

# Rotary



## District 6110 Newsletter

**Happy New Year**

### **EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!**

This is a special "New Year's" edition of the District 6110 Newsletter. It contains brief biographies and photos of all the District 6110 leaders for the 2024-2025 year.

**Yes, it's long!\***

We have over 50 Rotarians who serve their District - whether it be chairing a small project, providing guidance to 4-6 clubs, or leading as the District Governor.

You can plow through it and read it all (I know I did) or set it in your inbox as a reference.

If you have the opportunity, say thanks to these leaders who see the "big picture" of Rotary!



Wally Bloss  
District Public Image Coordinator  
Assistant Governor  
Newsletter Editor

**\*Long:** there are about 55 bios with photos, and after the G-Line and AG/ACGs they are in order by function. Wheelchair's Noel Morris is last (sorry, Noel) and you may have to click "view entire message" or "see more" depending on your email client. But please do that to learn about the good Rotarians in service to District 6110.

## Warren Lovinger, our new District Governor



Warren Lovinger, MD was installed as the 2024-2025 Governor of Rotary District 6110 on June 29, 2024, in Nevada, Missouri. Warren has been a Rotarian for over 43 years—having joined the Nevada Rotary Club in 1980, soon after moving to the community. He grew up in Warrensburg, Missouri, graduated from Central Missouri State University, went on to the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland, and then completed a Residency in Internal Medicine at Barnes Hospital of St. Louis, Missouri. Warren met Marilyn Ratzlaff in St. Louis, where they were married in 1979.

After moving to Nevada, they were blessed with four children. Three are now practicing physicians in Missouri, while the fourth lives in Switzerland. Eight grandchildren provide great joy to the senior Lovingers. Their other interests include gardening, tree planting, travel, and church and community volunteerism.

Warren served twice as President of the Nevada Rotary Club, where Marilyn is also a member. They believe in the importance of stewardship, and became members of the Rotary Foundation—™s Arch Klumph Society in 2023. Warren completed the District 6110 Leadership Academy in 2021. He will also serve as co-chair of the Legacy Campaign to raise an additional \$2 Million for the Rotary Foundation from our District.

His community involvement in Nevada has included 18 years on the R-5 Board of Education, co-founder of the Osage Prairie YMCA, serving as a Presbyterian Elder, and current chairman of Nevada—™s Philanthropic Society. He has been named —œCitizen of the Year—œ. Recently, the Lovinger family has been actively promoting economic development in their region.

Dr. Lovinger practiced Internal Medicine in Nevada, Missouri for 40 years, until retiring in 2020. He provided outpatient, inpatient, consultative, and long-term care services.

Warren served in many physician leadership roles locally and at the state level—including as President of the Missouri State Medical Association in 2017-18. He feels that this experience has helped him anticipate the rigors of Governorship for Rotary District 6110. He and Marilyn are excited about their upcoming opportunity to visit our four state District—™s 73 Rotary Clubs and to meet with the many wonderful Rotarian members!

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## John Rains, District Governor-Elect

John Rains is our District Governor-Elect for the 24-25 Rotary Year. He notes, "It is my honor and privilege to be selected to serve District 6110 as District Governor for the 2025-2026 Rotary Year. As a servant leader at heart, I will employ my faith, family, professional and Rotary experiences to foster an environment of friendship, mutual respect, passion, and creativity. Serving our District's members, clubs, and communities will be fulfilling my heart's desire to further serve in this great organization, and the adventure of a lifetime for my wife Cathy and me!"



John was born in Tahlequah, OK and has lived in the Green Country area of Oklahoma ever since. He graduated from Sapulpa High School and went on to attend the University of Oklahoma, Tulsa Junior College, and the University of Tulsa, where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration's Management Information Systems degree.

Vocationally he began his career as a Systems Analyst for Conoco-Phillips, then partnering with a fellow Rotarian as Vice President of Sales and part owner of Austral Inc, an IT services company. Most recently he joined IMAX Corp (not the theatre) as Director of Information Systems before being promoted to Vice President of Sales and then President. He is currently a licensed Realtor with HomeSmart Stellar Realty and manages their rental investments in the Tulsa area.

John has had wonderful Rotary experiences as a 25-year member of 2 different Clubs – starting with the Rotary Club of Sapulpa from 1999 – 2001 and since with the Rotary Club of Tulsa. In addition to serving as President in 2016 -2017 for the Rotary Club of Tulsa, he received the Rotarian of the Year in 2014 and received the James G Saied Service Above Self Award in 2017. Rains has served in several District positions and for the current year he is a member of the Board of Directors for Medical Supplies Network Inc (MSNI) and the District Governor Elect.

As a blended family, Cathy and John have shared raising 5 children (and 3 exchange students) during their 24 years of marriage, with their youngest son now 27. They have been active over the years with our children, church, community, and Rotary. Most recently, as empty nesters, they enjoy spending time with family, friends, and each other during their RV lifestyle.

## Laura Garrett, District Governor-Nominee, Assistant Governor Coordinator



Dr. Laura Garrett, of Tulsa, became our District Governor Nominee July 1, which means she will be District Governor for the 2025-2026 year. She continues as the Assistant Governor Coordinator for Oklahoma clubs. Laura is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Tulsa Community College and is a Community Educator for the Oklahoma Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Dr. Laura has a Doctorate of Education in Family Studies and Child Development from Oklahoma State University with a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology. She holds a Master of Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma and a Bachelor's from Kansas State University. She is a certified Dementia Practitioner, and serves as a Board Member for the Broken Arrow Senior Center.

Laura is a third generation Rotarian and has been a member of Rotary since 1999. She has been a member of small clubs like El Reno where she served as President, and has served as a board member at the Rotary Club of Downtown OKC, one of the largest Rotary Clubs in the world. She was named the Outstanding New OKC Rotary Member in 2017. In addition to her AG duties, Laura continues as the District 6110 Youth Protection Officer. She is a Paul Harris Fellow +2 and also is a member of the Zone 31 Membership Committee. She completed the Rotary District 6110 Leadership Academy in 2022. She is a member of the District 6110 Visioning Team. She presented at the 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston on the topic of "Generational: Rotary Relationships." She serves as the Team Captain for the Rotarians of District 6110 Team for the Tulsa Alzheimer's Walk.

Laura has two children: her daughter Sarah is a graduate student at Washington State and her son Rob is an undergrad at the University of Southern California.

## Ben Ames, Assistant Governor

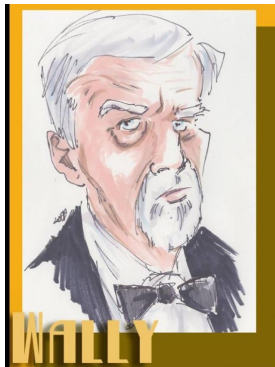
Ben Ames will be an Assistant Governor, serving the Rotary Clubs of Tulsa Southeast, Tulsa Southside, Bartlesville, and North Tulsa. Ben is from Bartlesville, Oklahoma and grew up in South Coffeyville, OK, graduating from high school in 2003. He attended Coffeyville Community College, and Northeastern State University, majoring in Organizational Leadership.

Ben works with Ray of Hope Advocacy Center in Bartlesville, as the Community Outreach Coordinator. He focuses on helping build relationships, coordinating prevention, outreach and education efforts to increase awareness of child abuse, domestic violence, teen dating violence, and sexual assault prevention.

Ben's community involvement led him to Rotary. He joined the Rotary Club of Coffeyville in 2018. He served as club president 2020-2021. He helped continue guiding the club through the pandemic, during which they were able to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> year as a club. He enjoys being a Rotarian and believes in the mission and vision of the organization. Ben is a member of the Bartlesville Daybreak Rotary Club. Ben resides in Bartlesville, Oklahoma with his husband Robert, and their two children. He enjoys spending time with his family, baking, and traveling. He and Robert have traveled many places across the country, but enjoy spending time in New Orleans, or anywhere along the Gulf Coast. Ben found a passion for running in 2007, and has run several 5, 10, and 15k races, along with the Route 66 half-marathon.



## Wally Bloss, Assistant Governor, Public Image Coordinator



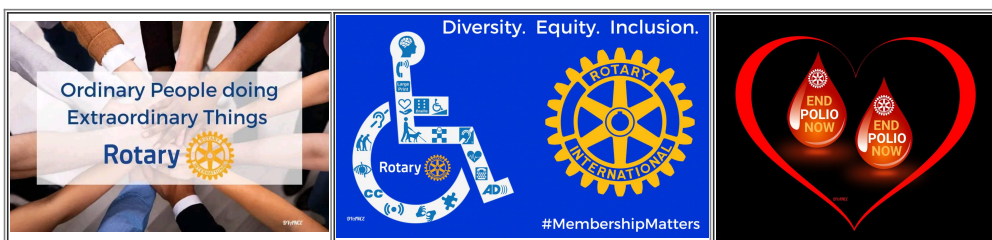
Wally Bloss continues as an Assistant Governor and District Public Image Coordinator.

Wally spent most of his career managing non-profits, beginning in human services, and the last 20 years in the arts. In St Joseph, MO, Wally ran the Allied Arts Council and joined Rotary Club #32 and became President. He moved to Logan, Utah to run an Arts Council with an 1100-seat theatre, where he later received the Governor's Leadership in the Arts Award. He joined the Logan Rotary Club and became President there. He was the District 5420 Scholarship chair and assisted with the 2011 RI Convention in Salt Lake City. In 2013, he retired to Joplin, MO, and in a few years became President of that Rotary Club. He continues as club Secretary.

In his "retirement," he has chaired and serves on several local and state arts organizations' boards, did a 3-year volunteer gig at a KRPS public radio, and performed with his wife, Leecia, in community theatre.

Wally is a graduate of the District Leadership Academy and will continue as District Newsletter Editor, District Public Image Coordinator, and fighting with Meta as Admin for the District Facebook page. He was awarded "District Rotarian of the Year" in 2022. He just completed a 3 year tour as Zone 31 Assistant Regional Public Image Coordinator, working with all four Missouri Districts. He is pleased to again be an Assistant Governor for the Aurora, Neosho, Carthage, Joplin Daybreak, and Mt Vernon Rotary Clubs. He has been bugging leadership for bios and pix, then posting them for this project. He and his wife, Leecia, are multiple Paul Harris Fellows, and he is a member of the Paul Harris Society.

