Rotary



District 6110 Newsletter

Welcome new Rotarians November 2021

By Wally Bloss

Did you know that this month is (also) membership month? Actually every month is membership month for Rotary, and as Rotary International President Shekar says, "Each one bring one". Here's what he says: Shekar Membership Video Have you welcomed a prospect to Rotary? Maybe asked them to come help deliver dictionaries, asked them to pick up trash with you, or whichever project is coming up next? Virtually ALL of these new members were asked to come to a meeting or project and joined. Make them feel welcome! We





Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary club president Dan McNally welcomes new member Ishmael Elkamil

are placing the new members FIRST in the newsletter to point out how important they are. New members bring new ideas, energy, and enliven your club.

Make the new member feel wanted and put them "to work" - get them on a committee and be sure they have a name teg (and have your current members wear their name tags!)



Governor Kevin Merrill inducts new member Laura Agee at the Nevada Rotary Club



Governor Kevin Merrill beams as Sam Jones inducts new new member Holly

Any photos of induction activities that clubs can send along are appreciated also!
(Send to Wally Bloss, Dist Public Image Coord)



The new Rotarian info below comes directly from DACdb listings - Oct 16 to Nov 11, 2021

The Northside Fayetteville Rotary club had **five** new members ready to be inducted by Governor Kevin. - Caroline Ceola (President), new members; Lisa Norman, Lance Reed, Emily Gentry, Chris Houser, and of course, DG Kevin. (one had to leave before the photo)

Member Name	Start Date	Club	Sponsor
Burns, Robert J (ROBERT)	10/19/2021	Tulsa	
Cook, Douglas (DOUG)	11/1/2021	Holiday Island	Al Selleck, Kenneth E. Mills
Copeland, Alan (ALAN)	11/4/2021	Muskogee	
Costello, Julie A. (JULIE)	11/2/2021	Pittsburg	Elishia Catherine Seals
Cousins, Grant (GRANT)	11/2/2021	Tulsa	Becky L. Fields
Crowe, Kirby (KIRBY)	11/9/2021	Tulsa	Karen Keith
Crum, Roger A (ALLEN)	10/28/2021	Harrison	Ken Savells
Dart, Charlene (CHARLENE)	11/2/2021	Aurora	
Davis, Steve M (STEVE)	11/2/2021	Tulsa	
Dossett, Jo Anna (JO ANNA)	11/2/2021	Tulsa	Philip H. Viles Jr.
Elkamil, Ishmael (ISHMAEL)	10/20/2021	Pittsburg Sunrise	Dan McNally
Gardner, Shohreh (SHOHREH)	11/2/2021	Tulsa	Barney James, Tiffany Egdorf
Greenwood, Gil J. (GIL)	11/2/2021	Bartlesville Daybreak	
Griffin, Sheri (SHERI)	11/3/2021	Grove	Suzanne Knott
Hagenburger, Bill (BILL)	10/25/2021	Springdale	
Henderson, Lindsay (LINDSAY)	10/19/2021	Tulsa	Sandra Mullins
Henry, Jim (JIM)	10/26/2021	Pittsburg	Kevin F. Mitchelson
Hopper-Goldsmith, Stacie S (STACIE)	10/27/2021	Bull Shoals-Lakeview	Shelly R Hill
Keller, Jason (JASON)	10/20/2021	Webb City-Carl Junction	Michael Wiggins
Moon, Regina (REGINA)	11/2/2021	Tulsa	Tim Colwell
O'Neal, Jeffrey T (JEFF O'NEAL)	11/1/2021	Paris	
Skates, Michael W (MICHAEL)	10/28/2021	Tulsa Southside	
Smith, Doug (DOUG)	10/21/2021	Pryor	Darrell L Moore, Catherine E. Webster
Stengel, Katrina D (KATRINA)	11/1/2021	Paris	
Vacca, Sara (SARA)	11/2/2021	Pittsburg	Becky E McDaniel
Warning, Bernie William (BERNIE)	11/10/2021	Grove	Gary R Herrington
Wilson, Jerry (JERRY WILSON)	10/21/2021	Owasso	Barney James

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Have YOU brought a prospect to a club event/project/meeting? Introducing public spirited people to Rotary is a gift you can easily give!

