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CALENDAR

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

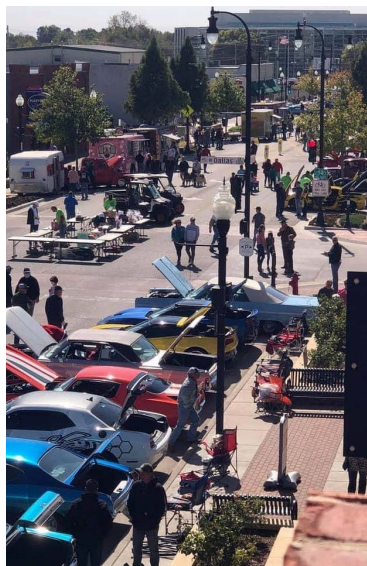
9/20 Ethan Hutchins, BAPD
Community Outreach
9/21 Rotary Board Meeting, NSU
Dean's conference room 1 pm.
9/25 Cool Grilles Classic Car Show!
9/27 Kristina Watkins, Gatesway
10/4 Roy Wood, Club Assembly
10/11 Columbus Day - TBD
10/18 Congressman Kevin Hern
11/19 Rotary Board Meeting, NSU
Dean's conference room 1 pm.
10/25 World Polio Day (10/24)
11/1 Rose Washington, Tulsa
Economic Development
Corporation
11-8 DICTIONARY PROJECT
11/15 Veterans Day Speaker
11/22 NO MEETING- THANKSGIVING



It's time to fill Main Street with classic cars and classic rock music. BA is hosting a Showtime televised boxing event the night before and asked us if they could share costs for toilets. That sounds great and getting the streets closed extra early also sounds great. We are very glad to work with the city leaders who help make our event possible.

Cool Grilles Classic Car Show On 9/25!

This is the fundraiser that makes everything we give away possible. There are many facets to the event, and all members can find a way to contribute, whether by donation, finding sponsors, working the event and helping plan the ways to enhance the fundraising. One new feature this year is a "car bash" that works out frustrations—with a big hammer!



Our Club members chose to take this event on when we needed to replace the golf tournament, and it has the potential to contribute much more than it has in its initial few years, with the key being finding new sponsors. One of the things we like about it is the time frame of the actual event being only part of one day. Another feature we love is that the money comes from sponsorships by businesses and individuals from the community, not all out of our own pockets. The best feature may be the publicity the Broken Arrow Rotary Club gets by hosting this public family-friendly event right in the middle of the Rose District.

Be involved in this!



Competition cars come in early and get polished for judging. The public hours for this year's show are from 9 am-3 pm.



Sean Simpson, president of the Broken Arrow Seniors, was inducted on 9/30/21. He will be a tremendous, and fun, asset to our club and open new opportunities to collaborate on projects.

Meet Our New Member

As president of the Broken Arrow Seniors, Sean Simpson is responsible for providing a safe place for 2,000 older adults to be physically active and socially engaged.

Through his leadership, daily attendance has grown from 250 members a day to nearly 400 and program offerings have grown from 50 a week to more than 75. When the new building is completed we will expand to 125 activities a week. And since the pandemic began, BA Seniors has distributed 30,000 meals to older adults in BA.

8/23 Zach Curry, Hope is Alive

As Community Outreach Coordinator, Zach speaks about his drug use history and how he is in recovery. He used a baseball analogy to describe the steps: 1st base is Detox, 2nd base is 30-90 day rehab, and 3rd base is a place like Hope is Alive to rebuild a life, with continuing care after the in-patient treatments. The recovery rate without this care is poor; with ongoing care, most do become contributing, successful adults. .



8/24 Joy in the Cause Service Opportunity



Our District Governor Kevin Merrill and his wife, Lisa, joined several of our members stuffing backpacks for our police and first responders to give to children in crisis situations. The photos above show the group receiving an overview and instructions.

