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BROKEN ARROW ROTARY BOARD 2023-2024

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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.

2023

9/25 Board meeting, 10:30 am
9/25 Andy Tulsa Oilers, Tulsa Oilers Organization
10/2 District Governor Pam Crawford
10/9 AnnMarie Hayden, A21 Tulsa Walk for Freedom
10/14 COOL GRILLES CLASSIC CAR SHOW
10/16 Shagah Zakerion, AI and what it means for us
10/25 OBI Blood Drive 10:30-1:30
10/25 Eric Konkol, MBB Coach
10/30 Zoe Chesed, Blessings International
11/6 Dictionary Project-book labeling
11/13 Joann Pickel/Sidney Brassfield, workplace inequity

Cool Grilles Classic Car Show-10/14/2023



Registration, sales and Silent Auction '22



Fun overhead photo from '22

The Rotary Club of Broken Arrow holds their largest fund-raiser of the year on October 14, and we need all hands to participate to make it a success. Our committee members have all been very active leading up to the event. They'll be busy from Friday afternoon/evening and very early Saturday until late Saturday afternoon on the 14th. There are so many tasks, some are a one-time job, and others an hour or two prior to or during the car show. We need more of our Rotarians to join this committee or take on one or more of these assorted tasks so we can delegate some of the responsibilities. **Don't wait to be asked-volunteer! This is how we pay for scholarships and our other grants.**

Jill Garcille has sent out Sign-up Genius options for volunteering-contact her if you do not find that. Janie Green has a number of tasks that might fit your schedule, and Lisa Engel can help you find your niche.

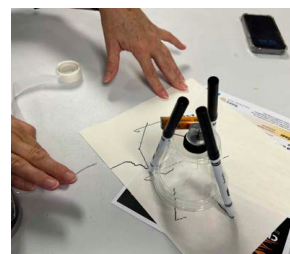
Discovery Lab Lands at Our 9/18 Meeting.



Lynnsey Childress brought the fun with two hands-on projects.

First, the (tuning) fork on a string makes an entirely different sound when the string goes to the ears.

The second was to design a robot to squiggle art on paper. The robot below got excited and scribbled off the page. It took teamwork to pull the parts together and create these fun robotic masterpieces.



RECENT MEETINGS AND EVENTS

7/31 Jennifer Rush

Development Manager for the City of Broken Arrow, Jennifer Rush, is shown with our president, Jenny Cothran. Rush gave us updates on all things retail economic development, including south Broken Arrow's exciting news about retailers around the new Reasor's including Chipotle, Panda Express and Chick-fil-a!



8/7 Robyn Havener

Robyn spoke about the importance of trust. Not trusts as in estate protection but the actual firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something.

Photo was taken during her interview at Cool Grilles 2022.



8/14 Roy & Becky Wood

The 2023 Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia was featured in Roy and Becky's presentation. They extended their trip with visiting Australian relatives and touring around the country. What an adventure!



8/21 Amanda Grace

Project Hope Worldwide is headquartered in Owasso, Oklahoma, and has been on a mission since 2009 to care for the most vulnerable children around the world – those who are fatherless and defenseless. We have gone to great efforts to ensure that our model has both immediate and long-term impact on the children in our care.



8/28 Eric Kehmeier

Eric is Vice President of Client Services for The 20 MSP - Your Managed IT Department. His talk with us about cyber security was scary—as intended, and emphasized how careful we need to be about our personal and business security. While it is impossible to guarantee one can't be hacked, there are ways to strengthen the barriers and minimize the impact if an attack is successful.



9/4 Labor Day-no regular meeting. Social at Smitty's Garage

9/11 Chuck Perry

Chuck recently spoke about BA Schools, but this time he told us about the upcoming bond election and how important it is for BA Schools. Chuck emphasized how important the current 18-24 class sizes are for teachers to be effective.

Shown with Superintendent Perry is Chief Communications Officer, Tara Thompson and BA club member Russell Peterson. We miss seeing him at meetings and enjoyed hearing from him supporting the bond election.



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9/18 Lynnsey Childress

It was disappointing to have the Discovery Lab meeting canceled this summer, so we are glad that Lynnsey could re-schedule. See story and photos on page 1.

2023
VEIN DRAIN

GOT GUTS?

Donors will receive this glow-in-the-dark Vein Drain T-shirt* and one free entry to OKC Zoo!

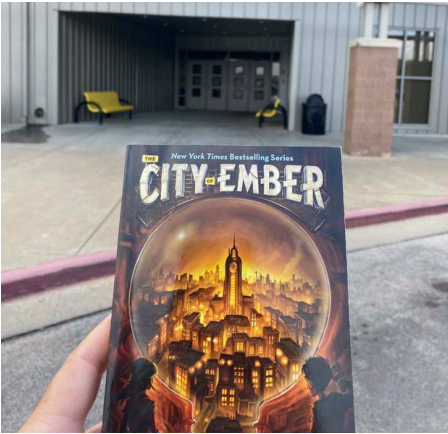
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Our Blood Institute
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while supplies last. Photo ID required.

