



Rotary District 6110 News

Monthly newsletter of Rotary International District 6110

Don Wasson, District Governor

Sept. 2000


2000 Theme: Create Awareness - Take Action


September is New Generations Month

Comments on District 6110

You Rotarians granted three scholarships August 26 totaling \$65,000. Proud? You bet you'd be proud of Matthew R a g l a n d , Fayetteville, and Maureen McClung, Eureka Springs, who each will receive a \$25,000 Ambassadorial Scholarship during the academic year 2001-2002. The district's Ralph Kirchner scholarship in the amount of \$15,000 went to Kelli Ludlam from Ft. Scott. Nine applicants were interviewed at Pittsburg State University's Alumni Center on Saturday morning. Following the interviews Shirley and I went to Lamar to participate in the Rotary Parade during the Free Fair in that city. (Photo of that event in this issue.)



 I have asked for interesting stories about your Rotary Club. Many have shared things unique, special or innovative. We will continue to print those items in the newsletter. Please forward stories about your Rotary Club.

 One of the first e-mails to come from outbound Youth Students is from Rachel Trent from Spiro, OK. She left in early August and is sponsored by the Ft. Smith Rotary club. She writes, "My first few days were strange. I had cried when I left. It came over me all of a sudden as my father was holding me and trying to convince me that he had a good feeling. . . . When I got to the International Airport in Mumbai

—see "Comments" on page 5

Children-at-Risk Seminar focus on Create Awareness—Take Action

Past President of RI Jim Lacy is coming to our district. Let's all greet him at the Tulsa Downtown Doubletree Hotel Saturday, September 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the first "Children at Risk Seminar". President Jim will be the keynote speaker at a noon luncheon.

Rotary members will join other notable professionals to search for ways Rotarians can "make a difference in the lives of our young people," says Dick Mosher, Bartlesville Rotary Club past president, and organizer of the event.

A registration form is included in this newsletter. District Governor Don Wasson urges all clubs to be represented—especially Community Service directors and club presidents.

The morning session – 10 a.m. to noon – is designed to Create Awareness. Following the Lacy keynote address at 1:30 "we'll take action," according to Mosher. The seminar will be wrapped up from 3 to 4 p.m. when each of the four states in our district breaks out into work session to identify specific projects the clubs might want to undertake.

Rotarian Monica Murnan, Pittsburg Sunrise member, will present a segment on her community's comprehensive plan to serve children with a consortium of hospital, police, health, civic, court, legal, and day care professionals.

Lacy is RI President Frank Devlyn's worldwide chair for the Children at Risk Task Force instituted this year to lead club members in a new emphasis to address the needs of all children.

Other notables joining the seminar include Howard Hendrick, director of Oklahoma's Department of Human Services, and Anne Roberts, executive director of Institute for Child Advocacy. Arkansas will be represented by Janie Fletcher, Kansas facilitator will be Cindy D'Ercole, Missouri facilitator is Margaret Franklin, and Oklahoma facilitator will be Liz Reece.

Following the Children at Risk Seminar, Past President Lacy will help present the Charter for the 77th Rotary Club in our District – The Rotary Club of Bixby, Oklahoma. Cocktails (cash bar) will be at 6 p.m. followed by the Charter Banquet at 7 p.m. See another article in this issue for more details.

New Bixby club's Charter Banquet Is culmination of 12 years of efforts

The Rotary Club of Bixby will receive its official charter from Rotary International Past President Jim Lacy on Saturday, September 23, 2000, at the Tulsa Downtown Doubletree Hotel during festivities celebrating the 77th Rotary club in District 6110. Charter President Jessica Moffatt will accept the charter on behalf of the club.

Organizers hope to "fill the hall" with as many as 300-350 Rotarians and guests for the 7 p.m. dinner. One hour prior to dinner a reception and cash bar will begin the evening. **Reser-**

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Foundation giving totals \$262,128

Three separate numbers reveal that Rotarians in District 6110 contributed \$262,128.29 to the Rotary Foundation during Governor Dave Baker's year 1999-2000. The total is 115% of the governor's goal.

