



BA Rotary Special Forces



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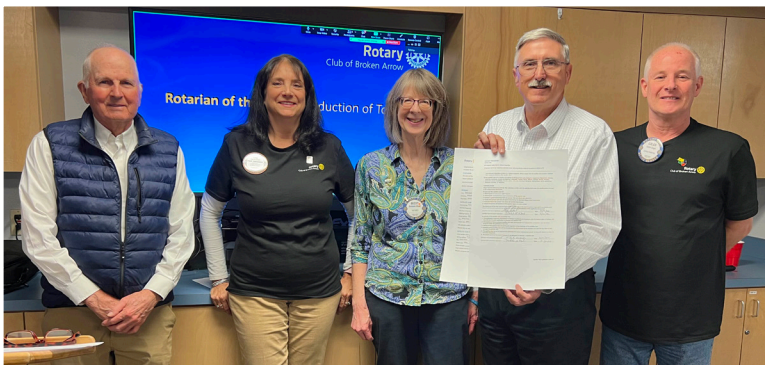
CALENDAR

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

4/29 Rotary Social at Rooftop 4-7
5/2 Cathy Webster – Rotary Club Visioning overview
5/4 Rotary Special Forces
5/5&6 OBI Community Challenge
5/9 Grant Giving Donations
5/12 LBA Day at BAPAC
5/16 Rotary Board Meeting 10:30
5/16 Bryan Jeffries– Oklahoma Dept. of Veterans Affairs
5/18 Rotary Special Forces
5/21 Camp Bandage at BA Events Park-Josh the Otter
5/23 Ed Hardesty
5/23 Rooster Egg Hunt Clues begin
5/30 Memorial Day, no meeting
6/4-8 RI Convention
6/6 Shirley Hall - ToastMasters
6/10 Rooster Days Parade 4 pm



Then group above met for the April sixth Special Forces Satellite club meeting at Tiger Town Tees. BA Emergency Management Coordinator, Jamie Ott, was the speaker who filled out the club volunteer options in much greater detail that via his short presentation to the BA Rotary Club on March 21st. District Governor Kevin Merrill and First Lady, Lisa, attended that meeting.



March 21st The Broken Arrow Rotary Club leadership signed the Special Forces Satellite Club Charter from Rotary International.

Galen Engel developed the idea of forming the group. As District 6110 New Club Development Chair for the upcoming year, he will assist other clubs to form similar Satellite clubs to build Rotary.

Rotary Special Forces is just one of the cause-based club possibilities. Our district is also working on a Hispanic club (or several), a RYLA alumni club, and a Human Trafficking Awareness club.

The traditional model of Rotary Clubs with weekly meetings creating projects and fundraisers is still strong and successful. So many young working people are not able to give the time for these types of clubs because many companies no longer support them. However, these young people are just as passionate about do good in our world as the traditional Rotarians.

Rotary International is supporting the alternative club forms and these serve to add members into the Rotary family. The Satellite club members are part of the sponsoring club, but meet at alternate times for social meetings and special projects. The plan Galen proposed for Rotary Special Forces was recognized by Rotary International as a valuable addition to any community as the members are trained for assisting in an emergency, and will work under the city emergency management and the Red Cross disaster relief team. We are excited to be a pilot program for our District and Rotary International to grow Rotary

in new ways. Club members do not have to join the group to visit a Satellite meeting to learn about it, so do consider visiting one of the bi-weekly meetings.

Blue Badges Earned

Kristina Watkins and Jennifer Deal received their official blue badges after completing all the requirements to change from the temporary "New Member" badge.



RECENT MEETINGS AND EVENTS

3/14 No Meeting for Spring Break

3/21 Rotary Special Forces Charter Approved

Shown here are Pastor Richard Manganaro of the Ministerial Alliance and Jamie Ott of Broken Arrow's Emergency Services. They spoke about service in emergencies. Also speaking was Hunter Harris from the Red Cross. All their words supported the creation of Rotary Special Forces. See story on page one.



3/24 OBI Challenge Kick-off for the LBA project

3/24-26 MAPETS

BA Rotary was very well represented at the President-Elect training in Springdale, AR. Note that our group was able to get a photo with Rotary International President-Elect, Jennifer Jones!



