



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


December is... "Happy Holidays!"


Comments on District 6110


Shirley and I wish each of you a most happy holiday season. "Count your blessings, name them one by one," as the old Methodist hymn goes. Now we take time to reflect



on these past five months of visiting clubs and members. We're blessed to have had the experience. Thanks to each one of you for your kindness, caring and for your prayers.

 During the annual report to the College of Governors on December 2, I noted that clubs across this district have committed to nearly 700 new members for Rotary this year. RI President Frank Devlyn would be so proud of each of you for accepting his *21st Century Challenge* to grow your club by a net five members this year.

 And I'm proud too. At the Zone Institute in Montgomery, AL two weeks ago our district received recognition as one of the Pioneer Districts in Rotary for our support of the Peace Scholarship initiative. We're one of only 38 districts in the world to make this commitment. One of only two from Zones 29-30 which represents 24 districts across most of Mid-America.

 RI President Frank Devlyn's visit to our district in February is an opportunity for each of you to meet this dynamic man. His concept of *Create Awareness - Take Action* really fits his personal-

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RI President Devlyn's visit features two meetings and tour of MSNI warehouse

Final plans are complete for RI President Frank Devlyn's visit to District 6110 on February 7, 2001, according to chairs Grant Easterling and Tom Clark. Both serve the district as Assistant Governors.

All Tulsa-area clubs will reschedule their regular weekly meeting to Wednesday, Feb. 7 at the Tulsa Downtown DoubleTree Hotel at 11:30 a.m. Parking will be available in the hotel's facility. All district Rotarians are invited to attend.

President Frank will present the program at noon. Adjournment is set for 1 p.m.

Following the noon luncheon, President Frank will tour the District Medical Supply Warehouse. His personal interest in getting medical supplies into Red Cross hospitals in Mexico will be discussed.

At 6 p.m. a reception and dinner will be held at Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa. All members of the district are invited to the evening meeting with President Frank. Rotarians who have made major contributions to The Rotary Foundation through Paul Harris Fellowships, the Bequest Society, or as a Major Donor will be honored during the reception. A casual dinner is planned – no major speeches, etc. Adjournment will be about 8:30 p.m.

On Thursday morning President Frank will leave for Oklahoma City

Clifford and Clark tapped For District Governor service

Ed Clifford III and Tom Clark were named District Governors for the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, respectively, at the annual meeting of the College of Governors in Springdale, AR on December 2. Clifford is a member of the Bentonville Bella Vista Rotary Club, Clark was nominated by the Tulsa Sunrise club. Both are past presidents of their clubs.

Both Rotarians have served as Assistant Governors as part of the 1998-adopted District Leadership Plan. One of the objectives of the plan is to train future district governors. "This is a high-water mark in achieving this objective," PDG Bob Melott said following the selection of the two AGs.

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Final push to eradicate polio

Rotarians from across mid-America heard a Polio update from Bob Keegan from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, during the November 14-19 Rotary Zone Institute in Montgomery, AL. "Half of all the reported polio cases in the world were in India during years 1998-1999," Keegan said. Other points of concentration during the final "push" to eradicate polio are in Cambodia and Africa.

"Rotarians make doors open to get the vaccine to the children," Keegan claimed. He noted that two of the most difficult locations to reach are in Somalia and Cambodia. The

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Who are these Asst. Governors?

Rotarians from the Ft. Smith area know Fred O. Williams well. Even though he is a member of the Ft. Smith "Downtown" club, you might see him at Poteau, Van Buren, or Ft. Smith Southside just as often. (Of course he's supposed to be there since these clubs are his "responsibility" as an Assistant Governor.)

Actually, Fred O. has been intimately involved with all area clubs for years and years. He was a Governor's Representative prior to the District Leadership Plan that was instituted in 1998.

He is a past president of Ft. Smith, a Paul Harris Fellow and also a Foundation Benefactor. Fred has served on the District GSE committee, and advised this last year in developing proposals for the 2000 Rotary Council on Legislation.