Annual Programs Fund.....\$140,098.38
 Permanent Fund.....\$ 90,145.02
 Restricted Giving..... \$ 31,884.89

Annual Programs Fund contributions will be invested and then returned to the district in three years for scholarships, matching grants, GSE, and other programs, PDG John Brodbeck, chair of Foundation giving, says. The number represents per capita giving of \$29.90. Brodbeck emphasizes that members are being asked to participate at \$50 per capita during 2000-2001 to make a significant impact on finishing the job of eradicating polio from the world.

Permanent Fund contributions will never be spent. Only the interest from the investment will be used for programs of The Rotary Foundation. Restricted giving means contributions were designated for a certain project when given to TRF.

Comparing Rotary Districts across Mid-America (28 in all) 50% achieved their goals of giving to the Foundation in 1999-2000. The largest APF amount came from Alabama, where \$252,918.56 was given.

Reminder...it's a year of politics

We are reminded that this is an election year and Rotary Clubs should not —

1. Issue partisan political statements
2. Have programs which are strictly political in nature
3. Endorse or recommend any candidate for public office
4. Discuss at any meeting the merits or demerits of any candidate
5. Distribute political brochures at club meetings

—Thanks, Ron Woodruff
 Past President Fayetteville

Bartlesville's famous Country Club is site for Foundation Golf tourney

Have you registered for the Rotary Foundation Championship Golf Tournament September 25, at Hillcrest Country Club in Bartlesville? Final details are now being circulated throughout the district. Here are the particulars:

- Luncheon meeting at noon. Presentation on The Rotary Foundation.
- Tee time is 1 p.m.
- Four-man (woman) scramble format.
- \$500 per team. (If your club cannot get an entire team, no problem.)
- Contact James Kane 1-918-336-4900, or Ernie McAnaw 1-918-337-0711
- E-mail contact is Sona_Beasley@msdw.com (Steve LeMaster's assistant)

Hillcrest Country Club's course was designed by Perry Maxwell in 1926. The course is in wonderful condition and in need of play.

Hillcrest opens its facility on Mondays only two times per year (normally the course is closed on that day). Rotarians are indebted to Steve LeMaster, Bartlesville Rotarian & board member for arranging this golf scramble to benefit the Foundation and other Dist. 6110 projects.

The future of this event will see it expanding with golf tournaments next year in all four states that belong to District 6110. A championship event will be held pitting the winners from Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

To sign up, please list each player and handicap, and mail to: Steve LeMaster, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, 401 S. Dewey, suite 108, Bartlesville, OK 74003, e-mail — Steve_Lemaster@msdw.com

Have Fun+Make a Difference=Mentoring

Mentoring. Seems to be a buzzword these days, and somewhat overused. My dictionary defines mentor as a wise and trusted counselor or teacher. That sounds innocuous enough, but what a difference it can make in a child's life!

Many of us in the Tulsa area are participants in the Tulsa Public Schools' "Going to Bat for Tulsa Kids" mentoring program. Rated 13th in the nation, this program is remarkable in its simplicity, and in its adaptability to our individual schedules. In a nutshell:

1. You go through a one hour training class of simple do's and don'ts.
2. You commit to one hour a week to spend with a child.
3. You choose the school, and the time/day of the week (within school hours).
4. No liability — you meet with the child in the school only
5. You are not obligated. You are a volunteer and will be treated as such.
6. You do not have to tutor, parent, advise, counsel, or discipline. You have only two

purposes: be a friend, and listen.

Think of an 8 year old whose father was abusive to his Mom and sister before leaving them all 5 years ago. Mom's a deaf mute, so home communication with the kids is difficult. Result? The boy had problems behaving in class. I've just described a boy I spent 1 ½ years with. What's normal and unremarkable to you and me may make a tremendous difference in the life of a child who has never been exposed to the sole attention of a responsible caring adult. And if you are a Rotarian, you certainly are caring and responsible, so you qualify!

Call your school system administrative offices to see if they have a program. If not, we'll be glad to help you get one started. It's incredibly easy, it'll make you feel wonderful, and best of all, you will make a difference!

Call me any time at (918)251 0252, or fax (918)259 9982, or email bluedot@sprynet.com.

