

#### **Governor Craig's May Message**



#### The importance of youth in the future of Rotary

This Month's Rotary International focus is on youth. They are the backbone of the nation and the future of Rotary. They can change the future of society with their healthy and courageous behavior. They sometimes are able to show us what we have not been willing to look at ourselves. We must motivate our youth, teaching them responsibility and goal setting. Since youth hold the important part of society so future, as well as Rotary so future, they must be educated, guided, encouraged, advised, taught, and shown the proper path to take so as to ensure that Rotary achieves its dreams, visions, and goals.

We have wonderful youth programs in Rotary. Our newly chartered EarlyAct Club, our Interact Clubs, our Rotaract Clubs, our involvement with school programs, our dictionary projects, all combine to help us develop good, informed, motivated, and informed youth. By the way, RYLA, the Rotary Youth Leadership Award is an excellent practical opportunity to mold young leaders. It is

incumbent on all of us in Rotary, to do whatever is needed to ensure the future successes of the these programs. All Club Presidents should appoint a Youth Chair person, to be responsible for learning all about each of Rotary s Youth Programs, and making sure that their Club stays current with the knowledge necessary for the continuance of our wonderful programs, thereby greatly facilitating the continuance of those programs, and helping grow leaders.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Youth Service is one of the "avenues of service" in Rotary. We need to nurture those who will take leadership in the future.

### **Training, Celebrating and Finishing Strong**

This spring has been a busy time for our district! We Rotarians want to be equipped for success, and this spring has been chockablock with events. In the last 2 months:

## **Training Presidents**



- 125 Rotarians prepared for leadership in the District's President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) one Saturday, then a week later in the Mid America PETS Sessions - all conducted virtually over Zoom, of course!

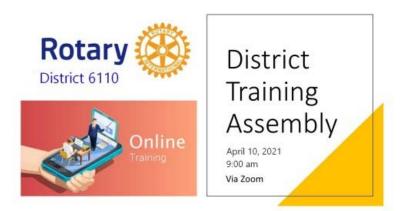
## Managing Grants



113 Rotarians attended the Virtual Grants Management Seminar representing about 48 clubs - including 5 that have not

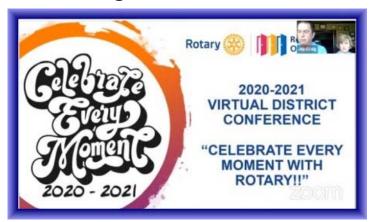
made a grant request in the past 5 years! Their goal is to learn how their club can receive their share of District Designated Funds with a District Grant. And of course these are the funds we donated to the Rotary Foundation coming back to us. Look for a full article on District grants in next month's newsletter - just in time for the new Rotary year!

# Training All Rotary Leaders



- 140 Rotarians broadened their knowledge by attending the District Training Assembly - an excellent opportunity for members in several positions to learn better how to carry out their responsibilities. Yet another virtual Zoomed event.

# Celebrating



-178 Rotarians celebrated this year's active clubs by attending the Zoom'ed District Conference, which featured two powerful keynote speakers, awards, small groups of random Rotarians, and a rocking slide show! We "broadcast" this also on Facebook Live and it has now reached over 700 people on Facebook. It is available for watching on the District Facebook page now - look under videos: <u>https://www.facebook.com/District6110/</u>



In a normal year (if there is such a thing) these events would have required travel across the district, hotel rooms, meals, dressing up, and yes, a bit more of rubbing elbows with fellow Rotarians. With the switch to Zoom all of that has changed. Club leaders still had the opportunity to learn - but in their own living room!

This cavalcade of District events required many hours of planning by several of our district leaders under the guidance of Governor Jay Craig, including our District Trainer, Wallace Williams; District Grants Chair, John Williams; District Conference Chair, Tamara Miller, and scads of Ready-Rotarians too numerous to name from all across the district, all held together by our loyal District Administrator, Cole Adamson.

# **Finishing Strong**



Speaking of unusual years, there are still a few clubs that need to meet with Governor Jay! He and the AGs have been working hard to fit them all in before the end of the year. With some clubs not meeting at all, or in different locations, scheduling has been a herculean task! But we will get the visits in, as Governor Jay says "that's the best part of being a District Governor - seeing all the great clubs we have!"



Finishing the year strong includes making sure every Rotarian has made their Rotary Foundation gift - it's easy and convenient using Rotary Direct! Donations need to be received by June 30, and in the past several clubs have missed the cutoff due to slow mail etc. Don't delay, support the Foundation today!

- Here's the online Rotary Direct link: Rotary Direct Link

- Or complete this form and mail to the address: Rotary Direct Form

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Rotary wants clubs to be successful so we provide training. If you missed a session, inquire to the District office to see the videos!



