

# Rotary



## District 6110 Newsletter

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### District Governor Warren's message April 2025

#### District 6110's Legacy Campaign - A Great Success with Lasting Impact!



The first-ever two-year Legacy Campaign of District 6110 was completed on March 31, 2025,

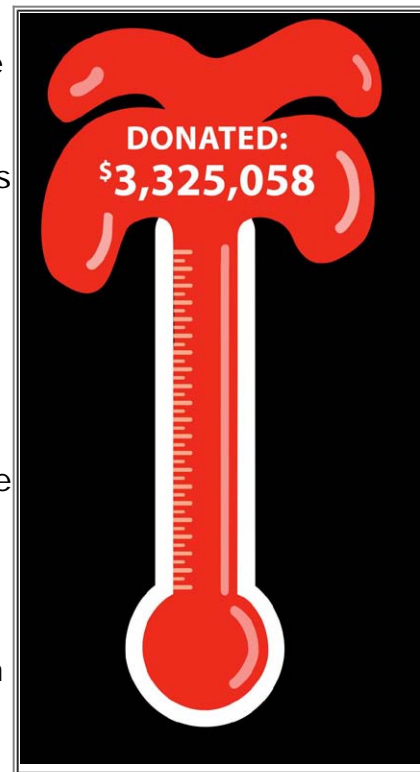
with 46 Rotarian Donors having contributed **\$3,325,058.00** in Major Gifts and Bequests to The Rotary Foundation and its Endowment. This far exceeded our initial goal of \$2 Million!

These District 6110 Rotarian individuals and couples demonstrated their tremendous generosity and commitment to the future work of Rotary

International, our District, and our Rotary Clubs. Of the total amount contributed, \$984,058 (30%) came as cash Major Gifts that can be used or invested immediately, while \$2,341,000 (70%) was as Bequests that will be available at the passing of the donors. All of these gifts will help to support many fine Rotary projects worldwide. Further, District 6110 will also receive an ongoing return from our benevolence to The Rotary Foundation - as "District Designated Funds". These are split between international and domestic "participation projects" selected by a District 6110 committee, and the "District Grants" that are sent directly to our D6110 Rotary Clubs, for their use in local projects.

In 2024-2025, we received a total of \$202,000 in DDF. Due to D6110's current Legacy Campaign donations to TRF and its Endowment, we should eventually increase our DDF allotment from the Foundation by about \$100,000 (50%) annually - in perpetuity!

What a help this will be to District 6110 Rotary Clubs and their many local projects.



Thanks again to all the Campaign Captains and generous donors who have made this dream a reality!!

Now it's time to enjoy our Legacy Campaign Celebration Dinner, to be held at the Embassy Suites in Rogers, Arkansas at 6:00 pm on Friday, May 2nd (the night before District Conference). We will have a great meal (free to all attendees), recognition of several "Legacy Heroes", and a keynote address by Rotary Foundation Trustee Larry Lunsford. We hope that you will RSVP and join us in celebrating a successful effort that will have lasting benefit for Rotary, District 6110, and our Clubs.

Warren Lovinger  
2024-2025 District Governor  
and Legacy Co-Chair

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## Rotary Dates



Rotary leaders want to get dates on their calendars - as far in advance as possible, but also as a reminder of "what's next". *Criteria: Big-picture events, NO club events/fundraisers\*\*, but events and/or deadlines that club leaders need to know.*