P.S. Need a convincer? Call Governor Don Wasson. He's a mentor, and loves it.

—By Kit Sprague, Sunrise/Tulsa

Governor Visits

Sep 5	Claremore Noon
Sep 6	Bentonville BellaVista
Sep 7	Bentonville BellaVista Daybreak
Sep 7	Nevada
Sep 12	Humboldt
Sep 13	Neosho
Sep 14	Muskogee Noon
Sep 15	Independence
Sep 19	Ft Smith Southside
Sep 20	Ft Smith
Sep 21	Fayetteville
Sep 22	Poteau
Sep 26	Coffeyville
Sep 27	Frontenac
Sep 28	Chanute
Oct 3	Tulsa Southeast
Oct 4	Grove
Oct 10	Oswego
Oct 11	Ft. Scott
Oct 12	Parsons
Oct 17	Wagoner
Oct 18	Vinita
Oct 19	Carthage
Oct 20	Fredonia
Oct 24	Fayetteville Northside
Oct 25	Cassville
Oct 26	Harrison
Oct 30	Mid Marion County
Oct 31	Rogers
Nov 1	Bull Shoals-Lakeview
Nov 2	Mountain Home
Nov 3	Booneville
Nov 7	Aurora
Nov 8	Rogers Early Risers
Nov 9	Van Buren
Nov 14	Sapulpa
Nov 21	McAlester
Nov 28	Pittsburg Noon
Dec 5	Miami
Dec 12	Ozark
Dec 19	Visit # 77 — Bixby

Websites in Oklahoma, Arkansas

If you log on to www.ric6110.org you'll discover 14 clubs have their own web sites. The most up-to-date sites are Muskogee and McAlester. Dan Allen, secretary in Muskogee, and Bob Duran, secretary in McAlester, are also webmasters for their clubs.

Oklahoma clubs with websites: Claremore, Grove, McAlester, Muskogee Noon, Muskogee Morning, Tulsa (downtown), Wagoner

Arkansas clubs with websites: Bentonville Daybreak, Bull Shoals-Lakeview, Fayetteville, Ft. Smith, Mountain Home, Rogers, Rogers Early Risers



NOT A SPARING MATCH!—

Past Governor Pedro Figueroa (left) from District 4370 in Venezuela and Larry Biron, director of operations at our Medical Supplies Network, discuss details of how the MSNI/CITGO \$527,310 money will be allocated

for 40 Matching Grant proposals being proposed for joint sponsorship by both districts. All details are not finalized, but clubs which have shown interest in participating in an effort to support the Village Banking concept (also being called Microcredit Banking) in Venezuela will be notified within 6 to 8 weeks — “We hope,” Biron says.

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ations need to be confirmed by September 8 by calling Patti Reif, 366-9445. Or by e-mail — rotary@olp.net A registration form is included in this newsletter.

“This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime happening,” says Jack Maxwell Jr., the governor’s special extension representative. “To have such a dynamic past president of Rotary present the charter for a new club may never happen again in this district.”

All 76 club presidents have been asked to send representatives. A special mailing went to them on August 31, according to District Extension committee chairs Richard Mosier of Claremore and Roger Bates of Mid-Marion County (AR) Rotary clubs.

Governors have tried to form a new club in Bixby for more than 12 years. PDG Liggett Lancaster, now deceased, canvassed the area for possible members in 1989-90. Other governors and Rotarian leaders made efforts before that — and more recently Rotary Club of Tulsa surveyed and searched.

This new club is truly significant to District 6110 because it was the effort of one man who rekindled the fire to achieve the goal. Aaron Buerge, a former member of the Joplin Daybreak Rotary Club, called then-Governor Dave Baker in March and asked if it would be possible to start a new Rotary club in Jenks. Baker turned the project over to Gov.-Elect Don Wasson and Buerge and Wasson met for the first effort on March 17, 2000.