Governor Kevin Merrill's November Message



Lisa and I are back in the heart of the Ozarks after spending quality time with clubs in NW Arkansas. It as been said that the Magica of Rotary happens at the club level, and I couldnot agree more. We have seen the true spirit of Rotary demonstrated in so many caring ways; we have witnessed Service Above Self !!

Having visited 44 clubs for the official governor visit and 53 additional club activities we truly feel blessed to have gained so many new friends along the way.

We hope that this holiday season you have many opportunities to share kindness in your community, serving with friends, family, and fellow Rotarians. Lisa and I pray that you and your family are blessed in many ways in the season of Thanksgiving. As Rotarians we recognize November as Foundation month. This is a great time to sign up to Rotary Direct to be a part of our phenomenal Foundation. We are asked as Rotarians to contribute at least \$100.00 a year, so \$10.00 a month is super easy, and will make a big difference for those in need. Click here and be a part of something special! Sign into my.rotary.org and hit the tab Take Action.

Thank you for being a member of District 6110 and Serving to Change Lives

Kevin Merrill District 6110 Governor 2021-2022

Pig Trail Mud Run: Springdale's Signature Event

The Springdale, AR, Rotary Club really knows how to have good clean fun! Since 2013 (except 2020) the club has produced a special 5k "run" that nets about \$40,000 - this year it brought in \$45,000. The club's Charitable Trust uses the funds to support many of their projects:

- Providing 600 bags of groceries to elementary students over Christmas break.
- Sending three books to every third grader in the school district,
- Continuing their partnership with the American Wheelchair Mission to

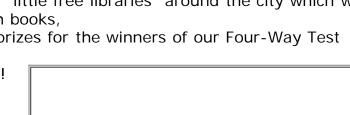
provide wheelchairs to those in need,

- Awarding a four-year college scholarship and a two-year workforce readiness scholarship,
- Stocking groceries in three food pantries around Springdale
- Operating three "little free libraries" around the city which we keep stocked with books,
- Providing cash prizes for the winners of our Four-Way Test Speech Contest
- and much more!



Jim Crouch and grandson, George, made this man very happy

https://pigtrailmudrun.org/



The club's "Pig Trail Mud Run" attracted 407 runners this year. More than half of the runners were officially on a "team," but almost all of them at least had a friend who they were running with (even if they didn't register as a team).

This is a large event and takes most of the club to make it happen. Several work days are conducted to prepare the course and develop the "obstacles."



Check-in for runners was at 7:00 am

Some 60 Rotarians volunteer with the elements of the Mud Run this year -- including course prep, securing sponsorships, volunteering on the day of the race, helping with check-in. Those

Rotarians put in a total of 485 hours!

Good clean fun - in the mud!

The course is laid out on the grounds of Ecclesia College, which also provides about 40 students to help on the day of the race (parking cars, manning obstacles, cleaning up, etc.) When the race is finished the club hosts a "Recovery Party" till the pigs come home complete with a DJ and pigging-out on great food (BBQ?) and cold drinks.

Post-race showers are available. Why a shower, you ask? This is not a 3.1 mile level road course, take a look at some of the photos - they really get MESSY! Obstacles along the way includes a float bridge, a pond-crossing rope, rings & ladder, rope swing, fireman's pole, etc. These runners really work the course!

Why do they do this? One runner, Darla, said: "I ran with several others from work and we

really had a good time. I have done several other obstacle course mud runs with and outside of my work group. We loved the environment of the race and how nice the volunteers were." - Darla. Or as one of the volunteers put it, "I'm both looking forward to and dreading next year's race!" - Rick

The club engages the community by soliciting some 60 sponsors of the event, and one of them noted, "Springdale Rotary is just such an important part of our city, and I'm just happy that we get to be a part of this event."

Club president, Matt Fryar notes, "This fundraiser takes a lot of time, a lot of people, and a lot of sweat. This year it even cost me a lot of blood (I got hurt working out on the course). But it's all worth it



Problem Solvers



Slogging their way home

Kids age 4 through 10 are invited to play in the mud,

quirt each other with water, and a number of other fun, muddy activities while our volunteers keep watch over them."

The Springdale club has found a fun way to attract younger active people to an event while raising significant funds for their projects. Well done!