His early years were spent in Rochester, NY, and he attended college in Marshall and Columbia, MO, obtaining an MS in Community Development. Wally & Leecia have a blended family of 5 grown children and 3 grandchildren, mostly in Missouri. He got his first computer in 1979 and tries to keep up with nerd stuff. He loves to sing and was invited by Bobby McFerrin to sing with him in the Utah theatre he managed. He is looking forward to more Rotary adventures with Governor Warren!



## **Larry Boyer, Assistant Governor**

Larry Boyer returns as an Assistant Governor for 2024-2025, serving the Broken Arrow, Tulsa, and Tulsa Will Rogers Rotary Clubs.

Larry has enjoyed perfect attendance with the Southside Tulsa Rotary Club since being inducted in 1992. He has served that club in numerous positions, including roles as President of the club, and trustee and president of the Southside Foundation for several years. A Rotary Foundation Benefactor and Paul Harris Fellow, Larry is one of many active past presidents of Tulsa's Southside Rotary. Larry's vocation is custom clothing.

He completed a three-year term as an assistant governor 2015-2018, and was selected to do it again. Welcome back!



## **Aaron Brewer, Assistant Governor**



Aaron Brewer continues his success on the District Leadership team as an Assistant Governor, serving clubs in Booneville, Ozark, Paris, Altus and Van Buren, AR.

Aaron worked as a Special Agent in federal law enforcement for 31 years and retired in 2012. Since then, he has kept busy as an Auctioneer and Real Estate Broker, licensed in Arkansas and Oklahoma. He owns Mountain Vista Real Estate and Brewer Auctions based from Booneville, Arkansas. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Brenda, and they have six children and five grandchildren. Aaron began his journey in Rotary in 2016 and is a Past President of the Booneville Club. He is also a Kiwanis member and a Past President. He is currently President of the Arkansas Auctioneer's Association. He has been President of the Fort Smith Board of Realtors®, and was the President of the Booneville Chamber of Commerce for 4

years.

In his spare time, Aaron likes to carve wood, fruit and vegetables, and enjoys working on his 25 acre patch of land in Booneville.

We're glad for Aaron to continue in the District Leadership

## **Terry Bushay, Assistant Governor**

We welcome back Terry Bushay as the Assistant Governor serving the Bull Shoals-Lakeview, Harrison, Mid-Marion County, Mountain Home, and Holiday Island Rotary Clubs.

Terry is retired as a general practice dentist. He joined Rotary in 1996 in Eureka Springs for networking when he opened his private practice in Holiday Island. He was in the Eureka Springs club for 13 years serving as President, Sergeant-at-Arms (several years), Youth Exchange counselor, and Youth Exchange host.

In 2009, he changed to the Holiday Island club, while the club was struggling, to help it succeed. There, Terry served as Sergeant-at-Arms, President for two years, and Foundation Chair for almost a decade. He is a graduate of the first 6110 District Leadership Academy.

He has been married to Rosemary for 37 years. He loves golf, pickleball, fishing, all things Rotary and they love traveling! Terry also has a great sense of humor! Welcome back, Terry!





## **Tiffany Egdorf, Assistant Governor**



Tiffany Egdorf will be busy this year! Coming off her year as President of the Tulsa Rotary Club, she will be an Assistant Governor to the Bixby, Coweta, Muskogee, Tahlequah-Cherokee County, and Wagoner Rotary Clubs. She also is Co-Chair with DG Warren for the Legacy Banquet, and will be learning the District Youth Protection Officer role, alongside Laura Garrett. Whew!

Tiffany is the CEO of the Connection Companies, specializing in consulting for non-profits and small businesses. She previously served as the President & CEO of the Lindsey House, leading the organization to significant growth and success. Tiffany has a Bachelor of Science in Dance Management from Oklahoma City University, a Master of Arts in Ministry and Culture from Phillips

Theological Seminary, and Masters in Healthcare Delivery Sciences from the University of Tulsa.

Tiffany is a graduate of Leadership Tulsa, the Rotary District Leadership Academy, and the Tulsa Police Academy. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma Police Foundation, Lifegate Freedom Recovery Ministries, and Medical Services Network, Inc. In addition, she volunteers with the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary and the Knights Templar.

She has served the Rotary Club of Tulsa as Club President and Club Treasurer, has chaired the Shop with a Cop and Above and Beyond Committees, and served on many Rotary committees. She is a Club Foundation Fellow, a Paul Harris Fellow, and an MSNI Ambassador. She has served the District as Foundation Banquet Chair.

Tiffany is happy to be living, working, and enjoying among great friends and family. She loves traveling, dancing, reading, gardening, and volunteering. She shares life with her husband, Lee, and their beagle, Hammond, and chihuahua, Leo.

Fun fact – Tiffany is a competitive ballroom dancer and has choreographed over 200 shows and dance numbers.

## **Lisa Engel, Assistant Governor**

Lisa Engel joined Rotary in 2002 - first in Concord, CA, then Grants Pass, OR, and now continues her Rotary journey in Broken Arrow, OK. She just completed her third year as an Assistant Governor and will continue to serve the Claremore Reveille, Bristow, Sand Springs, and Sapulpa Rotary Clubs, in addition to the Sand Springs E-Club and Claremore noon club. Broken Arrow uses the five-year progression, so she has been membership chair, programs chair, committees, and socials chair, and President. She received the Service Above Self award in 2017-18 and Rotarian of the Year award in 2019-20. Lisa is a member of the Bequest society and a Paul Harris fellow + 1.



Lisa is the District's International Service Chair and was part of the inaugural District-to-District team that went to Chile last November. She was very involved in the planning and organizing of the team's visit to our District this past April, and really enjoyed spending time with them during their visit.

Lisa graduated from Oklahoma State University with a double major in international management and human resources management. After college, she moved back to her home state of California and worked in public accounting for 17 years as an audit manager of union pension and health care funds. After that, she became director of Junior Achievement of the Bay Area. Lisa and her husband, Galen, moved back to Oklahoma due to her father's failing health, and the collapse of the economy on the West Coast in early 2009. They started Tiger Town Tees in 2010 in a back bedroom of their house and now have a 4,000 square foot shop in Broken Arrow. They do custom screen printing for anyone who needs printed apparel!

Little known fact about Lisa: her father would do bit parts in different series when she lived in California and landed her a small role in a movie when she was seven. The movie was "Moonshine War", starring Richard Widmark and Alan Alda. She was swinging on a tire swing and had to yell, "Daddy, daddy, help, help!" but apparently the scene ended up on the cutting room floor! But she did get paid for it!

Welcome back, Lisa!

## Stan Grigsby, Assistant Governor



Stan Grigsby continues his service on the District Leadership team as an Assistant Governor, serving Rotary clubs in Chanute, Fredonia, Iola, and Neodesha. He also chairs the District Committee for the Environment.

Stan's first career was as a meteorologist in the Navy. Upon retirement from the Navy, he worked for a number of companies in the Washington D.C. area. The focus of that work was research regarding the interaction of Navy systems with the environment. After moving to Kansas, Stan taught physics and engineering at the university level. Now, he is semi-retired, and working on projects related to Navy simulation and on projects related to

economic development in Rwanda.

Stan joined the Rotary Club of Iola, Kansas in 2012 and served as President for the 2015-2016 year. He continues on the club board and maintains the club website.

Stan is married to Donna Grigsby, also a Rotarian, and they have two daughters, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

He enjoys amateur radio, restoring a '46 Chevy pickup and reading.

Welcome to Stan Grigsby!

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## Tim Holder, Assistant Governor

We are pleased that Dr. Tim Holder will continue as Assistant Governor serving Rotary clubs in Henryetta, McAlester, Okmulgee, and, Poteau. He will also co-chair the district's Polio Eradication efforts.

Tim graduated from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, and Family Practice Residency in Corpus Christi, Texas. He is Board Certified in both Family Practice and in Hospice and Palliative Medicine and is the Medical Director of Supportive Care Solutions of Tulsa. He was previously Medical Director for Supportive Care and Survivorship at Cancer Treatment Centers America - Tulsa from 2013 to 2020. He has over 20 years of experience in Hospice and Palliative Medicine/symptom control and management.

Dr. Holder served on the Attorney General's Task Force to Improve End-of-Life Care in Oklahoma. He has received several awards, including the 2004 Red Cross Everyday Hero Award and 2001 Five Who Care volunteer award.

Tim served on the board & as President of the Muskogee Morning Rotary Club from 1999-2000. He helped the club achieve 100% Paul Harris Fellow designation through their participation and fundraising for an International Matching Grant. When the Morning Club disbanded in 2002, he transferred to the Muskogee Rotary Club until his induction into the Tulsa Sunrise club. Tim has also held the office of Chair for Membership Development and International Service. Tim is a Major Donor and is an Ambassador for the MSNI.

He is married to Kaia, his wife of 33+ years. Kaia is a cellist and previously played in the Fort Smith Symphony. They have 3 daughters. Tim has a heart for international mission work, having worked in East Africa, Nicaragua, and India.

It's great to have Tim continue in service on the 24-25 leadership team!



## **Holly Holiman, Assistant Governor**



Holly Holiman is returning as Assistant Governor for the Rotary clubs of Bentonville & Satellite, Downtown Rogers, Rogers, Siloam Springs, Springdale & Satellite, and Holiday Island. She also will serve on the Multi-Year Planning and Polio Eradication committees.

Holly retired from a career as a registered nurse. Her experience in the northwest Arkansas area includes tenures as Chief Nursing Officer at Northwest Medical Center in Bentonville and Executive Director of Emergency Services at Mercy Health System. She has also practiced in Little Rock, Arkansas, and in Houston, Texas.

Clinical specialties during her career included emergency department, intensive care, and wound care.

