

## Governor Kevin Merrill's October Message

By Kevin Merrill on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 Greetings Fellow Rotarians of District 6110

Lisa and I are serving clubs in Missouri until the end of the month before heading back to Northwest AR.

The Rotary Club of Mt. Vernon, MO invited us to come to Apple Butter Makin Days and help them at their booth. President Marsha Jones and the club did a fantastic job selling pickles,

turkey legs, Tornado Potatoes (fun stuff) and apple fritters. Family and friends joined in to help raise money for local scholarships.

Lisa and I are blessed to spend additional time with clubs because of our full-time RVing lifestyle. Keep us posted on what your club is doing and if we are in the area, we will come help you \$Serve to Change Lives \$.

World Polio Day is Oct. 24, and we would love to hear from you and how your club is raising awareness and money to finish the fight against polio. Only two cases of polio in the world this year and your donations have been instrumental in making history!!

Please join us for Happy Hour next month on Thursday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. 5:30pm and share with Rotarians from across our district what you and your club have been up to.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Each District Governor is required to visit every club in the District - all 78 of

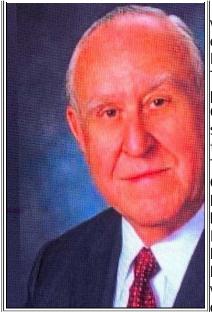
them! Gov Kevin and Lisa got serious about this by selling their house and living in a large motor coach, which they park for a few weeks near a grouping of Rotary Clubs.



# Hardesty Family Honored at Fifth Foundation Banquet

By John D. Williams Jr. on Thursday, September 30, 2021

On Friday, September 17, 2021, Rotarians and guests were charmed by the wit, wisdom and Rotary stories provided by the gentleman from Chattanooga, TN, Past Rotary International President John Germ. Cheers rang throughout the Banquet Hall as newly recognized Major Donors, Bequest Society Members and Paul Harris Society Members



were paraded before the receiving line. Each smile and expression of enthusiasm helped proclaimed that this first-time way of honoring Rotarians was indeed a success.

The Martinez Sisters, Mackenzie and Madison, inspired the participants to stand and cheer as they sang their rendition of Lee Greenwood s, God Bless the USA. The lighting, sounds, big screen, display of images of each presenter and the signage from the District Conference added to the evening as a Big Rotary Event. The Fifth Annual Banquet was held at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks in conjunction with the 2021 District Conference. RI President Shekhar Mehta from the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar West Bengal, India, cannot possibly meet with all 534 District Conferences throughout the Rotary World during his Presidency; however, he did his very best by sending his RI President Representative Jill Pietrusinski from O Fallon, IL, who was welcomed by cheers from the audience and introduced by our very own District Governor Kevin Merrill.

We were reminded that Ed Hardesty, District Foundation Chair and Past District Governor, has

done so much to support our District, Zone and our Foundation. He charmed us with stories and expressed his personal appreciation for being honored. We learned from PDG Wallace Williams that Ed s passion is divided between Rotary service and working with the Tulsa Kennel Club as he helps dog owners train their show dogs. Attendees were treated to a video of pictures which honored Ed and Jeanette and their family. PDG Ron Petersen, SR, Rotary Club of Carthage, our Fourth Banquet Honoree, presented Ed and Jeanette with a gift and a Memory Book of cards, letter and emails of best wishes collected from over 30 Districts.

Medallions of Beef Tenderloin, Pasta, Green Beans, Salad and a dessert of Chocolate Mousse and a special

White Chocolate dessert with a Rotary emblem added for the attendees delight along with complimentary red and white wines made possible by Emily Harrison

with the Cheers Liguor & Wine Shoppe of Springdale, AR.



Sponsorships - 10-Gold; 3-Silver; and 17-Bronze, plus individual ticket sales made the Banquet possible. After expenses, all credits will be shared by Rotarians and Clubs, whoever purchased a ticket. Based on the \$75 ticket,

\$41.55 will be added to the Foundation account of each Rotarian society who attended. Credits can increase Major Donor, Bequest Society and Paul Harris Society status as well as help Rotarians achieve Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) recognition. Increasing a club so per capita giving will help a club become eligible for a District Grant. This was certainly a win for all involved.