Don't forget to ask family, friends and co-workers to donate blood on Monday, 9/25 at the Bloodmobile. 10:30-1:30 in the First United Methodist Church of Broken Arrow back parking lot.

Results from our last blood drive on July 31st were not what we hope to achieve. Only 8 showed up and our goal is 13. Please help promote this important project.

Library Delivery



Thank you Mike Scrimsher for purchasing the gift we give to our presenters. These are school "wish list" library books that the speaker signs—and can leave a personal message. These are then delivered to the local elementary library requesting them. It's a great way to put our club and our speakers into students' hands.



Exceptional Rodeo

Officer Mike Peale of the Broken Arrow Police Department visited our club on 9/11 to thank us for our contribution to help fund the Cowboys, Cops and Kids Exceptional Rodeo.

The event is geared towards providing special needs children an opportunity to participate in a rodeo. Officer Peale, who planned the event, is a former bull rider and was passionate about making this happen. It was a great success!



Welcome New Member Erin Dory

Since March of 2021, Erin has served as the Executive Director of Tactical Electronics for Community Engagement Foundation.

Our club has enjoyed presentations from Tactical Electronics and are very excited to have Erin join us in our mission.

"For the past 17 years, I have been happily married, and during this time, my most meaningful role has been that of a mother to my 15-year-old daughter."



Thank you to Dr. Roy Wood for his contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Stan Evetts presented Roy with his Paul Harris Plus Three award, indicating he has donated \$4,000 to the Foundation! Roy truly has embraced what Rotary can do to bring hope to the world.

A Rotary Journey Down Under: The Melbourne Convention Experience

Becky and I had the privilege of attending the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, in 2023, and what an extraordinary journey it was. As we stepped off the plane onto Australian soil, we knew we were in for a memorable experience.

The convention brought together Rotarians from all corners of the globe, creating a vibrant group of cultures, ideas, and shared values. The first thing that struck us was the warm hospitality of our Australian hosts. They welcomed us with open arms and that unmistakable Aussie charm, making us feel right at home.

The convention was a true testament to Rotary's commitment to service above self. We attended the traditional flags-of-the-world ceremony, followed by three days of general sessions, seminars and workshops on various topics, including community development, humanitarian projects, the environment, ending polio, and youth empowerment. One standout session was the Sylvia Whitlock Award presentation, named for the first



female Rotary Club President, awarded to Chin Mei Lu of the Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan, for her more than 30 years of working for women and girls around the world.

Of course, the keynote address by Rotary International President Jennifer Jones, stressed her theme of "Imagine

What's Next." She emphasized the importance of hope, change and vision for a better future, and her speech resonated with all the attendees. We also heard from RI General Secretary, John Hewko, speaking about peace and the plight of refugees, particularly in his birth country, Ukraine.



Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio was prominently featured as well. We attended an inspiring Rotary Foundation session on the progress made in the

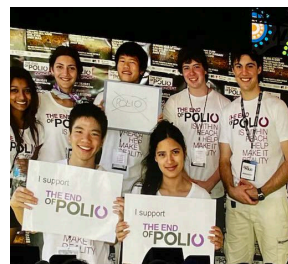
fight against polio, with data-backed presentations illustrating how close we are to achieving a polio-free world. It

was heartening to see the impact of our contributions and know that our efforts are making a real difference in the lives of children and families worldwide.

Networking opportunities were abundant, allowing us to connect with fellow Rotarians, exchange ideas, and forge new friendships. We had insightful discussions with Rotarians from different backgrounds, and these conversations opened up new avenues for potential collaboration on future projects.

Throughout the convention, Melbourne's rich diversity was on full display, and we enjoyed a number of City-sponsored events including a Night at the Museum, and Streets of Melbourne for food and fun.

The Rotary International Convention in Melbourne was a truly transformative experience. It reinforced our belief in Rotary's mission and the power of individuals coming together to effect positive change. As we return to Oklahoma, we carry with us a wealth of knowledge, fresh perspectives, and a renewed commitment to service, and we hope our presentation inspired you to the same.



**Rotary
International
News &
Fun Facts**



Mental Health is RI President McNally's Focus

Saturday, 9/16/23 Featured a Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease

The Women and Dogs of Rotary joined together to raising funds for a cure for Alzheimer's Disease. District 6110 Pam Crawford is with her two shelties along with Sonia Larimore with her poodle. Behind them at the table are Past District Governor Cathy Webster and our club's Assistant Governor Laura Garrett.

There are so many needs out in the world, and Rotary has the tools to bring hope. This Rotary International worldwide event raised over a million dollars and the local walk had 1,184 participants and made over \$700,000!