Buerge was advised he was “in for a lot of work,” Governor Don recalls telling the young Buerge at the time. Tulsa Rotarian Jack Maxwell Jr., was subsequently appointed by Doug Collins, Tulsa Rotary Club president 1999-00, to head the organizing committee for what was at the outset planned to be the “Tri-Cities Rotary Club.” The concept of including the cities of Jenks, Glenpool and Bixby in one area-type club, however, failed to bring willing members. Other Tulsa-area Rotarians who played a significant role in preparing the “provisional Rotary club” include Homer Paul, Chuck Wilson, Linda Billings, Jim Ver Hoef, and many others. Honorary Rotarian Carroll Fischer, now Insurance Commissioner for Oklahoma, worked many years to help this effort come to pass. Former Rotarian Ericka Sherod — to be a charter member of the club — was also instrumental in organizing the club in addition to the efforts of Buerge.

The newsletter will publish the “charter-member” list next month. As of this writing 32 charter members are on the list, Maxwell says.

Who are these Asst. Governors?

Carla Bryant Farmer says she “loves everything that has to do with KU!”

She has to “rob” time from Rotary to enjoy her favorite pastime — two grandchildren ages 8 months and 4 years. Carla’s daughter, Christa, is married and living in Ft. Scott. Her son Ryan, lives in Tampa, Florida.

Her notable Rotary activities include — in addition to serving for the second year as AG — 1995-96 Ft. Scott club president, MSNI board member, GSE team coordinator in Ft. Scott, Four-Way Speech Contest judge, and her club’s Rotarian of the Year in 1995.

She has been Marketing and Development director for Mercy Hospital in Ft. Scott for 14 years. She currently serves as president of the Ft. Scott Chamber of Commerce, is past president of the Kansas Association of HealthCare Communicators, co-chairs United Way efforts in Ft. Scott, and is a past president of FU chapter of PEO.

She counsels five clubs — Iola and Ft. Scott, KS; Carthage, Lamar, and Nevada, MO.

From the Gov— What’s \$50? Part 2

Last month we talked about \$50 buying movie tickets, popcorn and Coke for four.

Pittsburg Sunrise took the challenge from Rotary Foundation chairman John Brodbeck and became the first club in the district to reach the \$50-per-member contribution level to the Foundation. Congratulations to Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary members. (Foundation story, page 2.)

During my little talk to each Rotary club, I ask every member in the district to give \$50 to The Rotary Foundation’s PolioPlus effort this year. “We have to complete the project of eradicating Polio from the world by the year 2005.”

This request is significant for 3 reasons —
1. The concept of PolioPlus began in

—see “\$50” on page 6



LAMAR DOES IT ALL—The Rotary Club of Lamar stages a series of events every year during the Lamar Free Fair. A “Queen Contest” featuring 39 contestants was held Tuesday evening. Then on Saturday afternoon the winners of the contest lead a parade through downtown. The small photo shows Governor Don and Shirley in front of the Queen Float (all decorated

in blue and gold by Rotarian spouses.) Earlier in the week (Tuesday, Aug. 19) following the governor’s talk with the club, this picture (l to r) of Governor Don, Lamar club president Jeff Gardner, AG Carla Farmer and Past Governor Edison Kaderly was taken. Kaderly says this Rotary-sponsored event is the only one like it in our district.

District 6110 Proposes By-Laws Change

A proposed change to the Manual of Procedure of Rotary International has been submitted by District 6110. The rules change was proposed at the District Conference held in Eureka Springs in April 2000.

The first proposed change reads:

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and is hereby amended as follows (page 262 MOP)

Article VII Attendance

Section 1 — Every member of this club should attend its regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting of this club if such member is present for at least 60 percent of the time devoted for the regular meeting or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

- (a) If at any time within 14 days before or after the usual time for that meeting such member
- (vi) attends a club service project authorized by the board of this club
- (vii) attends district- or club-sponsored events and activities.

The second proposal is a resolution —

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 01-To request the RI Board to consider not excluding a prospective member because he or she is the spouse of a member.

Proposed by the Conference of District 6110, Eureka Springs, Arkansas, USA, April 2000

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider that a prospective member shall not be excluded from membership because he or she is the spouse of a member.

The third proposal is a resolution —

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 01-To amend the definition of honorary membership
Proposed by the Conference of District 6110, Eureka Springs, Arkansas, USA, April 2000

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider changing the definition of honorary membership to include the following statement: “The privileges of honorary membership will be extended to all relocating members in good standing for a period of ninety days after their termination of active membership at their departing club.”