### Important and District-wide (and beyond) Rotary Dates

- May 2, 2025: **TopGolf Tourney**, Rogers, AR
  - May 2, 2025: **Legacy (Foundation) Dinner**, Rogers, AR
  - May 3, 2025: **District Conference**, Rogers, AR
  - May 31, 2025: Virtual **District Training Assembly** - new date! Registration will open this month.
  - June 21-25, 2025: Rotary International **Convention** in Calgary, Canada
  - July 12, 2025: **Governor John Rains Installation**, Sapulpa, OK
  - August 2, 2025: **Regional District Training Assembly in Pittsburg**, KS
  - August 9, 2025: Zone **Summer Leadership** Seminar, OKC
  - August 16, 2025: **Regional District Training Assembly in Tulsa**, OK:
  - Sept 2-6, 2025: **Zone Institute**, Columbus, OH
  - Sept 13, 2025; **Regional District Training Assembly in Joplin**, MO
  - Sept 27, 2025: **Regional District Training Assembly in Eureka Springs**, AR
  - October 16-19, 2025: **RYLA**
  - March 19-21, 2026; **MAPETS** - May 1-2, 2026; **District Conference**, Renaissance Hotel, Tulsa
  - June 13-17, 2026: Rotary International **Convention** in Taipei, Taiwan
  - June 5-9, 2027\*: Rotary International **Convention** in Honolulu, Hawaii
  - May 27-31, 2028\*: Rotary International **Convention** Minneapolis, Minnesota (Note: not 2029 as earlier announced.)
  - 2029: Rotary International **Convention** - to be determined
  - May 25-29, 2030\*: Rotary International **Convention** in Chicago
- \* Tentative dates and locations for planning

**WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT:** Plug these dates into your calendar - you don't want to be a Rotarian without a date, do you?

**\*\*Check the DACdb Calendar for Club events!**

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### District 6110 BOX SCORE

As of 2/10/25

-12	Total Member <b>loss</b> since 7/1/24
8	Clubs with ZERO Foundation giving - no change last month
10	100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs over the last 10 years (see below)
11%	Members under 40 years old
15	Permanent Endowed Foundation funds from members - up 1!
25	Clubs with ZERO Polio Plus giving - down 3!
32%	Women Rotarians
41%	Club presidents are women
43%	Current Club Presidents that have given to the Foundation this year
45	Clubs have set at least one goal in <a href="#">Club Central</a>
46	Generous donors to the <b>Legacy Campaign</b>
91%	New Member Retention rate
94	Rotary Foundation Bequest Society Members
98%	Percent of AGs & District officers have RI "My Rotary" accounts
100%	Percent of Assistant Governors (AGs) with RI "My Rotary" accounts
101	Rotary Foundation Bequest Society Members - up 7 from last month
119	<a href="#">Paul Harris Society Members - \$1000/yr (to join, email Michelle Gann)</a>
229	Major Foundation Donors "all time"
441	Rotary Direct members - Goal: 500 - up 20!!
3,184	Rotary Club Members now (up 13 from last month)
8,290	Paul Harris Fellows "all time" - up 10 from last month
\$76,509	Polio Plus Giving so far this year
\$99,752	<b>Legacy Campaign annual gift</b> to District when all bequests received
\$874,058	<b>Legacy Campaign</b> Major gifts - WELL DONE!
\$346,641	Foundation Annual Fund Giving so far this year
\$2,451,000	<b>Legacy Campaign</b> Bequests - WELL DONE!
\$2,958,633	Current value of 15 RI Foundation District Endowed Funds
<b>\$3,325,058</b>	<b>Legacy Campaign</b> Total Gifts - goal \$2 MM. WELL DONE!

#### 100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs:

Altus Area Sunset: 2016 – 2017

Bella Vista: 2014 – 2015

Harrison: 2016 – 2017

Nevada: 2023 – 2024

Ozark: 2024-2025  
Sand Springs: 2015 - 2016  
Sapulpa: 2014 – 2015  
Southeast Tulsa: 2018 – 2019  
Springdale: 2023 – 2024  
Tulsa Sunrise: 2006 - 2007

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## IMPACT Clubs, Companion Clubs, and Change

By Wally O Bloss

Bob Dylan said it best:

Come gather 'round people  
Wherever you roam  
And admit that the waters  
Around you have grown  
And accept it that soon  
You'll be drenched to the bone  
If your time to you is worth savin'  
And you better start swimmin'  
Or you'll sink like a stone  
[For the times they are a-changin'](#)



Yes, Rotary is changing and that's a good thing. In fact, if we do not change, we will not be here one day. But change is difficult, confusing, and not easy!