Holly joined the Rotary Club of Bella Vista in 2014. She served as membership chair and secretary before becoming club president in 2021-2022.

After retirement, Holly moved to Rogers, Arkansas. In the past few months, Holly has moved to Springdale and changed club membership to the Rotary Club of Springdale. Previously she lived on a farm outside Pea Ridge with horses, cows, chickens, dogs and cats. She and her late partner grew vegetables and flowers, including over 100 peony plants. Holly has a daughter in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and a son in Benton, Arkansas, and 4 grandchildren. Her hobbies include gardening, reading, walking, and jigsaw and word puzzles.

Welcome back, Holly!

## **Heidi Johnson, Assistant Governor**

Heidi Johnson is excited and honored to continue to serve as an Assistant Governor for District 6110, connecting to the Ft Scott, Frontenac, Pittsburg, and Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary Clubs. She has served as the Sergeant at Arms, President-Elect/Program Chair and President of the Lamar Rotary Club since joining in 2017. Though in no way a pageant girl herself, Heidi has enjoyed serving on and chairing the Lamar Rotary Fair Queen Pageant Committee. The Pageant is a 60-plus year tradition in Lamar and provides scholarships, public speaking opportunities and confidence-building opportunities for local young women ages 6 to 21. She also enjoys seeing the community come together every year for the Lamar Free Fair in late August. Rotary sponsors the parade and runs a food stand, where you can find Heidi working most nights.



Heidi is the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Lamar, overseeing the park system and youth sports programs. Previously, she worked in media and public relations for the collegiate athletics programs at Pittsburg State University, University of Florida, University of Minnesota and University of Missouri.

Heidi graduated from Lamar High School in 1996. After receiving a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri in 2000, she thought she would never return to Missouri, but moved back to Lamar in 2008. She loves living and working in her hometown and being close to her family, most importantly her four-year-old niece, Addison.

Heidi enjoys traveling with family and friends. She has taken three mission trips to Tanzania, and spends a lot of her spare time trying to figure out how to relocate there permanently. In addition to Rotary, Heidi serves on the boards of the Barton County Community Foundation, the Lamar Independent Foundation for Education, and she is the President of the Southwest Missouri Zone of the Lutheran Women in Mission.



## Marsha Jones, Assistant Governor



We are pleased to welcome Marsha Jones as a new Assistant Governor, serving the Cassville, Joplin, Lamar, Nevada and Webb City/Carl Junction Rotary Clubs.

Marsha married into Mt. Vernon Rotary 10 years ago, when she married Sam, a 30 year member. First she was a Rotary spouse and really became interested in 2017 during a service project. Then she brought her trusty chainsaw and yard implements to join an amazing community-minded group! By February 2020, it was official, Rotary was in her future as she was named President 2020-21 and again in 2023-24. She

was very involved in the Shoes for Orphan Souls project.

The family consists of a terrific stepdaughter and son-in-law, dog Willow, 4 cats and 9-14 deer!

Marsha has been very active in Mt Vernon, with six years on the Community Betterment Council, five years as Farmers' Market Manager and Community Garden, and active in the Chamber of Commerce as a board member and also with Beta Sigma Phi.

She enjoys gardening, travelling, and entertaining. We look forward to a great year as a new AG!!

## Suzy Morgan, Assistant Governor

We welcome Suzy Sharpe Morgan as a new Assistant Governor serving the Jenks, Owasso, Pryor, Skiatook, and Tulsa Sunrise Rotary clubs.

Suzy grew up in Chickasha, Oklahoma. She is a proud graduate of Phillips University with a BA in Religion and Sociology. At Phillips, she was on the Student Senate all four years serving as President her senior year. Following graduation, she was fortunate to be able to spend a semester in Sweden. She is also a graduate of Oklahoma City University with a MA in Religious Education. In 20+ years as a religious educator, she served churches in Chickasha and Anadarko. It was a position at Boston Avenue UMC in Tulsa that brought her and her family to Tulsa. Since retiring from full-time church work, Suzy has had a variety of jobs including a nanny to twins, a teacher's assistant at her children's school, an accounting assistant at a nationwide organization, an office manager at a magazine for small animal veterinarians, and at a senior living community. She currently works very part-time at Leadership Tulsa. Fun fact, Suzy has a commercial drivers' license, a bartenders' license and is a notary.



Suzy's Rotary journey began around 1990 in Chickasha. At that time, there was only one other woman in the club and that woman sponsored Suzy for membership. In order to be a member of the Chickasha Rotary Club, a prospective member had to attend a full day Rotary Information Committee led by a PDG and president of the local university, Dr. Roy Trout. She served as Club Secretary and was proud to have three years of perfect attendance. She was happy to, once again, become a Rotarian in the Tulsa Will Rogers Club where she recently served as President. She completed the District Leadership Academy and is excited to serve as an Assistant Governor to Warren Lovinger, John Rains and Laura Garrett.

She has been married to Rob for 39 years and they have two adult children; daughter Marisa and son Mason. She also has two four-legged children; German Shepherd mix Murph and Siamese cat Puma. In her spare time (what's that?) she enjoys baking and reading. She and Rob enjoy traveling especially their annual family trips to New Orleans and Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Welcome aboard, Suzy!

## Kirk Nelsen, Assistant Governor



We welcome Kirk Nelsen as an Assistant Governor serving the Coffeyville, Independence, Miami, and Parsons Rotary Clubs.

Kirk has been a Rotarian since joining the Rotary Club of Pittsburg in November of 1983. He has served in the capacity of bulletin editor, Board member, Secretary, President, and AG (2007-2011). In addition to starting his second tour as an AG, he is currently assisting PDG Ron Petersen with the District's 4-Way-Test Speech Contest. After 44 years in the steel fabrication business, Kirk is now enjoying retirement with Rita, his wife of 42 years, and spending time with his daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren Julia and Jimmy (aka Dozer).

He also enjoys curling up with a good spreadsheet and long walks at District Conferences.

Gotta love an AG with a sense of humor!

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## Charlie Platt, Assistant Governor

Charlie Platt will be an Assistant Governor, serving the Alma, Ft. Smith, and Ft. Smith Southside Rotary Clubs.

Charlie has been a Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Springdale, Arkansas since 2013 and recently finished his year as president of the club. He and fellow Rotarian Chaddie have been married for 24 years.

In his professional life, Charlie is a Mortgage Banker for Highlands Mortgage based in Dallas TX. Charlie enjoys playing music, gardening, mountain biking, and hiking with his three fur-babies CeCe, Rufus, and London.

Welcome to District Leadership!



## Dick Schrad, Assistant Governor, District Webmaster



Dick Schrad is beginning his fourth year as Assistant Governor serving the Rotary clubs in Grove, Vinita, Rogers, Northside Fayetteville, Fayetteville, Springdale, Springdale Satellite and the University of Arkansas Rotaract Club. He has previously been the AG for Rotary Clubs in Miami, Wagoner, Neosho, Cassville, Bella Vista, Bentonville, Bentonville Satellite, Rogers Downtown and Rogers Early Risers. Dick is also webmaster for the Bella Vista Club and District 6110 website. (Take a look at [our website](#) - it is looking great!)

Dick joined Rotary in 1987 and has been a member of five different clubs in a variety of leadership positions. He earned a BA from Creighton University and an MBA from the University of Iowa. Dick served in the Vietnam war as a US Army Officer. He is a former small business owner, retired city manager and consultant. Dick has been married to Pat for 58 years with 2 sons (one surviving) and 3 grandsons. Thanks to Dick for his leadership!

## **Michelle Robinson, Assistant Governor Coordinator, District Membership Chair**

District 6110 is pleased to announce Michelle Robinson will serve as an Assistant Governor Coordinator for the Arkansas Rotary clubs and also as the District Membership Chair.

Michelle was born in Annapolis and grew up in Maryland. She is the oldest of four children, the only daughter, and learned early the responsibility of helping others.

Michelle's career journey has been in insurance throughout her adult life, beginning out of college in Baltimore, Maryland, and winding through different states, and now in Van Buren, Arkansas in a State Farm Agency.

She has been the Ambassador Chair for the Van Buren Chamber of Commerce, a Youth Group Leader, and Sunday School teacher for her Episcopal Church, served as the mayor of her village at the Fort Irwin, CA Army base, the Enlisted Spouses' President, and the Family Readiness Group Leader for spouses and families of deployed soldiers.

Michelle is a Paul Harris Fellow +5, a member of the Paul Harris Society, Benefactor and Level 2 Bequest Society member, Past President of the Rotary Club of Van Buren, 2019-2021, and currently serving as the Club Secretary/Treasurer.

Her son, Ryan is serving in the US Army, daughter Jessica is a Cardiac Sonographer, and youngest daughter Julie is a Paralegal. Her husband, Kevin, is a retired Vicar for the Episcopal Church and they are proud grandparents of their five-year-old granddaughter. Michelle devotes her heart to her family and Rotary service to make a difference in this world!



## **Sonia Larimore, Assistant Governor Coordinator**



Sonia Larimore is excited to begin her new position as an Assistant Governor Coordinator for the Kansas and Missouri Assistant Governors.

After serving more than 25 years in the long-term care industry, Sonia stepped away from direct care and is now working on a grant project that is to help keep people out of emergency rooms, hospitals, and nursing homes, thus reducing Medicaid dollars being spent by the State of Kansas.

A week after earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resources Management in 1998 from Oklahoma Wesleyan University, she started her career with Windsor Place At Home Care as the area manager. Five years later, she moved on to serve as Director of Guest Home Estates VIII in Erie, KS. Three years later, she returned to Windsor Place Coffeyville taking the position of Director for their two locations.

Larimore honed her people skills early while working at her family's restaurant, the former Bones Steakhouse, in South Coffeyville, OK. In 1985, she opened her own drive-in burger joint and operated a catering truck which she sold in 1989.

Sonia is a 2006 Leadership Coffeyville graduate and has served on that board and as the Chair for several years. She currently serves as President for the Kansas Center for Assisted Living where she has served many years on the board. She also serves as a Trustee for the Coffeyville Regional Medical Center.