District 6110 Membership Contest

Past District Governor Jayne Lowe, our District membership chair, conducted a membership contest during the first three months of 2021. Several clubs held events and vied for the top positions in the contest. Since the district has clubs both large and small, the percentage of new members was set as the criterion.

At the Virtual District Conference Jayne was pleased to announce the following winners!

With a 25% increase in membership, the Coweta, OK Club captured first place and will receive a check for \$500 for their club projects from the District. Bill Lawson is their Assistant Governor. Congratulations! The Mt Vernon Club, MO came in second with a very respectable 22% increase, and will receive \$300 for their projects. Wally Bloss is their AG.

Third place went to the Siloam Springs, AR Club with an 8% increase, and will receive \$200 for their projects. Johnice Glisson is their AG.

Fourth place went to Ft Scott, KS at 6.2%, capturing \$100 for projects. Joe Grisolano is their AG.

Honorable mentions along with a hearty "thanks" go to:

- Bartlesville, OK, Daybreak 6% increase
- Mountain Home, AR 5% increase
- Bentonville, AR 4.5% increase

The contest is over, but all of us need to be looking for new prospective members. Think of people in your community who are "up and coming", who would appreciate walking through the doors of opportunity a Rotary Club offers.

#### **Rotary Clubs in Service - May 2021**

## 6110 ROTARY CLUBS IN SERVICE

While some clubs are unable to conduct regular meetings, they still have figured out ways to provide service to their communities. Here are just a few with no #PandemicParalysis:

## **Bixby Rotary Delivers Green Thumbs!**



The Rotary Club of Bixby is all thumbs - GREEN thumbs, that is! The pastor of a Tulsa church hopes a community garden will be a safe place for people to learn to grow. The garden that Wesley Chapel has adopted doesnot look like much yet, but it is just the beginning. We have built over 700 square feet of space to have a community garden in a food desert, **\$** said Life**\$** s Food Corporation founder Angela Landrum.

This garden is on Wesley Chapel property in Tulsa. It is being built entirely from community partnerships and the generosity of organizations and non-profits like Life os Food Corporation and The Rotary Club of Bixby.

### The Altus, AR Area Sunset Rotary Club awards **Pharmacists Paul Harris Fellowships**



award by Sunset Rotary president Adam Wiederkehr.

**RECIPIENT Elizabeth Woolsey** is shown being presented her award by Sunset Rotarian A.C.Moncrief.

The Altus Area Sunset Rotary Club has recognized three area pharmacists with Paul Harris Fellowships for their outstanding efforts in obtaining and distributing COVID vaccine in the Ozark, AR community.

Three thousand dollars was given to the Rotary Foundation in the name of the pharmacists to be used in Rotary projects such as Polio Eradication.

Altus Sunset is a 100% PHF Club, and they have realized awarding PHFs to non-club members not only helps the Rotary Foundation, but provides an excellent opportunity to recognize outstanding service in the community! That's a smart move!

There's no #PandemicParalysis in the Altus Sunset Rotary Club!



ROBBIE WOOLSEY (R) accepts award from Cathy Shingledecker of Sunset Rotary Club.

### Mt Vernon Rotary Club's Car show

The Mt. Vernon, MO, Rotary Club initiated a fundraising event on May First. Their first Car Show on the Square surpassed their expectations by 100% with 80 cars on display and one boat. Over \$5,000 gross was received, which will net the club a nice profit for their projects after expenses. On the same day they also were awarded 2nd place in the District membership contest and will receive \$300. It was a great day for Rotary in Mt Vernon!





There's no #PandemicParalysis in the Mt. Vernon Rotary Club!

## The Miami Rotary Club's Excellence in Education Banquet

The Miami, OK club continued its tradition of honoring students. The revised Excellence in Education banquet provided recognition to the top 10% of the eighth grade class.



The Pittsburg, KS set a club record for the largest number of new PHF being awarded at one time. The generosity of our club members over the years and the donations of these individuals made this special recognition possible. Thank you for your support of The Rotary Foundation!

There's no #PandemicParalysis in Pittsburg!