Some of us old warhorses remember the Rotary of old: we sang at every meeting, lunch was a formal, plated meal, only the top echelon in a company was invited to join, you got booted from the club if you did not attend the required minimum of meetings, you could not join if the club already had the prescribed number of people in your vocation, you could not join Rotary if you were a woman. Yes, we have changed, and that's (generally) a good thing.

What is not changing is our commitment to doing good things in the world.

So how have we changed? Well, the world has changed and we need to "fit" it better. Do schoolteachers have service hearts? Can they attend lunch meetings? Can most businesses afford to pay the dues and send their top brass off to a 90-minute luncheon every week?

Over the past few years, other shiny new models of Rotary Clubs have emerged. Your Presidents-Elect heard [Patrick Longano](#) speak at MAPETS about Companion, IMPACT, and Satellite clubs. He is even meeting with over 40 PEs from the MAPETS districts to give them more info about how to make a new-model Rotary club, that fits today's ways of doing service.

PLEASE LOOK at the attached flyer and consider how this might work to revitalize and grow Rotary in your area. Here are a few highlights:

IMPACT Clubs are an extension of a Rotary district and can be a standalone club or a part of a larger club. IMPACT clubs are designed to be inclusive, offering service opportunities.





Q. Is IMPACT a club or membership type?

A: IMPACT is an additional Innovative Club model.

Q. Is IMPACT a standalone club?

A: IMPACT is a type of Satellite Club/Companion Club - it acts like a Satellite Club, with no plans to separate from its Host club

- Members are also Active members of its Host club.

- As an extension of the Host club, IMPACT is not intended to "separate" from the Host, but rather be a service project-focused part of the Host club's membership.

- However, if desired, it could become a standalone club.

Q. What is the purpose of the IMPACT club?

A: The club's primary mission is community service, perhaps seen as a "service only" club without a commitment to traditional meetings, speakers, meals, etc.

- An IMPACT club's service-only focus without meeting requirements offers Rotary membership as an opportunity for those who cannot attend meetings for various reasons.

- It's an extension of your Rotary club, populated by members interested only in service project participation.

- No meeting, no meal.

- IMPACT members can also attend host club meetings when they can, or attend Hybrid meetings virtually if offered by the host club.

**YIKES! CHANGE!**

There's much more in the attached flyer, and also in this **VIDEO**. Give it a look. How would this revitalize your club??

## Shoes for Orphan Souls at MAPETS



10 Pallets of shoes on their way from Miami to Dallas

Every President-Elect was asked to bring shoes to MAPETS (Mid-America President-Elect Training Seminar) for an area-wide service project. The project began over 20 years ago with then-District Governor Larry Lunsford in Kansas City. (He will speak at our District Legacy Dinner, May 2). These shoes are sent by **Buckner International** to vulnerable children in Central America and Africa.

Your Presidents-Elect and others from our District brought at least **720 pairs of shoes** for Orphan Souls to MAPETS! THANKS to all the clubs that helped with this project!

With the other Districts, there were approximately 1800 total pairs of shoes donated from the four Districts.

**FUN FACT: ALL 1800 pairs were delivered to Buckner's Dallas warehouse to be distributed with the help of District 6110 Rotarians. Governor Warren, Joe Grisolano, Wally Bloss, Michael Addington, Chad Brueckner, and Dorothy Wahl transported them from Ft. Smith to Joplin and the JM Mushroom Farm in Miami. Two club members there helped get the shoes**



to Dallas - since the farm delivers mushrooms weekly to Dallas. Rotarians are *People of Action!*

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## Rotarian Minute: Sylvia Whitlock

 <b>Rotary</b>	<b>The Rotarian Minute</b> <i>History</i>
<b>No. 31 – April 6, 2025</b> <i>1' to discover an aspect of Rotary history</i>	
<b>The Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award</b>	