Fred also works!

As president of Williams/Crawford Ad Agency he serves clients like Taco Bell, Coca-Cola, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Golden Corral. When not "doing" Rotary or guiding clients in their advertising endeavors, Fred and wife Shirley are raising four children and registered Angus cattle on the family farm located in Van Buren. Children are Jackson, 18; Katie, 17; Olivia, 15; and Elizabeth, 10.

The Williams' were recently named the Northwest Arkansas Farm Family of the Year.

Rotary's Council on Legislation set to consider 1047 proposals

Past RI President Carlo Ravizza's words about "changing what we don't like in Rotary" has produced a record number of legislative issues (1,047) to be dealt with at the Council on Legislation April 21-27, 2001, in Chicago, Illinois.

Many of the proposals have to do with membership, classification, elimination of territorial limits, and proportional voting (one vote at the Council for every 500 members in a district – or major portion thereof). Under this suggested new rule, District 6110 would receive ten votes.

Today the Council consists of one representative per District, nearly always a past Governor. PDG Conaly Bedell from Ft. Smith will represent us. Alternate is PDG George Paden from Sand Springs. This selection was made at the District Conference in April 2000.

One proposal from our district that will be considered by the Council is a way to make membership in Rotary "portable". The issue would provide a mechanism for Rotary membership to be retained for 90 days following a members' departure from one club (city) to another.

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Club notes...

Pittsburg Sunrise – The club recently concluded a 6-week food drive benefiting the Wesley House food pantry. Club members brought various food and personal items to Wednesday morning meetings. Designations such as "Super Soup Day" and "Charmin' Charmin' Day" guided members as to what to bring to each meeting. In addition the club gave \$200 to help the food bank prepare Thanksgiving baskets.

Pittsburg Noon – President Terry Diebolt has been transferred to Topeka, KS by his employer Southwestern Bell. The club's board of directors has developed a unique way to finish President Terry's year. Two past presidents – Brian Jones and Jeff Wilbert – will each serve 3-month terms to complete this Rotary year. Then President-elect Jeff Elliott's term will begin as usual on July 1, 2001. Jones and Wilbert assured Diebolt that they would complete the forms so Diebolt could receive the Presidential Citation from Rotary International.

Tulsa Southside – The club bulletin – the *Southsider* – is now being transmitted electronically to members. President-Elect Dave Connor (club tradition puts the president-elect in the office of bulletin editor) says he has received lots of help. The cost-savings will be tremendous, but more importantly instant communication via email lets the bulletin have last-minute capabilities that are not possible with regular mail. If you'd like to be on the list of recipients, contact Rotarian Keith James at calfrey@bcctulsa.com

Aurora – The club will celebrate its 75th anniversary this month. It's the only club we've ever heard of that was originally chartered on Christmas Day – December 25! But that is what happened in 1925. Governor Don and Shirley attended a bet-payoff dinner for Aurora and Mt. Vernon November 28. The two clubs had made a bet as to who could gain the most new members in the first half of this Rotary year. Aurora lost. Approximately 35 members from both clubs enjoyed a barbecue dinner with wine and cheese.

Joplin – The club inducted 10 new members in late November. President Mike Gilpin's goal of reaching 200 members could become a reality, according to Assistant Governor Charles Keeter.

Cassville – President Mike Schlichtman's club is preparing a 501(c)3 tax deductible foundation within their Rotary Club to receive charitable contributions. Soon the club will "own" the local rodeo grounds.

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DISTRICT SUPPORT – Rotarians from our vast district have provided \$50,000 to support the new Rotary Foundation “Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution.” As one of the first districts in the world of Rotary to underwrite this new initiative from the Rotary Foundation, our district has been named a “Rotary Centers Pioneer District.” Governor Don Wasson, left, along with Governor-Elect Fred H. Baker, right, received a commendation from Rotary

Foundation Trustee Carmine L. Torsiello and Past RI President Jim Lacy at a Zone Institute meeting in Montgomery, AL on Nov. 18. Other district Rotarians in attendance were PDGs Dave Baker, John Brodbeck, Don Walker, Edison Kaderly, and Medical Supplies Network founder Jack Maxwell. District 6110 was only one of two to be named a “Pioneer District” in Zones 29-30 which includes most of mid-America, Governor Wasson said.