**Upcoming Club Events:** 

- Eureka Springs Rotary Club



The John Brodbeck Memorial Scramble Fore Scholarships Presented By: Eureka Springs Rotary

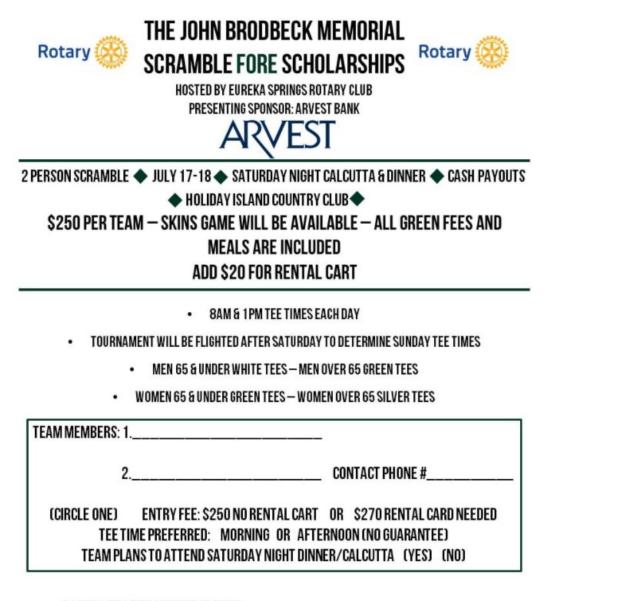
July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th 2021</sup> 2 Person Scramble Holiday Island Country Club

We will be accepting entries via mail, email, and phone starting this Spring

The Pittsburg Rotary Club Awards 14 Paul Harris Fellows



More info:



ALL ENTRY FEES MUST BE TURNED IN EITHER: Mail @ 14 Woodsdale Drive Holiday Island, ar 72631 Or E-Mail Kyle@Islandairco.com

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "EUREKA Springs Rotary Club"

FOR ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT KYLE DEATON @479-253-3330 AND FOLLOW EUREKA SPRINGS ROTARY ON FACEBOOK FOR FUTURE INFO

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Is YOUR club doing service to its community? Are you "doing good in the world?" Let us know with the "just the facts" to: Wally Bloss, District Public Image Chair: Wbloss@Gmail.com

## **Sculptor Sought for Joplin's Rotary Sculpture Garden**

The Joplin Daybreak Rotary Club is seeking proposals for an artist to create a new sculpture for the Rotary Sculpture Garden, located in Mercy Park in Joplin, MO. The sculpture garden is a joint product of both Rotary clubs in Joplin, and is fast becoming a primary destination for the area. Currently a dozen sculptures are featured with another three to be installed in the next few months.

The budget for the new sculpture is \$5,000 (excluding installation costs).

The club is particularly interested in a piece related to water, given the Rotary focus on clean water (e.g. ducks, water birds, or an



abstract piece that can be incorporated around the water setting in existence at the park).

The sculpture must be made from durable material like bronze, stone, marble, or stainless steel, and be able to withstand the effects of weather.

If you know of an artist who is a friend of Rotary, a Rotarian, or who would love to create a piece for this beautiful setting, please have them contact the club with a proposal by June 10, 2021. Laurie Delano,

President Daybreak Rotary, Idelano1973@outlook.com



#### The 29% Difference

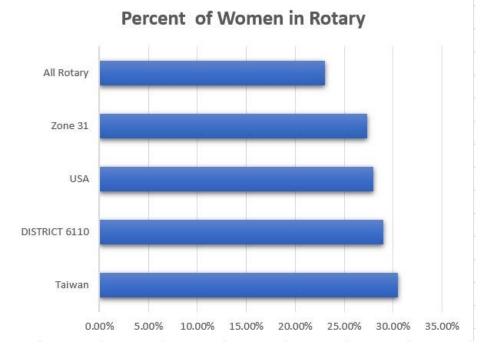
In the last few years our district has had two women District Governors, and one more is in line for 2023-2024. Currently District 6110 shows 29% women membership, which is higher than our Zone, USA, and Rotary worldwide.

Were you aware that District 6110 has a place that women members can hang out and discuss topics of interest- a Facebook page for "Women in District 6110 Rotary". It was formed a few years ago and continues to be a focal point. It can be found here: <u>6110 Women in Rotary</u>

Pam Crawford from the Bartlesville Daybreak club (and District Governor Nominee Designate) is one of the current organizers and notes, "I love seeing women respond on social media to things that I share. Women in Rotary are interested in many different things and highly supportive of their local clubs, but when I share about Polio or major RI causes, I can tell women appreciate hearing the information. They like it; they comment; they share it."

Pam continues, "At the moment, I'm sharing all the women in leadership for 2021-2022 for District 6110 (we must all have names in the last part of the alphabet because there have only been a couple so far - LOL). And I would love to have women who will be Club Presidents in 2021-2022 reach out to me so we can highlight them in the upcoming year - a short bio, a picture, something big in their club."

Contact Pam here: Pam's EMail



### It's time for a DACdb Tune-Up!

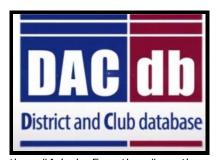
Is it time for a Rotary DACdb "tune-up?" We get a tune-up with our vehicle on a regular



basis - right? Or at least when it begins to sputter! Is your Rotary experience misfiring? Not hitting on all cylinders? Let's look under the hood and think of a few ways to fix that.

