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CALENDAR

We meet both in-person at Broken Arrow United Methodist Church and online via Zoom. Meetings & links are announced in a weekly email.

12/27 No meeting

2022 – Happy New Year!

1/3 No meeting

1/10 Club Assembly

1/17 No meeting-MLK

1/24 Andy Craig Igniting Your Masterpiece

1/31 Trivia Contest Trial

1/31 Board Meeting after Trivia Trial

2/7 Valentines day for Seniors service project

2/14 Matt Hancock RYLA

2/21 No meeting Presidents Day

2/21 Board Meeting

2/28 John O'Connor. OK Attorney General

BA Rotary Club Member Changes



Jeff Steen and Nick Nail received certificates celebrating being Rotary members for 40 years. Other club members with significant anniversaries included Bruce Schutte (51 years), Jack Hayhurst (37 years) and Brent Newcomb (34 years).



Stan Evetts, Foundation Chair, awarded Lisa Engel her Paul Harris Fellow +1 pin for contributing \$2,000 to the Rotary Foundation. She is also a member of the Bequest Society for including the Rotary Foundation in her estate.

Meet Our Newest Members



David Pickel was sponsored by Steve Barnes and inducted into our club 12/16.

David "Big Dill" Pickel is married to JoAnn, and is interested in motorsports, historical and sports memorabilia and volunteering. He attended Northeastern State University obtaining a Bachelors in Business Administration, followed by a Masters of Business Administration. He opened Brightway Insurance, his own independent agency, in 2018.

Jennifer Deal grew up in Ponca City, Oklahoma, went to school at Oklahoma State University. In 1995, she began a career teaching art in Broken Arrow that has spanned over 25 years. She retired in 2021 to begin a new career as the executive director of the community art center being built in downtown Broken Arrow, which will be called Arts@302.



Blue Badges Earned

Blue Badges were given to Ash Ewardo, Craig Thurmond and Sean Simpson for completion of the requirements to leave the red new member badge behind.



Kristina Watkins grew up in the Tulsa area and graduated from OSU. She is married to high school sweetheart, Joe. They have a 14-year-old daughter and live in Bixby. After 20 years experience in retail, customer service, sales and HR, she began at working at Gatesway in HR. She took over the Business Development department in November 2020.



RECENT MEETINGS AND EVENTS

10/30 Safety Spooktacular

Thank you to all who helped distribute candy and help at First National Bank.

11/1 Rose Washington-Jones

Tulsa Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) was described as "Progressive Lending for Promising businesses." Rose spoke about how they help provide capital for businesses who do not qualify for bank loans, but have promising futures.



11/8 Dictionary Labeling & Delivery

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11/15 Veterans Day Special with General Mancino

General Mancino began with an inspiring video honoring our military veterans. He then provided a show and tell of the remarkable collection that the Military History Museum displays.

From their website: The Military History Center is a hub of patriotism in Broken Arrow. Its collection of military artifacts is surpassed only by its collection of stories of patriotism and valor. Behind every weapon, uniform, or piece of memorabilia is the story of the person who used it in combat or in service of our nation.



11/16 BA Rotary Board Meeting-NSUBA

11/22 Thanksgiving - no meeting, but we had a social at Slim Chickens

See photo on Page 4

11/29 Sean Simpson

Broken Arrow Seniors can have very full, interesting lives through the Senior Center. Sean told us stories about how engaged his members are, especially the pool players and dancers. Even during the isolation of 2020 Sean was able to get meals delivered to the homebound.

They have been very cramped for space to hold all the activities people want, but the new building that is underway will offer that space. The city is making the space, but Sean is looking for funding to furnish the activities.



11/30 After Hours project with Blue Star Mothers

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12/4 Pancake Breakfast

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12/6 Galea Albano



The Broken Arrow Recycling was promoted and clearly described during this presentation. The photo above shows the messages that would be left with BA residents who do not recycle the correct items.

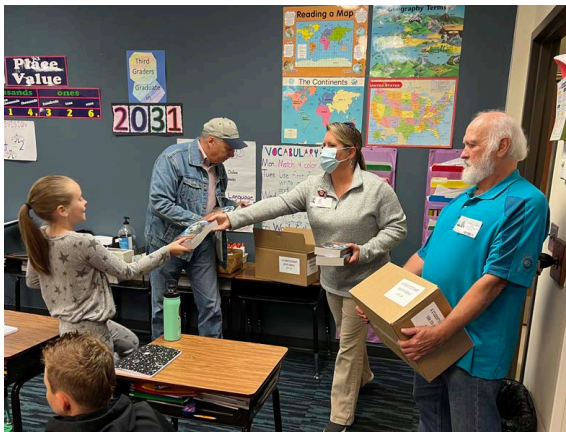
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The Dictionary Project 2021



Jill Garcille with an Arrowhead student.