3/28 Lucy Laird

Lucy described the OBI Project: Blood Drive Community Challenge. We have the opportunity to earn points for our club's chosen charities by blood donations and support of the project. Our special blood drive is May 5 & 6 at the new Center for the Arts in downtown BA.



4/4 Club Assembly- Roy Wood

Member satisfaction surveys were completed. The board needs to stay aware of what the members want. David Pickel was nominated and unanimously approved to take the club President nominee designate role beginning in July.

4/11 Lynnsey Childress-Discovery Lab

Located in the south part of The Gathering Place, Discovery Lab is amazing. Lynnsey described the variety of inspiring, hands-on exhibits that support a wide age-range of interests. It can get really big and messy in there...just what kids want! And they learn!



4/18 No Meeting, Easter Monday

Club members gathered for a social lunch at Slim Chickens

4/20 Special Forces Meeting

A social meeting at The Nook kept all those interested up to date with progress in organizing the Rotary Special Forces.

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4/23 Healthy Kids Day at the Y



Thank you Aubrey Ringleb for holding Healthy Kids Day to serve fresh fruit snacks to kids and parents.

Thanks also to all the Rotarians and family members who helped at the event.

Jennifer described the three goals to do well in the new Creative Arts Center in Broken Arrow. 1. Have a nice gallery. 2. Educate—Inspire creativity for all ages. 3. Develop the Kristin Chenoweth “Artists of Promise” for disadvantaged 5th graders to develop their talents. BA Neighbors feeds these young artists daily with healthy snacks and even offers them a creative outlet in building their own snacks. There are currently 25 “Artists of Promise” who meet after school daily all week to explore and create...and eat.



Shown above (not in order) are: Gavin Garcille, Stephen Garcille, Jill Garcille, John Carter, Mathew Carter, Dustin Matheson, Gage Matheson, Tyler Steffan, Gavin Green and Cole Humphrey.

Broken Arrow Rotary Tree Project Update

Jill Garcille's son, Gavin, chose our Tree Project for his Eagle Scout project. We have had difficulty keeping this area up, especially around the two signs located at the highway 51 split from the Muskogee Turnpike.

It was many years ago when the original wooden signs were molded into concrete, so they are sturdy, but need occasional painting. The base of the signs used to be lovely flower and shrub plantings, but Randall Barron, who took care of them passed away and they became very difficult to keep cleared out. Gavin's solution to put down black fabric weed block and then top with rocks he got donated is a perfect solution. He and his crew touched up the paint and made this area an easy-keeper for the future.

Thank you Gavin, your donors and all your helpers for making us look good!



Now is the important time to promote this fundraiser. There is a lot of public interest in this Egg Hunt, and it brings a lot of recognition to local sponsors as they are featured on our Facebook page and also with the Chamber's promotions.

Our website has a PDF with all the details to share with prospective sponsors. The top spot is taken by Nature Guard, and is exclusive to them, but there is lots more attention to be gained.

Becky Wood is a primary contact for Sponsors and has the details.

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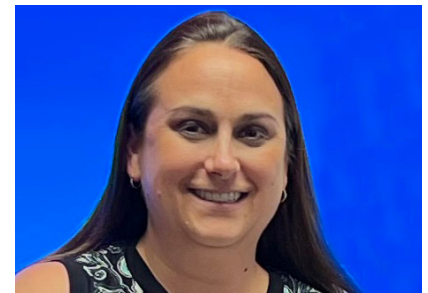
Meet Our Newest Members:



Matt and Ashley Williams

Matt is a new Farmers Insurance Agent with almost three years in the industry. Prior to insurance, he was VP of Business Development for Meagher Energy Advisors in Tulsa, OK for 7 years. Before joining Meagher in 2013 he was a field Land Manager at ConocoPhillips in Bartlesville for 4 years.