District 6110 pays for DACdb so all clubs can use the basics to help organize our clubs. It is a powerful tool for all members to use.

1. Back to basics: Has your club changed its meeting location, days, times? What



you put in DACdb for meeting info carries thru to the RI listings, and on the Rotary Club Locator Ap. Having the up-to-date info here helps people find your club! Have your

President or Club Secretary update this way: In DACdb click the "My Club" tab at the top, then "Admin Functions" on the left, then "Edit Club." From here you can update all your club's meeting and contact info! If you have a DACdb Website all this information flows thru to it also.

2. Have your members (or your club secretary) entered their info in DACdb? Having up-to-date contact info and a current photo allows you to send club emails ("pMails") thru DACdb easily, and you can even send group texts to the club if there's a change of plans. *Each member can do this - just click the "My Data" tab at the top, then "Edit member" on the left. From here you can fill in your contact info, photo, bio etc. It's really useful!* 

3. It's almost time for a new Rotary year - do you have your new officers entered in DACdb? Getting this tuned-up provides RI and the District with those in leadership and allows swift communications. *Click "My Club" then "Admin Functions" then "Edit Club Positions."* Every year several clubs do not pay RI or District dues on time since the invoice was sent to the wrong member - because the current Treasurer is not identified in DACdb! Here's a quick how-to video: HERE

4. How about a nice printed club Directory? What a great thing to hand a new member! There are several easy-to-use templates that can be downloaded with all the info the members have entered. You can print one-at-a-time, or download as a pdf and have a print shop or office copier make one for each member. *Find the "reports" icon and look at Member Directory* templates - pretty cool!

5. Having a Rotary event - an annual dinner, a fundraiser? DACdb has an event registration module that signs people up, takes their payment info and helps you organize!

6, Quick - where are your club's bylaws? Your board minutes? The new member form? Just put these in the *"Club files" section* any member can grab them at any time - and they can be downloaded from your DACsb website also!

7. How about a weekly club bulletin emailed to each member? DACdb has that also!

8. Time for annual dues invoices? How about keeping the club's finances? DACdb can do that!

9. Need more help "turning a wrench" on the tune-up? Contact your Assistant Governor, or DACdb trainer/guru Nick Nail. (How? They are all in DACdb!)

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? In 2003 a District Governor in North Carolina got so frustrated with speadsheets and scribbled notes that he sought out an IT guy and founded "District and Club Data Base" or DACdb! It is a club and district management system that can be another useful tool in your toolbox!

#### **Thanks to Paul Harris Society Members**

The Paul Harris Society was established for Rotarians who pledge to donate \$1,000 or more to the Foundation annually Our district is blessed with a number of generous Rotarians who have joined the Paul Harris Society. At last count there were 157 Society members, which, when all have fulfilled this year's pledge, will provide our Rotary Foundation with \$157,000, and will generate \$78,500 back to



District 6110 in three years for distribution as District Grants.

So far this year almost half of the members have completed this year's pledge, and we offer our deepest thanks for their support of the work of the Foundation. If you are a PHS member who has yet to fulfill this year's pledge, we suggest finalizing your pledge soon, as the end of the Rotary year is June 30, and time is getting short. If conditions have changed, let the district know if you do not wish to contnue as a Paul Harris Society member.

Thanks for the support of the Rotary Foundation!

PS - Want to "join the club?" Let Johnice Glisson, our PHS Coordinator know - she'd be happy to help! EMail her here: Johnice Glisson's email

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? If you thought getting the \$1,000 together to become a Paul Harris Fellow was the last time you would provide support for Rotary, you didn't get the memo! Here it is: provide \$1,000 every year and become a member of the Paul Harris Society!

### **2021 International Virtual Convention**



Have you wanted to attend a Rotary International Convention, but found the travel costs prohibitive? That won't be a problem this year, as the RI annual event will again be conducted virtually.

Originally planned for Taipei, Taiwan, the decision to present the Convention as a virtual event was made by the Rotary Board of Directors, to protect the health of everyone involved. It will be held June 12 thru 16, 2021. The Virtual Convention will be open to all Rotary members and participants. Event registration will open in mid-April and will include a promotional fee of \$49 for 21 days, with an increase afterward to \$65.

The Rotaract, Youth Exchange Officer, and Inter-Country Committee preconventions will be held 10-11 June 2021. The cost of each preconvention event is \$20. Both the convention and preconvention events include access to the House of Friendship.

All pre-registrations for the original in-person event are being refunded.

Please check this site to register for the virtual event: Virtual Convention

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Each year 30,000 or more Rotarians gather somewhere in the world to exchange ideas, learn about Rotary, and explore new cultures. This is the 2nd year the Convention has been changed to a virtual event.

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