Sonia served as President of the Rotary Club of Coffeyville in 2017-18, and has been club secretary and Interact Club sponsor. She is a Paul Harris Fellow +4, Paul Harris Society Member, a 2022 District Leadership Academy graduate, and completed her first American Wheelchair Mission trip in March 2023. She also serves on the District 6110 Visioning team and Rotary Youth Exchange selection team.

Rodney, her husband of 30 years, shares her love for people. "This makes for a good mix for the time I put into serving my Rotary family," she said. Sonia and Rodney have two sons and two granddaughters, three standard poodles, a doodle and two high-maintenance cats.

Thanks, Sonia, for continuing your service to District 6110!

## Susan Sangren, Choices

Susan Sangren continues on the District Leadership team to chair the CHOICES program,

Susan has been a member of the Rotary Club of Harrison since 2001, serving as President in 2012-2013. She graduated from the District 6110 Leadership Academy in 2014 and was Assistant Governor from 2016-2019. She is a Major Donor, Rotary Benefactor and a Paul Harris Society member and was selected as her club's Rotarian of the Year in 2011 and 2016. She has attended three Rotary International Conventions.

Susan is currently the Youth Exchange Officer for her club. She is on the District's Personnel Committee and is Chair of the CHOICES program. The CHOICES workshop consists of two 45-minute sessions delivered by volunteers on consecutive days in the classroom during the school day to eighth and ninth grade students. The first session focuses on the value of staying in school and the second session introduces life skills to help teens succeed in both school and life.

Susan was born and raised in Harrison, AR. She graduated from the University of Central Arkansas with a degree in Psychology. After graduation she spent a year in Bozeman, Montana as a VISTA Volunteer. She is the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Director for the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District.



Thanks to Susan for her efforts on the District Leadership team!

## Galen Engel, New Club Development



Galen Engel is excited to continue as the District Club Development Chair, finding new ways to form clubs and expand the reach of Rotary.

Galen joined the Broken Arrow Rotary club in 2017. The first position he held was Sergeant at Arms in 2017-2018. He founded and chaired an After Hours alternative meeting from 2018-2020. This meeting helped grow the club and change the culture that still helps direct it today.

He received the Rotarian of the year award in 2019 and was asked to speak about membership at the District Conference that same year. He is a member of the Bequest Society and a Paul Harris

fellow.

Galen started working full time in high school. He married his beautiful wife Lisa in 2005. They moved to Grants Pass, Oregon, built a commercial building and opened a Curves fitness franchise.

The Engels moved to Broken Arrow in 2009. Galen went to welding school then opened a screen-printing shop in the back bedroom. Lisa and Galen still own and operate Tiger Town Tees to this day, in a 4,000 square foot commercial space.

Galen grew up an Air Force brat. He went to first grade in three different states - Sherman, Texas; Battle Creek, Michigan; and Syracuse, New York. Galen and Lisa bought their dream home in Claremore, OK in 2022 and plan to retire there.



## Don den Daas, Council of Governors Chair

Don den Daas continues as Chair of the Council of Governors - the Past District Governors (PDGs) who advise the district on many facets of our operations, and also select the incoming District Governor Nominees.

Don was born in Amsterdam, Netherlands in 1949. His family moved to the United States in 1956 and became American citizens in 1963.

He joined Southside Tulsa Rotary Club in 1986. Don has served his club in a variety of capacities, including president and several terms as a board member. He also served as president of the Southside Rotary Foundation. For the last three years Don has served as Rotary Foundation Chair.



Don has also served District 6110 in a variety of positions, including District Governor in Rotary year 2016-17. From 2017 through 2019 he also served at the Zone level as an Assistant Rotary coordinator. Don and his wife Judy are Major Donors as well as Bequest Society members and Rotary Benefactors.

Don served in the United States Army from 1968-1971. Upon completion of his military service he returned to college and earned a BSBA in Business Administration from Southern Colorado State College (now Colorado State University "Pueblo").

Upon graduating from college, Don was employed by a Fortune 500 computer company. After two years in the computer industry, Don moved into telecommunications, where he spent the rest of his career as a manager and a business owner.

Don and Judy (a retired teacher) have been married for 53 years. They have two adult children, who are also Paul Harris Fellows.

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## Dave Matty, District Rules & Procedures Committee, and more!



Dave Matty will continue as District Rules & Procedures Committee chair; Elections, Credentials, Parliamentarian Committee Chair, District Finance Committee member, District Personnel Committee member and District To District Committee member.

He was born and raised in Wisconsin and moved to Mountain Home, AR in 1980. He worked for 24 years in the Medical Device Manufacturing Industry for Baxter International and then began a 18-year career as a Financial Advisor, starting with AG Edwards and retiring in 2021 from FSIS Group

affiliated with Raymond James Financial. Dave is married to Judy, and they are blessed with four adult children and 6 grandchildren. Dave and his wife, Judy, own and operate *Let's Travel With Judy*. Dave will always say "I love Rotary and all the opportunities of service that Rotary provides!"

He started The Interact Club and CHOICES program in his local club and served in all capacities during the last 37+ years as a Rotarian in Mountain Home. He was also blessed to receive Rotary's Four Avenues of Service Citation in 2003 from then RI President Bhichai Rattakul of Thailand. But, one of his most memorable Rotary adventures was to lead a Rotary International Group Study Exchange Team to India in January 2012 and participate in India's National Polio Immunization Day. It was indeed a pleasure in service!

Dave has also experienced many Rotary Wheelchair distribution trips with The American Wheelchair Mission and has attended 8 International Conventions. He is Past District 6110 Interact and CHOICES Chairman as well as past Assistant Governor and District Lieutenant Governor overseeing 40 clubs in our District. Dave has been a Mid-America PETS Facilitator for 7 years and has served on the District Youth Exchange Committee from 1998 to 2012. He is a graduate of the 2013 District Leadership Academy. Dave and Judy are Level 6 Arch Klumph Bequest Society Members, Level 2 Major Donors and Paul Harris Society Members.

Dave continues to look forward to inviting others to join our service around the world!

## Ellis Potter, District To District Chair

Dr Ellis Potter will continue chairing the very successful new program, "District To District", organizing an exchange of Rotarians from District 6110 to District 4355 in southern Chile.

He is a graduate of the University of Kansas and Southern College of Optometry, and is retired from private practice in Iola, Kansas.



As a member of the Kansas Optometric Association, Dr. Potter served on numerous committees as well as Editor of the Kansas Optometric Journal. He was recognized as Kansas Optometrist of the Year in 2006 and was recognized with the Brien Holden Humanitarian Award.

Ellis is a Past President of VOSH International (Volunteer Optometric Service To Humanity), a member of Kansas VOSH, and a Fellow of VOSH International. He has participated in VOSH eye care clinics in Honduras, Panama, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic and has organized and led 9 VOSH humanitarian missions to Chile and Easter Island. In 2018, he received the VOSH organization's Lifetime Achievement Award.

He has been active in the Rotary club since 1981 and, in 2007-2008 served as District Governor. He is the founder and served as dean of the District 6110 Leadership Academy from 2010 until 2020. He is a member of the Rotary International Action Group for Avoidable Blindness. In 2008, Dr. Potter and Rotarians from his club formed the Vision Quest International Foundation, whose purpose was the education and alleviation of avoidable blindness. He served as President of the foundation until it was converted to the Iola Kansas Rotary Foundation.

Dr. and Mrs. Potter are Paul Harris Fellows and Major Donors to the Rotary International Foundation.

## **Rachelle Langley, DACdb Trainer**



Rachelle Langley continues as Chair of the District Communications Officer team. If you have questions regarding DACdb, contact Rachelle or anyone on the DCO Team.

Rachelle is a member of the Rotary Club of North Tulsa in District 6110. She was first introduced to Rotary when she went to work for the Rotary Club of Tulsa in 2014. In 2018, Rachelle became the District Administrator for District 6110 and joined DACdb in 2019 as a member of the Support Team. In 2024, Rachelle accepted a position with Adonis Health.

She is a graduate of North Georgia University with a degree in Human Service Delivery Administration. Prior to working with Rotary, Rachelle worked in Student Counseling & Career Services with NGU, and as a nonprofit case manager, in adoption

facilitation, and for the Department of Human Services.

Currently, Rachelle resides on Lake Keystone in Cleveland, OK with her husband, Bryan. Rachelle and Bryan enjoy traveling as well as spending time with their 5 children and 4 grandchildren.

If you are stumped with DACdb, Rachelle can help!

## **Gary Pollmiller, Dictionary Project**

District 6110 is well served by many leaders! One of the most successful projects we operate is the very successful Dictionary Project, which Gary Pollmiller has chaired since 2006!

Gary joined the Rotary Club of Parsons in May, 1988 and served as the club's newsletter editor for nine years, as Secretary for 11 years, and as President for the 2003-2004 year. He has served as the chair of his club's Dictionary Project from 2001 to present. He also served as an Assistant Governor from 2005 to 2018.

In 2001, he began serving as the Kansas representative for the District's Dictionary Project, under the chairmanship of Stanley Dixon. Gary became the District 6110 Dictionary chair in March 2006 and continues to serve. Since 2018, he has served as secretary of the Board of Directors of The Dictionary Project, Mt. Pleasant, SC. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Medical Supplies Network, Inc., 2011-15.

Gary is a Sustaining Rotary Foundation donor, Rotary Benefactor and a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

By profession, he is a retired Commercial Product Photographer following a fulfilling 40-year career. In his spare time, Gary enjoys attending live concerts, pro and high school football games, and lake fishing for trout or largemouth bass. Gary loves spending time with his two children, their spouses and his three fine grandsons.

Since 1983 Gary has portrayed Santa Claus as his "ministry" for the elementary school students in the Parsons area.

This project has provided over 1 million dictionaries to students in District 6110! For more info on the Dictionary project, check here: [www.RotaryLiteracy.com](http://www.RotaryLiteracy.com) or email: [info@RotaryLiteracy.com](mailto:info@RotaryLiteracy.com).



