

Rotary



District 6110 Newsletter

A Message from District Governor Rolf Hufnagel



On behalf of Gaye and myself, I want to thank everyone in Rotary District 6110 for making this the most remarkable year for us.

Serving as your governor gave us the opportunity to visit all 78 clubs in the district. I never realized how large our district was and how desperately I needed to depend on my GPS to find some of the locations. I was amazed that at each club we heard of projects and different ways that the clubs served their local community and a number of international projects.

Some of what made for a memorable experiences that we experienced were the friendliness and openness of the clubs, the dedication of the clubs leadership and spirit of the membership.

We love to explore each town that we visited and there are some beautiful towns in our district. Most are small towns with charm, history and a chamber of commerce welcome feeling.

At each club we were treated like something special, Although, I can assure you we are nothing special just Rotarians with the service heart. The different projects that each club is working on were amazing, nothing less than amazing.

We experienced the induction of the youngest (Junior)Rotarian in the District, the youngest Paul Harris fellow in the district and saw our names up on a marquee. What more could you ask for?

I'm going to attempt to thank some of the people that made our year successful. There are really no words to use I can fully explain how grateful I am to each one of you. I am grateful for your commitments to Rotary and you are the reason for District 6110 to being one of the most outstanding districts in the Rotary world.

First I would like to thank my club presidents for their year of service I hope it has been as successful as you expected it to be. Service is what Rotary is all about and you're volunteering your time to lead your club for an year was not an easy undertaking you have served your community well. Congratulations!

Second I'd like to thank our 24 assistant governors and 2 Lieutenant Governors. Your efforts often go unnoticed but let me assure you that I was well aware of what you did for your clubs, for the District and for Rotary International. Thank you for your service.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the unlimited amount of support provided by the PDGs who were always available and quick with advice and suggestions. I hope I can be as helpful to the next generations of DGs.

District 6110 is blessed to have a district administrator in Rachell Parker that is the glue that holds it all together. My year would have been so different had it not been for the support of Rachell. The district also has a long time treasurer, Russell Robinson, who keeps us on the straight and narrow.

Never, never, never forget that the success of any year is measured only by the accomplishments of the Rotarians and their clubs. All clubs have signature properties that would be sorely missed by their community if it were not for the Rotary clubs.

It's been a privilege and an honor to serve as your district governor. Gaye and I want to thank all of you for your gracious hospitality while we visited your wonderful clubs, seeing your amazing projects and you're wonderful communities.

Rolf Hufnagel
2019-2020 District Governor

AND..THE WINNERS ARE ... THE "FINAL FOUR" FROM THE REGIONAL COMPETITION OF THE 2020 FOUR WAY TEST

By Ronald L. Petersen Sr.

I hope this finds you well. I'm excited to tell you the Four Way Test Speech Contest State Regional Contests are complete and the Final Four are selected.

Congratulations to the Final Four Students listed in random order;

Pedro Manon – Rotary Club of Springdale, AR

Jane Min – Daybreak Rotary Club of Joplin, MO

Sara Draper - Rotary Club of Grove, OK

Kory Kellogg – Rotary Club of Drumright, OK

As you are aware ... these are unprecedented times. The live "final round" competition was scheduled for Saturday May 16th during the luncheon at District Training Assembly which was rescheduled to August 22nd because of the Wuhan Corona Virus. That now has been cancelled as well. In an effort to protect its members and the public, Rotary International has cancelled all personal attendance events through December.

I'm positive every Rotarian who signed up to attend the conference was looking forward to meeting each of the students and hearing their polished live presentations. Without a live competition, the four presentations could not be judged together in order to declare a first-place winner. So, "to be fair to



all concerned”, we have four runners up with a prize of \$350 each.

I can't just end it here as I hope to use each of the final four videos from the judging to create YouTube links and post them for you to see at <http://rotarydistrict6110.org> Navigate "Youth Services" Then Four Way Test Speech Contest.

Be safe and thanks to all clubs and each student participating. Congratulations!

District 6110 Receives Disaster Relief Grant - Clubs Apply TODAY!



District 6110 has been awarded a Disaster Recovery Grant in the amount of \$25,000 by the Rotary Foundation to address the impact of Covid-19 in the communities in our District. This is yet another example of what happens when you contribute to the Rotary Foundation.