Ashley was a stay-at-home mom for 10 years, and they have 3 children: Hailey is 11, Ryan is 7, and Emily is 5. Before being a mom, she opened the Cheesecake Factory in Tulsa and was a STAR employee in charge of training new hires in the areas of Bakery, Server, and Expo. She now owns a Farmers Insurance Agency with her husband where she is the Customer Service Representative.



Lisa Bisogno

Lisa is from, Florida, and completed her bachelor's and master's degrees at Florida State University. Her special education teaching career spanned across several states. Lisa moved to Oklahoma in 2012, became assistant professor of special education at NSU, completed her doctorate, and is now associate dean. She married her husband Alec in 2016. Daughter Margaret (Maggie) was born in 2017.

Welcome all to Rotary!

We are delighted you chose our club to bring your talents and energy.

Broken Arrow Rotary President's Message

April was another busy and rewarding month for our Rotary Club. Our first meeting in April was quarterly Club Assembly. We inducted two new members, Matt and Ashley Williams. This duo run a Farmers Insurance office here in BA and we're glad to have them in the club. Many thanks to both Nicole Smith and Ash Etwardo for recruiting the Williams' to our Rotary family.

We also voted David Pickel into the Presidential lineup. Thanks, David, for being willing to serve! As part of Assembly, we reviewed progress toward our Club goals, which we should easily accomplish this year. I'm particularly proud that we will exceed both our membership goal and our goal for service projects. Well done to everyone in the club for making this happen!

Finally, everyone at the Assembly was asked to fill out a member satisfaction survey. The data and feedback from the survey will be useful to incoming President, Robyn Havener, in considering Club improvements for our next Rotary year.

Our next meeting, on April 11th was a presentation on the Tulsa Discovery



BA Rotary President Roy Wood

Lab by our very own Rotarian Lynnsey Childress. The Lab is across from The Gathering Place and a wonderful, fun learning experience for kids.

On April 14th, we joined District Governor, Kevin Merrill, and his wife Lisa at Joy in the Cause. We helped pack backpacks for first responders and hospitals. We had a good time and did a valuable service project.

We didn't have a club meeting on April 18th, Easter Monday, but a number of us gathered at Slim Chickens for a lunch social. Our final meeting of April will be at the new Broken Arrow Arts Center with Rotarian Jennifer Deal presenting Arts@302.

We also had a very informative meeting of our after hours satellite club, Rotary Special Forces, at Tiger Town T's with Rotarians Galen and Lisa Engel. Broken Arrow Emergency Manager, Jamie Ott, spoke with us about individual training resources and steps we can take to define the club's role in assisting with emergencies. We're off to a good start and if you'd like to help, please plan to attend one of the bi-weekly meetings.

Ash Etwardo is spearheading our Club's participation in the May 5-6 Community Blood Drive with OBI. I hope you will consider giving blood because it's needed and, if we have a good turnout, it could mean winning some money for our Rotary club.

**May 5-6
is the
Community
Blood Drive
with OBI.**

I'm incredibly blessed to serve with all of you. Together, we are making a real difference in our community. Thanks for all you do!

Roy Wood

Rotary Fellowships Connect Members and Non-Rotarians Around the World: RVF Story.



Rotary International News & Fun Facts



Rotary Fellowships provide an opportunity for members to explore their hobby with others around the world. One example is RVF: Members of the International Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians (RVF) have a common bond—a love for recreational vehicle camping, traveling, and making friends. The fellowship started in the United States in 1972 and has now grown to around 900 members from the United States, Canada, parts of Europe, and Australia.

Membership in Rotary Fellowships is open to any interested individual, so you don't have to be a member of a Rotary or Rotaract club to get involved.

The RVF hosts regional gatherings across North America and Australia several times a year with one large Annual Rally of up to 100 vehicles. The fellowship will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. To commemorate the occasion, members will meet up in Kerrville, Texas, United States, before the Rotary International Convention in June and then travel together to Houston, Texas where they'll hold their Annual Rally.

Our District Governor, Kevin Merrill and wife Lisa are full-time RVers and are part of this fellowship.

There are hundreds of Rotary Fellowships to join or you can organize a new one. Look for Fellowships in Rotary.org for existing Fellowships and also how to start a new one.



Photo from one of the RVF gatherings.