Lloyd, Lucy and Stan made a great team at Country Lane.



Creekwood gets dictionaries from Don.



Lisa and Ross deliver to Vandever.



Derek speaks with Liberty class.



Jenny and Nicole with Timber Ridge students.



Steve and Teresa with students at Summit Christian.

RECENT MEETINGS AND EVENTS (CONTINUED)

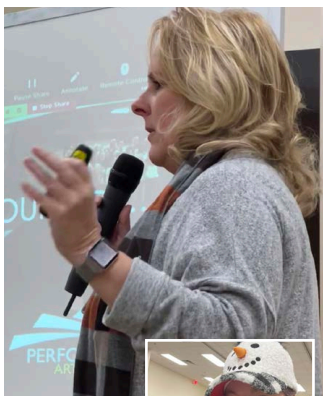
12/11 Shop With A Rotarian

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12/13 Kim Vento

Kim, director of the BA Performing Arts Center, is very enthusiastic about the success of the Penguin Project. 20 special needs students will be performing in a production of Suesical Kids in January. These young folks are matched with similar aged mentors to help them, whether it's to push a wheelchair or assist with lines.

Megan was proud to win the Ugly Sweater Contest, a great fundraiser.



12/20 OBI Bloodmobile

12/20 Aubrey Ringleb

Aubrey presented an update on the R.C. Dickenson YMCA. With a wide variety of programs for youth and adults, it is a success story for building better lives in our community.

She also won the bingo contest that Ash Etwardo provided for Christmas fun.



**12/27 -1/3 No meetings for the Holidays
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**



With no regular meeting on Thanksgiving week, several members met at Slim Chickens for a bit of lunch socializing.

Pancake Breakfast

Beautiful weather made 12/6 the perfect day for a parade, and our pancake breakfast. Thank you to all who helped and especially Galen and the advertisers who bought a slot on the placemats. This event paid for itself due to these ads. Rotary information was on another table display.



In Stu's kitchen, very early in the morning Stu laid the thick bacon strips into his smoker. At left, Galen helps unload those into serving pans.

At right are Roy, Debra (in the hat behind Ash), Ash and Jenny serving pancakes, bacon, sausage and the trimmings to some early eaters.



Above is Stu loading sausage into the smoker while Nick does a very professional job flipping his no-skirt pancakes.



BlueStar Box Packing 11/30

Great work was done for the first project of the restarted After Hours group. District Governor Kevin Merrill and Lisa joined our club members for this service project: Jill Garcille, Jenny Cothran, Robyn Havener, Roy & Becky Wood, Vincent Snelling, Jason Stephens (After Hours Chair) and Laura Garrett.



At right is the early crew at the church after table set-up, and ready for the food to arrive. Jenny, Roy, Debra, Mike, Dan, Teresa, Becky, Teresa's friend Myrnoska's daughter, Carli, and Don.

Rotary Ding a Lings

We had wonderful weather for our service ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Bass Pro on 12/9 & 10. Thank you Scott Eudey for organizing this and scheduling our members to work. What fun it was!



Above, this young future Rotarian understands giving.

Rotarians at the BA Chamber After Hours Party on 12/9.



Our Rotary Club had a strong showing at this excellent social event held at the downtown AVB location. The only two in the photo not from our club were Brian O'Hara (left) from Bixby Rotary and prospective member Isabel Sanchez in the front.



Above, Cindy and Dwayne Strasheim look so welcoming to prospective donors.

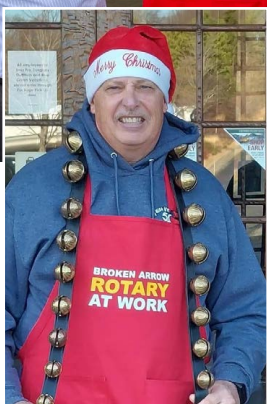
Right, Teresa Lewis, in the leopard hat is joined by grandson Cameron & friend Myrnoska from Venezuela.

Below are Roy Wood, Vincent Snelling and Jason Stephens preparing for their shifts at Bass Pro.



Above right are a friend's two beautiful children with Nicole Smith helping to inspire donations. Scott Eudey is standing with Nicole.

Right is Jeanine Truman with her sister Jackie Kozlowski helping to fill slots on both doors.



Lloyd Dawes brings the fun with his own bells...sleigh bells!



Shannon Walsh joined Kim Vento which helped ensure that all Salvation Army slots were filled. Thank you!

Broken Arrow Rotary President's Message

Congratulations! The Club successfully made it through an incredibly busy season of service projects in the runup to the Christmas season. We've also been blessed with new members and prospects that will help our club grow in size and influence in our community.

