



Rotary District 6110 News

Monthly newsletter of Rotary International District 6110

Don Wasson, District Governor

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2000 Theme: Create Awareness - Take Action


January is... "Rotary Awareness Month"

Comments on District 6110

I don't mean this to sound like a travel diary, but to finish the last official governor's visit in Ozark, AR on December 12 — and then be snowbound the next morning — might tell you how close Shirley and I came to NOT finishing our appointed rounds before Christmas. The 77th club visit to the new Bixby club was completed without a problem on the 19th.



 We appreciate all the courtesy extended to us by literally hundreds and hundreds of you Rotarians across Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma during our swing across this district.

 There are fourteen or nine excuses (as my Cajun friends say) as to why this month's newsletter is late. The most glaring one is poor planning on my part. I put it off at the end of December and then things snowballed on me right after all the bowl games. The most interesting "late" story concerns the Bulletin Editor Kim Impson's visit to Miami for the Orange Bowl. She and husband Bob Duran left McAlester in the middle of the worst ice storm in history to go to the Orange Bowl to cheer on the Sooners (Yeah, Number ONE) in the January 3, 2001 bowl game. None of us can blame them for delaying their return to two inches of ice in McAlester. Another casualty of the storm was Governor-Elect Fred Baker in Ft. Smith. His situation was made even

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RI President's visit Feb. 7 to involve members from 4 states

Rotary clubs from Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri are all being invited to meet and hear Rotary International President Frank J. Devlyn when he comes to Tulsa for a one-day visit with District 6110. Festivities kick off at 11:30 a.m. Wed., February 7 at the Downtown DoubleTree Hotel at 616 West 7th Street.

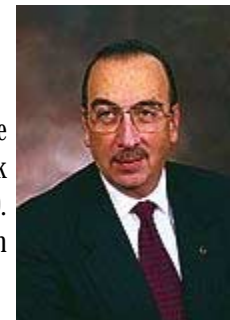
Highlights of the day include:

- 11:30 a.m. Luncheon with address by RI President Frank Devlyn
- 2:00 p.m. Groundbreaking ceremony at Celia Clinton Elementary School
- 3:00 p.m. Tour of District Medical Supplies Network warehouse
- 6:00 p.m. Reception and Dinner at Gilcrease Museum. Brief address by Pres. Devlyn

Each club in the district will have two tickets reserved for them for the evening event at Gilcrease Museum. "We're having to limit the number of participants Wednesday evening because of the size of the Gilcrease facility," according to Assistant Governor Grant Easterling. "When more than 150-175 people attend a reception-dinner it is just too crowded." President Devlyn will make special presentations to recent donors of The Rotary Foundation during the reception. Ticket prices for the evening include entry to Gilcrease. "We can view displays throughout the museum before the 6 p.m. reception and the displays will be open during the evening," Tulsa Rotary Club President Tom Rinehart says.

Club presidents will receive information and registration forms by January 12, says Grant

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Promote Rotary: It's "Awareness Month"

January is Rotary Awareness Month, an ideal month to promote the good works of Rotary. Public Relations materials are available from Rotary International. What your club does in its local community may be more important to emphasize than what Rotary does corporately on an international scale. Mid-Marion County Rotary Club, Yellville, AR, recently published a half-page advertisement in the local paper featuring every members' picture along with a listing of all the activities of the club.

What a great time to promote Polio Plus. Thanks to the efforts of Rotary and our partners, more than two **billion** children have been immunized against polio during National Immunization Days in the last five years. (During one single day last year in India 147 million children were immunized.)

The January *Rotarian*, on page 60, features many of the pertinent publications, audio visual materials, booklets and brochures that can be found in RI catalog 2001 (019-EN) or as a download from the web site www.rotary.org.

The same issue of the *Rotarian* — page 49 — has a 30-question quiz that would be great to use in a club meeting or in your club bulletin to find out how much your members know about Rotary.

Together we can make a difference. So let us **Create Awareness — Take Action!**

—From the pen of District Public Relations chair PDG Dave Baker

Who are these Asst. Governors?

Since the *Newsletter* did not feature an Assistant Governor in November, here are two for this issue. Charles Keeter, Joplin, and Marvin Johnson, Chanute.