## **Pat Phillips, District Accounting Assistant**



Pat Phillips fills the part-time staff position of District Accounting Assistant, keeping the books for the District Treasurer. She sends out the District Invoices, and checks!

Pat was born and reared in Coffeyville, Kansas, where she graduated from high school. After moving to Tulsa in 1966, she attended Tulsa Community College, majoring in accounting. One of her first jobs in Tulsa was at KOTV Channel 6. Pat was then named assistant manager at the Oaks Country Club.

Her primary work experience has been as controller at Cedar Ridge Country Club for 10 years and controller at Tulsa Country Club for 17 years. After leaving Cedar Ridge Country Club in 2007, she was employed at Cross and Robinson CPA's for 5 years before coming to the Rotary District office as a part-time bookkeeper.

Pat Phillips has been widowed since 1997, has two sons, 7 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

## Cole Adamson, District Administrator

Collette Cole Adamson continues as our District Administrator, staffing the District office in Tulsa.

Cole is a native Oklahoman who grew up in the greater Tulsa area. Born and raised on a small farm, she graduated from Kellyville, OK in 2013. She attended Tulsa Community College studying Business Management before moving to a career in commercial banking. Cole worked in banking for multiple years before being recruited to manage the Credit and Collections department for the Moore DM Group. While working there, she took on many other roles within the accounting department and helped assist with real estate purchases.

In October 2020, she began working for District 6110 as our District Administrator. She loves her job and looks forward to going to work every day! Cole was a part of the Rotaract Club of Tulsa for 5 years in the past serving as Vice President, Secretary, Service Chair, Treasurer, and one of her greatest accomplishments charring Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate for 4 years.

Cole joined Tulsa Sunrise Rotary in May of 2019 and was active in both Rotaract and Rotary the first time this has been done in District 6110. In October 2022, Cole transferred her membership to the Tulsa Southside club.

Cole has a sassy, beautiful daughter, Emma Joy, who gives her a run for her money. When Cole is not spending time with her family or attending a Rotary event, you can catch her traveling to see live music or curled up with her cat, reading a good book.



## Tamara Miller, District Conference Chair



Tamara Miller will reprise her role as District Conference Chair, YAY!

Tamara was born and raised in Traverse City, Michigan, and graduated with a BS in Sports Medicine from Central Michigan University.

She is an Advanced Director with Pampered Chef, and has been a consultant for 27 and a half years, and loves helping bring families back to the dinner table and coaching others to make their dreams come true.

Tamara is a second-generation Rotarian, and a member of the Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise for 22 years. She has served as Secretary, Vice President, President, Past President of the club and all roles on the Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise's Foundation Board. She served as an Assistant Governor for 3 years and co-chaired or chaired the District Conference for 7 years. She is a graduate of the District Leadership Academy and a Major Donor as well as a Paul Harris Society Member.

Tamara has been married to her husband, Eric, for 30 years. They have three sons and a daughter-in-law.

Our district is looking forward to another great DisCon!



## **Cathy Webster, District Grants, Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator**

Cathy Webster served as District Governor in 2022-2023 and currently serves as the District Grants Chair, a member of the District Visioning Team, 2025 MAPETS Steering Committee and Board Secretary, Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator at the Zone level, and remains a board member of MSNI while continuing to serve as her Rotary Club Treasurer. (Whew!) Cathy has been a member of the Rotary Club of Pryor, Oklahoma, since 1998 and has served as club secretary, treasurer, president, bulletin editor, club Rotary Foundation Chair, and the Club Foundation Vice-President. She is an MSNI Ambassador, multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Sustaining Member, Major Donor, and a member of the Paul Harris Society. She has attended eleven Rotary International Conventions, three zone conferences, and served on three American Wheelchair missions.



Cathy was born in Salida, Colorado and moved to Oklahoma where both her parents were born and raised. She graduated from Harrah High School as Valedictorian, then attended Oklahoma State University obtaining a BS in Biochemistry where she also met her future husband Bob Webster. She and Bob raised three children and built successful computer and software companies. Cathy also tutored math and science, taught at Rogers State University, and after obtaining her Masters in Geosciences, taught at the University of Tulsa.

She is a geologist and educator and enjoys being active in her community, serving on the local food pantry board, public school foundation board as a founding member, and various church committees. Besides enjoying the family of Rotary, she very much enjoys spending time with her children, their spouses, and granddaughter Olivia, taking her mom trout fishing in Colorado, gardening, hiking, reading, stained-glass work, bird and wildlife watching, and travel. Cathy and Bob will soon celebrate their 43rd wedding anniversary.

## **Thomas Perrault, District Insurance Rep**



Thomas Perrault CPCU, AFSB, CIC, is the District Insurance Representative.

He is a property/casualty insurance and bonding agent and Vice President at Rich & Cartmill, specializing in the area of construction insurance and surety bonds.

Perrault previously served as an Athletic Director at Cascia Hall Preparatory School in Tulsa for more than eleven years. He holds both a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Tulsa, and is also a member of the Letterwinner's Association, having played four years of football for the Golden Hurricane.

Thomas was inducted into the Rotary Club of Tulsa in 2011, and is involved in various professional and non-profit organizations in the greater Tulsa area. Thomas and his wife Anne have three young children.

He is the one to talk to if you have Rotary insurance questions!

## Danny Mitchell, District Elections, Rules, and other important things

Danny Mitchell serves on the Elections, Credentials and Parliamentary Committee, Facilities Committee, District Rules & Procedures Committee, Facilities Committee, and Council of Past District Governors. He served as co-chair of the committee to rewrite the District Manual of Procedure (affectionately dubbed "the MOP") during the past 2 years.

Danny was inducted into Rotary in 1993 and is a member of the Southeast Tulsa Rotary Club where he has served in many positions, including President 2003-2004 & 2021-2022. He served as an Assistant District Governor and served as District Governor in 2011-2012. He has served as District Trainer and Youth Exchange Officer.

He is a member of the Paul Harris Society, and White Hat Society. Danny and his wife Peggy are Level 2 Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society.



Danny has attended 11 Rotary International Conventions. The experience at the first RI Convention in 2003 ignited the passion for Rotary. After leaving the convention, Peggy said she had been "Rotarized".

Danny is an Architect and owner of Mitchell Architects in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is a professional member of the American Institute of Architects and certified with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. He developed and operated multi-story climate-controlled self-storage facilities.

## Preston Smith, District Treasurer



Preston Smith, CPA, is our District Treasurer. He has been practicing public accounting for over 20 years in the Tulsa area, and started his own firm in 2011.

He joined the Rotary Club of Bixby in 2004, and has served the Club over the years as President, Treasurer, Rotary Foundation Chair, and BBQ "Blues Festival Chair. He served the District as an Assistant Governor for a three-year term. Preston is a member of the Paul Harris Society, and a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation. Preston has met four Rotary International Presidents!

He is married to Kim, and he noted they were married in Las Vegas by Elvis! They have four children, three girls and a boy. Anyone who has been to District events in the last few years has seen their two youngest girls who are 8 and 11; they have been to five district conferences and four MAPETS.

Preston is a veteran of the US Navy and served as a nuclear reactor operator on a nuclear aircraft carrier. He enjoys golf, tennis, fly-fishing, and training bird dogs. He has a flight instructor license and enjoys teaching people to fly when he's not busy with taxes. Thanks for keeping track of the District's funds!

## Donald Rose, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair

Don Rose, Jr, continues as the District Chair of the Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Team. Don was born in Omaha, Nebraska and reared in Tulsa, Oklahoma (Home of the 1921 Race Massacre), graduating in 1982 from McLain Sr. High School (The Mighty Scots). During that period of time, McLain was one of the predominant Black High Schools in Tulsa.

For over 30 years, Don has been a community activist for HIV education and awareness, and is a proud member of the LGBTQ Community, and a survivor of childhood and military sexual abuse. In 1985, he enlisted in the military and was given a passport to see places that were steppingstones to the development of his own diversity. He obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6) and received an Honorable Discharge after completing 10 years of active service.

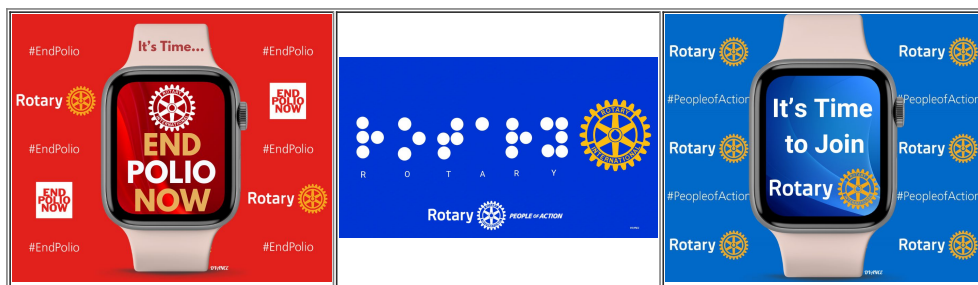
The Oklahoma HIV & Hepatitis Planning Council (OHHPC) has allowed Don the honor to have a seat at the table since 2018, where he has discussed, moderated, and assisted in final decisions which had a major impact on those individuals who were marginalized and stigmatized communities of color.

In his spare time, Don loves to cook and is the proud owner of all the Ninja Foodi Air Fryer gadgets and uses them all to create healthy meals. He is a member of the Morning Star Baptist Church under the leadership of Senior Pastor Dr. Rodney A. Goss.

His life in Rotary Club of Tulsa North has allowed him the opportunity to serve as Sergeant-At-Arms, Secretary and President.

Don notes: Diversity is a fact, Equity is a choice, Inclusion is an action, Belonging is an outcome.

Weâ€™re proud for Don to chair the DEI Committee!