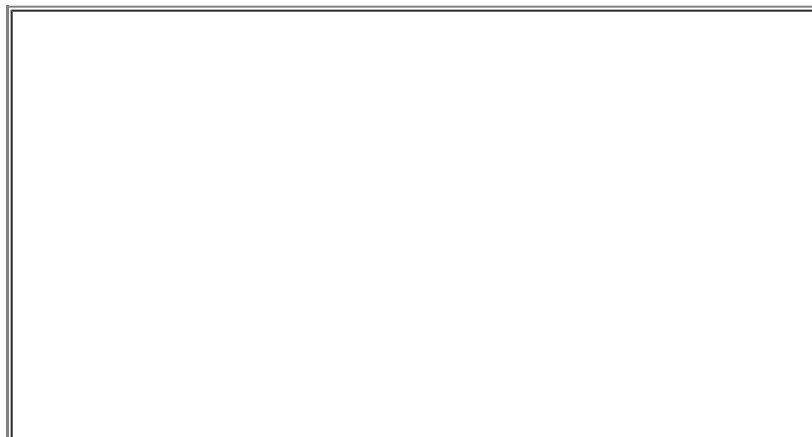
The award is presented annually to a Rotary member who has actively promoted the advancement of women in Rotary.

It is named after the first female Rotary club president who went on to change the status of women around the world through Rotary. A group of Rotarians launched the award in 2017.

The Rotary International Board decided in 2021 to make it an official Rotary International award to support the goal of increasing the number of women in Rotary, particularly in leadership positions. There was no recipient for this award that year.

Nominations are open from August 1 to 31 each year. [CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE](#)

Rotarians and Rotaractors may nominate any member in good standing, regardless of gender or seniority in Rotary. The award symbolizes Rotary's commitment to women's equality and leadership.





#### WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

1. You can get this weekly "Rotary minute" to read at your club by signing up at the bottom of this page: <https://therotarianminute.org/> It sends a short vignette about Rotary's scope beyond your club and is a cool thing to do.
2. This project comes from Rotary District 1700 in France - where the term **1'** as used above means one minute.
3. Who do you know that should be nominated for this award?

#### Club Hub - April 2025

## "The Club Hub"

District 6110 Rotarians are *People of Action!*



The **Owasso Rotary Club** presents the third graders of the Owasso Public Schools with a dictionary every year. It's an important project that the club members look forward to. They are smart to print their club logo on labels and stick them inside the book, so the kids remember who gifted it to them.



The **Rotary Satellite Club of Bentonville** supports families in need by donating 13,713 diapers to help keep babies healthy, happy, and cared for. This contribution is more than just diapers—it's a gesture of love, compassion, and community support for parents facing hardships. #LottaBottoms





More than 90 women (and men!) attended The **Bella Vista Rotary Club's** International Women's Day with a special presentation by Dr. Meg Meyers Morgan, conducted in Jane, MO at Crowder College.



The **Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary Club** recently presented dictionaries at the Covenant Academy. With only a few 3rd graders in this private school, club president, Jay Lotterer, made sure ALL students in the area received new dictionaries!



The **Springdale Rotary Club's** Leprechaun Race was a creative way to fund scholarships. They sold 1,000 "leprechauns" (suspiciously looking like costumed ducks) at \$10 each, dyed Spring Creek green, and awarded cash prizes to winners. The Irish-themed event included an Irish dancing demo, a dog costume contest, etc.



The **Siloam Springs Rotary Club** recently provided double-strength overdose medication (vs. the standard NARCAN) to the local Police Department at almost half the price. #RAGAP is happy to talk with other Rotary Clubs to help their community. (**RAG AP = Rotary Action Group for Addiction Prevention**)





The **North Tulsa Rotary Club** welcomed students from its "EarlyAct" program which it operates at the Dove Public Charter School. Early Act, then Interact, then Rotaract, then Rotary is the progression! There is the only EarlyAct in District 6110.



Does your club hold meetings "offsite" from time to time? The **Lamar Rotary Club** met at Cox Hospital recently and learned a bit more about its operation. An opportunity for service in a new location!



The **McAlester Rotary Club** engages the community in its support of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL). Sayer Brenner, (left) club member and Evans McBride both of the First National Bank in Pittsburg County accept the DPIL gold sponsor award!