Marvin Johnson uses the “we” in explaining his life’s activities. Marvin is a retired school superintendent and he says, “we enjoy activities within the community, i.e. church, chamber of commerce, bible study groups.” The other person in the “we” is wife Claire.

Marvin’s Rotary experience has included being president of four Rotary clubs. He was charter president at Cherryvale, KS when that club was formed in the 1980s. Since then the club has disbanded.

This time of year is especially exciting to Marvin as he is a “basketball junkie”. He says he partakes in noon hour basketball activity whenever possible.

Marvin works with five clubs including his home club Chanute, Fredonia, Humboldt, Independence and Neodesha. This is his first year as Assistant Governor.

Charles Keeter is far from retired. He is president and owner of Osborne Paper Company in Joplin, and has been working as an assistant governor for 9 years. “Charles is probably the most organized person I know,” Governor Don Wasson says. Maybe that’s why he finds time to fly fish, hunt, travel, read, raise three daughters, one son and now nurture 8 grandchildren. His company specializes in industrial paper, packaging, office and janitorial supplies distribution. Other activities have included serving on the Joplin Chamber of Commerce board, Joplin Library board, and the Restaurant Association board.

Charles is proud to be a Paul Harris Fellow and Benefactor and of his service to Joplin Rotary as president in 1990-91.

Keeter’s home club Joplin along with Aurora, Joplin Daybreak, Mt. Vernon, and Neosho all are enhanced by his work as assistant governor.

21st Century Membership Challenge showing results

Rotary President Frank Devlyn’s *21st Century Membership Challenge* is showing results in District 6110. Figures from Rotary International show that our vast membership has grown 2.41% through November according to reports submitted to the central database at Rotary headquarters in Evanston, Illinois.

This information should make club presidents all across our 4-state area beam with pride, Governor Don Wasson notes. “Of all the 24 districts in Zones 29-30, we are among the leaders in percentage growth,” he says. If you want an update it’s available at <http://www.frankdevlyn.org/challenge.htm>

“But we’re not number one *yet*,” Governor Don emphasizes. One district in Illinois – 6460 – has gained 299 members. Our 2.41% gain represents 114 new Rotarians in District 6110. The overall world-wide winner will be invited to bring his or her spouse and the presidents of the winning clubs and their spouses to the San Antonio Convention at RI’s expense.

Fifty districts will be winners based on percentage growth. “Since we’re such a large-membership district, we’re really going to have to push, push, push to ever be in the winner’s circle,” the governor notes. For example, the Illinois district with 299 new members has a 12% growth factor because total membership is just about 2500.

Our District’s stated goal, as reported to RI President Devlyn last spring, is 380 new members – net. See this month’s attendance report for how individual clubs are doing through the November reporting period. Oftentimes District figures will not agree with those at RI, Governor Don says.

Worldwide, according to the RI report, membership has grown just over 10,000 new members.

RYLA ready to romp!

District Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp is taking shape under leadership of Rotarians “Sergeant” Ralph Holmes, Jim VanderLind, and Tom Clark. Dates for this year’s camp are April 5-6-7-8. All 77 clubs have registration forms now, Holmes says.

Rotarians interested in serving as chaperones are urged to contact Holmes at (918) 663-7623 or rhola@earthlink.net

This is the seventh year that Holmes has led the project. Attendance has grown from 49 to 153, and “we’re expecting upwards of 170 this year,” he said.

RYLA specifically limits attendance to individuals with demonstrated leadership skills and therefore is not a cross section of your normal high school junior class. The participants in RYLA are outstanding future leaders. Donna Berryhill, from Tulsa Public Schools, will again be the chief instructor. Counselors will be from the University of Tulsa.

“Our need has always been for Rotarians and their spouses to serve as cabin chaperones,” Holmes said. Chaperones are welcome for one, two or all three nights. There is no cost to chaperones – except their time – as expenses are covered by fees charged sponsoring clubs. The leadership training is held at the Salvation Army retreat just east of Tahlequah.

Former RI Zone Director Carl Rosenbaum named to Highway Commission

Many Rotarians from our District will remember Carl Rosenbaum from Little Rock, AR. He served as our RI director 1997-99.

Carl has been appointed to a 10-year term on the Arkansas Highway Commission by Governor Huckabee. “This will be an opportunity to serve the citizens of Arkansas in the coming years,” Rosenbaum said.