John Germ provided a surprise return to the podium to warm the crowd by auctioning off a pair of slip-on sneakers inscribed, Find Polio Now, donated by Tom and Judy Brigham from Iola, KS. Norene Heaps, Tulsa Southside, was overjoyed to donate \$200 as it reminded her that both her father and brother had contracted Polio.

Mountain Home Rotary Club donated a \$200 bottle of Jack Daniels Single Barrel Bourbon. Stewart Brunner did not leave empty handed as he took the bottle home but his pocket was \$1,000 lighter as he purchased this special bottle and all



proceeds went to Polio Plus.

Dave Matty surprised the audience by purchasing a special numbered bottle of Single Barrel Number 7 Black Label Jack

Daniels signed by both Bill Sergeant, Rotary International Polio Plus Eradication Chair for 11-years, and John Germ. Dave sent a check for \$3,333.34, knowing that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match his check with a 2 for 1 match grant, meaning, Dave scheck plus the match, will add \$10,000 to combat polio. Thanks to PRIP John Germ sauction skills, our District 6110 collected \$4,533 and after matching grant monies, our District will be able to credit \$13,600 to Polio Plus to battle the wild Polio Virus.



Since our 4<sup>th</sup> Banquet in April 2019, we have added 22 new Major Donors making 179; 16 new Bequest Society making 76; and 18 new Paul Harris Society(PHS) members making 121.

It is through the PHS where we grow our Major Donor list. We are continuing to grow our Rotary Foundation by over \$600,000 per year. We have been identifying Star Clubs for the past 10-years, thanks to PDG Wallace Williams who began the idea. It is wonderful to see Broken Arrow, Oswego, Tulsa Southeast, Tulsa Southside, and Tulsa Sunrise be listed in the program with 10-Stars. In April 2013, our District Chartered the Rotary Club of Coweta, as our 82<sup>nd</sup> Rotary Club. This past year, they had a per capita giving has reached \$114.29. They earned their first Star Club Recognition Award recognition. Congratulations! And finally, the Rotary Club of Iola, KS, had the highest per capita giving of \$413. Super! Congratulations to all ordinary Rotarians and Clubs who are doing an extraordinary job of supporting the Rotary Foundation.

See even more Foundation photos in the next story.

John D Williams Fifth Annual Rotary Foundation Banquet Chair

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Our district honored PDG Ed Hardesty at the annual Foundation Banquet, who has worked tirelessly promoting our Rotary Foundation. The banquet lifts up all of those who have made contributions to insure Rotary continues to do good in the world.

# **District Conference Photo Gallery**

Our District 6110 Conference for the 2021-2022 program year was conducted in Eureka Springs, AR on Sept 18, and was an outstanding success! It was preceded by the elegant 5th Annual

District 6110 Foundation Banquet, honoring RI Foundation supporters and especially Foundation Chair and Past District Governor, Ed Hardesty and his wife, Jeanette.

Some 45 clubs were represented (out of 78) and 146 people total attended one or the other event, but most attended both! With honored guests, presenters, and friends, 5 Rotary districts were represented.

If life is "90% about showing up" we can especially thank the following three clubs who really **showed up!**Broken Arrow 9
Tulsa Sunrise 7
Iola 6 (that's a 3 1/2 hour drive - almost 200 miles)

We understand several people were not ready to meet in a public setting and "rub elbows" with others, due to COVID-19. But, if you missed this one, you really missed out. If your club was not there, please consider adding the District Conference to the list of "must go" events in your Rotary year. You'll be glad you did!

Here's a glimpse of some of the activities that we all enjoyed.











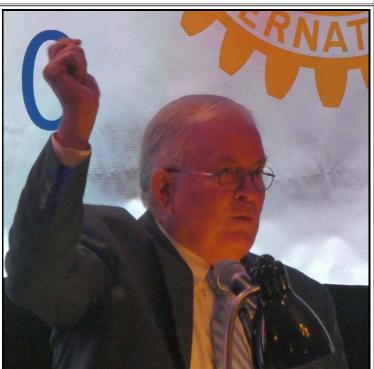


































# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DLA CLASS OF 2021

Michael Addington - Miami, OK

Gina Alvis Watts - Pryor, OK

Pam Henderson - Pittsburg, KS

Bill Lawson - Tulsa Sunrise, OK

Warren Lovinger - Nevada, MO

Becky Wood - Broken Arrow, OK

Roy Wood - Broken Arrow, OK











































Thanks to the following "shutterbugs:" Cole Adamson, Lisa Merrill, Wally Bloss, Stewart Bruner and a few more

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Well let's see; fun, camaraderie, fellowship, inspiration, nurturing, sharing, learning, focusing, serving, (I could go on but...)

