	109	51%	346.50	12000.00
Joplin Daybreak	72	2	74		580.00	2450.00
Lamar	52	-2	50	75%	0.00	3000.00
McAlester	79	-1	78	49%	50.00	0.00
Miami	76	0	76	59%	25.00	2000.00
Mid-Marion County	28	3	31		100.00	2900.00
Mountain Home	103	-3	100	63%	0.00	4630.00
Mt. Vernon	30	0	30	59%	25.00	0.00
Muskogee	82	-2	80	56%	0.00	5925.00
Neodesha	18	0	18	63%	25.00	450.00
Neosho	50	2	52	69%	50.00	3900.00
Nevada	91	-2	89	47%	0.00	2500.00
North Tulsa	19	-1	18	60%	65.00	1800.00
Northside Fayetteville	94	-3	91	60%	290.00	9200.00
Nowata	11	0	11	50%	25.00	200.00
Okmulgee	28	0	28		0.00	2800.00
Oswego	13	1	14	74%	50.00	1300.00
Owasso	39	0	39		120.00	0.00
Ozark	27	-1	26	77%	25.00	0.00
Paris	27	0	27	46%	0.00	280.00
Parsons	43	1	44	44%	45.00	3225.00
Pittsburg	75	1	76	76%	25.00	3950.00
Pittsburg Sunrise	38	1	39	85%	100.00	3900.00
Poteau	31	-2	29	58%	0.00	1600.00
Pryor	48	0	48	78%	1,009.00	5000.00
River Valley	17	0	17	9%	0.00	0
Rogers	140	1	141	64%	240.00	10000.00
Rogers Early Risers	47	0	47		135.00	5000.00
Sand Springs	113	2	115	74%	875.00	8500.00
Sapulpa	70	-3	67	67%	0.00	6600.00
Siloam Springs	54	-1	53	47%	200.00	2000.00
Skiatook	14	2	16	68%	500.00	1200.00
Southeast Tulsa	59	0	59	83%	400.00	6300.00
Southside Tulsa	62	-3	59	74%	225.00	6600.00
Springdale	227	-4	223	58%	2,523.33	70500.00
Tahlequah-Cherokee County	40	-2	38	54%	102.50	2000.00
Tulsa	474	1	475	67%	1,056.83	25220.00
Tulsa Midtown	24	0	24	69%	595.00	2400.00
Tulsa Sunrise	59	1	60	83%	185.00	6000.00
Van Buren	54	0	54		200.00	1000.00
Vinita	50	1	51	54%	389.00	2500.00
Wagoner	31	0	31	58%	0.00	3100.00
Webb City-Carl Junction	52	1	53	61%	0.00	4900.00
Will Rogers (Tulsa)	62	-1	61	68%	50.00	6000.00
Totals	5043	-21	5022		18,704.16	381,258.68

District 6110 Conference in Eureka

friendship, family and fun

by Bob Hawk
District Conference Chairman

RED ALERT!

Final preparations and planning are in the works for the 6110 District Conference to be held in Eureka Springs, Sept 13-16th at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks.

Your Registration should have been received by Terri Pollmiller, the District Administrator. If not

ACT NOW!

Your Registration for the District Golf Tournament should have been received by John Brodbeck. If not **ACT NOW!**

One session will devoted to projects and programs that may interest your club: projects and programs that have never before been seen by District 6110.

One session will celebrate a year in review of District initiatives.

One session will highlight Foundation programs and opportunities.

One session will discuss our on going comprehensive membership program.

Dr. Ed Mullen will speak on the Presidents theme, Rotary Shares and on the State of Rotary Worldwide.

Can you imagine Will Rogers as a Rotarian? Hear Steve Gragert's keynote message on the subject

That and more!

We should have a mix of new ideas, enthusiastic great speakers, inspiring testimonials and **FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!**

BE THERE! DON'T MISS IT!

Bring the Family and make it a relaxed weekend. Free time is available on the schedule. Shuttle rides are available from the motel to historic Downtown Eureka Springs. Spouse activities are planned. Plenty of shopping opportunities abound. Please find in this Newsletter registration information. There is no charge for attendance; your registration fee covers only those meals you will attend-We hope all of them. Also included is the golf team registration and a tentative agenda.

Get caught up in the Spirit, Make sure your Hotel Reservations and Conference Registration plans are complete!