### **L37 Roy Wood, District Leadership Academy Dean**



Dr. Roy Wood will serve a second year as the District Leadership Academy (DLA) Dean for 2024-25. His varied career includes work as an educator, executive, and Naval Officer. He served 24 years in the Navy, rising from enlisted to commissioned officer. His assignments included tours in submarines and surface ships. Ashore, he served as a project manager in a Naval shipyard, an operations officer and test director for the Navy's high-energy laser weapon prototype, a senior system engineer in the AEGIS weapons system program office, and as branch chief for advanced surveillance systems and technical assistant to the Chief System Architect at the Missile Defense Agency.

After retiring from the Navy in 2001, he worked as a technical consultant to the Navy's radar and sensor directorate, helping to initiate and manage a \$1.6 billion shipborne radar project. In 2007, he was asked to join President George W. Bush's administration as Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for International Technology Security. Following that, he was selected as Dean of the Defense Systems Management College at the Defense Acquisition University where he served 7 years before becoming Vice President of DAU.

Since moving from Washington, DC, to Oklahoma in 2016, Roy has been a faculty member at Northeastern State University. It was here that he joined the Rotary Club of Broken Arrow, serving as Club President in 2021-22. He is a member of the Paul Harris Society. He and his wife, Rebekah, a Paul Harris Fellow, are Bequest Society members.

Roy Wood enjoys reading, research, and writing and stays active by running and cycling. He has finished 13 half-marathons since turning 50.

We welcome Roy back to his position – call him Dean!



## Mary Richardson, Ken Savells, Earlene Smith, Dolly Parton Imagination Library

District 6110 has three literacy champions operating the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL) which sends a new book monthly to children who have signed up and are supported by a funding source. Three of our four states have Rotary clubs assisting in the program. (Missouri offers the program using tax funds, so there is no financial support needed.)



**Mary Richardson**

In Grove, OK, Mary Richardson heads the DPIL Project. Mary and her husband, John moved permanently to Grand Lake five years ago from Michigan. In her professional career she worked as a group manager in engineering, manufacturing and recruiting. Mary joined Grove Rotary in 2019 and serve on several committees including serving as Chair of the Grove Rotary Foundation. She's especially proud that Grove Rotary was approved one year ago as an Affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for Delaware County, and to date have already registered 62 percent of the eligible children. I am also the Chair of this committee of dedicated Rotarians who are passionate about our important program to bring free books to all children from birth to five years old.

In addition to Rotary she keep busy with gardening, church administration, and volunteering with other community organizations. They have 2 adult daughters and are always planning the next trip to see them in Florida. Her family has fond memories of living in South Korea for 2½ years, and they continue to travel internationally as often as possible.

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**Ken Savells**

Ken Savells serves the DPIL project in Harrison AR. He has been in Rotary since 1987. He's a 3rd generation Rotarian and a Paul Harris Fellow +1. His more active days in Rotary were in 1990's and early 2000's. He served as Vice-President and President of the Harrison Rotary club.

Ken is thoroughly enjoying retirement. He stays active in leading the Boone County Imagination Library and mission work through church, hiking and fishing. Ken and his wife, Melanie have 3 children and 6 grandchildren that help keep them busy.

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**Earlene Smith**

Earlene Smith is a native of rural Coffeyville. She graduated from high school and Junior college in Coffeyville, and married a farmer/rancher. She worked on the farm a lot and also worked in town as the girls grew older. She is the Workplace Health Coordinator with Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas.

The doctor who hired her in 2000 introduced her to Rotary and she joined in 2003. Since then she has served every year as either an officer or board member and as President 2013-14, and again in 2022-23.

In 2013. the club voted to use all its grant money (\$4500) to help get the DPIL project started. This was a huge factor in its beginning. They also received other funding, but they still have not forgotten Rotary's initial donation and support. The club continues to support the project through money earned from fundraisers. Earlene continues as a member of the Imagination Library Board.

## Anne Williams, EarlyAct

Anne Williams continues as the District's EarlyAct Chair. She is a Past President and Membership Chair of the Tulsa North Rotary Club, where she established the district's first EarlyAct Club, and a past Assistant Governor.

Anne is a retiree of Delta Airlines, Inc. with 33 years of service in several capacities and cities. Since her retirement, she refers to herself as a community volunteer. She has served as Tulsa Chapter President and Area Chair of International Trends and Services for The Links, Inc; Board of Directors of Morton Health Services; among several.



She is most passionate about her travels and work with Rotary. Anne and her husband (PDG) Wallace are Rotary Foundation major donors. She has attended more than twenty District Conferences, six Zone Institutes, nineteen RI Conventions and the Rotary International Assembly. She loves people and is proud of the many international students they have housed and the many friends they have made around the world. She has used her time and talent through service with the Rotary Club of Springdale, AR and the American Wheelchair Foundation, having given the life-changing gift of mobility and hope to families, having made four wheelchair trips. Her hobbies include reading and traveling.

Anne has been an Avid Soccer Mom and Grannie since the 1980s and traveled all over the USA, screaming and cheering for her son as player and coach and now forcing Wallace to drive four hours each way to see their 8-year-old grandson in uniform.

Married to her best friend and co-laborer, Wallace, for over 50 years, they are the parents of two adult sons and one grandson. Wallace and Anne are members of the Morning Star Baptist Church in Tulsa and the Tulsa North Rotary Club.

## Jayne Lowe, Facilities and MAPETS Arrangements



District 6110 has a lot of PDGs (Past District Governors.) Some of them just "keep on going" like a certain bunny! One of those is Jayne Lowe.

Jayne has been a proud Rotarian for 32 years. She always says she was born to be a Rotarian as she and Paul Harris share the same birthday! (But in very different years, just to be clear)

She has served as the piano player for her Iowa club; President of the Plymouth, MN, club and President of her current club - Rotary Club of Bentonville.

She's served District 6110 as Assistant Governor, proud graduate of District Leadership Academy, founded the Club Visioning program in our District, chaired the inaugural Women in Rotary Committee and was honored to serve as the 2018-19

District Governor.

Jayne will continue to "keep on going and going" as a regional Zone leader as an Assistant Rotary Coordinator for our District as well as D5750 and D5770. She will continue as the Mid-America PETS Arrangements Chair. She is also Vice President of the Empowering Women in Rotary group. Jayne also enjoys her membership in 3 Rotary Fellowships: Rotarian Musicians, Past District Governors and Wine Appreciation. Jayne is a Major Donor, Level 4 Bequest Society and a member of the Paul Harris Society.

Jayne and her husband, Gary, the former "First Dude", live in Bella Vista and enjoy traveling, especially to Cabo, as well as getting their boat out on the lake.

Say thanks to Jayne for her "energetic" service above self!

## Bob Headlee, Finance Committee Chair

Bob Headlee continues as chair of the District Finance Committee. Bob was in the grocery industry for most of his career. He was Division President of Fleming Foods of Nebraska and President of Fleming Foods of Missouri; he co-owned Bob's IGA with his wife Judy in Carthage, Missouri before selling to a regional chain; and he served as Director of New Business Development for MSW, Inc. before retiring in 2013.

Bob has served on several community boards and committees and presently serves as Chairman of Southwest Missouri's SCORE (which is a resource partner for the Small Business Administration) and the Chairman of the Southwest Missouri SCORE's Executive Committee.

Bob has been in Rotary for 27 years with membership in Rotary Club of Joplin and the Rotary Club of Carthage. Rotary responsibilities in Rotary Club of Joplin have included: Red Badge Committee Chair, judge for the club's Four Way Speech Contest for several years, graduate of District 6110's Leadership Academy, Secretary/Treasurer, President-Elect, President, Board of Directors. He serves on the club's Mentoring Committee as Chair, Foundation Committee, Golf Committee, Joplin Community Fund Board and Chairman of the Rotary Clubs of Joplin

Sculpture Garden Board. Bob also serves on the Rotary District 6110's Finance Committee as Chairman.

Bob not only gives of his service he contributes financially. He is a Rotary Foundation member, a Foundation Benefactor and Paul Harris Fellow +9. He and his wife Judy are members of the Rotary Foundation Bequest Society; level 3.

Bob and his wife Judy celebrated their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June. They have an adult son living in Colorado.



## Ed Hardesty, Foundation Chair, Legacy Dinner Co-Chair



Past District Governor Ed Hardesty continues to serve District 6110 as District Foundation Chair.

Ed was born in Ft. Worth, Texas. He has been married to Jeanette, an Interior Designer for 51 years. They have two daughters in Texas and five grandchildren.

Ed retired from the Social Security Administration where he worked for over 38 years. He served as a District Manager from 1980 until his retirement in November 2010, serving in Texas and Louisiana prior to coming to Tulsa in 1995.

He is a graduate of Texas Tech University. He enjoys playing golf and training and competing in obedience, rally and agility trials with the family dogs, Bailey and Teddy. Ed's dogs have been

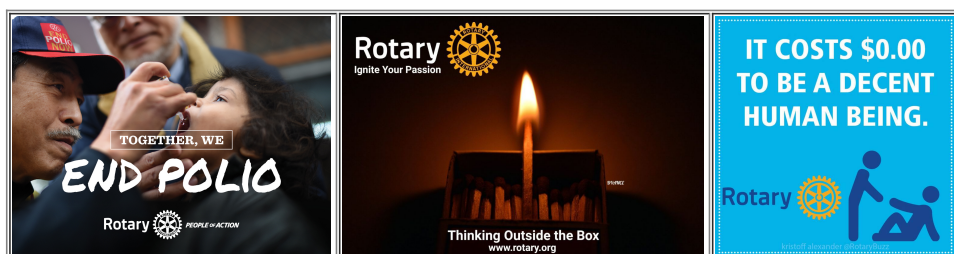
awarded multiple titles by both the American Kennel Club and United Kennel Club.

Ed initially joined Rotary in Alexandria, Louisiana and became a member of the Rotary Club of Southeast Tulsa in 1996, where he served as Sergeant at Arms, Club Secretary, Foundation Chair, Vice President and President. He served as District Governor during the 2005 - 2006 Rotary year. He has served on the District 6110 Rotary Foundation Committee for over ten years.

He served as District 6110's delegate to the 2013 and 2016 Councils on Legislation. He also served as a Training Leader at the 2013 and 2015 International Assemblies in San Diego, and several other Rotary Zone 31 and Rotary International positions.