# Does your club have "Broken Windows?

Published in Rotary Down Under September 2016

Broken Windows Theory dictates that if

windows are broken and left unfixed, people tend to infer a prevailing sense of indifference toward the upkeep of order in the neighbourhood.

Subsequently, they show less inhibition towards breaking further windows or similar anti-social behaviour • if nobody really cares, why not?

If this attitude continues unchecked, it can cause the entire area to be affected by a rise in crime. Petty vandalism can lead to larger wrongdoings, as people perceive an

apathy to lawfulness and feel free to act without restraint.

### So what does this mean to Rotary?

Our clubs successes are defined by their internal cultures. High levels of meaningful service, ethics, integrity, respect and unity, as well as a commitment to fostering goodwill and assisting the development of both our own members and the wider community, are the foundations of Rotary worldwide.

These are our windows, and occasionally, these windows get broken.

Areas of service may become neglected. We may fail to bring in new members or members who add fresh perspectives. We may defer the opportunity to undertake projects of significance or may not embody our values when interacting with other club members or when facing difficulties in reaching our objectives.

We have two choices once this occurs: we either identify and set about fixing the problem, or we do nothing and watch the resultant drop in standards and membership.

We can look to others to fix the problems, or even expect they will do so. We may even figure that nobody will notice, or that the problems will fix themselves over time. In reality though, these �windows�, which our success rests upon, are every Rotarian�s priority. Small fractures left unchecked can lead to large breaks.

We all, at times, get off course and our windows get broken. But it is how we respond to both our own broken windows and those within our vicinity that will define Rotary stature success.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Rotarians are problem fixers. Sometimes we need to start fixing things at home.

#### **Rotarians in Service - October 2021**

By Wally Bloss

#### 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!

## **Grove Rotary Club Helps Ida victims**



Ivan Devitt, Joel McCorkle, club president, and Russell Mosburg.

The Grove Rotary Club raised funds to help victims of Hurricane Ida that devasted Louisiana and Mississippi coastline towns. Members donations were matched by the club itself, and also the Grove Rotary Foundation for a grand total of \$16,010 to the relief fund.

The Rotary District 6200 Foundation so Disaster Relief Program was established to assist the individuals and communities impacted by disasters such as Hurricane Ida, which has devastated Southeast Louisiana. Donations can be made by visiting the Rotary District 6200 website <a href="https://www.rotary6200.org">www.rotary6200.org</a> and using the donation button

Way to go Grove!

## Distict staff and volunteers make the "New Year" happen

Each Rotary year we start with a clean slate. Every club begins the new Program Year with new leadership: President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer, plus a Foundation chair, and many others. Many clubs operate on a multi-year cycle: the club Pres-Nominee becomes the Pres-Elect then becomes the President. Or in committees the vice-chair moves up to chair, then the next year becomes past-chair, allowing her to provide guidance and insight. New Assistant Governors are selected and connected to clubs.

All of these new positions take effect on July 1, and we use DACdb to keep track of the changes in leadership/service opportunities. Our **District Communication team** is how this passing the torch happens behind the scenes.

Each year they gather to be sure all the positions have "turned over" from one year to the next, and insure the data is correct. District Administrator Cole Adamson is joined by several volunteers from the team. Thanks to them for making our year start off on the right foot!



Laura Tapp, Nick Nail, Cole Adamson and Rachelle Parker burn the midnight oil to insure a clean change-over to the new program year.

# **Tahlequah Rotary Club honors students**

Not only did the Tahlequah-Cherokee County Rotary club honor two outstanding students, but they managed to get some great publicity for it in the <u>Tahlequah Daily Press</u>. The club regularly honors students from Sequoyah high school, and



Conlie Smith, Shace Duncan, and Stan Evetts, Rotarian assistant governor

pictured here are the September and October honorees. They made the local also sure received newspaper the information. Many newspapers especially are attuned to students, and when a local club provides a clear, concise news release with all the names spelled correctly, and a photo there is a good chance of "getting some ink."