Fund-raiser for Buz Walker Family

Buz Walker was killed last fall in a motorcycle-auto accident. He was as Assistant Governor and had served the District in many capacities. Buz was a past president of the Owasso Rotary Club.

Tulsa Sunrise Rotary Club, in cooperation with the church where Buz was a pastor, will hold a fund raiser for his family on January 27 at Central Church of the Nazarene in Tulsa. Festivities for the chili feed kick off at 11 a.m., according to Jim Ver Hoef, chair of the event.

"It's the day before the Super Bowl and we can advertise it as a 'Super Bowl of Chili,'" VerHoef said. For more information contact Jim at home (918) 459-8613.

Buz was Assistant Governor for Bartlesville Daybreak, Drumright, Skiatook, Tulsa Central, North Tulsa and Tulsa Sunrise.

Buz's wife Cindy, who was a passenger on the cycle, is progressing nicely, according to a report January 5th. She uses a walker to get around and is in good spirits. Buz is also survived by three daughters

Do you know?

Test your club members with a few questions for Rotary Awareness Month:

1. What is the Rotary International Theme for 2000-01?
2. Which club made Rotary "international," in 1910?
3. How many countries currently report cases of polio?
4. True or false: Attendance at the 2001 RI Convention in San Antonio, Texas, USA, will count as club attendance.
5. What are the Four Avenues of Service?

1. Create Awareness and Take Action
2. Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
3. In the year 2000, there were only 30 endemic countries—that number is expected to drop to 20 beginning this year
4. True
5. Club Service, Community Service, International Service, Vocational Service.

A note to Presidents-elect from DGE Fred Baker

CHECK YOUR CALENDARS – Block out the weekend of March 23-24, 2001 for the annual P.E.T.S. (Presidents'-Elect Training Seminar) and District Assembly.

P.E.T.S. starts late Friday morning, March 23, at the Holiday Inn in Springdale, AR (corner of Hwy 71/540/412. Rooms have been blocked off at a reduced rate; make your reservations early directly with the hotel. (501-751-8300, fax 501-751-4640)

Who should attend P.E.T.S.?

- Presidents-Elect are required to attend.
- Presidents-Elect for the following year are also encouraged to attend.
- Four Avenues of Service chairs and committee members should attend District Assembly

Saturday.

- Spouses of all attendees are encouraged to attend.

Keynote speaker will be Ken Boyd, Rotary International chair on Membership and Development (and he's RI President-Elect Rick King's right-hand man!) Boyd is an exciting speaker. Lots of fresh ideas to share. Worth the trip just to hear him speak.

For Presidents-Elect, your club should be paying for your trip.

By now your club should have held election of officers. Bring your President-Elect for 2002-2003 to P.E.T.S. if possible. It will greatly benefit your club and make your job a lot easier. Also have as many officers and directors as possible come for the District Assembly Saturday.

You won't want to miss the Friday luncheon. Working sessions will include reviews of some of the RI and District programs, help that is available, how to apply for Matching Grants from RI, schedule of "due-dates", and a good exchange of ideas. The accent will be on "how-to", including how to fill out your required report on Club Plans and Objectives.

During the District Assembly on Saturday officers and committee members will attend small group sessions to learn and share ideas about their special interests. The more they learn there the easier your job will be.

—Fred H. Baker, District Governor Elect

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Proposals fill up a big-city phone book

Rotary International distributed a phone-book sized codicil in mid-January containing all the proposals to be considered when the triennial Council on Legislation convenes in Chicago April 22-27. Past Governor Conaly Bedell will represent District 6110 when proceedings begin.

If any Rotarian wishes to have electronic copies of the first 600+ proposals to be considered, Gov. Don Wasson can transmit them electronically from CDs furnished by Rotary International.

This year's council will cost members more than \$2 each (approximately \$3,000,000). Printing, distribution and the actual legislative session costs have risen dramatically with the almost triple-amount of issues to be discussed and voted upon.

Issues which are predominate in the legislation include:

1. Attendance requirements
2. Meeting frequency
3. Membership rules, including only two types of membership – active and honorary.

Also considered will be the rule of no more than 10% from any one classification.