“Heart of America” breakfast designed for District Rotarians

Convention-goers always enjoy renewing friendships. Those who attend the Rotary International Convention in San Antonio, TX June 24-27, 2001, will have an ideal opportunity when over 800 members from the “heartland” of America gather on Tuesday morning.

District 6110's Rotary Men of Note have been invited to entertain.

PDG Don Walker is chair and ticket sales person for the event. He will soon have tickets available. Contact him at ddwcars@aol.com, or phone 918-743-4907, 2610 E. 33 St., Tulsa, 74105.

USA Rotarian Insurance Liability will be universal under new plan

In June 2000, then-DGE Don Wasson conducted a survey among Rotary clubs in the district as to their desires about insurance liability for clubs and those clubs' activities. Response was almost universal that we should cover ourselves with the best insurance available.

Following that “direction” from the club leaders, the District purchased a \$2 million liability policy at a cost of \$2.68 per member. Many were shocked that the district budget would be impacted to the tune of over \$13,000 to provide this coverage. But the rationale of just one accident, or one incident during a club-sponsored event, and the “sue-at-the-drop-of-a-hat” mentality of today's society made the decision an easy one.

District 6110 was not the only one impacted.

For over 19 months the Rotary International Board of Directors, led by our own Zone Director Mark Daniel Maloney, has pursued a way for all clubs and members to receive liability coverage at a more affordable cost.

The “cost” has not been determined exactly. Director Maloney announced at the Zone Institute in Montgomery, AL, November 15-19, that “there will be an approximate savings of 25%” over what districts – just like 6110 – have been paying.

Procedures for collecting insurance premiums will now be something like this:

1. All premiums will be paid to Rotary International. An in-house insurance agency will be organized with catastrophic coverage purchased by RI from an outside firm.
2. When club secretaries make their Semi-Annual Report July 1, 2001, an amount (yet to be determined but estimated to be about \$2 per member) will be paid directly to Rotary International.
3. District 6110 dues will be reduced by a similar amount. That issue will be covered during the District Assembly business session March 24, 2001.

Time to elect 2001-02 officers

The standard Rotary Club Constitution states that clubs are to hold an election of officers no later than 31 December of each year.

This is not only important to comply with the club's Constitution and by-laws, but to give the new officers time to start planning for the next year and to be able to provide the names of incoming officers to the District and to Rotary International.

Each club should have a copy of the "Officer Report Form" as sent to club secretaries in late October. If your club has had a change in the secretary position this Rotary year, the form probably has been lost. **Please contact DGE Fred Baker, 4 Glen Haven Drive, Ft. Smith, AR 72901. Phone 501-783-3556, or email at fredhbaker@aol.com**

Each club should have a copy of its own Constitution and By-Laws. However, if this document cannot be found, the information is in the Manual of Procedure at Article IV Section 2, page 254. Instructions on how the elections are to be conducted are in Club By-Laws Article I, page 267.

As soon as new officers are selected they should make plans to attend P.E.T.S. and District Assembly on March 23-24, 2001, in Springdale, AR at the Holiday Inn.

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Others attending the Council as non-voting members are all Past Presidents of RI, the RI Board, members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, one Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, and others.

Following the Council, a new Manual of Procedure reflecting any changes in Club Constitutions, By-Laws and other rules of Rotary will be issued by Rotary International.

Each member of Rotary has paid \$1 in additional dues this year (approximately \$1.2 million) to support the Council. However, cost overruns because of the massive amount of legislative issues to be printed and mailed to all clubs in the world will push total expenses for the session to over \$3,000,000.

