

"Broken Arrow Rotary: community engaged, committed and making a difference"



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BROKEN ARROW ROTARY BOARD 2021-2022

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Rotary After Hours	Jason Stephens
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President	Lisa Engel
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Past President	Steve Barnes
Past President	Lisa Ford
Past President	Jeff Hewett

CALENDAR

We meet both in-person at Broken Arrow United Methodist Church and online via Zoom. Meetings are announced in a weekly email.

2021

- 7/5 Holiday. No meeting
- 7/12 Roy Wood, Club Assembly
- 7/19 Debra Wimpee, Vision/Goals of Broken Arrow
- 7/20 Rotary Board Meeting. NSU Dean's conference room 1 pm.
- 7/26 Megan Quickle, LBA Jumpstart Project
- 8/2 TBD
- 8/9 TBD
- 8/16 Kevin Merrill, District Governor
- 8/17 Rotary Board Meeting. NSU Dean's conference room 1 pm.8/23 Zach Curry, Hope is Alive
- 8/30 Not Confirmed (Rooster Days 9/6 Lori Lewis)



Change of Horse Meeting 6/21 at BAPAC.

The meeting location on stage at the Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center was elegant, comfortable and provided excellent visual and sound for the presentations.



At left is the Rotary Club of BA Board. Eric Vandenburg remains the Sergeant At Arms and Stan Evetts remains the Foundation Chair, President Roy Wood, Treasurer Jim Naufel, Secretary Becky Wood, Membership chair Megan Quickle and Program Chair Jenny Cothran. Not shown is Projects Chair Robyn Havener, ipast president Lisa Engel and Janie Green, Publicity Chair.



President Roy Wood presented his overview of the year and calls on each of us to participate all we can. See page 4 for his message.

Lisa Engel's outgoing board of directors were honored and generously gifted with custom-embroidered bags.



At left is the welcome cake served with the very special lunch catered by Stu Conrad.

Awards Were Presented and Member Participation Levels Recognized.



Presented earlier due to being unable to attend the COH meeting was Nick Nail receiving an award for <u>Outstanding</u> <u>Service.</u> He is our rock!

Robyn Havener was awarded <u>Service Above</u> <u>Self.</u> Well deserved!

Participation levels are determined by how many hours are spent over and

above meeting days. The group above is rated at 1000 % participation.





Lisa Engel presents Roy Wood with the <u>Rotarian of the Year</u> award. He was instrumental in making the pandemic year successful. Congratulations Roy!



Members at left are recognized for 500% participation.

Those standing at left are thanked for their 100% participation in meetings and or projects and fund raisers.



5/20 After Hours at Joy In The Cause



The After Hours group had a great time dressing dogs and packing backpacks. This is such a great opportunity to involve the entire family in a Rotary project. Galen Engel has had to step back from After Hours, but Roy Wood has Jason Stephens exploring options to keep the After Hours/Satellite club active and engaged.

5/24 Lloyd Dawes on Scholarship Grants for this year

5/31 No Meeting, Memorial Day

6/5 BAN Tour De Neighbors Rest Stop



Above left is the first shift of rest stop workers. Roy Wood, Ash Etwardo, Jenny Cothran and Robyn Havener. Second shift was Nick Nail, Janie Green, Jason Stephens and Jill Garcille. Bikers above enjoy the snacks and break time.

6/7 Jamie Miller, The Demand Project

The Demand Project goal is to prevent the exploitation of children and prosecute the offenders. They work to expunge the records of the exploited and rehabilitate them to better lives. A two year stay is recommended for changing a life with counseling including family. There is an annual summit in Owasso called Beyond Awareness.



Robyn Havener scheduled a BAN service project on site for our Monday meeting. It was a great day for our members to pack bags, sort items and load things up. Nice work!

6/10 Tulsa Drillers Social

6/14 BA Neighbors Service Project



ROTARY CLUB OF BROKEN ARROW NEWSLETTER



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6/21 Change of Horse See story on page one.

6/28 End of Year Social





Our last meeting of Lisa Engel's presidential year was a social at El Tequila. It was well-attended and a lot of fun. We love these gathering opportunities!