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Most Rotary clubs are looking for ways to cover the cost of the projects they want to do in their community. Finding your club's niche may take some creative thinking...it may even get "messy!"

at the end of the day... We cleared nearly \$45,000 off of this event, and every penny of that will go back into the Club's projects."

The club suggests making the event a family affair and suggests to "bring your piglets to this year so race and let them wallow and play in Piglet Corral featuring...MUD!"



Even the little ones get to have fun!

Rotary 101 - November 2021

By Wally Bloss



Rotary 101 is a monthly column highlighting the many facets of our wonderful organization.

This month's installment: The words we use...

(or as a PR person might say "Our Messaging")

Our Official Motto(s):

motto!

- Service above Self is well known among Rotarians, and began as Service, Not Self. It is our principal motto but it was not the first
- The other current motto is One Profits Most Who Serves Besto, which if you joined before 2004 you may have learned as He Profit Most Who Serves

Best. This one was adopted in 1911, at the second Rotary convention, in Portland, Oregon. The wording was adapted from a speech that Rotarian Arthur Frederick Sheldon delivered to the first convention,



held in Chicago the previous year. Sheldon declared that only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serves his fellows best.

Do you know the Object of Rotary?

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian so occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian spersonal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and **peace** through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Vision Statement

Did you know that since 2018 this is our Vision Statement:

• Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

As Stephanie Urchick, chair of Rotary strategic Planning Committee put it, If Rotary were a ship approaching land, our new vision statement would be the lighthouse that keeps us from running aground. Our vision statement explains what we want to achieve.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT: Rotary has so many parts it is hard to keep track of them all. This is a series of several primers on Rotary. **HOMEWORK: Who was Montague Bear, and what did he do?** (No Googling)



6110 ROTARIANS IN SERVICE

Here are just a few clubs providing service to their communities. Let us know what your club is doing to provide Service Above Self!

Bartlesville Daybreak Rotary Club's Afghanistan Connection



Loren Roszel, Craig Johnstone, Silke Johnstone Exec Director of RRH, Elizabeth Thrash, Keith Branham, Pam Crawford, Joe Beffer



The Senior Group at the School in Deh Subz

This is a story about empowering girls, international service, and Rotary's connecting through relationships!

Razia�s Ray of Hope Foundation (RRH) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of women and children in Afghanistan through community-based education. The Bartlesville Daybreak Rotary Club has supported their work for fifteen years. The Foundation's flagship project is the Zabuli Education Center, a humanitarian endeavor led by Razia Jan, an Afghan native (CNN Top 10 Hero in 2012) who has worked since 2005 to raise funds to establish the school for girls in Afghanistan. The mission of the school is to provide free education for girls in the village of Deh@Subz, outside of Kabul. Currently, a second building is being added at the school, and Bartlesville Daybreak Rotary Club has committed, under the leadership of iPast President Loren Roszel, to help fund a room. President Joe Beffer is continuing the effort Daybreak has had two fund raisers in 2021 towards that goal.

Individual members are also donating funds with several people providing \$1000 each. A **\$25,000 check** was presented to Razia Jan at the October 29, 2021 social for naming the room.

Rotarian Dan Strope was President of Bartlesville Daybreak in 2002-2003, and when he moved to Bixby, he joined the Bixby Rotary Club. Bob Weatherbie was looking

for an international project in 2018 as he became President of the Bixby Rotary. Dan introduced Bob to Razia s Ray of Hope and they began their support, including supporting the Bartlesville Daybreak fundraiser in the fall of 2019 with a donation. At the October 2021 fund raiser in Bartlesville, Dan and Bob (with their spouses) attended the event and presented a \$2000 check to Razia Jan.

As a result of District Governor Kevin Merrill s visit and subsequent post on the District 6110 Facebook page about Daybreak s projects, Bartlesville Daybreak was contacted by Amanda Mullins of the Chickasha Rotary Club. They were looking for an international project





Razia Jan

to support girls and education. Amanda was an Ambassadorial Scholar with District 6110, and with some help from District Governor Nominee Pam Crawford she was connected to Razia s Foundation, and now is a sponsor of a child in the school! Amanda also attended Daybreak s

October 29 7am meeting to hear Razia speak!