4. Pilot projects for New Model Rotary clubs
5. Elimination of territorial limits for new clubs.
6. Proportional voting at Council based on number of Rotarians in a district. Proposals ask for one vote per 500 members in a district.

Eureka Springs Rotarian loses life in bicycle mishap

Edmund G. "Ned" Shank lost his life as the result of a bicycle-truck accident on Highway 62 1.2 miles west of Eureka Springs. A memorial service was held December 30 for the 46-year-old Rotarian.

Members of the Eureka Springs Rotary Club have contributed \$1,000 in his name to The Rotary Foundation – specifically to benefit PolioPlus.

Shank was born in San Francisco, grew up in Iowa and was graduated with honors from Grinnell College in 1976. He came to Little Rock in 1976 as an intern with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He met his wife, Crescent Dragonwagon, while in Little Rock.

Shank and his wife owned and operated the first bed-and-breakfast in Eureka Springs – Dairy Hollow House – until 1998, when they developed the Writers Colony at Dairy Hollow. He was executive director of the Colony and an avid cyclist.

Be thankful for what you have!

Some Rotarians in District 6110 experienced a week of what many people in the world face every day—no electricity and no water. We are truly spoiled in this country!

A Christmas evening storm came through parts of our district and left several inches of ice, causing power lines to break, and trees to collapse under the weight.

In McAlester, OK and Ft. Smith, AR, power was lost for 4-7 days. Being without electricity is something we don't experience very often, but you can stay pretty warm with a fire and some blankets.

The real problem is when you have NO water. Water was out in McAlester for four days, making living conditions difficult. Imagine not being able to take a bath or shower, or even flush a toilet!

Be thankful for our country and the things we have . . . and remember that others in the world are not so lucky.

Green Country club part of \$193,000 project

Judy Houskeeper, past president of Tulsa Green Country Rotary Club, was searching for an International project to get her club involved with this year. What she found is leading her and husband Dick (also a member of the same club) to Guatemala in February.

Through leadership of Ed Hanley, a 4-year-Rotarian from South Gwinnett Rotary Club in Duluth, GA, more than \$193,000 in text books (approximately 33,000 in all) will be placed in schools of the Tecpan Region of Guatemala. The region represents 27 impoverished communities. The program will be overseen by the Guatemala West Rotary Club in District 4250.

Judy notes that these textbooks will be "the first books ever used in these schools." Even though that statement is hard to believe, the children of this region have NEVER seen a textbook. As the Rotary Matching Grant proposal reads, the books will be used year after year and students will be asked to pay a "rental" fee which will assure newer editions can be purchased in the future to perpetuate the initiative from 82 clubs across the USA and Canada.

We will try to get a report from Judy and Dick Houskeeper for the March issue of this *District 6110 Newsletter*



GSE Team Members l-r: Scott Lawson, Team Leader Jack Butt, Dan Mitchell, Melissa Christman, Mark White.

GSE Team preparing for departure to South Korea

Fayetteville Rotarian Jack Butt and his Group Study Exchange "team" are busily learning the language and culture of Korea in preparation for their departure in March 25. But they need help – in the form of a lap top computer – so the group can communicate back to the district (through cyberspace) while half-way around the world.

One of the team's most recent "training" meetings happened in Fayetteville where the team was served a traditional Korean dinner by a University of Arkansas professor who is from South Korea.

Team member Mark White is asking for the loan of a laptop for the month the group is in South Korea. Mark was sponsored by the Rogers Early Risers club. Other members of the team include Melissa Christman, Poteau; Dan Mitchell, Coffeyville; and Scott Lawson, Miami.

Another request for assistance is from John Kreissler, GSE committee chair for the district, is soliciting tote bags for Korean team members. Kreissler says "certainly there is a company out there that has these heavy cloth bags – probably with their advertising message on them – that could be carried by team members. It's the perfect place to store a day's brochures, gifts, etc., that team members receive." If your company could provide such tote bags, contact Kreissler at 417-682-3529, or email at jartk@hotmail.com

Kreissler also notes that it's not too early to begin searching for team members for the GSE adventure to France in the spring of 2002. Interviews for the Rotarian team leader will be in early August. Team members will be chosen in September.

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Easterling and Tom Clark, assistant governors in charge of arrangements. Clubs throughout the district who wish to come to the noon and/or evening sessions will sign up for those events using the forms mailed from District Governor Don Wasson's office.