In 1954 the Council met from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to deal with 34 pieces of legislation. At the 1998 New Delhi, India, meeting, 282 pieces of legislation were considered. RI reports that 80% of the representatives this year – from 530 districts all over the world — will be first timers.

Other issues that will be discussed include:

1. Change membership rules to only two types – "active" and "honorary".
2. Pilot projects for a new type of Rotary club where the traditional rules would be set aside.
3. Elimination of territorial limits as now held by Rotary clubs. Under many of the proposals being presented only a "locality" would be named and other Rotary clubs could be organized within that area. Geographical requirements would remain for membership.
4. Council on Legislation frequency. Possibly every fourth or fifth year. This year's \$3,000,000 anticipated expense – including a sixth day to consider proposals – has RI leaders worrying about the enormous expense of conducting the Council.

The first Council met in conjunction with the 1934 RI Convention in Detroit. The Council met annually for 20 years, then biennially for the next 20 years and triennially since 1974. Beginning in 1960 the district's representative could be the governor, a past governor, or the incoming governor. After 1974, an incoming governor was allowed to serve only if the governor certified that no other qualified Rotarian was available. This change, plus the rotation of Council sites around the world and the 1983 provision for subvention of expenses, have significantly impacted the composition of the Council.

—PDG David P. Baker

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Clifford is with Wal-Mart as that company's division replenishment manager. Clark is assistant head of school at Riverfield Country Day School in Tulsa. Both men have extensive experience in Rotary. Clifford has been a member of the Bentonville Bella Vista club for 14 years. Currently he is treasurer and a board member. Clark was first a member of Rotary in Colorado Springs, CO in 1972. He has been in Tulsa 19 years. Clark works with his spouse, Marty, at Riverfield. Clifford's wife Joan is also active in civic affairs of Bentonville.

Both will be intensely involved in district activities during the years prior to their actual service. Also, they will represent District 6110 at International Conventions and Institutes prior to their term as governor.



HARRISON HEIFER – Club President Marcille Lawrence shows off the Harrison Holstein Heifer (replica) which is helping raise funds to support fresh water and agricultural projects in the Mekong Delta area of Thailand. She is joined by Niwatchai Suknaphasawat, Heifer Project International director, and Pramote Eua-Amnuay from the Chiang Mai Rotary Club in Thailand. Rotarian Eua-Amnuay is also a Rotary International Director. The visitors were in Harrison last month to see the effort which will provide \$20,000 to help people in Thailand. President Marcille

says that the "heifer" just might show up in anyone's yard and before the Rotary Club will move it, the homeowner is asked to make a donation to the project. ("Of course, things are somewhat prearranged before the heifer is placed in the yard," she notes.)

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Somalia challenge concerns the war and fighting going on in the country. In Cambodia there are 100s of thousands of children who live in floating cities. "Rotary rented 500 boats so volunteers could seek out the children who were given the polio vaccine," he said. In Somalia, Keegan believes it will be Rotarians who negotiate a "peace" so a National Immunization Day can be held to inoculate the children of that country.

Keegan, whose official title is Deputy Director of the Vaccine-Preventable Disease Eradication Division of CDC, also noted that many partners are involved in these final days of completing the Rotary-initiated goal. "We have the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Ted Turner and many nations providing money. But it is Rotary that makes doors to open to get the vaccine to the people."

Governor Don Wasson is asking every Rotarian in the district to contribute \$50 to The Rotary Foundation this year to help eradicate polio. "Do you realize the magnitude of this 15-year project?" Wasson asks during his presentation to Rotary Clubs, "This is only the second disease – in all the history of man – to be taken out of the world. The first was smallpox."



AURORA, MO Rotary Club President Eric Siefried (left) and Mt. Vernon President Bill Lee check out a circa 1929 "Rotary Boys Band" banner the club recently discovered during an archaeological "dig" in Aurora. Siefried says he plans to "fly" the banner at the District Conference in April at Tulsa. All Rotary clubs in the district have agreed to bring their banners to hang in the largest display of Rotary club banners to ever fly in the United States. Governor Don is in the center of the photo.

