

# Rotary



## District 6110 Newsletter

### District Governor's Message April 2023



Many of you know that I am a geologist with a focus on the environment. When Rotary International added the Environment as the seventh area of focus, I was thrilled!

April 22 is Earth Day, when over 1 billion people in over 193 countries celebrate and conduct Earth Day projects, including many Rotarians. This year's Earth Day theme is "Invest in Our Planet." One way I invest in our planet is by growing native plants in my garden to benefit

our VIPs – Very Important Pollinators! I enjoy watching them go about their business, thanking them for their work, and educating people who visit the garden on interesting facts about and the importance of our pollinators.



Another way I celebrate Earth Day and the environment is by investing in our Rotary Foundation, specifically the Annual Fund/SHARE. District and Global grants fund many impactful environmental projects, from establishing local wildflower plots to large scale habitat restoration, and many more.

To learn more about Earth Day, go here: <https://www.earthday.org/>. To find out more about how Rotary celebrates Earth Day, go here: <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-and-earth-day>. Earth is our home, so let's take care of it so future generations will also be able to joyfully celebrate Earth Day too!

To me, Earth Day is every day.

Cathy Webster  
District Governor D6110

### District 6110 Box Score

April, 2023 info for our District 6110

129	Total Member increase since 7/1/22
3	Satellite Clubs
3	Rotaract Clubs
6	Interact Clubs
8	Clubs with ZERO Foundation giving...so far
25	Clubs with ZERO Polio Plus giving...so far
30.2%	% of female Rotarians
58%	Frontenac Rotary Club has 58% women

73	Rotary Clubs
78	Attended Grant Management Seminar via Zoom
\$93.62	Foundation Annual Fund Per Capita YTD
175	Paul Harris Society Members - give \$1000 annually
3,467	Rotary Club Members
\$50,495	Polio Plus Giving YTD - 117% of goal!
\$309,788	Foundation Annual Fund Giving YTD 132% of goal!

Sources: DACdb, Rotary Club Central, TRF data, etc. as of 4/9/23

## Rotary Dates



Rotary Presidents/leaders want to get dates on their calendar - as far in advance as possible, but also as a reminder of "what's next".

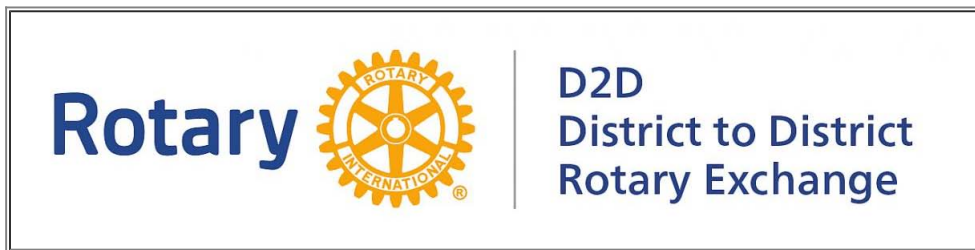
*Criteria: Big-picture events, NO club events/fundraisers, but events and/or deadlines that Presidents and other club leaders need to know.*

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

- May 27-31, 2023 - Rotary **Convention** in Melbourne, Australia
- June 24, 2023 – District Governor Pam Crawford's **Installation** in Bartlesville
- August 26, 2023 - District **Training** Assembly via ZOOM
- September 15 - District Leadership **Academy** enrollment deadline
- September 21-24, 2023 - Zone **Institute** in Memphis
- October 19-22 2023 - **RYLA** is back in the fall! for 2023-2024
- October 24, 2023 - World **Polio** Day
- May 3-4, 2024 - District **Conference**
- May 25-29, 2024\* - Rotary International **Convention** in Singapore
- October 17-20, 2024 - **RYLA** scheduled for 2024-2025 year
- June 21-25, 2025\* - Rotary International **Convention** in Calgary, Canada
- June 13-17, 2026\* - Rotary International **Convention** in Taipei, Taiwan
- June 5 -9 2027\* - Rotary International **Convention** in Honolulu, Hawaii

\* Tentative Date 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?



Past District Governor Ellis Potter and his committee are working to establish a new District-wide program for cultural exchanges with a Rotary District in southern Chile. Many Rotarians will remember the former Group Study Exchange (GSE) program which ended a few years back. Our new D2D (District to District) program takes many elements of that and updates it.



Here's the scoop:

- In the Fall of 2023, a group of 4 newer District Rotarians, led by a more senior Rotarian will travel to District 4355 in southern Chile and stay for two weeks, soaking up the

culture and learning about Rotary in Patagonia. November is springtime there! This is a beautiful country with mountains, volcanoes, lakes, islands, fjords, and a mild climate, but most of all, friendly people and great Rotarians!

- In the spring of 2024, a similar group will travel here from Chile and see the sights of our area. So each team's visit happens in the spring in that area.

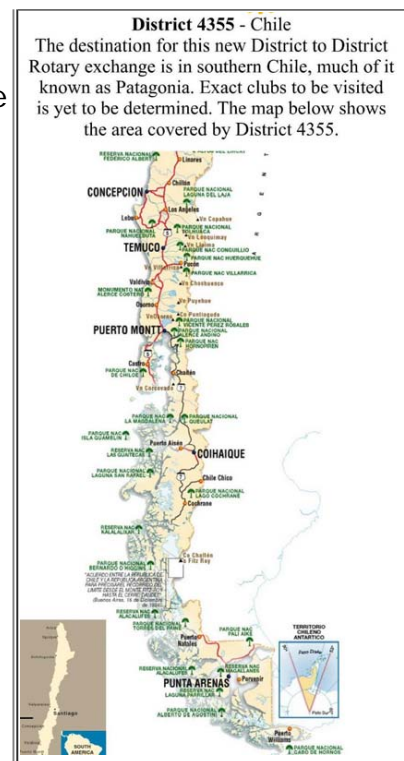
- Each team will stay in the homes of Rotarians and travel around the district with Rotarians.