Clubs are encouraged to apply for a Disaster Recovery Grant as soon as possible. Examples Covid-19 projects include, but are not limited to the purchase of personal protective equipment for local health care workers and first responders, feeding programs, including the purchase of items for food banks and school programs, and the support of local schools for virtual education programs and other needs resulting from the pandemic. As with all Rotary Foundation grants, funds cannot be used as a “pass through” where a cash donation is simply made to a cooperating organization. Projects require Rotarian involvement. Clubs that receive a Disaster Recover Grant will be required to submit a report that includes a full description of the project, the Rotary club involved, information as to any cooperating organization, the number of people that benefited, how Rotarians participated, a list of expenses, a bank statement that correlates to the list of expenses and receipts cross referenced to the list of expenses.

In order to get funds to the clubs as soon as possible clubs are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible, but no later than **May 22, 2020**. Applications will be submitted through DACdb. Applications must include the amount requested and provide details of the project, including the role of any cooperating organizations, how Rotarians will be involved, and the number of people that will benefit from the project. Although clubs are encouraged to use club funds to supplement grant funds, the Disaster Recovery Grant is not a “matching grant” and does not require clubs to provide funding. Following the May 22 deadline, the Foundation Committee will review the applications and approve grants that meet the criteria. The committee will fund as many grants as possible. Since we have only a total of \$25,000, we may not be able to fully fund all requests. As with District Grants, preference will be given to clubs that have at least \$100 per capita giving to the Annual Fund. The \$100 per capita giving threshold, however, is not a condition that must be met in order to receive a Disaster Recovery Grant. All clubs are encouraged to apply regardless of their level of giving.

This is another example of how contributions to your Rotary Foundation benefit people in need in our local communities and around the world.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact District Grant Chair, John Williams, at 479-841-2614; or, Rachele Parker at 918-206-8762.

Rotarians in Action: Rotary Club of Iola

Rotary Club of Iola is a very active Rotary Club in District 6110. They have multiple Global Grants and build strong, lasting relationships with clubs in other countries. The following story was shared with the District about one of the recent acts of kindness from Rotarians in Iola, KS.



April 1 at 2:32 pm a message was received via WhatsApp from Julio Kompatzki of the Ancud, Chile Rotary Club. It said “ Hello my friend, I need to speak with you and to ask a big favor. Please give me a call as soon as you have time.” I immediately called him to see what he needed and what the favor was. He said a boy of eleven, his mother, and brother of three were in Brookline, MA and staying in a hotel. He went on to explain why they were there and the nature of the favor. The boy, Matías Barría Calisto, has a rare medical condition called adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) and linked to the X chromosome. (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adrenoleukodystrophy>) The only way to significantly slow or stop the progression of this disease is to do a stem cell transplant.

The family lives in Linao, a rural area on the island of Chiloe just off the coast of Chile in the area of Patagonia. The father is a fisherman and the family has very modest means. They haven't the means to seek treatment for their son that has a life threatening disease.

To fill in how the boy, mother, and young brother happen to be in the Boston area, it began with Chilean doctors making contact with a hospital in Boston. The Boston hospital agreed to see Matías and to finance everything, including flights, hotel, and treatment. They also thought the three year old brother should also come to Boston to be tested to see if he exhibited indications of the same disease. The mother and two children were to return to Chile near the middle of March, with plans to return to Boston in May to do the actual stem cell transplant. These plans rapidly went off the rails due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the family was moved to a hotel in Brookline, MA to remain for the time being. As you can imagine, being confined to a hotel room and with the specter of the disease hanging over their heads, it is and has been a very stressful time.

Julio said he and another club member had been contacted by one of the teachers in Matías' school. The teacher was hoping to be able to work with Matías online by allowing him to do schoolwork and thus take his mind off of the situation and to help pass the time. In order to facilitate this, Matías needed a computer. The hotel had wifi, but the family had no computer and no way to obtain one.

When speaking with Julio, he said their Ancud Rotary Club would be willing to purchase a computer, but needed help in finding one that would achieve their goal. I told Julio that I would see what I could find. The next thing was to called Judy Brigham, Past District Governor of Rotary District 6110, and current President of the Iola Rotary Club. We agreed that the approximately \$250 cost of the computer would no doubt be approved by our club, but if not, we would split the cost. By 3:25 pm the computer was on order and would arrive within one week.

The following is from Julio Kompatzki. “In the midst of this tremendous worldwide contingency, where social isolation is the premise of the day, we feel very excited as a Rotary Club to share this little story:

Matías Barría Calisto, is a small Chilote boy from the Linao area, who, along with his parents, are facing their own fight for a healthy life. Matias suffers from a very complicated immune disease, which due to its severity has led him, together with his mother and 3 year old brother, to seek treatment outside of Chile, in the city of Boston, in the United States, thanks to a cooperation agreement for children's hospitals.