8/30 Larry Kenemore

As the North American Task Force Leader for the Rotary Action Group for Addition Prevention, Larry presented "Project SMART" to our club. This is an effort to protect our drinking water from pharmaceutical contaminants and eradicate the opioid crisis. He is proposing that Rotary clubs use the available grant funds to provide multiple ways for Broken Arrow residents to dispose of excess and expired drugs safely to keep them out of the wrong hands and out of our drinking water. We need a club member willing to be the lead on that project.



9/4 Rooster Day Parade

See story on Page 3

9/6 No Meeting, Labor Day

9/13 Amanda Grace

Amanda spoke to us about Engage BA, asking what our kids need: Basic care in food, hygiene and health. She described opportunities to help such as Big Brothers & Big Sisters in the school setting, Manufacturing Day and internships, plus the need for male mentors. Many young folks need an adult male role model in their lives, and they love those who visit the schools.



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With Our Sympathy



We express our sincere condolences to Rotarian Brad Buxton for the loss of his wife, Raeleen. She passed away August 24th, and leaves a huge hole in the lives of Brad and their daughter, Hannah. Please know our hearts are with you and we pray for comfort in your lives.

Rooster Day Parade



Jeff Hewett manages the Rooster Day Parade for the Chamber of Commerce. The crew above herded the "cats" (parade entries) into some semblance of order on the side streets leading onto Main Street. The entries are then fed into three lanes across on Main leading up to the starting intersection.



Rotarian Russell Peterson, our long-serving parade director, uses his long-antenna radio to merge the entrants into the single parade lane in a pleasing order. His authority and stage presence is rarely challenged.

Our club includes several leaders in our city and state government. Riding in the parade were Ross Ford, Lisa Ford and Mayor Debra Wimpee, whose ride included the purple princess.



Joel and Janae Miller along with their two children were our Rotary Rooster Egg Hunt winners. They were delighted to be carried in the parade by this lovely Thunderbird.

Rooster Day Volunteers



Serving in our community in areas beyond club functions creates the image of Service Above Self for those around us. By taking leadership roles in the city, the chamber and other local entities we demonstrate what it means to be a Rotarian.

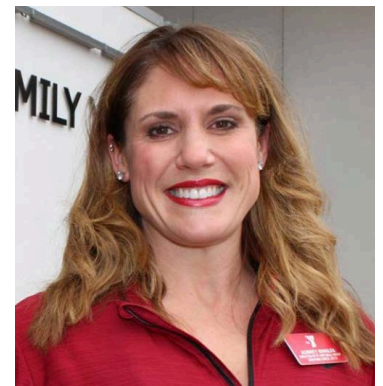


Thank you Robyn for managing the volunteers for Rooster Days. It was challenging but you made it work. For all those Rotarians who volunteered to serve during those four days, you are rock stars! Answering the call when there is a need is who we want to be.

Pictured above are Robyn, Teresa, Nick and Jennifer. To the right is Becky. Many other Rotarians also volunteered and we thank them all.

New Member Blue Badge

Congratulations to Rotarian Aubrey Ringleb on earning her permanent Blue Rotary Badge. This year, we instituted a more formal qualification system for the badge to ensure new members learn more about Rotary and get the tools they need to be successful. To qualify for the Blue Badge, new Rotarians learn about our Rotary Club, our Rotary District, and Rotary International through curated readings and videos. New Rotarians set up their account in DACdb and are encouraged to update their personal information. They also set up MyRotary, and explore the many resources there, including the Learning Center where they can take free courses to learn how to assume a leadership role in a club committee. New Rotarians are also required to attend an orientation session and a Rotary Club Board meeting, participate as a Greeter and Rotarian of the Day at a club meeting, select a committee to join and a project or fundraiser to participate in.



The new Blue Badge requirements will help ensure that new members are knowledgeable and fully prepared to participate in Rotary activities. Again, congratulations to Aubrey Ringleb for being the first new member to complete these requirements and earn her Blue Badge. Well done!