Ed, Jeanette, their children, and grandchildren are all Paul Harris Fellows, and Ed is a member of the Paul Harris Society. Ed and Jeanette are Benefactors, members of the Bequest Society, and are Level 2 Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation.

Let's welcome Ed to again demonstrate "Service Above Self"



## Ron Petersen, Four Way Speech Contest Chair

Ron Petersen Sr. is another Past District Governor who keeps busy with his Rotary service. He continues as chair of the District 4-Way Test Speech contest (and is bringing along Kirk Nelson of the Pittsburg Rotary Club as Chair-in-Training!)

Ron was born in a small Northwest Kansas community and has been married to Louise for 59 years. She is also a Rotarian. They have five children, twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Ron's radio broadcasting career spans over 56 years with positions in the Joplin and Columbia, Missouri markets. He was successful in putting 50,000 watt 95.1 KMXL-FM on the air in 1991. Ron, Louise and their son Ron Jr. co-own Mike FM and Fabulous 1490 AM KDMO 93.5 FM.



He served as President of the Missouri Broadcasters Association in 1986 and was honored by the association as the 2005 Distinguished Broadcaster of the Year. Ron is Chair of the McCune Brooks Regional Hospital Board of Trustees that manage a \$20 Million public trust for the City of Carthage. Ron has served on many other city and county boards. Ron's hobbies include wine making, outdoor cooking, woodworking & being with his grandchildren.

He joined the Carthage Rotary Club in 1977 and has served as a board member, Sergeant of Arms, VP and President. In 1998, Rotary International recognized him with the 4 Avenues of Service Citation and he was awarded the Rotarian of the Year at his club. He served District 6110 as Assistant Governor for 4 years, District Governor ~08-09, Public Relations Chair ~09-14, Chair of the 4-Way Test Speech Contest ~10-~20 & Co-Chair ~21-present. He has served with Mid-America PETS since 2012, last as Board Chair in 2016.

Ron, Louise, and Ron Jr. are all Paul Harris Fellows. Ron & Louise are members of the Paul Harris Society, are Rotary Foundation Level 4 Major Donors, Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members, Foundation Bequest Society Members and Rotary Foundation Level 2 Benefactors.

Thanks to Ron for his continuing commitment to youth with the 4-Way Test Speech Contest!



## Beth Keck, Global Grants, Multi Year District Planning



Our district is pleased that Beth Keck will continue to provide her experience as Global Grants Chair on the Foundation Committee.

Beth Keck's affiliation with Rotary began when she was a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and studied at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Upon moving to Bentonville, Arkansas, in 2004, she and her husband, Ken Leonard, joined the Rotary Club of Bentonville. They are now members of the Bentonville Satellite Rotary Club.

As the District 6110 Global Grants chair, she works with clubs to advance Rotary International Service. Previously, she served as the district International Service chair.

She and Ken initiated the Bentonville club's first global grant with the Rotary Club of Jodhpur Padmini, providing toilets and clean water to 2,000 school children in India. Beth and Ken also co-founded the club's International Women's Day celebration, which raised more than \$30,000 in scholarships for local students.

Beth is a past member of the Rotary Club of Bentonville board of directors. Beth has facilitated three breakout sessions at Rotary International conventions on the topics of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), and vocational service, and has moderated numerous Rotary International webinars on DEI. Beth served as vice chair of the Rotary International Global Networking Groups Committee from 2016-19 where she provided oversight and policy direction for Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups and vocational service.

Beth and Ken have been a host family for International Youth Exchange students from Chile, France and Germany. They love Rotary's global reach and have attended six Rotary International Conventions. Beth is a Major Donor, Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary Foundation Benefactor, and was selected as her club's Rotarian of the Year in 2009 and 2015.

Thank you, Beth, for continuing your service above self!

## Pam Crawford, Immediate Past District Governor, etc.

Immediate Past District Governor Pam Crawford will not be resting on her laurels in the 24-25 Rotary year! She will continue to serve the district in the following projects or committees: Friendship Exchange, Route 66, Women in Rotary, Multi Year Planning, Action Plan Advocacy, and Disaster Preparedness.

Pam joined Rotary at the urging of her husband in 2015. She was President of Bartlesville Daybreak club in 2019-2020, and just completed her 2023-2024 year as the District 6110 Governor.

Pam and Paul attended their first International Convention in Atlanta in 2017. Their first international mission trip was the American Wheelchair Mission to Jamaica in March 2020. And Pam has continued to do the Wheelchair Mission trip in 2022, 2023, and 2024. They believe in The Rotary Foundation and are members of the Arch Klumph Society.

Pam retired from Phillips 66 Company in 2018. Most of the years were in Information Technology as she has 2 degrees in Mathematics (plus an MBA). Her career highlight is that she spent a little over 2 years in Venezuela managing IT in the ConocoPhillips joint venture. The last 7 years for Phillips 66 were in Project Management.

Pam is currently on the board of the Bartlesville Regional United Way; she is a life member of the Girl Scouts and helps on her local fund-raiser committee. She has also served the Session of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church off and on during her 40+ years in Bartlesville, is a Commission Lay Pastor in Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery, and was the Moderator of the Presbytery in 2020.

Pam has been married to Paul since 1993. They have 3 adult daughters and 6 grandchildren. There are always 2 to 3 four-legged family members around the house. Pam tries to stay healthy by exercising to walk/jog 5ks. She enjoys traveling, reading, music, attempting to garden, and trying to paint with acrylics.



## Michele Gann, Paul Harris Society



We are pleased that Michele Gann continues on the District Leadership team as the Paul Harris Society coordinator.

Michele has been a Rotarian for 16 years; 11 years in Eureka Springs, and 5 years in Bella Vista. After serving as Foundation chair for Bella Vista since July 2019, she will be giving up that role to take on the challenge of Club President-Elect.

Supporting the Rotary Foundation is something she strongly believes in: she is a member of the Paul Harris Society, a Major Donor and a member of the Bequest Society.

She has been a Registered Nurse for 40+ years and has a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration. She works for a large cardiology group as a phone triage nurse.

Michele spends most of her free time reading or out on the Razorback Greenway on her recumbent trike.

She will be calling upon clubs to promote the Paul Harris Society â€" weâ€™re glad she is back!

## Rolf Hufnagel. Chair of the Personnel Committee, etc.

Past District Governor Rolf Hufnagel will be busy again this Rotary year. He is the Chair of the District Personnel Committee, Chair of Major Giving Sub-committee, Program Chair for PETS and on the Rotary International Legislative Council.

Rolf is President and CEO of Crimson Resources in the oil and gas industry. He is laity representative at St. James UMC, HOA Board Member Enclave (Beaver Creek), Past President and Board Member at the Estates at River Oaks.

Rolf earned his BS degree at Cameron University and an MBA from OU.

In the Bixby Rotary Club, Rolf is Past Chair of the BBQ Festival, Past Chair of Club Administration, Foundation, International and Sergeant at Arms, Past Club President, Past Assistant Governor, Past Lieutenant Governor, Past District Governor (2019-2020).

He is currently a member of the Paul Harris Society, Major Donor, Arch Klumph Society, and a Benefactor.

In his spare time, Rolf enjoys skiing, shopping, and his grandkids.

Itâ€™s great to have such a depth of talent in the District!



## Wallace Williams, Resolutions and Legislation chair



Past District Governor Wallace Williams continues his District service as co-chair of the District Legislation Committee and Resolutions Committee Chair.

Wallace grew up in Colquitt, GA and graduated from Bethel High School. He received a BS in Chemistry from Savannah State College, Savannah, GA. He did graduate work at Georgia State University and the University of Phoenix, where he received an MA in Organizational Management.

Wallace served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam, then launched a thirty-six year career in food manufacturing at Kraft Foods in Decatur, GA. He held numerous management positions in Springfield, MO and Tulsa, OK, retiring from the Bama Companies, Inc. in 2005.

He has served with the following organizations: Youth Services of Tulsa, Goodwill Industries of Tulsa, Tulsa Partners Inc., and Board Chair of Metropolitan Tulsa Urban League. He is a member of Class 25 of Leadership Tulsa where he served as Class Marshal. He is a member of the Morning Star Baptist Church where he serves on the Deacon Board, Sunday School and is a member of the Brotherhood ministry.

Wallace began his Rotary service as a charter member of the Rotary Club of North Tulsa, where he served as President, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Board Chair. Following three terms as Assistant District Governor, he served as District Governor of Rotary District 6110 in 2010-2011. Wallace, Anne and their grandson are all Paul Harris Fellows, and Wallace is a member of the Paul Harris Society. Wallace and Anne are Level One Major Donors of the Rotary Foundation.

He has held several leadership positions with the Mid-America PETS organization. Wallace's love for Rotary has inspired him to attend every RI convention since 2001. He says that he looks forward to meeting and interacting with fellow Rotarians from around the world. Wallace and his wife Anne have been married for 52 years and have two adult sons, one daughter-in-law and a grandson.

## L49 Marc Hayot, Rotarians Against Slavery Chair

Marc Hayot will continue as the Rotarians Against Slavery Committee Chair. Marc is a journalist from Siloam Springs who is a reporter/assistant editor for the Siloam Springs Herald-Leader and is working on his first novel.

Marc first became a Rotarian in 2013 when he joined the Alma Rotary Club. After a year, he returned to college where he eventually obtained a degree in Organizational Management from John Brown University.

Marc returned to Rotary in 2021 when he joined the Rotary Club of Siloam Springs. In October of 2022, Marc was approached to join District 6110's committee against human trafficking. A month later he became the chair. The committee was renamed Rotarians

Against Slavery. Marc has attended several seminars on human trafficking and is working on Tacos for a Cause with the Rotary Club of Tulsa and the Rotary Club of Siloam Springs. When not working, Marc enjoys traveling and reading.



## Todd Jenkins, Rotary Youth Exchange Chair



Dr. "Bowtie" Todd Jenkins returns as chair of the Rotary Youth Exchange committee, and is jazzed that we are back helping youth on their life-expanding international exchanges.