While many newspapers have cut back on actual printed paper distribution, having your local club on the paper's website helps people searching for info on your club.

# Mid-Marion County Rotary Club's Turkey Trot Provides Scholarships

Yellville celebrated the 75th Turkey Trot festival October 8 & 9, now operated by the Mid-Marion County Rotary Club. Proceeds from the festival allow the club to award \$10,000 in scholarships to local students.

The club agreed to take over leadership of the event in 2018, requiring no turkeys be "dropped" from planes or buildings, which previously had been a feature of the event but had caused controversy.

A parade, lip synch contest, several bands and lots of great food made the homecoming event a success.





# Tulsa Will Rogers Club Helps Food Pantry

The Tulsa Will Rogers club helps out at the Kendall-Whittier Emergency Food Pantry. KWI was formed by a coalition of neighborhood churches in 1968 as a response to the deterioration of the neighborhood, The Emergency Food Pantry provides, at no cost to recipients, a week sworth of nutritious food for an individual or family, up to four times a year.

The club also presented several



Rotary worked at the Kendall Whittier Emergency Food Pantry

devastating earthquake.

checks to VJ Lively of MSNI for use in shipping medical supplies to Haiti after the



#### **Broken Arrow Citation Awarded**



The Broken Arrow Rotary Club was one of nine District 6110 Rotary clubs that earned a Citation from Rotary International during the 2020-2021 year.

Immediate Past President Lisa Engel accepted the award from Immediate Past District Governor Jay Craig on behalf of the club.

# Bella Vista Rotary Club Presents Paul Harris Fellowship

The Bella Vista Rotary recently honored a non-Rotarian with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

In the photo at the right, Michele Gann, Ed Stacey, Ed Moczydlowski,

Holly Holiman, Dick Schrad, and Mike Moles all witness President Holiman present a Paul Harris Fellowship honor to Ed Moczydlowski in recognition of his contribution of providing "experienced" golf balls to the club's fundraising efforts. Through his generosity, the club has had over \$1,000 in sales just this year, including this past August at Allen's Food Market in Sugar Creek Plaza with sales of over \$590.

This is a sharp move by the club, as it clearly honors someone who has done so much good in the community, but it also generated good will for



the club and lifts it's standing. Well done!

#### **Best Gavel Award**



Most Rotary Clubs use a bell to begin and/or end their meetings. They strike it with a gavel of some sort. Governor Kevin recently came across this club's "really cool" Rotary gavel in his "Official Visit" journey.

Where did he find it?
Look in DACdb in the
District Calendar tick
the "District Gov
Official Visit box. Then
you will see where he
and Lisa were on
October 12 and you'll
know! (And you'll get
used to using the
DACdb Calendar!)



## Governor Kevin and Lisa seen in Missouri

Safe passage to Missouri has been provided to District Governor

Kevin Merrill and his wife Lisa by several clubs. They have been trying to locate the largest representation of a Rotary Wheel - contenders here from Mt Vernon and Joplin. Kevin and Lisa has also tried their hands at Tornado Potatoes in Mt Vernon and Brats (the wurst kind) in Carthage. More of Missouri's secrets will be unveiled as he finishes his MO Tour.









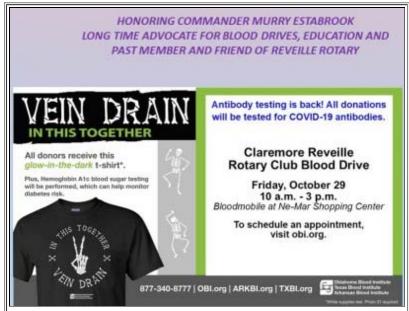
They also came across the "Largest Rotary Bell" in Mt Vernon on their gazebo.



## Muskogee Rotary Club Assembles

The Rotary Club of Muskogee recently were in action with the United Way Day of Caring. They had a great time assembling bunks at the WISH House. Women In Safe Houses provides exactly what its name implies: provides a safe place for victims of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault and stalking as they make plans and arrangements to recover from trauma and begin new lives. Great way to model Service Above Self!