These three proposals will be published in a booklet that will be distributed to club leaders later this year. District 6110 representative PDG Conaly Bedell will represent out district in Chicago at the Council on Legislation April 23-27, 2001.

RI Convention Package

When a Rotary International Convention is this close to home – San Antonio, Texas—interest swells in District 6110. This convention could be “sold out”! Horizons Unlimited has arranged two tour/convention packages leaving June 23, and returning June 28, 2001 to the RI convention. Prices are: \$685 or \$1095 (depending on accommodations and whether you fly or go by bus) based on double occupancy. Bus travel lodging at Drury Inn and Suites Riverwalk. Air travel lodging at Hyatt Regency Riverwalk.

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Sat, June 23 depart

Sun, June 24 full day tour, lunch, etc

Mon, June 25 Rotary Convention

Tues, June 26 Rotary Convention

Evening, ranch b-b-q

Wed, June 27 Rotary Convention

Afternoon visit to see Rotary projects

Evening—closing ceremony

Thurs, June 28 Return to Tulsa

Both tours include: Roundtrip travel, two tours, 5 nights lodging, use of motorcoach in San Antonio, BBQ at Texan Ranch, 16.75% hotel tax, escort. Contact Horizons Unlimited Travel Services (918) 494-9995 or 1-800-458-4887 or <http://www.horizonstravel.net/groups/risanantonio.html>

Things you might not know

- Money isn't made out of paper, it's made out of cotton.
- The continents names all end with the same letter with which they start.
- It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- Vatican City is the smallest country in the world, with a population of 1000 and a size of 108.7 acres
- The word racecar and kayak are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left.

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(Bombay) three days later, and went to the restroom (which was a hole in the floor) I had an alarming sense of realization that I was in a foreign environment.”



Paul Harris Fellow (and Arkansas Athletic Director) Frank Broyles is excited about the Razorback's football future. He reported to a packed house of Rotarians from Bentonville, BellaVista, and Rogers on the renovation of Razorback Stadium – now named the Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium. The noon meeting was in the Clarion Hotel in Bentonville August 22. PDG Dick Trammel says over 300 were in attendance and “we turned away more than a hundred.” Broyles promised, “No one will want to bring a visiting team here. It's going to be too loud and too vocal.” Broyles was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Springdale Rotary Club during its 75th Anniversary celebration last spring.



Auction on the District Web Site – The Eureka Springs Rotary Club is posting many of the auction items on the District Web Site – www.ri6110.org – prior to its September 9 event. The bidding will follow a similar pattern used when the Youth Exchange auction was held prior to the District Conference in April. The club hopes to help raise \$12,000 which will defray the first year's mortgage payments on an expanded Carnegie Library in Eureka Springs.



This is a new one on me! Have you heard of International Inner Wheel? Well, I had not heard of it either. It's an entirely autonomous organization of Rotary spouses, widows, mothers, daughters, and sisters of Rotarians. It counts 102,000 members worldwide. Their objective is to (1) promote true friendship, (2) encourage the ideals of personal service, and (3) foster international understanding. If you want more information contact Yvonne Lutenbacher, 453 Glendale Drive, Metairie, LA 70001. (504) 837-8053.



If you make up your attendance in Pryor, OK, make a note of this. When there are five Fridays in any given month, Pryor traditionally skips the fifth Friday meeting. September is one of those months – 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th. But the rules are changed this time. They're skipping the first Friday, according to secretary Cathy Webster, “so vacationers can have a long Labor Day weekend.” The club will meet on the 29th of September. Those of you who know Cathy will be glad to hear that her foot cancer surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, was successful. She returned to have the cast removed on August 18th.



RYLA camp is officially set for April 5-8, 2001 at the Salvation Army's Heart o' the Hills camp near Tahlequah. Your club will be notified of the process about October 1. During club visits I have cautioned RYLA sponsors to be sure and identify students early and get the applications in on time. If you're not aware, the camp was sold out last year. Fifty-four clubs sent 153 high school juniors for what has turned out to be a significant achievement for these students. The camp is being expanded by one-half day to accommodate more students. Ralph Holmes, one of the organizers, says that seven students actually skipped their own high school prom to attend the leadership training session. That's saying something!