Todd currently serves as a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Executive at a Fortune 100 company and as a Global Inclusion Trainer, Strategist, and Speaker with Bowtie Leadership, Inc. As a consultant, he has worked with several companies, including Walmart, Google, Facebook, American Airlines, Deloitte, etc., oil and gas companies, small and large non-profits, and entrepreneurs. He graduated with honors from the University of South Carolina with two degrees; a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Sociology, a Master of Science from Illinois State University, and a Doctorate from the University of Arkansas. His research area focused on minority professionals, retention, and perception of their supervisor within the workplace. He attended Harvard University to complete his post-doctorate studies as a Harvard Fellow and was recently appointed to Harvard Business School as a Research Director. Also, Dr. Jenkins serves as a faculty member for the Executive Institute on Inclusion and on the Diversity Business Journal Review Board. Dr. Jenkins is a proud Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow from the Rotary Club of Fayetteville. He has served as the former Rotaract Advisor, Interact Sponsor, RYLA presenter, Youth Services Chair, two terms on the Club Board of Directors, and graduated from his District and Zone Leadership Academy. Dr. Jenkins is currently one of the youngest Youth Exchange District Chairs in Rotary International and gained his passion through his new generation exchange to Brazil. He has been honored and often invited to speak at various Rotary districts, zones, and international conventions. Dr. Jenkins serves on multiple boards locally and internationally in education, business, and inclusion initiatives. He proudly serves on the first Rotary International Committee- DEI Taskforce to align Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion assessment, strategy, goals, and initiatives.

Today he is known as Dr. "Bowtie Todd," who has given inspirational talks and education to audiences of all sizes and backgrounds throughout North America, Asia, South America, and Europe. Dr. Todd Jenkins is a proud husband, father, author, servant leader, and conversationalist who believes in his philosophy "bowtie" it all together, serve and simply be a gift unto the world!

## Matt Hancock, RYLA Co-Chair

Matt Hancock will continue as Co-Chair of the RYLA Program. Matt has been a Rotarian since July 2010 in the Rotary Club of Broken Arrow, where he has served as club president and foundation chair. Matt is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Tulsa.

He is the Chief Growth and Strategy Officer for the YMCA of Greater Tulsa. Matt is a graduate of Oral Roberts University where he was a member of the Golden Eagle Baseball team and was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 2005 Amateur draft.

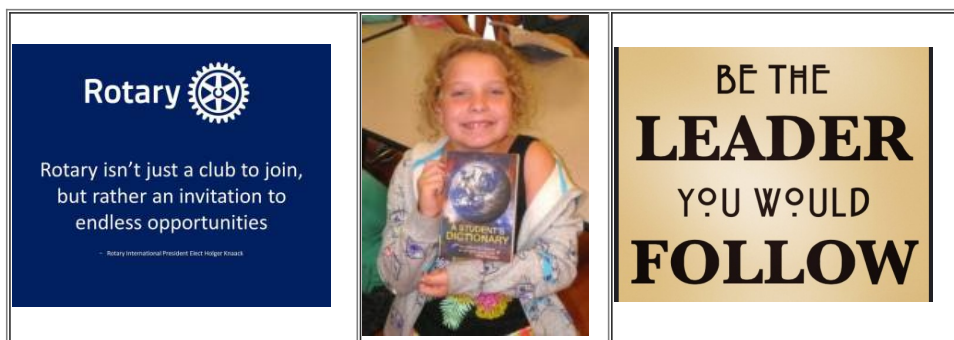
Matt lives in Avant, OK with his wife Tommie Jane and their 11-year-old son Maddox, 10-year-old daughter Sawyer Jane, and 7-year-old daughter Devin Averie. He is entering his 12th year as chair of our District's Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program and is currently serving as our District's Youth Services Chair.

Matt brings a vision of the future of Rotary and the importance of youth in our community to be true leaders by embracing our community and the true mission of all Rotarians "Service Above Self."

If you've never been to RYLA, make sure to schedule a visit for yourself!







## Tracey Dean, RYLA Co-Chair



Weâ€™re pleased that Tracy Dean is returning as the RYLA Co Chair with Matt Hancock.

Tracey joined the Rotary Club of Pryor in 1999 and since that time has held the office of Sergeant at Arms, Vice-President, and President. She served District 6110 as an Assistant Governor from 2009-2012 and has been the co-Chair of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) since 2012. Tracey is the behind-the-scenes force of RYLA handling administration duties of the campers from registration to cabin assignments, name badges, and camper/parent contact. RYLA has grown from 79 campers in 2011 to 283 in 2019. She is a Paul Harris Fellow +5.

Tracey was born and raised in Tulsa, graduating from Monte Cassino High School. She attended William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Paralegal Studies and was a member of Chi Omega National sorority. She retired from the travel industry in 2004 when she became a "professional volunteer." She has previously served on the Board of Directors of the Pryor Area Arts & Humanities Council, Rogers State University Foundation, Thunderbird Youth Academy, and the Pryor Area Chamber of Commerce, where she graduated from the Mayes County Leadership Academy. She has served on the Board of Governors of the Oliver Dewey Mayor Foundation and is a member of Monday Forum (General Federation of Womenâ€™s Club) where she served as President. She currently serves on the City of Pryor Hotel/Motel Tax Board. For her volunteer efforts Tracey received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Pryor Area Chamber of Commerce, and Citizen of the Year from the Pryor Sertoma Club. Tracey and Gary, her Rotarian husband of 28 years enjoy traveling, cooking, gardening, and opening their swimming pool to the neighborhood kids.

## **Vicki Lombari, Staff to Rotary Youth Exchange Committee**

Vicki Lombari is the staff administrative assistant to the District 6110 Youth Exchange Committee and a member of that committee. She has lost track of how many times she has been introduced as the “glue” that holds the team together, and as the “institutional memory” of the district YE committee. Along the way, she became an honorary member of the Fayetteville Rotary Club and was honored with a Paul Harris Fellow. Her vocation is teaching and writing.



A creative thinker and compassionate listener, Vicki has served as an assistant at BatchMaster, a company selling used industrial food processing equipment, and, more recently, the Joyful Healing Center.

While working at BatchMaster, Vicki began helping District 6110 YE as her employer (Paul Reagan) became the District Youth Exchange chair. Vicki has attended 2 RI Conventions (Chicago & South Korea), NAYEN conferences in Montreal and Little Rock. Vicki has attended the SCRYE Winter Conference in Tulsa, OK for over 15 years. She received a D6110 “Service Above Self” plaque and the SCRYE (South Central Rotary Youth Exchange) “Spark Plug” award.

As a junior in high school, Vicki went on a one-week home-hosted band exchange to Dublin, Ireland, and the following year, her family home-hosted her Dublin counterpart when their band came to her city. She attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio then earned two Master’s Degrees at the University of Arkansas.

While a graduate student at the University of Arkansas, Vicki taught freshman English 1 & 2, Technical Writing for Engineers, Advanced Technical Writing. She worked on campus at both the Quality Writing Center and the Engineering Writing Center. Later, at the University of Arkansas’ Global Campus, she developed and taught online classes.

When Vicki entered a gym after 20+ years, she discovered a passion for kettlebell, and she has studied Reiki energy work. Vicki has now been painting with watercolors, acrylics, and mixed media for almost 20 years. She also enjoys making greeting cards and sending thank you cards. She is a non-driver and a cancer survivor. We’re pleased that she will continue to work for the District for the Youth Exchange Committee.

## **Brett Brough, Visioning, Rotaract and Interact Chairs**



Brett Brough (say “Bruff”) continues his District leadership service in three very important areas.

Brett has been a member of the Rotary Club of Southside Tulsa since 1999. He has served the Southside Rotary Club as the International, Club, Vocational, Youth, and Community Service Directors, has been Sergeant at Arms, two stints as Secretary, has started his fourth time as Treasurer this year, and in 2016-17 served as Club President. Brett is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Paul Harris Society.

Brett and his wife Leisa Gebetsberger have been married for 29 years.

Brett also serves on the Rotary District Communications Committee, is a DACdb Trainer, and serves on the District Vision Team, helping clubs create a custom club plan for the next three years. Brett is currently serving Rotary as the District Interact / Rotaract chair.

Brett was raised in Estes Park, Colorado. Brett’s grandfather, Ron Brodie, was the 1943-1944 President of the Rotary club of Estes Park. Before Brett knew what Rotary was, he wanted to be in Rotary because of his grandfather. Brett has accumulated 25 years of perfect attendance, though he cannot explain why.

In the 1980s Brett worked for an oil field supply company moving 200 truckloads of steel monthly and handling inventory control and traffic, using 3x5 cards and a yellow note pad, before it was computerized. He worked as a paralegal for several years and moved to Tulsa to work with a team in 1993. Has been a mortgage loan officer and a lease analyst in oil and gas drilling business; and has recently retired as a Manufactures Representative for Titan LED Lighting Solutions, the only American manufacturer of Commercial and Industrial LED Lighting.

## Noel Morris, Wheelchair Project

Noel Morris continues as the point person for the District Wheelchair project.

He has been in Rotary for over 30 years and has held most positions in the Springdale Club and Wheelchair committee chair for several years. He was an Assistant Governor and has completed the District Leadership Academy.

Noel was in financial services for 25 years and is currently teaching in the Finance Dept at the University of Arkansas.

He has two sons in their 40<sup>th</sup>s, one, just retired from the Air Force and one in music education - both have married well. Noel and his wife Sandy have a 12-year-old granddaughter. They have been married for 45 years and Sandy has accompanied Noel on all of their District Wheelchair distribution trips. They have also made many wonderful friends that share that same passion and have been together on wheelchair trips.

Noel has been on a life-long journey for the ultimate chocolate chip cookie and it took him about 30 years and 30 pounds to come up with his best effort. Also, during the pandemic, he began trying to bake a presentable loaf of sourdough bread. Not as easy as the cookies are to make. Also, Noel is an FAA licensed Drone Pilot.

Thanks to Noel for his continued Rotary service in wheelchair distribution.



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