Due to the issue of the appearance of COVID19, everything has become complicated, with the family having to spend more time than budgeted in the United States waiting for a stem cell transplant from his mother that can help him improve his chances for living a more normal life. But Matias, like every child, suffers from the confinement and isolation in which he must stay, which prevents him from being able to continue with his classes and communicate with his classmates here in Chiloé because of not having a computer.

Thus, when our members Hernan Aude and Julio Kompatzki found out about this situation, Julio contacted in the United States our Honorary Member Bob Hawk, from the Rotary Club of Iola, who, in turn, spoke with Judy Brigham, Former Governor of District 6110 and current president of the Rotary Club of Iola, who with surprising generosity and speed agreed that the Iola Rotary Club would purchase a reconditioned laptop and in less than one hour, a computer was purchased for Matías, and it will be in his hands within one next week.

As one from Ancud and our Club being a Chilote Club, we feel tremendously grateful for this gesture of love and solidarity for our little Chilote boy, who will soon be able to regain contact with his land and loved ones, thanks to this entire chain of international solidarity, which reminds us that friendship and generosity are the true values ??that we must transmit.”

The relationship between the Iola Rotary Club and the Ancud Rotary Club of District 4350 goes back to 2004 when PDG Dr. Ellis Potter organized the second eyeglasses clinic in Chile. This clinic resulted in approximately 2,500 persons receiving glasses. Later after the Joplin tornado in 2011, District 4350 was a partner in the District 6110 “Field of Dreams” ball field in Joplin. Over the past years, eyeglasses trips to Chile have resulted in approximately 20,000 persons receiving glasses free of charge. The most recent clinic was in 2016 in Ancud. As a result of these close workings, Dr. Ellis Potter and myself have been made honorary members of the Ancud Rotary Club.

The above series of events serve to illustrate the strong bonds that are established through Rotary and Rotary projects. Rotary makes the world a smaller place and we do these things because we are Rotarians and this is what we do.



Rotary District 6110 & Medical Supplies Network Provide Support during the Coronavirus Pandemic



The past 3 months have been busy for Rotary District 6110 Medical Supplies Network, Inc. (MSNI) supporting the coronavirus pandemic response. Alta searched the entire non-reserved inventory for personal protective equipment and supplies (PPE). Volunteers under the direction of Operations Director V J Lively then accessed the inventoried supplies and broke them out of their pallets and boxes. MSNI was identified in a Tulsa World article as being one of three collection points in the Tulsa area for PPE donations and more masks, gowns, suits, hoodies arm gaiters and footies were dropped off over the course of a week.

As fast as materials were coming in, they were being picked up by groups and delivered to a number of hospitals, first responders and some nursing/support homes. St. Francis Health System in Tulsa was a major recipient of materials. St. John Medical Center and Hillcrest Hospital sites in in South Tulsa and Claremore received PPE as well. Fire stations in Tulsa Claremore as well as the Oolagah EMS were provided materials. A few pediatric masks were even sent to the Hospitality House. Several independent testing sites in Tulsa also received PPE.

MSNI's reach extended far beyond Tulsa to hospitals in Stillwater and Grove when they were identified early as being particularly vulnerable because their supplies of PPE were critically low and both came for supplies. The Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas received PPE as did the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Fire Department and even the Gaston County EMS in Charlotte, South Carolina. Governor Rolf Hufnagel was contacted by a retirement home in Yellsville, Arkansas, and delivered much needed materials to them from MSNI and other sources. He also delivered much needed supplies to Healthcrest Medical Center.

Even further away and earlier in January, MSNI responded to a call from China for masks and sent a shipment there before the U.S. knew it had a problem.

By mid-April MSNI had distributed over 120,000 masks (P95's, procedure masks and industrial masks), many thousands of PPE gowns and full body suits and untold (but many thousands) of gloves and other supplies including antiseptic gel. Essentially the total inventory of PPE has been exhausted except for a few procedure masks for MSNI volunteers.

District 6110 Rotarians should be proud of their work with MSNI and the efforts made for the public good. All the hours of volunteer assistance inventorying and packing materials enabled MSNI to quickly identify, access and distribute PPE gear to those who really needed it. V J and Alta did a great job organizing the effort and communicating with the entities calling in for help.

And that's not all. Volunteers will find a new workspace and lounge area dedicated to just inventorying incoming materials. And it is air-conditioned! Bathroom upgrades in the new workspace and in the warehouse proper will greet volunteers returning in June/July timeframe.



Virtual President-elect Training Seminar (PETS) will be held June 27, 2020

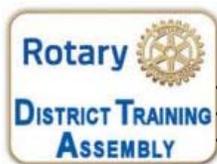
Join us for our 2020-2021 Virtual District President-elect Training Seminar. PETS is a mandatory training for all incoming Club Presidents but we strongly encourage President-nominees and/or anyone interested in becoming a club leader attend this specialized training. The training will begin at 9:00 AM and we should finish by 5:00 PM. We have added 30 minute breaks between each training session.