LBA Rotary Members for 2021.



Jenny Cothran (student), Megan Quickle (student), Robyn Havener (LBA co-chair), Dr. Oliver (guest speaker), Roy Wood (LBA day-chair), and Eric Vandenburg (student). It's great to have Rotary represented so well in Leadership Broken Arrow. .

New BA Rotary Members.



Ashmeed Etwardo was inducted on 5/24. Shown above is Mike Scrimsher, Daniel Stinnett (from Tulsa Southside), Ash's sponsor, Ash Etwardo, Lisa Engel and Jenny Cothran. Ash has already been active in everything we'd been doing. We are excited to have him aboard.



New member installation of Aubrey Ringleb and Amanda Grace was done at the 6/21 Change of Horse meeting. Shown above is membership chair, Jenny Cothran, Aubrey's sponsor Brena Meadows Thrash, President Lisa Engel, Aubrey Ringleb, Amanda Grace and her sponsor Nicole Smith. These new young members will help keep our club vital and active.

There isn't room here to print the bio info on these exciting new members. Go to DACDB, then "My Club" tab. "Club Members" is in that area and you can scroll to see information on all our members. Check yours too to ensure the information is up to date, Let Nick or Janie know if you have any problems connecting or updating your listing with new photo, contact, biography, etc.



Lisa Engel, ipast president message:

Although this last year was not how I expected my Presidential year to be, I wouldn't trade it for a "normal" year. When I began my year as President last July, I never dreamed I would have my entire Presidency marked by a global pandemic. Certainly, circumstances were not ideal, but we all had to adapt and adjust to our new situations. There were many challenges to completing our service projects and continuing to provide "Service Above Self" to those in need.

Thanks to the perseverance and kindness of our club members, we managed to complete 16 service projects this last year and beat our goal of 14. We still had fellowship as well, having ten socials against our goal of eight. Service projects and fellowship are important cornerstones of Rotary membership, and we were able to maintain both during this difficult time. We offered Zoom meetings when we could not meet, and a combination of both in person and Zoom when it became feasible, allowing everyone that wanted to participate to do so.

Our club even gained 13 new members, one of only 15 clubs in the District to have a net gain. Six clubs stayed the same and 57 clubs lost members. We met every other goal that was set at the beginning of the year, earning us the Presidential citation, as we have received in past years. Despite the challenges, I was not going to be the President to not obtain that designation! I am sincerely thankful and grateful to everyone for making my year as President memorable and successful!



Galen and Lisa, Thank you for an amazingly successful year. You took the lemons you were handed and made excellent lemonade!

BA Rotary President's Message for 2021-22.

As we enter this new Rotary year, I'd first like to thank Lisa Engel for her work as Past President. She kept us meeting through much of the pandemic, and worked to keep our projects and fundraisers on track. We had a productive year despite all the challenges. Thank you, Lisa!

Starting July 12th, we will return to the First Methodist Church for our Monday noon meetings and begin a year of getting back to the business of Rotary – serving others.

To that end, my goals for our Club are simple and align with Rotary International's Action Agenda:

- 1. Increase our impact.
- 2. Expand our reach.
- 3. Enhance engagement
- 4. Increase our ability to adapt and thrive.

Let me explain. Most of us come to Rotary for the opportunity to work with like-minded individuals to make a difference. That's what Rotarians do and what we've done for years. We need to get back to that with energy and enthusiasm to increase our impact.

Indeed, we've already started planning for the Cool Grilles Car Show in September. We need for that to be a success to fund many of our charity grants and scholarships. However, if we want to increase our impact, we need at least one more good fundraiser. That might be a golf tournament restart, or perhaps a "BA's Got Talent" show. We need you to step forward, stand up a committee, pick a date, and start getting sponsors and participants!

But adding things to a busy year might be a stretch. How can we get enough people to do all this work? That brings me to my next point - Expand our reach.

The new RI President, Shekhar Mehta, says Rotary needs to "Do More and Grow More. He explains that to do more, we need to grow our clubs. And, he continues, when we do more, it will



BA Rotary President Roy Wood

attract more members. Grow more to do more, and do more to grow more. It's a virtuous cycle.