A 3-year effort on the part of Rotarians at the Morning Club in Muskogee is about to bear fruit. President Tim Holder and I agreed this month that since the club (all eight members) has raised \$11,000 to help fund a project in Kenya, Africa, to provide an ambulance and other two-wheel (bicycle) transportation, for a medical facility there – it's time to Take Action. The club's dream is about to come true and the money raised, when coupled with financial help from your district and The Rotary Foundation, the Matching Grant proposal could provide \$44,974 in funds for Nairobi-East Rotary Club to supervise.



Fayetteville Rotarians did their usual trash pick up project on the road in front of the local school in August – just before school sessions began. President (Queen) Barbara Prichard says 40 club members showed up to work that morning “and we were done in 45 minutes.” Some projects don't have to last forever, do they Barbara?

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CREATE AWARENESS — TAKE ACTION

2000-2001

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Attendance figures for July 2000

	Attendance %	Members 6/30/00	Current Members	Goal 4-1-01
Aurora, MO	49.	30	31	38
Bartlesville, OK	74.8	147	145	160
Bartlesville Daybreak	61.5	66	65	72
Bentonville, AR	NR	95	95	?
Bentonville Daybreak	NR	22	21	?
Berryville, AR	90.	31	31	35
Booneville, AR	74.3	41	41	?
Bristow, OK	63.	29	29	35
Broken Arrow, OK	61.5	72	72	85
Bull Shoals/Lakeview, AR	80.1	57	54	63
Carthage, MO	60.1	103	102	?
Cassville, MO	56.	58	59	?
Chanute, KS	48.8	45	44	?
Claremore, OK	63.8	83	83	?
Claremore Reveille	72.4	31	29	42
Coffeyville, KS	60.	61	61	?
Drumright, OK	84.2	25	25	30
Eureka Springs, AR	74.5	52	53	60
Fayetteville, AR	77.1	198	195	?
Ft. Scott, KS	53.	58	58	?
Ft. Smith, AR	57.9	127	120	138
Ft. Smith Southside	78.	37	37	?
Fredonia, KS	72.	23	23	?
Frontenac, KS	62.5	38	27	?
Grove, OK	59.7	73	72	?
Harrison, AR	69.3	86	84	89
Henryetta, OK	83.	27	27	35
Humbolt, KS	NR	28	28	?
Independence, KS	69.	64	60	?
Iola, KS	73.2	42	37	45
Joplin, MO	73.	154	148	159
Joplin Daybreak	70.7	65	64	68
Lamar, MO	75.	69	68	75
McAlester, OK	71.1	96	92	?
Miami, OK	62.3	92	92	?
Mid-Marion Co., AR	56.	34	33	38
Mountain Home, AR	85.7	85	80	?
Mt. Vernon, MO	70.	31	32	45
Muskogee, OK	53.7	60	57	?
Muskogee Morning	87.5	8	8	13
Neodesha, KS	65.	25	25	?
Neosho, MO	64.	54	54	54
Nevada, MO	NR	104	104	120
N. Fayetteville, AR	60.	94	94	?
Nowata, OK	63.	9	9	14
Okmulgee, OK	46.	34	33	40
Oswego, KS	59.	17	16	?
Owasso, OK	70.	31	31	40
Ozark, AR	81.	25	24	?
Paris, AR	79.	28	28	33
Parsons, KS	70.	48	46	54
Pittsburg, KS	58.9	93	93	?
Pittsburg Sunrise	76.	42	42	47
Poteau, OK	66.	50	50	?
Pryor, OK	82.4	43	44	49
Rogers, AR	78.5	112	116	?
Rogers Early Risers	60.	55	56	?
Sand Springs, OK	63.3	97	110	115
Sapulpa, OK	52.	62	62	?
Siloam Springs, AR	50.	57	58	57
Skiatook, OK	64.	32	32	35
Southeast Tulsa, OK	82.3	70	70	?
Southside Tulsa, OK	93.2	59	59	101
Springdale, AR	68.	118	121	133
Sunrise of Tulsa, OK	83.	65	64	72
Tahlequah, Cher. Co., OK	54.4	39	38	47
Tulsa After Hours, OK	72.2	17	18	30
Tulsa Central, OK	68.7	20	20	25
Tulsa Green Country	NR	23	23	38
Tulsa Northside	55.	41	33	40
Tulsa, OK	77.	444	452	475
Van Buren, AR	68.	57	55	?
Vinita, OK	50.	43	43	?
Wagoner, OK	67.5	38	40	?
Webb City-Carl Jct., MO	69.1	39	39	55
Will Rogers, Tulsa, OK	62.	78	76	85
Total:	71.	4760	4332	