- Welcome, Rotary Theme, Club Visits and Goals presented by DGE Jay Craig and Lt. Governor John Rains
- The Rotary Foundation presented by PDG Ed Hardesty
- How to Setup A Virtual Meeting presented by District Administrator Rachelle Parker
- Rotary Club Central and Entering Club Goals presented by Assistant Governor Brett Brough
- Membership Training presented by PDG Jayne Lowe
- Toastmasters: Public Speaking presented by Richard Oltmann
- Ask a Past President: Q & A Panel Session with Dave Samuel, Coleman Farrar & Janie Green

To register to attend our Virtual District President-elect Training Seminar, please go to the DACdb Calendar, click on District Events in the parameter settings, scroll down to June 27, 2020, and click Register Now!

SAVE THE DATE: District Assembly will be held August 22, 2020



Join us for our 2020-2021 Virtual District Training Assembly. We have listened to your ideas and are excited to kick off a Virtual District Training Assembly that combines several training events into one purpose filled day.

- President-elect Training with Past President Linda Ortega
- Membership Training with Past District Governor Jayne Lowe
- Rotary Foundation Training with Past District Governor Ed Hardesty
- Diversity & Inclusion Training with Past President Hannibal Johnson
- Public Image Training with Assistant Governor Wally Bloss
- Rotary Club Central & DACdb Training with Assistant Governor Brett Brough and District Administrator Rachelle Parker

To register to attend our Virtual District Training Assembly, please go to the DACdb Calendar, click on District Events in the parameter settings, scroll down to August 22, 2020, and click Register Now!

Virtual Rotary Club Meetings in District 6110

Day	Club	Start Time	Meeting Link	Club President
Monday				
Tuesday	Tulsa - RCT	9:00 AM	https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ufuGtrDMpGNXqJQRiIsHXPYdfQXDJhPEj	Becky Fields
Tuesday	Rogers Noon	Noon	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89295649392?pwd=dlhBdGMvRkxocnoyRWpVOW9leE5Vdz09	Coleman Farrar
Tuesday	Pittsburg Noon	12:15 PM	https://meet.google.com/dud-hsaw-yhb	Cristy Mitchel
Tuesday	Coffeyville	Noon	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95298440005?pwd=d3A2V254Nk9Mb2ZhQUgrc0ZlUURJdDZ09	Tamara Males
Wednesday	Tulsa Sunrise	7:00 AM	https://www.gotomeet.me/TulsaSunriseRotary/weeklymeeting	Tim Holder
Wednesday	Tulsa - RCT	Noon	Coming Soon!	Becky Fields

Upcoming Club Events & Fundraisers

Rotary Club of Bella Vista - June 23, 2020 - Pan Am Tournament

The Rotary Club of Bella Vista is a designated charity for the APT Golf Tournament to be held at the Bella Vista Country Club the week of June 22, 2020. Rotary Club of Bella Vista has been associated with the Bella Vista Foundation in this tournament for the past three years and, as a result, they have been able to provide significant funding for the Bella Vista Public Library expansion.



A significant part of the funding, in addition to silent auction donations, comes from attracting Rotarians to play in the Pro-AM on the first day of the tournament. In the past, they have done this by sending messages to club presidents and by attending meetings to promote this event. Obviously, this scenario is a little different. Dick Schrad, Club President, would like to ask club presidents in our District to invite their members to join in the Pro-Am Tournament. For more information, please contact [Dick Schrad](#).

Upcoming DACdb Trainings



In an effort to help club leaders prepare for their year, DACdb is offering a series of special training sessions on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. via GoToWebinar. The videos for these training sessions are available after each training in the Help section of DACdb under DACdb Training (located in the leftside menu) and then COVID19 Training.

To date, DACdb has held trainings on the following topics and the videos are available in the Help section:

- Holding a Virtual Meeting - a live demonstration will be given during the District 6110 Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS) on June 27, 2020
- Care & Concern Chain
- Keeping in Touch with your Club Members
- Preparing for 2020-2021
- New Member Form
- Finance: Invoice and Statements

In addition, DACdb provided a special day long Secretary Training in April. If you missed it, you can register to attend the replay on Saturday, May 16, 2020. The videos for these sessions are also available in DACdb in the Help Section under DACdb Training, too.

Upcoming trainings include Sharing Your Virtual Meetings which will be held on Tuesday, May, 19th. You can register for these trainings in the DACdb calendar. Be sure to click on Multi-District Events in the parameter settings.