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ity! Hope you'll put that day on your calendar now – February 7, 2001. See another article in this issue.



To see two of our Assistant Governors – Ed Clifford from Bentonville and Tom Clark from Tulsa Sunrise – rise from the ranks to be nominated as District Governor was a real thrill for me. Our "District Leadership Plan" is working. Thanks to all who have worked on this project over the past five or six years.

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Berryville – Interest in the PolioPlus initiative of The Rotary Foundation – as nurtured by Eureka Springs Rotarian Louis Epley, Jr. – has resulted in four Paul Harris Fellows from the club. President Mary Lou Harp, all Rotarians congratulate your club members for their support of The Foundation.

Tulsa Green Country – Past President Judy Houskeeper has organized and helped raise funds in her club to support a Rotary Foundation Matching Grants proposal to deliver over \$20,000 in books to Guatemala. She is even going to that Central America country in February to see that the project is completed as planned.

McAlester – A 24-year-long project to enhance the Rotary Park in McAlester continues. Now the club is in the final days of raising \$80,000 to remodel, enlarge and outfit an old home adjacent to the hospital. The home will be a "home-away-from-home" for those with family members receiving cancer treatments at the McAlester hospital. And, if you're looking for an awesome display of Christmas lights, drive down Carl Albert Boulevard in McAlester. Not exactly a Rotary project, but one in which Rotarians are intimately involved.

Tulsa AfterHours – This club's annual fundraiser, a golf tournament, raised \$14,300 for the Tulsa Community Food Bank. The event was held October 26 at White Hawk Golf and Country Club in south Tulsa County. President Marvin Jin reports that corporate sponsors such as Williams Energy, Eli Lilly, Pfizer, Alza, Bristol Meyers, Glaxowellcome, Astra Zeneca an Wyeth-Ayerst put the project into such high dollars. Bob Cacy was director of the event.

Nowata – President Sandy Moore reports the club is moving its meeting to noon (instead of the previous early-morning agenda). She also reports a 25% membership gain – 2. The club has raised its membership from 8 to 10 in its quest to meet the *21st Membership Challenge* from RI President Frank Devlyn. He's asking every club in the world to grow its membership by 5.

Owasso – President Jon Roberts reports three new members this month. The club has been to the Medical Supplies Network warehouse for a Saturday-morning work session, completed its chili supper prior to the Owasso-Tahlequah football game, and prepared the traditional Thanksgiving food baskets for needy families in the Owasso area. Roberts also announces the club has moved its meeting to Bailey Ranch Golf Club west of the city. Bailey Ranch is a real estate development on land owned by now-deceased Tulsa Rotarian Larkin Bailey.

Sand Springs – The club's annual Bean Dinner will be December 8. All proceeds go to the less fortunate of the community. District 6110's Men of Note will perform for the 24th (?) consecutive year.

Rotary Club of Tulsa – *The Tulsa Gasser* reports in its December issue that its membership is at 443 – and that makes the club the 17th largest in the world of Rotary. Rotary International lists 26 clubs with 400 or more members ranging from San Antonio – the largest – at 751, to Tacoma, WA at 403.