'Character' project gets two awards

A project to instill "character" in the citizens of Bartlesville ended up achieving its goal and The Rotary Club of Bartlesville received two awards from Past Governor Dave Baker – Public Relations and Significant Achievement.

Baker says the "Community of Character" project sponsored by the club created so much community awareness in the media that he "just had to give Bartlesville" both commendations. Past President Mike Long and club members were presented the certificates June 19.

The "character" concept featured 10 consecutive months of media publicity, billboard throughout the city, and featured these "themes" – Citizenship, respect, responsibility, gratitude, joyfulness, compassion, honesty, fairness, trust, self-control. The program was launched in September when Rotarians were joined by co-sponsors – City of Bartlesville, Bartlesville schools, Bartlesville police department, Chamber of Commerce, and Tri-County Technology Center.

One quotation from the program says, "REMEMBER: Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful and committed people can change the world. In fact it is the only thing that ever has!"

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this district in the mind of PDG Dr. Ben Saltzman. It was nurtured at Rotary International by our own PDG Mike Pedrick (now deceased) when he was on the Board of Directors of RI in the early 1980s.

2. \$50 per member (\$250,000) would leave just one more awesome legacy in the world of Rotary from District 6110.

3. Fully one-third of today's Rotary members were not involved in the massive fund-raising efforts of the late 1980s. Those newer members would be significant partners by joining this final effort.

—Governor Don Wasson

Duplicate for your members!!!

Registration Form for Bixby Charter Banquet

All Rotarians and Guests are invited to share the beginning of District 6110's 77th Rotary Club

Saturday, September 23, 2000

Cash Bar 6 p.m. – Dinner 7 p.m. Business Attire

Tulsa Downtown Doubletree, 616 W. 7th Street, Tulsa, OK 74127

Please PRINT information on the form and return it with your check or money order.

REGISTRANT _____ SPOUSE/GUEST _____

ROTARY CLUB: _____ HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ EMAIL: _____

Bixby Rotary Club Charter Banquet \$ 40 X (number of tickets) _____ = _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

*Make Check Payable To: Rotary Club of Bixby and send to (Please respond by Sept 8, 2000): Patti Reif, Box 957, Bixby, OK 74008 E-Mail Rotary@olp.net, Phone 918-366-9445
HOTEL RESERVATIONS — 918-587-8000 (Toll Free 1-800-222-TREE) fax—918-587-1642
Hotel Rate is \$74.00 Single/Double with upgrades possible*

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Create Awareness – Take Action

Rotary District 6110 “Children At Risk” Seminar

Featuring Childrens’ Advocates & Authorities From 4 States and RI Past President Jim Lacy

Sat., Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Downtown Doubletree Hotel, 616 W. 7th Street, Tulsa, OK 74127

Please PRINT information on the form and return it with your check or money order.

REGISTRANT _____ **SPOUSE/GUEST** _____

ROTARY CLUB: _____ HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ EMAIL: _____

Lacy Luncheon 12:00 Noon \$25 X _____ = _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

Make Check Payable To: Rotary District 6110 Seminar and send to: Bob Newkirk, Seminar Registrar, 7802 S. 69th Place , Tulsa, OK 74133
e-mail – NEWTULOK@AOL.COM (918) 496-8172

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Tornado damages bring financial help from 6110

Kelly Rector, president of the Rotary Club of Parsons, sends his club's "thanks" to the district for a generous donation to the club's disaster relief project following the tornado that just about wiped out the central business district of that city last spring.