So, this year, I charge each of you to invite one person to a Rotary meeting and encourage them to join us. I would love to see every member sponsor at least one new member. Can you imagine how that would grow our club and the things we could do?!

We also need to breathe new life into our After-Hours satellite club. In 2019, we attracted a lot of new members,

but 2020 hurt us. So, I've asked Jason Stephens to work on revitalizing and reimagining a satellite club that is attractive and affordable for young adults. Rotary needs a new generation of energetic and vibrant young adults with servant hearts to become tomorrow's leaders.

And once we have new members, what can we do to keep these People of Action in our club? To address that, my next point is that we need to enhance engagement.

Every physically able member of our club should be involved in projects and fundraising. Rotary is less about what we get out of it and more about what we put into it. I ask each of you to find a way to plug in to as many projects and fundraisers as you can. We need to get out into the community and be seen as a force for good. I also hope we can find ways to join forces with other area clubs to have an even greater impact in our region, and continue to pursue opportunities to partner with an international club.

So, it looks like we are going to be busy this year. Yes, I believe we can, should, and will be. Even as we emerge from this pandemic, we will need to increase our ability to adapt - my final point.

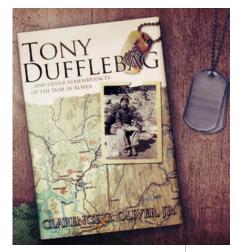
We've already demonstrated our ability to adapt through the pandemic. We've flexed to Zoom and hybrid meetings. We've found ways to do many of our projects and fundraisers in the face of difficult challenges. Now we need to take what we've experienced and get even better.

I would ask each committee chair to get with your committee this month to start planning your events for the year. Getting them on the calendar to give our members advance notice to participate. Find ways to have fun while serving others. That way we can keep our momentum going.

This year's RI theme is "Serving to Change Lives."

Over this Rotary year, I want us to grow our club, increase our impact, and expand our reach. We can do this by engaging our club members' hearts and hands and adapting

to whatever circumstances come our way. I believe we can pull together to have a Rotary club that can truly change lives.



Tony Dufflebag book.



Clarence is pictured here with the young orphan, Tony Dufflebag.



This image is from the YouTube of Dr. Clarence Oliver being interviewed about his search for "Tony Dufflebag"

Following is contact information, including Oliver's website link. Clarence G. Oliver, Jr., Ed.D. Author. Historian. Journalist. Educator U.S. Army "Soldier for Life." Retired Superintendent of Schools

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Searching for Tony Dufflebag

As our members may recall, Dr. Clarence Oliver has been searching "far and wide" for decades to find the Korean orphan boy, dubbed Tony Dufflebag, who was rescued and befriended by Dr. Oliver and the men of Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division (the Oklahoma "Thunderbirds") during the Korean War. Dr. Oliver wrote the book, *Tony Dufflebag* ... and Other Remembrances of the War in Korea, which was published in 2009 detailing that story from the 1950s. He has been hoping to be able to learn what

happened to the boy after the War, learn about his adult life, and then tell that follow-up story in a new

book with a title such as **Tony Found** or **The Search for Tony.**

At one point, about three years ago, the Rotary International President, Dong Kern (D.K.) Lee, owner of a technology company in a suburb of Seoul, and Dr. Oliver finally connected. At that time, President Lee was in Chicago as a major presenter for a Rotary International Congress meeting with 28 District Governors from South Korean Rotary Districts. Mr. Lee hosted a large dinner meeting one evening and Dr. Oliver was the "program." With

an interpreter, he shared the story, distributed collections of "Tony" photos, contact information,

and secured promises from the Korean District Governors to use their "social network" connections in South Korea to search for Tony.

Also, Dr. Oliver has continued to work with Korean friends here in the United States and in South Korea to assist with the search. Through one of those friendships,

he was introduced to a Korean business couple with offices here in Tulsa and in Seoul. They contacted the major TV network in South Korea and shared the story. In February 2020, a reporter from the Korean network contacted Dr. Oliver and said they wanted to produce a program based on "Tony... and the search for modern-day Tony."