"A Rotary President represents 1.2 million members in 530 Districts worldwide and to have him spend a day with us is historic," Governor Don says. President Frank will be here following participation in the inauguration of President-Elect George W. Bush the last week of January in Washington, D.C.

At the noon meeting an expected crowd of 600 Rotarians and guests will be entertained by the District Rotary Men of Note, and President Frank will make his presentation. "It promises to be an exciting Rotary meeting," Governor Don says. Then the president will tour our District's Medical Supplies Network warehouse. He will see medical supplies being prepared for shipment to his homeland of Mexico. Devlyn serves on the board of the Mexico Red Cross and is intimately involved in equipping hospitals in Mexico, according to Jack Maxwell, Jr., founder of MSNI.

President Devlyn will also visit Celia Clinton Elementary School and help break ground for a \$75,000 Serendipity Class Room designed to let children have an "outdoor room" where they can nurture animals, plants and use the experiences for augmented learning. The Rotary Club of Tulsa is building the project, according to President Tom Rinehart.

Tulsa-area Rotary Clubs will "move" their meetings the week of February 5-9 to the single meeting on Wednesday. "All Rotarians should attend the Wednesday noon meeting," Governor Don Wasson notes. "President Frank brings his message of *'Create Awareness - Take Action'* with an enthusiasm hard to understand unless you personally witness his address." Each area club is circulating sign-up sheets for those who will attend the noon event February 7.

The parking garage at the Downtown DoubleTree is immediately adjacent to the hotel.

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more critical when he and wife Estelle went without electricity for almost a week. A portable generator provided enough electricity to run the furnace and oxygen-making machinery for Estelle. We're all glad things are back to some normalcy as this is written on the 10th.



Start making plans for a real whing-ding of a District Conference in Tulsa April 27-29. Our annual conference has not been in Tulsa for eight years, and it will be a treat for many to return to this great city. Tours, shopping, celebrating a great year of Rotary service, and renewed acquaintances will be in store for all. Headline speaker Clifton Taulbert, author of the book and movie *Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored*, will thrill every Rotarian and guest with his message. Also scheduled to speak is U. S. Senator Don Nickles. The new Bush administration will be up and running by April and his analysis of the situation should prove interesting. Senator Nickles is a honorary Rotarian in his home club of Ponca City. Doug Collins, past president of the Tulsa Rotary Club, along with other committee members, is now planning the event. Put April 27-29 on your calendar now, OK?



Speaking of "events". P.E.T.S and District Assembly are on the horizon for March 23-24. Presidents-elect, accompanied by their board of directors, annually spend a day-and-a-half in Springdale, AR for this most important training session. DGE Fred Baker has arranged an outstanding agenda which he will distribute to presidents-elect before the end of January. The District Assembly is when we do our required business like approving budgets, and enacting new rules for District 6110. Last year over 300 attended. You won't want to miss it.



There are "buzz" words that float around in our current society. One of the most prominent is "networking". Another one is "synergy." Let me tell you a story about how networking and synergy conquered the almost impossible over the last couple of months.



Have you heard of WHARF? (**W**orldwide **H**umanitarian **A**lliance of **R**otarians and **F**riends) The free-membership organization is made up of Rotary Districts across the United States and Canada who are interested in shipping humanitarian aid to developing countries. The "Friends" are non-Rotarian agencies such as governmental and missionary operations. It just happened to have been founded by Jack Maxwell, also the founder of our district's Medical Supplies Network.



The point of this "comment" is to thank the 18 Rotary Clubs in our district who joined a "synergy" effort to pay shipping and customs costs for two sea containers of medical supplies (valued at approximately \$300,000). The containers were diverted from their original missionary destination in Africa to a specific location in Gulu (near Kampala), Uganda, to aid victims of the Ebola Virus outbreak in that country. This single humanitarian effort may have been the most significant thing to happen in the world of health last year. Thanks to these clubs and to Steve Robb, district chair for Disaster Relief:

Ozark, AR; Tulsa Southside, OK; Lamar, MO; Muskogee Noon, OK; Mid-Marion, AR; Independence, MO; Rogers, AR; Coffeyville, KS; Mt. Vernon, MO; Broken Arrow, OK; Rotary Club of Tulsa, OK; Bixby, OK; Fayetteville, AR; Carthage, MO; North Tulsa, OK; Pittsburg, KS; Southeast Tulsa, OK; Grove, OK; Independence, KS.