The **Okmulgee Rotary Club** teamed up with the High School Boosters for their Softball Tournament. Thanks to: (L-R) Sarah Amador - Pres. Elect, Lori Jones - Honorary Member, Melinda De Santo - prospective member, Andrew Harlan - President, and Sarah Rhodes - Immediate Past President



The **Broken Arrow Rotary Club** awarded \$20,400 in grants from \$500 to \$2500 to non-profit organizations in the arts, rodeo, camp, JA, Senior center, etc. That's a lot of Rotary good will!



The **Poteau Rotary Club** conducted their Pickleball Tournament hosting 7 teams, raising over \$2500. Several sponsors and 200 tickets to "Dinner for 2 Anywhere" helped the success. Rotary Outdoor Complex (ROC) Special Olympics, and Poteau Pirate Quest after-school program are funded by the event.



(No actual Sasquatches will be harmed)

The **Skiatook Rotary Sasquatch Shootout** is set for Saturday 4/26 at Longshot Ranch. Lunch at high noon and the clays will fly afterward. [More info click HERE.](#)

**Coming Soon...**  
**Pointer Dog Park**

*Donated by the Van Buren Rotary Club*

**When?**

**August 26th, 2025 (National Dog Day)**

**Where?**

**1010 N 13th St., Van Buren, AR**

The **Van Buren Rotary Club** is "going to the dogs" or at least their new Dog Park is. Bring Fido and see what they have been up to!





**Vinita Rotary Club** members Jim Sellers, left, and President Amanda Reed, right, presented \$750 to the Grand Warrior Club, accepted by Pat Davidson. The club provides after-school care for Ketchum school district students K-5th grade.



The **Coffeyville Interact Club** students worked at the Medical Supplies Network warehouse sorting and packing donated medical supplies. MSNI collects and ships supplies overseas for those in need. The shipment is going to Ukraine.



President Adriana Graybeal (right) of the **Jenks Rotary Club** presented \$500 to the Jenks **Prime Movers 31 Robotic Team**.  
#YouthService



The **Bull Shoals-Lakeview Rotary Club** invites you to their 62nd annual Pancake Day, May 10. YUM!!  
#62YearsOfFlapJacks

**WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?** Is YOUR club doing service to its community? Is it telling its story? Are you "People of Action?" Let us know with "just the facts" to: Wally Bloss, District Public Image Chair: [Wbloss@Gmail.com](mailto:Wbloss@Gmail.com)

## Four-Way Test Speech Contest Finalists Announced

By Ronald L. Petersen Sr.

Fellow Rotarians,  
I'm excited to share this news ... The Four-Way Test Speech



Contest Regionals are now complete and the **Final Four** have been selected.

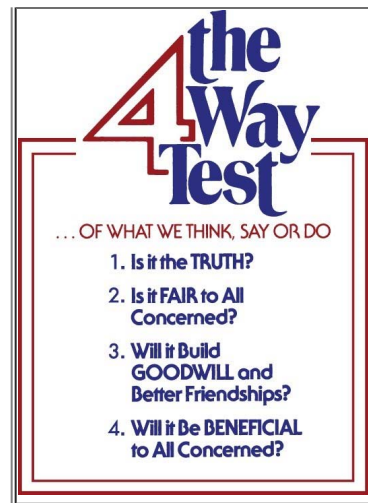
Congratulations to the Final Four Students listed here alphabetically by club

- Rotary Club of Cassville, MO – Tierany Sloan
- Rotary Club of Rogers, AR – Riley Sebolt
- Rotary Club of Springdale, AR - Aaron Oesterle
- Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise, OK – Evan Gaines

NEXT STEPS: Students will compete live in the “final round” competition at our District Conference. You do NOT want to miss these sharp young people competing on Saturday, May 3rd at Embassy Suites 3304 S. Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers, AR.

FIRST PLACE PRIZE IS \$1,000 THREE RUNNERS-UP \$350 EACH.

Please come to the District Conference and don't miss these excellent representatives of today's youth!



## District Conference Package



Join us May 2nd and 3rd, 2025 for our  
- 2024-2025 Topgolf Tourney  
- Legacy Banquet, and  
- District Conference!