Our very capable Sergeant-at-Arms, **Ash Etwardo**, had some fun and games for us to participate in to raise money for Rotary's fight to eradicate polio. We raised over \$1,800 that was donated toward that cause. Our District Governor, **Kevin Merrill and his wife Lisa** joined us for the fun. Thanks, Ash!

Jeff Hewett organized the Dictionary Project and the club dived in to get those labeled and delivered to third-graders in BA. We've received many colorful and heartwarming thank-you notes from kids who received dictionaries. We continue to improving literacy in our community, one child at a time. Nice job, Jeff!

Jason Stephens got our After Hours club back up and operating with a great event to help Blue Star Mothers get holiday care packages ready to mail to the troops. Not only did we finish the 2½ hour job in an hour, but we also were able to help them organize

their storeroom. DG **Kevin and Lisa** graciously came out to help with that event as well. Thanks to everyone involved and to Jason for making it happen. Nice!

The club, once again, stood in to help our friends at the Salvation Army raise money by ringing the bell at Bass Pro Shops. **Scott Eudey** not only did a great job organizing volunteers for this event, but went above and beyond (literally) to ensure we had warm weather! Well done, Scott!

Finally, we held the event most of us look forward to every year – Shop with a Rotarian. **Stan and Brenda Evetts** organized the event and we shopped with about 40 underprivileged kids. Stan did an amazing job with fundraising this year, so we had plenty of cheer to go around. We also had a LOT of volunteers, including many family members and BA High Schoolers from the Interact Club and National Honor Society. Our Assistant Governor, **Pam Crawford**, also came down from Bartlesville and pitched in to help us shop. It was a lot of fun for us and the kids, and will help ensure that they all have a wonderful Christmas this year. Thanks to everyone who

volunteered and especially Stan and Brenda for making it happen. You rock!

Finally, at our last meeting of the calendar year, December 20th, **Lucy Laird** arranged for the OBI Bloodmobile to be at our meeting so we could conveniently donate. Blood is precious this time of year and our gifts will help save lives across our state and region. Our club does good in so many ways. It's very gratifying – thanks to all the donors and to Lucy for making this happen.

As Christmas and New Year's Day approach, we'll take a well-deserved breather from our weekly meetings on December 27th and January 3rd. We'll get back together for a Club Assembly on January 10th and I look forward to seeing you all there. It's a privilege to serve with you. I pray that you and your families have a blessed Holiday season.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Roy



BA Rotary President Roy Wood

Rotary Rotary International News & Fun Facts



Cathy Webster is sister to Janie Green, this newsletter editor, who is very proud of the little dynamo.

OUR 2022-23 DISTRICT GOVERNOR IS CATHY WEBSTER

Cathy has been a member of the Rotary Club of Pryor Oklahoma since 1998. She has served as club secretary, treasurer, president, club Rotary Foundation Chair, and the Club Foundation Vice-President. She is a MSNI Ambassador, multiple Paul Harris fellow, Sustaining Member, Major Donor, and a member of the Paul Harris Society. Cathy is a 2014 graduate of the District Leadership Academy, served as Secretary Trainer during the 2021 MAPETS event, and is currently serving the District on the Personnel Committee and as Chair of the District 6110 Visioning Team. She has attended eight Rotary International Conventions, one zone conference, and served on two American Wheelchair missions.

Cathy was born in Salida Colorado and lived in Buena Vista until age ten when the family 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. After marriage, she moved to Pryor where 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 until 2008. Her current educational focus is to help children to discover the wonders of the world through reading and exploring everything around them.

Cathy heartily believes in Service Above Self and serving by example. She embraces the concept that the Rotary Foundation is the heart of Rotary and would promote its support as much as possible. She will strive to uplift all clubs to their fullest potential to serve others and build membership while enjoying the best fun and fellowship on earth!

Shop With A Rotarian on 12/11.

Walmart grants of \$4500 fully funded our excellent shopping event this year. 37 children shopped for their families aided by 34 Rotarians plus some family members. Stan Evetts solicits the grant funding and organizes the event.

At right is past-Rotarian Norris Streetman, founder of this event. Stan Evetts and our assistant governor, Pam Crawford are standing with him.



Above are Ash Etwardo shopping with his young friend, and Aubrey Ringleb showing off the lovely red dress her shopper found.



Above are a busy wrapping crew of Doris and Mike Watson and the grateful family with their gifts.



Above are a cart full of kids alongside the cart full of the gifts which will make their Christmas completely merry. Thank you Jill Garcille for shopping with them, and coordinating all their gift wrapping. Behind are some of the amazing wrappers, Jeff Hewett and Zarria Young.



Above Steve Barnes and daughter Natalie admire their young shopper's gift package.



Left, Jenny Cothran enjoyed her shopping adventure with her young friend.

At right Mike Scrimsher with his shopper, and wrappers Jeff Hewett, Kim Vento and Becky Wood.