## **Drain Your Veins in Claremore**



The Reveille Rotary Club of Claremore calls its blood drive a "Vein Drain" pretty creative!

Proceeds go to their Dictionary projects in Rogers County. Come by at lunch time and

buy a cheeseburger, chips and a drink for \$5.

### Win Groceries in Bull Shoals

The Bull Shoals - Lakeview Rotary Club would

like you to win \$1,000 in free groceries! They are raffling a \$1,000 Harp's gift card. Second prize - Igloo 72qt. BMX Cooler, Third Prize - 3 Large Reusable Grocery Bags.

Tickets \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

Drawing is December 8th - need not be present to win



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

## Nine Clubs receive Rotary Citation for 2020-2021 year

Last program year was anything but normal, and it certainly was not an easy year! However nine clubs in our District 6110 worked hard and earned a Rotary Citation for their efforts. These clubs completed at least 13 of 25 different goals that the club set itself. The goals include membership, Foundation, public image, and several other areas.

Clubs select the goals they want to strive for, then report when they achieve the goals in Rotary Club Central. With all the challenges last year brought, these clubs succeeded and are being awarded a Rotary Citation by Immediate Past District Governor Jay Craig. PDG Jay is awarding these Citations to the following clubs:

Tulsa Southside
Bartlesville Daybreak
Broken Arrow
Tulsa Sunrise
Tulsa North
Rogers Downtown
Joplin Daybreak
Pittsburg

**Springdale** 



Immediate Past District Governor Jay Craig presents Rotary Citation to David Cobb, past President 2020-2021



President Joe Beffer, PDG Jay Craig and Past President Loren Roszel bask in the glow of the Rotary Citation for the Bartlesville Daybreak Club

## October - Economic and Community Development Month

By Wally Bloss on Thursday, October 7, 2021



Each month we focus our attention to a different facet of Rotary Service.

October is **Economic and Community Development Month**. October also includes World Polio Day on the 24th.
This is the time of year clubs focus on how we give back to Rotary using our vocations to support our economy and communities. Here are some suggestions for use here in District 6110:

**Member Moments:** talk about your vocation at club meetings and get to know each other better so members

work together professionally.

- Service: Use your vocation to better serve your community.
- Integrity: Always practice high ethical standards in business and professions.
- Inspiration: Inspire others to behave ethically through your words and actions. Actions speak louder than words!
- Mentor: Use your vocation to mentor young professionals.
- Encouragement: Guide and encourage others in their professional development.

As Rotarians, we take action locally and internationally. Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. Rotarians worldwide promote economic and community development and reduce poverty in underserved communities through training, well-paying jobs, and access to financial management institutions. Projects range from providing people with equipment to vocational training. Our members work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities. Here are some examples of Rotary so projects:

#### Microloans

• Entrepreneurs use microloans to become street vendors, rickshaw drivers, weavers, and tailors.

#### Agriculture

• Entrepreneurs in rural communities can borrow money to buy livestock or plant crops, or get training in sustainable farming.

### Adopt A Village

 Rotary members use a multifaceted and coordinated strategy to break the cycle of poverty in extremely impoverished communities.

### Human Rights

 Rotary helps Tanzanians with albinism overcome stigma and superstition to find safety and a livelihood. (<u>READ MORE</u>)

#### Training

 Rotary International and Heifer International are teaching farmers to extend their growing season and help residents eat healthier, local food. (<u>READ MORE</u>)

### The Power of Light

 Rotary members team up with the Navajo Nation to bring solar lights to remote, off-the-grid homes, allowing people to work and learn at night. (<u>READ MORE</u>)

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? We Rotarians understand service. Here's a bunch of ways to have a focused service program for this month.

## D6110 Vision Facilitation off to a good start

By Catherine E. Webster on Friday, September 24, 2021

Your District 6110 Vision
Facilitation Team has already
completed two Visioning Events benefiting
the Rotary Clubs of North Tulsa and Jenks
this program year. Visioning is a great way
to re-start your club energy and passion
for what your club is doing in your
community and in the world. Did you know
that having a long-range, three-year plan
in place for your club will enable you to
recruit not only new leaders from within
your club but also new members for your
club?