Located at the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas,  
Rogers, AR!

**Friday Afternoon: Topgolf Tournament**  
**to help End Polio Now**  
**Friday, May 2nd, 2025 from**  
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Topgolf in Rogers, AR!**

**Topgolf Timeframe:**  
Registration at 11:00 AM  
Tournament from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Wrap-up and Awards from 1:30 - 2:00 PM

**Topgolf Pricing Options:**  
- **\$100 per player** - up to 6 players on a team  
**\$100 donation instead of playing!**  
- **\$250 for a Digital Bay Ad** - your personalized ad



that will play in each bay!

- **\$1,000 Skybox Lounge Sponsorship** - your personalized ad that will play in each bay, your logo prominently displayed in the Skybox Lounge, and up to 4 golf players!
- **\$1,000 Live Leaderboard Sponsorship** - your personalized ad that will play in each bay, your logo prominently displayed on all live leaderboards in each bay, and up to 4 golf players!
- **\$1,500 Event Title Sponsorship** - your personalized ad that will play in each bay, your logo prominently displayed in all promotional materials, and up to 6 golf players!

Cash bar will be available and there will be food served buffet style continuously throughout the tournament!

## **Friday Evening: "Plant a Tree" Legacy Banquet Celebration**

Keynote speaker: Larry Lunsford  
Rotary International Foundation Trustee!

## **Saturday: "Mid-America Magic"**

- Evening Keynote Speaker: Chris Lewis -  
American Wheelchair Mission
- "Synthetic Intelligence : Building the Organizational Mind"  
Scott Klososky, Future Point of View
- "Outreach during times of Disaster"  
Chad Yates - Convoy of Hope
- 2025 District Leadership Academy Graduation
- Youth Exchange Panel & District 2 District Chile Exchange  
(the Chileans will be with us!)
- Four-Way Test Speech Contest
- Special Speakers about Rotary International
- Rotary International Service Above Self Award!
- House of Friendship with some new vendors
- And, of course, a hospitality suite on both  
Friday and Saturday evening!
- And Much More!!

**Looking forward to celebrating "Mid-America Magic"  
at District Conference 2025!**

**Register Now**

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**Welcome New Rotarians April 2025**

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*Ronda Butler's membership induction was on 3/31.  
Her sponsor is also David Pickel.*



Sponsor, Wally Bloss (left) of the **Joplin Rotary Club** welcomes Kaden Propps to the club.

President Ash Etwardo (left) of the **Broken Arrow Rotary Club** inducted Ronda Butler (Center) with her sponsor David Pickel.



The **Holiday Island Rotary Club** welcomed Sue Richardson and Brenda Weir. Larry Stamps and Winona Loyd, their sponsors, presented them with their membership pins, Rotary Coins, and new member packets.



Lee Kissinger (right) of the **Downtown Rogers Rotary Club** was pleased to induct his son, Chris Kissinger into the club.