Now that's Rotary in action!

Van Buren Rotary Club Packs Food

The Van Buren club recently participated in service day and packed roughly 700 food sacks to be distributed to kids who need just a little extra food over the weekend or breaks from school. The local police department is a distribution location and they had a lot of helpers from the High School JROTC cadets!





Eureka Springs
Rotary Club Shopping Spree

Check out the Eureka Springs Rotary Shopping Spree Raffle in front of Hart s Grocery store. Tickets are \$5 for 1 or \$20 for 5. Grand prize 5 minute shopping spree just in time for Thanksgiving. Additional prizes \$150, \$100 and \$50 gift cards from Hart s! Drawing is November 18th for 4 finalists!



Pryor Rotary Club Covers Mayes County with Dictionaries

Each year

between 530-560 dictionaries are put into the hands of Mayes County third graders by the Pryor Rotary Club! They also deliver to homeschoolers when they can find them.

In early September each year, the Rotary Club Dictionary Chair (currently Tony Fell) contacts all the Mayes County schools to get numbers of third graders and their teachers, and their names, if possible. A custom bookplate is put in each dictionary with the student so name in it. For many children, this is the first book that they can call their own. The bookplate also includes the Rotary 4-Way Test. Schools include Mazie, Roosevelt, Salina, Lincoln, Chouteau, Adair, and Wickliffe.

The idea for The Dictionary Project began in 1992 when Annie Plummer of Savannah, Georgia, gave 50 dictionaries to children who attended a school close to her home. Each year she continued to give this gift, raising money to help give more and more books so that in her lifetime she raised enough money to buy 17,000 dictionaries for children in Savannah. Early on, her project attracted the attention of Bonnie Beeferman of Hilton Head, S.C., who began a project of raising money by selling crafts to buy dictionaries for the schoolchildren of Hilton Head and the surrounding communities.



Roosevelt school kids in Mayes County, OK and their new dictionaries



Mazie school kids in Mayes County, OK and their new dictionaries

In 1996 a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Association was formed, and The Dictionary Project was born. Since its implementation in 1995, over 31 million children have received dictionaries because thousands of people saw the same need in communities all over the United States.

Miami Rotary Club: students of the month program

The Miami, OK Rotary Club honors 2 Seniors from September thru April from two of the school districts in the county. They attend the club meeting and receive a framed certificate.

The Miami club also "as many students to RYLA as



Jordyn McMinn and Jayden Kennedy were selected as Miami High School students of the month for October

they can raise finds for". In 2019, they sent 31 campers and had 4 CITs and 5 Chiefs. That's a total of 40 students at RYLA from the Miami Club.

The Miami Rotary Club understand investing in youth!

Berryville Rotary Club also supports Students of the Month

The Berryville Rotary Club is excited to be able to have Student of the Month

again! They are playing catch up this month so they had two outstanding students to present. The September Student of the Month is Emmory Morris. She is pictured on the left with her father Rotarian Brandon Lyle who just happens to be our current club president. On the right is October Student of the Month Alyssa Lee with her father Rotarian Jay Lee. Congratulations to these ladies and best wishes!



Coffeyville Rotary Club gets Spooky!

The
Coffeyville
Rotary Club
took part in
Downtown
Coffeyville's
Halloween



Spooktacular on October 21st and handed out candy to over 900 children. On November 16th, they will celebrate their 100 years in service with their Centennial Celebration which will include a catered dinner and drinks.



They worked with their Interact club to host a cornhole tournament at the local high school game, raising funds to adopt a family/student for Christmas.

Every month on the 4th Tuesday they have a fellowship get-together called "Tasty Tuesday" at "The Yoke"

Then on December 3rd, they will take part in Coffeyville's

Christmas Parade via a float throwing candy out and publicizing Rotary with the float.



Broken Arrow "Cool Grilles" Car Show



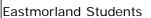
The Rotary club of Broken Arrow recently conducted its "Cool Grilles" Car show on Main Street.

Lovely weather and a good bit of planning and execution allowed the club to bring in over \$15,000 for its many projects. A silent auction also helped make the event a success.

Joplin's Two Rotary Clubs get Dictionaries into 3rd Graders' hands

The Joplin Rotary Club and the Daybreak Joplin Rotary Club work together to provide dictionaries to every third grade student in Joplin. This year more than 50 club members distributed 570 dictionaries.







Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School student

Fort Scott Rotary Club gets thanked for Dictionaries

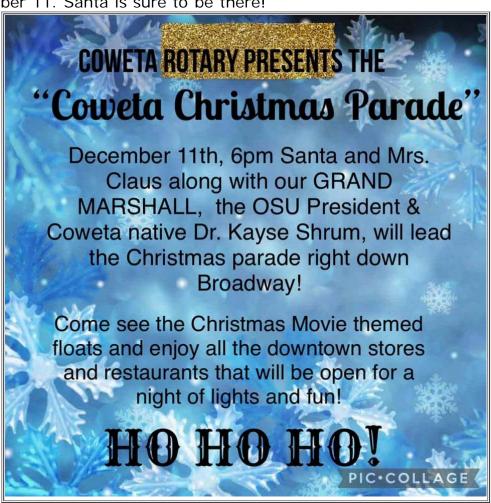
Here's a nice twist: The School District thanked Rotarians for delivering personalized dictionaries! Here's what the Unified School District #235 of Uniontown KS said:

Ken Lyon and Ed Scott of the Fort Scott Rotary Club presented a personalized dictionary to each WBE 3rd grade student today. Our students are very appreciative of this useful gift. Thank you, Fort Scott Rotary members for including our students in your yearly project.



Christmas in Coweta - or a parade at least!

The Coweta Rotary Club will present the Coweta Christmas Parade on December 11. Santa is sure to be there!



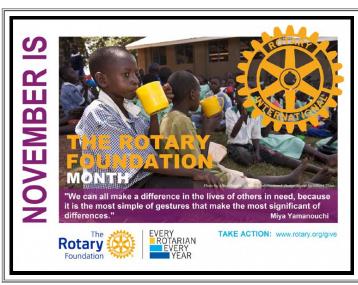
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Is YOUR club doing service to its community?

Are you "doing good in the world?" Let us know with the "just the facts" to: Wally Bloss, District Public Image Chair: Wbloss@Gmail.com

November - The Rotary Foundation Month

By Edwin M. Hardesty

The Rotary Foundation is what separates Rotary from all other civic and service organizations. The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Rotary Foundation has been given a four-star rating, the highest of any charitable organization, by Charity Navigator. When you give to the Rotary Foundation you know that your gift will be handled with integrity and will impact a life in your local community or somewhere in the world.



The Rotary Foundation has almost wiped polio

from the face of the earth. In 1985 when Rotarians made a promise to the children of the world to eliminate polio, there were over 350,000 active cases in almost 200 countries with 1,000 new cases a day. Now cases of the wild polio virus are limited to parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Currently in 2021 we have had only one case in Pakistan and one case in Afghanistan. Recently, the Taliban in Afghanistan has agreed, not only to allow our vaccination campaign to take place, but to provide security. We will not rest until the world is declared polio free. Your contributions to polio will make it a reality.

When you give to the Annual Fund you make possible District Grants, which support humanitarian projects, scholarships, youth programs and other projects in our local communities. Annual Fund contributions also support Global Grants, which support international projects that address maternal and child health, water and sanitation, disease prevention and treatment, peace and conflict resolution, education and literacy, economic and community development and supporting the environment.

Your generous gifts to the Rotary Foundation change lives in our local communities and throughout the world. Highlight the work of our Foundation during this month. Schedule a program on the Rotary Foundation during this Rotary year. Celebrate the fact that the Rotary Foundation is doing good in the world, and that your club through your contributions makes it possible.

Ed Hardesty, PDG
District 6110 Foundation Chair

Final 2020-2021 Rotary Citations Awarded

By Jay P. Craig

For the past several weeks it has been my esteemed pleasure to personally deliver "Rotary International Citations" that were awarded to nine clubs in our District for the outstanding jobs they did last year. I only have one more to deliver. I chose to deliver these in person because, as District Governor last year, I saw how the pandemic affected each of the clubs in our district adversely. The Club Presidents last year had an even more difficult job than normal in trying to maintain, or grow membership, keep good morale, and continue to fully function as a club, during the pandemic.