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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	60.	31	30	38	Muskogee, OK	46.4	57	59	65
Bartlesville, OK	72.6	147	153	160	Muskogee Morning	92.5	8	8	13
Bartlesville Daybreak	65.	69	58	72	Neodesha, KS	64.	24	25	30
Bentonville, AR	74.2	88	95	100	Neosho, MO	64.	51	54	54
Bentonville Daybreak	NR	22	24	30	Nevada, MO	48.	107	112	120
Berryville, AR	90.	32	31	35	N. Fayetteville, AR	62.	94	95	99
Bixby, OK	NA	NA	32	50	North Tulsa	60.	33	33	40
Booneville, AR	82.5	41	43	46	Nowata, OK	76.	9	9	14
Bristow, OK	70.	29	31	35	Okmulgee, OK	56.	34	35	40
Broken Arrow, OK	70.9	78	72	85	Oswego, KS	70.	16	13	19
Bull Shoals/Lakeview, AR	87.8	52	54	63	Owasso, OK	75.	31	33	40
Carthage, MO	72.2	100	104	106	Ozark, AR	82.	26	24	?
Cassville, MO	49.	60	57	63	Paris, AR	76.	28	28	33
Chanute, KS	62.	43	43	50	Parsons, KS	62.	45	46	54
Claremore, OK	84.1	83	86	90	Pittsburg, KS	65.5	93	93	100
Claremore Reveille	84.	27	28	42	Pittsburg Sunrise	88.	41	45	47
Coffeyville, KS	64.7	60	63	66	Poteau, OK	73.	49	46	54
Drumright, OK	83.2	25	25	30	Pryor, OK	86.3	44	45	49
Eureka Springs, AR	82.7	52	48	60	Rogers, AR	84.2	112	119	130
Fayetteville, AR	73.1	195	199	200	Rogers Early Risers	70.	58	57	70
Ft. Scott, KS	58.	58	63	66	Sand Springs, OK	75.	112	109	115
Ft. Smith, AR	NR	123	120	133	Sapulpa, OK	55.	62	63	67
Ft. Smith Southside	NR	33	37	41	Siloam Springs, AR	60.	56	57	57
Fredonia, KS	72.	30	23	30	Skiatook, OK	60.6	31	34	35
Frontenac, KS	72.2	27	28	44	Southeast Tulsa, OK	79.7	70	68	74
Grove, OK	58.	73	75	88	Southside Tulsa, OK	92.1	83	90	101
Harrison, AR	69.	84	86	89	Springdale, AR	58.	118	121	133
Henryetta, OK	71.7	27	31	35	Sunrise of Tulsa, OK	79.	64	66	72
Humbolt, KS	NR	20	28	33	Tahlequah, Cher. Co., OK	57.	38	39	47
Independence, KS	60.	64	64	67	Tulsa After Hours, OK	60.	16	18	30
Iola, KS	67.	37	39	45	Tulsa Central, OK	NR	20	20	25
Joplin, MO	82.3	147	149	159	Tulsa Green Country	NR	24	23	38
Joplin Daybreak	68.5	64	63	68	Tulsa, OK	80.	443	452	475
Lamar, MO	90.	71	70	75	Van Buren, AR	72.	55	57	60
McAlester, OK	71.2	89	91	100	Vinita, OK	58.	43	44	48
Miami, OK	69.7	91	94	100	Wagoner, OK	73.	36	43	46
Mid-Marion Co., AR	73.	32	33	38	Webb City-Carl Jct., MO	82.9	42	38	55
Mountain Home, AR	88.4	76	79	95	Will Rogers, Tulsa, OK	74.	76	75	85
Mt. Vernon, MO	66.	33	33	45	Total:	71.	4762	4846	+657

Why did the chicken cross the road?

Vice President Al Gore – I fight for the chickens and I am fighting for the chickens right now. I will not give up on the chickens crossing the road! I will fight for the chickens and I will not disappoint them.

Governor George W. Bush – I don't believe we need to get the chickens across the road. I say give the road to the chickens and let them decide. The government needs to let go of strangling the chickens so they can get across the road.

Senator Lieberman – I believe that every chicken has the right to worship their God in their own way. Crossing the road is a spiritual journey and no chicken should be denied the right to cross the road in their own way.

Secretary Cheney – Chickens are big-time because they have wings. They could fly if they wanted to. Chickens don't want to cross the road. They don't need help crossing the road. In fact, I'm not interested in crossing the road myself!

Colonel Sanders – I missed one?

—Tulsa Sunriser