Broken Arrow Rotary President's Message

Wow! August was quite a month, and September is shaping up to be as well. With many of the community events pushed into the fall due to Covid, we've had a fast-paced and fun-filled few weeks for sure.

We had a great visit by District Governor, Kevin Merrill and his wife, Lisa. They were both impressed with the enthusiasm and activities of our club. We had a food and school supplies drive that day to help fill the Blessing Box at the First Methodist Church. In the evening, DG Kevin and Lisa joined us for a project at Joy in the Cause organized by Teresa Lewis. It was so much fun that he and Lisa plan to be back in April for another project at Joy in the Cause – stay tuned.

Also, at the end of August, we passed the hat and raised \$500 to support Rotary's Medical Supplies Network, Inc. (MSNI) in sending a load of much needed supplies to earthquake ravaged Haiti. The people of Haiti have suffered greatly through this ordeal, and our assistance will help save lives. Thank you for your generosity, BA Rotarians!

In September, we kicked off the month with Rooster Days – Broken Arrow's longest running festival. Normally held in the spring, it was rescheduled to Labor Day weekend because of Covid. Many Rotarians volunteered to help our Chamber. A special thanks to Rotarians Jason Stevens, Scott Eudey, and Robyn Havener for helping coordinate volunteers and put on this very dynamic event. The Parade on Saturday also



BA Rotary President Roy Wood

went off well, under the direction of Jeff Hewett and his band of Rotarians – thanks, Jeff! I appreciate all of you who participated because doing so is both a service to our community and keeps Rotary in the public eye. Well done!

Several Rotarians from our Club will be attending District Conference on September 17th. It should be an amazing in-person event with opportunities to learn and have fun, network with other Rotary Clubs and Rotarians in our District and enjoy Eureka Springs. Our friend, Ed Hardesty, will be honored at the Foundation Dinner the night before for his many years of serving and leading. It is a well-deserved honor – congratulations, Ed!

As of this newsletter, we are in the final stages of preparation for our Cool Grilles Car Show in the Rose District on September 25th. Rotarians have hit the bricks and rounded up a record number of sponsors and have a lot of great silent auction gifts to help raise money for community grants and scholarship.

We are in the final stages of preparation for our Cool Grilles Classic Car Show

We expect a record number of car entries and a great public turnout for the show. As always, we need full Club participation the day of the event. We need help parking the cars, setting up the tents and tables, serving as scribes for the judges, and running the registration and silent auction. The event is from 9am-3pm, but we need Rotarians out as early at 6am. If you haven't gotten your assignment yet, see Lisa Engel or Jill Garcille, and come ready for a busy day.

Finally, August was Rotary Membership month and we inducted several new members, including Kathryn Hankton and Sean Simpson. I've been very impressed with the number of guests we've had at our meetings (even our guests were bringing guests!!). I think our Club is getting attention for the good things we do in our community and attracting like-minded individuals. RI President Shekhar Mehta was right that the more we do the more we grow, and the more we grow, the more we can do. Let's keep growing. Even though Membership Month is over, please continue to reach out to friends or family who may be great Rotarians and invite them to a club meetings and activities – in fact, Cool Grilles would be a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

Yours in Rotary service,
Roy

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News & Fun Facts



District 6110 Governor Kevin Merrill is excited about the District Conference coming up this weekend, 9/18, in Eureka Springs. It's an opportunity to learn about projects and issues with other clubs, broadening our view of what Rotary can be.

There is a House of Friendship that is similar to the one at an International Conference. This includes displays of District projects and support. It's a great

spot to visit with other Rotarians and discover new ideas. Speaking of ideas, there will be two sessions where members from different clubs will switch between tables and talk about their club's projects, challenges and successes.

Several of our club members are going to attend the conference and will come back bubbling with ideas and lots of new friends.