I hope I did not miss any club! The original request for \$16,000 to pay for this transportation actually ended up over-funded and extra monies are being wired to District Governor Vijay Talwar in Uganda to purchase medical supplies so drastically needed in that country.

Look for a report in the Rotarian magazine in the near future. RI Vice President Lou Poconi has heard of this work and is vitally interested in seeing that the word is spread around the world of Rotary. A sad note, in conclusion, is that the Medical Superintendent of the Lacor Hospital In Gulu, Uganda was Rotarian Dr. Matthew Lukwiga. He and 10 of his nurses died from the Ebola virus while trying to treat the patients in their hospital. This brings a whole new meaning to SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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Attendance figures for October 2000

	Attendance %	Members 7/1/00	Current Members	Goal 4-1-01		Attendance %	Members 7/1/00	Current Members	Goal 4-1-01
Aurora, MO	46.	31	30	38	Muskogee, OK	56.	57	58	65
Bartlesville, OK	75.3	147	153	160	Muskogee Morning	89.	8	9	13
Bartlesville Daybreak	78.6	69	59	72	Neodesha, KS	63.	24	25	30
Bentonville, AR	NR	88	95	100	Neosho, MO	64.	51	54	54
Bentonville Daybreak	NR	22	24	30	Nevada, MO	48.5	107	113	120
Berryville, AR	90.	32	31	35	N. Fayetteville, AR	70.	94	94	99
Bixby, OK	0	NA	32	50	North Tulsa	66.	33		40
Booneville, AR	82.5	41	42	46	Nowata, OK	67.	9	9	14
Bristow, OK	60.	29	31	35	Okmulgee, OK	51.	34	34	40
Broken Arrow, OK	70.5	78	72	85	Oswego, KS	63.	16	19	19
Bull Shoals/Lakeview, AR	85.7	52	54	63	Owasso, OK	66.	31	34	40
Carthage, MO	84.5	100	103	106	Ozark, AR	76.	26	22	?
Cassville, MO	52.	60	55	63	Paris, AR	17.	28	28	33
Chanute, KS	47.6	43	43	50	Parsons, KS	67.	45	46	54
Claremore, OK	66.1	83	86	90	Pittsburg, KS	72.7	93	90	100
Claremore Reveille	85.7	27	28	42	Pittsburg Sunrise	83.	41	45	47
Coffeyville, KS	68.	60	61	66	Poteau, OK	67.	49	48	54
Drumright, OK	75.4	25	24	30	Pryor, OK	86.8	44	45	49
Eureka Springs, AR	79.6	52	50	60	Rogers, AR	73.1	112	119	130
Fayetteville, AR	73.1	195	199	200	Rogers Early Risers	60.	58	56	70
Ft. Scott, KS	50.	58	62	66	Sand Springs, OK	66.5	112	110	115
Ft. Smith, AR	64.4	123	121	133	Sapulpa, OK	53.	62	62	67
Ft. Smith Southside	NR	33	37	41	Siloam Springs, AR	60.	56	57	57
Fredonia, KS	NR	30	23	30	Skiatook, OK	58.8	31	34	35
Frontenac, KS	72.	27	28	44	Southeast Tulsa, OK	73.4	70	68	74
Grove, OK	62.	73	74	88	Southside Tulsa, OK	93.5	83	90	101
Harrison, AR	69.3	84	86	89	Springdale, AR	60.	118	120	133
Henryetta, OK	71.7	27	31	35	Sunrise of Tulsa, OK	86.	64	69	72
Humbolt, KS	NR	20	28	33	Tahlequah, Cher. Co., OK	49.4	38	39	47
Independence, KS	65.	64	64	67	Tulsa After Hours, OK	43.	16	18	30
Iola, KS	67.	37	39	45	Tulsa Central, OK	NR	20	20	25
Joplin, MO	74.4	147	151	159	Tulsa Green Country	NR	24	23	38
Joplin Daybreak	68.5	64	63	68	Tulsa, OK	78.	443	455	475
Lamar, MO	88.	71	69	75	Van Buren, AR	71.	55	57	60
McAlester, OK	68.6	89	89	100	Vinita, OK	58.	43	44	48
Miami, OK	69.7	91	94	100	Wagoner, OK	67.5	36	43	46
Mid-Marion Co., AR	66.	32	33	38	Webb City-Carl Jct., MO	79.8	42	42	55
Mountain Home, AR	86.7	76	80	95	Will Rogers, Tulsa, OK	60.	76	77	85
Mt. Vernon, MO	75.	33	35	45	Total:	71.2	4762	4864	+657