If you would like to learn more about the requirements and process itself, contact D6110 Vision Facilitation Chair Cathy Webster at Cathy Webster's email or 918-625-5720 to arrange a club meeting time and location for a program that she will



PDG Danny Mitchell facilitates a Visioning discussion with the Jenks Rotary Club

present to your club membership whether in person or via Zoom. The benefits to your club are numerous, the benefits to your community and the world are exponential!



Laura Tapp keeps up with the North Tulsa Visioning process

### Welcome new Rotarians - October 2021

Governor Kevin loves the idea of "Each One Bring One" which RI President Shekhar Mehta has suggested. Each month we celebrate new members that have been added to DACdb - which makes them "Official!"

Hre's a spotlight on how one club welcomes new members. How are you doing that in your club?

Past-President Stewart Brunner inducted new member Taylor Jackson into the Rotary Club of Mountain Home. Ms. Jackson was sponsored by a recent new member, Amber Henry. Jackson and Henry join a large group of new Rotarians to the local club.

Any photos of induction activities that clubs can send along are appreciated also!

(Send to Wally Bloss, Dist Public Image Coord )

Welcome to 36 new Rotary District 6110 members from Sept 10 thru October 15, 2021

New Rotarian	Club	Sponsor			
Anderson,	Vinita	Cindy Victory			
Kendra					
(KENDRA)					
Anthony, Shaw	Bixby	Dane Basham			
(SHAW)					
Ariguzo, Fidelis	Bixby				
(FIDELIS)					
Banks, John G.	Cassville	Chad Johnson			
(JOHN)					
Best, Anita	Mid-Marion	Alesia Owen			
(ANITA)	County				
Brown, Barry	Fayetteville	Transfer from			
(BARRY)		San Antonio			
		TX			
Budd, Taylor					
(TAYLOR)	Tulsa	Jeri			
		Barrientos			
Clark, Doug	Pryor	Dean A Carey			
(DOUG)		Catherine E.			
		Webster			
Cox, Jared		Lucas Pointer			



Amber Henry, Taylor Jackson, and Stewart Brunner

(JARED)	Bentonville				
		Chris Cash			
Cox, Sharie (SHARIE)	Grove	Louise Templin			
Craig, Carol (CAROL)	Tulsa	O'Connor John M.			
Elstermeier, Windy (WINDY)					
(SANDY)	Mid-Marion County				
Freeman, Rachael Lynn (RACHAEL)	Cassville	Chad Johnson			
Fyfe, Amy (AMY)	Mt. Vernon	Shala Feagins			
Graybeal, Adriana Michele (ADRIANA)	Jenks				
Nick (NICK)	Miami				
Horn, Kimberly J (KIM)	Miami		W	I	,
Jackson, Tiffany (TAYLOR)	Mountain Home	Amber Henry	Keenan, Allen C. (AL)	Tulsa	Low Karey Robert
Kennedy, Chris (CHRIS)	Aurora	Billy Redus			
Kissee, Destiny (DESTINY)	Bristow	Harold Nobles Kristin Weaver			
Lee, Cliff (CLIFF)	Pryor	Dean A Carey Catherine E. Webster			
Lindstrom, Michael H (MIKE)	Bentonville	Self			
Malin, Joseph R		n/a			
(JOE) Marler, Vickie	Joplin Fayetteville	Fred Osborn Trudy			
(VICKIE) Morris, Noel (NOEL)	Mountain Home	Tavares Barney Larry			
Myers, Matthew B. (MATT)	Iola	Frances I. Kinzle			
Nichols, Jeremy (JEREMY)	Bixby				
Ragsdale, Rick (RICK)	Cassville	Wade Hermansen	Schmidbauer, Robert P (BOB)	Holiday Island	James M. Lehr
Steward, Holly	Mt. Vernon	Ruth Ann			

Lynette (HOLLY)		Jones
Swann, Melissa (MELISSA)	Fayetteville	Randy Wilburn
Waggoner, Willy H Jr. (WILLY)	Carthage	Jerry L. Poston
Wallace, Darren (DARREN)	Joplin	Wally Bloss Erin Taylor
Wood, Robert C. (BOB)	Parsons	

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? We need to spread the love of Rotary with more people. If each member recruited just one more we would double our impact! When we do - here's a way to recognize the new members in the newsletter.

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