Download registration forms at <http://www.ri6110.org> or contact Terri at tpollmiller@sbcglobal.net

6110 District Conference Agenda

Thursday September 13th

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Registration
2:00 pm - 2:10 pm	Welcome & Opening Remarks; District Governor Ellis Potter
2:10 pm - 2:25 pm	RI Presidents Representative; Dr. Edward J. Mullen
2:25 pm - 2:45 pm	Clean burning stove for Latin America
2:45 pm - 3:05 pm	Medical Mission to Mexico
3:35 pm - 3:35 pm	Break
3:35 pm - 3:55 pm	Power Flour
3:55 pm - 4:15 pm	Wheelchairs to Mexico
4:15 pm - 4:35 pm	Glasses for the masses
4:35 pm - 4:55 pm	Give Help! Give a Hand!
4:45 pm - 4:55 pm	2008 Los Angeles International Convention
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Reception prior to Major Donor dinner
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Major Donor dinner (invitation only)

Friday September 14th

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 am - 12:00	Registration - House of Friendship (HOF) Open
8:30 am - 8:40 am	Welcome by District Governor Ellis Potter
8:40 am - 9:00 am	Nicaragua Water Well Project
9:00 am - 9:20 am	Building Long Term International Relationships
9:20 am - 9:40 am	Alliance for Smiles-China
9:40 am - 10:00 am	Clean Water Projects
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am - 10:50 am	Amazon Water Purification Initiative
10:50 am - 11:10 am	International Crematorium Project
11:10 am - 11:30 am	Experience as a Kirchner Scholarships
11:30 am	End of Friday session
11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Spouse Activity; Ghost Tour
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Rotary Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament
6:45 pm - 8:00 pm	Reception and BBQ dinner
6:45 pm	Golf Tournament Awards

Saturday September 15th

7:00 am - 8:15 am	Pioneer Breakfast - ALL invited, recognize all 20+ year members
	Polio Update and Salute to District Rotarians
8:15 am - 5:30 pm	Registration - House of Friendship Open
8:30 am - 8:40 am	Welcome and Introductions; District Governor Ellis Potter
8:40 am - 8:50 am	RI Foundation Overview
8:50 am - 9:10 am	District Simplified Grants
9:10 am - 9:30 am	Tanzania Water Well Grant Process
9:30 am - 9:50 am	Matching Grant from the Recipients View
9:50 am - 10:20 am	Break
10:20 am - 10:35 am	Rebuilding the Bay St. Louis, MS Community Center
10:35 am - 10:55 am	Literacy Program in Progress
10:55 am - 11:30 am	Rotary Foundation Up Close & Personal
12:00 am - 1:30 pm	Lunch
	Awards Presentation
	RI Pres Rep Address; Dr. Edward J. Mullen
1:45 pm - 2:25 pm	GSE Incoming Brazil Team
2:25 pm - 3:05 pm	GSE Outgoing to Romania
3:05 pm - 3:35 pm	Break
3:35 pm - 4:25 pm	More on Membership: "We have no choice but to grow."
4:25 pm - 4:45 pm	District Business Meeting
4:45 pm - 5:15 pm	MSNI Business Meeting and Car Drawing
5:15 pm - 6:15 pm	Fellowship Time
6:15 pm - 7:15 pm	RI President's Rep Reception
7:15 pm - 9:00 pm	Banquet
	"I never met a Rotarian I didn't like", Will Rogers on Rotary and more.
	Keynote speaker: Dr. Steve Gragert, Will Rogers Memorial Museums Director,
9:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open
	Sunday September 16th
8:30 am - 9:15 am	Memorial Service
9:15 am - 10:30 am	Breakfast Closing Remarks by Dr. Edward J. Mullen, RI Pres Rep.

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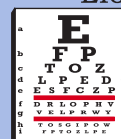


Participating Organizations

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- www.6110vision.org
Rotary International
- www.rotary.org
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- www.vosh.org
Lions Clubs International
- www.lionsclub.org



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I would like to purchase:

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- More than Five Tickets _____

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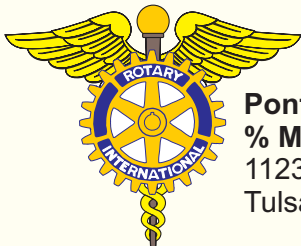
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- Please charge my Visa or Mastercard

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