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February	World Understanding Month
Feb 3-4	South Central Youth Exchange gathering, Tulsa
7	RI President Frank J. Devlyn visits District
23	Happy Birthday Rotary
March 23-24	PETS and Dist. Assembly
April	Magazine Month
6-7-8-9	RYLA Camp
22-27	Council on Legislation
27-29	District Conference
June 24-27	RI Convention in San Antonio

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Club notes....

Miami Rotary has its badge box back. Club secretary Ron Gilbert's garage was ransacked last fall and the thieves took the box containing all the badges, he said December 5 when Governor Don Wasson made his official visit to the club. Club members were in a tizzy over the returned badges because they had been locked up in the District Attorney's evidence room since being recovered from a dumpster following the robbery. The Miami club has grown almost 25% in the last five years and the badges help identify the constant stream of newer members, club president Marcy Thompson said.

Joplin Rotary Club continues to gain members. Each week in the club's *Chats* bulletin — edited by Blanche McKee — there will be one or two new members being proposed. In the January 11 issue two classifications — Women's Health, and Newspaper Publishing — were being filled. President Mike Gilpin wants to reach 200 members before his tenure is complete. The club was founded in 1916.

Will Rogers Rotary Club in Tulsa will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on January 15. Charter Member Hal Sundvahl — along with the other 80+ members — will recall the "good ole days" at the regular meeting at East Side Christian Church. President Lee Griffin invites all to attend. Governor Don Wasson will make a special presentation to the club from Rotary International.

Fayetteville Rotary Club celebrated its 80th anniversary with a "social" evening at the old Fayetteville airport — now an air museum — on January 11. The evening began with a tour of the museum, with a 6 p.m. social hour, followed by dinner, entertainment, music and "lots of fun," according to club president Barbara Prichard.

Eureka Springs and Berryville Rotary Clubs hosted the Youth Exchange outbound interviews Saturday, January 13 at the Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs. The semi-annual Assistant Governor training seminar was also held under guidance from Governor Don Wasson and Governor-Elect Fred H. Baker. More than 50 Rotarians and guests participated, including 7 potential outbound YE students and their parents, 14 assistant governors, five past governors, and other district leaders. Paul Reagan, YE chair for the district, says the students like to go to Eureka Springs for the event.

Mountain Home Rotary Club President Perry McDonald, with assistance from PDG Bill DeGroot, has made the first application for a Community Assistance Program (CAP) grant. This is a first-time-ever Rotary Foundation initiative to encourage districts to use some Foundation money at home. The grant will help purchase a transport trailer for the Mountain Home Food Bank as well as a freezer to store perishable foods that the Food Bank cannot now accept. Limited grants are still available. For more information look on the Rotary web site at www.rotary.org

Joplin Daybreak Rotary club is searching for a new "home". During the next few weeks the club will "roam" the city. January 12 the will meet at the Holiday Inn; on January 19 at Freeman East Conference Center; January 26 at Ramada Inn; and finally February 2 at Granny Shaffer's on Rangeline Road. The Webb City-Carl Junction club meets at Granny Shaffer's. Cathy White, president, has made arrangements for PDG Janice Johnson, Tupelo, Mississippi, to address the club on the occasion of its 10th anniversary, March 3. Governor Don and Shirley will also attend.

The Rotary Club of Tulsa is implementing its New-Member Mentoring Program January 17. President Tom Rinehart's focus this year is not only Membership Development but also *Retention*. New members will be assigned a mentor selected from a special group of club members willing and able to take the time necessary to fulfill the needs of "Yearlings". Mentors will be asked to "Make A List" of questions that they would have asked when they first joined Rotary. Mentors will be urged to offer ideas and suggestions, "not as a sage, but as a collaborator."