"Our club has added \$5,000," Kelly says, and "we plan to make a public presentation to the local chapter of the Red Cross in the near future."

Past Governor Dave Baker's efforts at alerting the Rotary world of the disaster helped bring funds to Parsons, Rector says. The district contribution came from the dues of all Rotarians in District 6110. "The community is slowly but surely getting back to normal," Kelly observes.

Blane Immunization Grants Stress partnering

A new pilot program — first announced in our district last December — is available from the Rotary Foundation. The trustees of the Rotary Foundation hope to improve immunization levels in our communities. However, a club must form a coalition with another organization — such as the city or county health department — to receive the grant. Grants are available to United States clubs only. Additional resources are available by contacting the RI Publication Order Service (847) 866-4600, fax (847) 866-3276. Brochure (119-EN), or *A Guide to the Rotary Foundation's Blane Community Immunization Project* (124-EN) — a 20-page resource booklet. Or you can download applications from the web at www.rotary.org

Many of you already know this, but the initial idea for this Immunization initiative came from Rotarian Bill Crews, a member of the Tulsa Southside Rotary Club. Bill died in February 2000. One of Bill's best Rotary friends, Jack Blane, carries on the work started over 15 years ago.

12 Fireside Chats have spawned ideas

Governor Don and wife Shirley have spent 12 special evenings with Rotarians during the first 7 weeks of this year.

You never know what the outcome is going to be until newer members, current officers and interested members have had their say. One new member asked the question, "How do you make up?" That sparked lots of discussion as the leadership in the club realized it's time for "Rotary 101".

Another new Rotarian confided he would have been gone from the club had someone not asked him to be the Organ Donor Awareness Chair.

Topics have ranged from mentoring newer members to how we can recruit new ones. But it has become apparent, at least to this governor, that membership recruitment without nurturing and caring for the new member is a failed program.

Some meetings have truly been a fireside gathering. At Pittsburg Sunrise, hostess Gail LaBarr filled the family fireplace with candles. Rotarians at Joplin Daybreak titled their meeting "Fanside Chat."

Clubs sponsoring the new-member training events are (through Aug. 18)— Drumright, Pittsburg Sunrise, Iola, Tulsa After-Hours, Claremore Reveille, Rotary Club of Tulsa, Eureka Springs, Joplin and Joplin Daybreak, Muskogee Morning, North Tulsa, and Pryor have all held the 1-1/2 to 2-hour sessions.

As governor, it's impossible to participate in a fireside chat with every club the evening before the official visit — especially at clubs meeting on Monday — but we see the opportunity to sit in on 35-40 before the "Official Visit Tour" is completed at Ozark, Arkansas December 12th. Don't wait for the governor to come to your club to organize this type meeting with your newer members. We promise your club leadership as well as the new members will both get "training" before the evening is over.

One helpful tool we have been using at these meetings is the booklet *ABCs of Rotary*. It's available from the secretariat in Evanston, as well as a download from the internet at <http://www.fim.unilinz.ac.at/RC-Urfahr/rotabc1.htm> It is chocked full of information and ideas that can be used at Fireside Chats.

—Governor Don Wasson



Ft. Smith Rotarians have new Club Office

Ft. Smith Rotary Club needed an office. Fred Williams, Assistant Governor, came to the rescue. He gave the club a large room in a restored ice house which he owns. The old ice house is part of the Historic District of Ft. Smith.

Fred owns a block in the Historic District. The ice house is his main office. It was built in 1896 to store ice cut from the Arkansas River. The adjoining home is the second oldest house in Ft. Smith.

Ft. Smith Rotarians launched the administration of Monsignor Royce Thomas, president 2000-2001, at their July 5th meeting. One Youth Exchange student attended before returning to Hungary; another Exchange student was presented her Rotary jacket before leaving for a year in India, and yet another District scholar was at Rotary that week before leaving for Costa Rica.

Yet another "happening" at the first meeting for President Thomas was the presentation of a \$2,000 check from the club to the Boys Club director to support a mentoring program. The money was raised by Rotarians at their annual auction.

—Bill Kirk, past president