#### New Members From: Mar 11, 2025 To: April 11, 2025

Note: For members to appear on this list, their start date must be entered

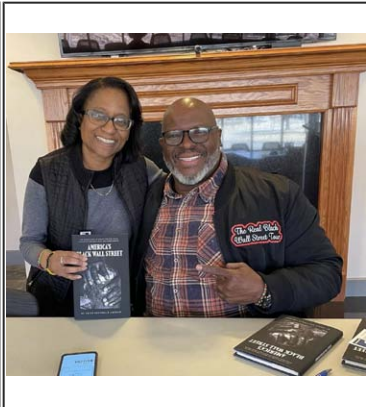
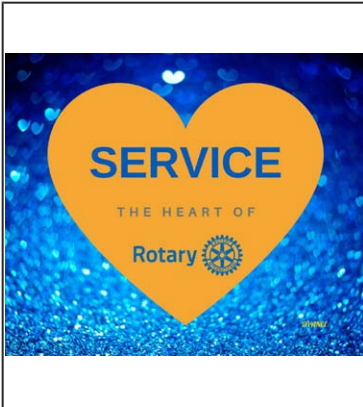
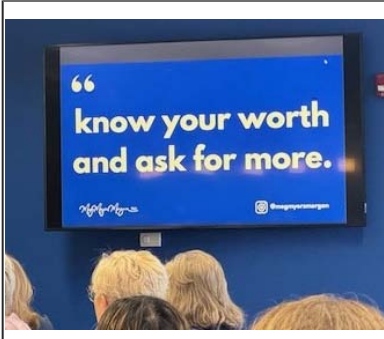
Member Name	Start Date	Club	Sponsor
Artherton, Angela	04/01/2025	Cassville	Laura Holycross
Barlass, Tyler	04/01/2025	Bartlesville Daybreak	Elizabeth Thrash Michael Colaw
Barney, Chrissy	03/11/2025	Wagoner	
Barnier, Carol	03/27/2025	Claremore	Lindsey Leon Williams Jr.
Blumert, Carrie	03/17/2025	Tulsa	
Butler, Ronda B	04/01/2025	Broken Arrow	David Pickel
Farmer, Belinda	04/03/2025	Carthage	Chalaine Bell
Faulkenberry, William Stone (STONE)	03/24/2025	Altus Area Sunset	AC Moncrief
Guin, Seth A	03/27/2025	Mountain Home	Sally Gilbert Trevor Himschoot
Hamburg, Steven Geppetto (GEPETTO)	03/20/2025	Carthage	Mark J. Elliff
Hamilton, Brooke	03/24/2025	Tulsa	
Harmon, Hope	04/06/2025	Pittsburg	Kirk N. Nelsen
Hogan, Heith	03/26/2025	Bull Shoals-	Curt Bryant

		Lakeview	
Jones, Jordan	03/24/2025	Tulsa	Ryan Quattroci
Judson, Steven W. (STEVE)	03/27/2025	Mountain Home	
Kern, Riley	04/09/2025	Bixby	Kevin Criss
King, Hunter J	03/26/2025	Bull Shoals- Lakeview	Shane S Stolz
Kissinger, Christopher (CHRIS)	03/17/2025	Downtown Rogers	Lee Kissinger
Lattanzia, Ray	03/14/2025	Claremore Reveille	Brian McGuire
Lee, Garrett	03/17/2025	Tulsa	Edward O. Monnet Jr. Don Wiruth
Lever, JoAnna	03/19/2025	Rogers	Tyler Hamedi
Lopez, Luis A	04/10/2025	Harrison	Mike Wood
Mager, Scott	03/11/2025	Springdale	Chris L. Roberts Sarah Rogers
Matos, Ernesto	03/17/2025	Neosho	Joseph Sheppard
McClelland, Abigail	03/17/2025	Tulsa	
Mills, Kelly	03/26/2025	Cassville	Stan Kelley Jim Craig
Mosher, Jason	03/24/2025	Nevada	Donna Thomas
Ott , Levi Tanner (TANNER)	03/28/2025	Mid-Marion County	
Propps, Kaden	04/06/2025	Joplin	Wally Bloss Jessica R Pommert
Prox, Julie	04/09/2025	Bixby	Victoria Oltmann Kevin Criss
Ramsey, Eric W	04/02/2025	Mt. Vernon	Marsha L Jones
Richardson, Sue	03/24/2025	Holiday Island	Peggy Lodewyks
Roberts, Shannon	03/27/2025	Bentonville	Michaela Evans Jon Cadieux
Slothower, Gordon C	04/08/2025	Springdale	Linda Slothower Dean LaGrone
Stibbs, Abigail	03/17/2025	Tulsa	
Street, Deanna	03/17/2025	Downtown Rogers	Joi Swanson
VandenBrink, JoAlva M. (JO)	03/26/2025	Claremore Reveille	Robin Erickson
Weir, Brenda	04/01/2025	Holiday Island	Winona Loyd
Wilks, Mindi	03/20/2025	Carthage	Chalaine Bell
Wilson, Bethany	03/17/2025	Tulsa	

## Around the District - freestyle

Some things deserve notoriety beyond the Club Hub column. Rotarians in Action!  
Provided with no comments:

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