So, it is indeed my pleasure to drive, all over our district, at my expense, to personally see that these clubs are recognized for what they did, and continue to do.

I encourage all Club Presidents currently serving, to check the Rotary International Website, consult with your Assistant Governors, or the District Administrator, and do whatever you can to try and meet the requisite tasks in order to cause your club to be so honored with a Rotary Citation next year, for the work your club is doing this year. I thank you all, and am sure that our current Governor thanks you for all you do. You are just PHENOMENAL!

These clubs were awarded the Citation: Tulsa Southside, Bartlesville Daybreak, Broken Arrow, Tulsa Sunrise, Tulsa North, Rogers Downtown, Joplin Daybreak, Pittsburg, Springdale



David Cobb, Immediate Past President 2020-2021, Tulsa Southside



President Joe Beffer, PDG Jay Craig and Immediate Past President Loren Roszel - Bartlesville Daybreak



Immediate Past President Barbara Smallwood - Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise



Immediate Past President Anne Williams of the Tulsa North Rotary Club



Joplin Daybreak's Immediate Past President Laurie Delano



Broken Arrow's Immediate Past President Lisa Engel



Rogers Downtown immediate past president Dana Lea Mather.



Pittsburg Rotary Club's Johnna Norton

(Watch this space - scheduled after newsletter deadline.)

Springdale

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Every club has the opportunity to earn a Rotary citation. Show the world what a great club you have! The details are attached to the newsletter and can be found here: Rotary Citation Info



Bernd Meidel is a member of the Rotary Club of Schweinfurt-Peterstin, Germany.

It so important that Rotary and Rotaract clubs tell their stories in ways that help communities understand what Rotary does and why our work matters so as to inspire others to get involved. Appointing a club public image chair can increase your success at making the club so communications consistent and unmistakably Rotary.

As the District 1950 Public Image Chair (Germany), I have been responsible for promoting Rotary and its activities on the district level and helping clubs develop their public image. Here are a few things I have observed:

Why you should have a public image chair

When a club promotes itself and its work, they are increasing Rotary s awareness in the community. But it s also difficult for those club members who are organizing service projects to be responsible for marketing them too. A public image chair can help with all of that. They can manage the club s public relations, press, and marketing in a coordinated and consistent way throughout the entire Rotary year, across projects.

What a club public image chair does

The chair is responsible for designing flyers and posters, writing press releases, updating the website, managing the club social media presence, and making sure the club logo is used



properly and consistency. Ideally, the club public image chair would manage a team with the appropriate skills to help, all working together to showcase the club and their members as people of action.

What qualifications are needed

The chair should have experience in marketing, journalism, copywriting, or digital media. Photo or video creation and editing is also a plus, as is having existing contacts to local journalists.

Available resources to help you succeed

The Rotary <u>Brand Center</u> contains templates that are extremely helpful. I also recommend club public image chairs meet regularly with the district public image chair via digital networks or events to share ideas and strategize.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? We do good things! We need to let people know about us. Don't be afraid to "blow your own horn." This stuff is second-nature to those under 40. Find one!

RI Houston Convention Early Bird Registration

Early Bird Registration: RI Houston Conference June 4-8, 2022

It so been said things are bigger, better and friendlier in Texas so what better location for Rotary International's next **in-person** Convention in Houston during the week of June 4-8, 2022.



Join 20,000+ of your closest friends in Houston enjoying motivational speakers and informative breakout sessions, an exciting House of Friendship with lots of new ideas, your favorite Rotary vendors, and the sights and sounds of one of America sounds vibrant cities.

Houston is the home of the Johnson Space Center and America sastronauts. There salso great theater, a world class symphony and other outstanding performing arts offerings. Amazing museums are within a short ride from the week so convention activities. If your taste leans more toward sports, how about a Houston Astros game at Minute Maid Park - within walking distance of the Houston Convention Center?

If great food is what puts you into orbit, Houston s varied cultures are reflected in exceptional restaurants serving up tantalizing Creole, Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese, Italian, African, Caribbean, Argentinian and, of course, Tex-Mex and the best-of-the-best BBQ.

Take advantage of early bird registration. \$475 per person until New Year se Eve. Register NOW at https://convention.rotary.org.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? They say the third time is charm, so let's actually have an in-person Rotary Convention in Texas!

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