On May 14, 2021, the team arrived and conducted most of the interviews in Broken Arrow. The two-member videographer-reporter team from the spent several hours interviewing Dr. Oliver and his long-time friend, Retired BG Gerald (Ged) Wright, and his wife, Kay. In addition to the interviews, they shot some of the video inside The Military History Center and at some other Broken Arrow locations. They followed this up with two or three days of texts, emails, and telephone calls with Dr. Oliver.

The production was finally televised Saturday, June 5 - South Korean Memorial Day. Telling Tony's

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> We are all hopeful that this coverage will lead to "Tony" seeing it and finally making contact with Dr. Oliver after all these years. The video of this moving story is available on <u>https://youtu.be/</u> <u>LLAvtlcplCw</u>.

An avid student of history, and frequent speaker on historical topics, Oliver is author of several non-fiction books with historical, biographical, and leadership themes. He also has written scores of articles for professional journals.

Oliver was co-editor, contributing author and chairman of the editing committee for the Broken Arrow "Centennial Year" history book, Broken Arrow: The First One Hundred Years, a 2002 publication.

Among his other history-related books are the 2004 published One from the Least and Disappearing Generation: A Memoir of a Depression-Era Kid, and Tony Dufflebag... and Other Remembrances of the War in Korea, released by the publisher in 2007.

He is the photographer-author of a limitededition book, A Time of Peace, Season of Innocence, a photographic history about young people growing up in a small town in Oklahoma in the 1945-1950 time span between the end of World War II and the beginning of the Korean War. That book was released in 2012.

Oliver also is author of the book, Ethical Behavior: A Guide for School Administrators, commissioned by the Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administrators (CCOSA). That book (now out of print) was distributed to association members and also was a supplemental textbook in some university graduate courses in school administration.

Another publication, Leading with Integrity . . . Reflections on Legal, Ethical and Moral Issues in School Administration, was released in December 2015. That book also was prepared for the Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administrators (CCOSA) for distribution to association members and as a supplemental textbook in university graduate classes. The book is available in hardback, soft cover and electronic formats.

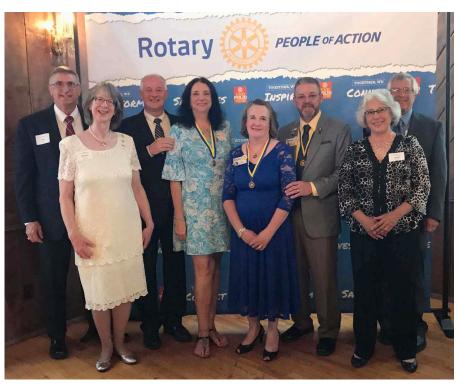
An award-winning documentary DVD movie, The History of Broken Arrow, a 2010 production of the Broken Arrow Historical Society, was based on a storyline by Oliver, who also served as a narrator for the movie. That DVD production received the Oklahoma Museums Association's "Outstanding Educational Project" award in 2011.

Rotary Club and District Installation 2021–22

District 6110 Governor Kevin Merrill and his wife, Lisa, invited all the incoming club presidents and Assistant Governors to join him for his installation as District Governor and to be installed in their respective positions. This event was held at the historic Crescent Hotel in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, on June 26th.

Roy Wood was installed as our club president. Lisa Engel and Janie Green were installed for three-year terms as Assistant Governors. We had so much fun being in Eureka Springs and joining club members from around the district to celebrate together.

> At right, Roy and Becky Wood, Galen and Lisa Engel, Lisa and Governor Kevin Merrill, Janie and Mike Green during the gala dinner.





Above, the installation of club presidents was held in the garden are of the Crescent Hotel. It was such a beautiful locaton to gather, and each of those present were gifted with a 2021-22 theme banner eto help commemorate their year of leadership.

Below right is a photo of our group awaiting the presidential installations.



Below left shows the closing moments after the Governor and Assistant Governor installations. The theme logo for the year is a globe held in a hand, so Governor Kevin had inflatable globes distributed so we could each show ourselves supporting the world and our goals of making it a better place for all.