- While only 5 Rotarians will travel, the incoming team can visit any District club that is willing to host them for a few days. This amplifies the exchange.

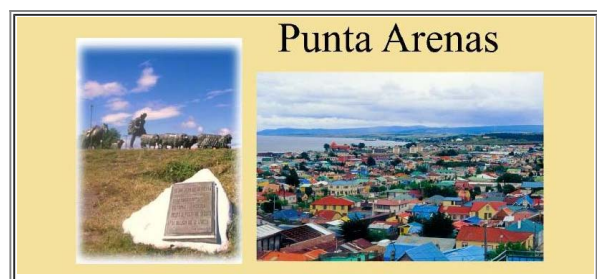
- Rotarians will apply to be selected after having been approved by their club. We are looking for younger members who have been in Rotary 5 years or less. Having a working knowledge of Spanish is extremely helpful, if not critical!

- Cost is expected to be about \$2,000 per team member. It can be paid by the sending club and/or the team members by doing fund-raisers, tapping sponsors, etc.

- The team will be selected far enough in advance that they will have a few months to establish virtual Zoom-like exchanges, and plan the activities themselves.



INTERESTED? - **See attached brochure** for more info. Also, [Contact Ellis Potter](#) for an application and more information. Use the email link or get more contact info in DACdb. Ellis will also be on the **District Happy Hour Zoom** call at 5:30 on April 18th - Zoom in and find out more - [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



(Why Dist 4355 in Brazil? Our District has hosted two GSE exchanges in the past, grants for health care and ambulances, and ten eye-health "VOSH" trips to 4355. With the demise of GSE we wanted to create something similar for our two districts)

## RYLA Roars Back! It's a Revival!

By Matt Hancock

**Revival**, noun, *re·viv'·al*

One of the definitions for the word "revival", according to Merriam Webster is "renewed attention to or interest in something". Well, one thing is for certain, RYLA in District 6110 held such an event last month at Heart O' The Hills camp in Welling, OK!

Back in 1991, Rotary District 6110 held our first RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) camp. Last March we held our 30<sup>th</sup> RYLA Camp for high school juniors and Rotary Youth Exchange Students! With the program focused on enhancing the foundation and thumbprint for these students you would have been hard pressed to believe that this was the first RYLA since Oct. 2019 pre-pandemic!





Over the 4 days of camp, the 115 students representing 25 district clubs were engaged in programming led by returning leadership staff as well as 32 Rotarians that each provided over 90 hours of engagement in the name of service!

The programming that supported what many continue to term "life changing" includes,

- mission,
- vision,
- communication,
- core values,
- service,
- Rotary,
- and so much more!

From teambuilding to "challenge by choice", RYLA pushes each student to a place where, when they are challenged with "what's next", they have a plan when they leave camp on Sunday!

### Here are some of the post-camp quotes from participants and Rotarians!

*"It definitely was an honor to be a part of the hot pink tribe. They've all influenced and inspired me to change for the better. I would say my tribe got the closest to being a family. I have never been able to be myself, but at this camp I did. It's special to me because this camp is not over, we're still connected and will grow together to further impact our communities!"*

*"I drove a camper to camp and he didn't know anyone else who was going to be there. He was really nervous and didn't think he would make any friends while he was there. By the end of the weekend, he had a whole group of friends to say goodbye to and he talked on the way home about how much fun he had!"*

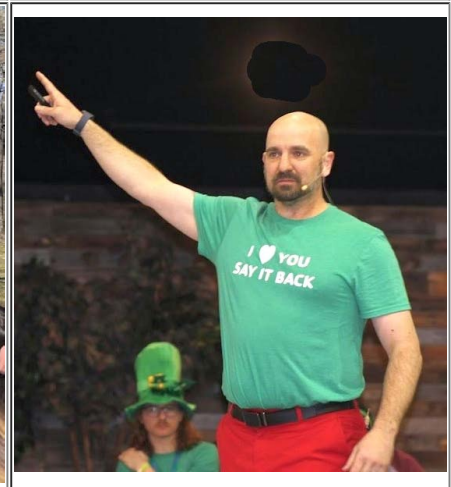
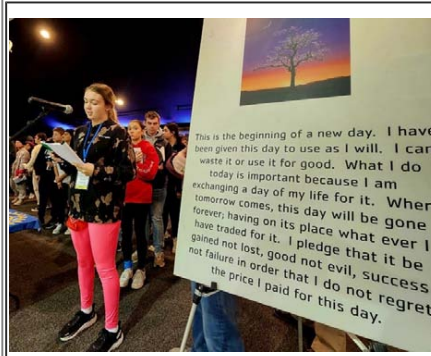
Stay awesome and please remember that returned RYLA students can present a great program for your club. We are already preparing for V 2.0 of RYLA in 2023 for our 31<sup>st</sup> Camp on Oct. 19-22, 2023 as we permanently return to the Fall for camp!

Don't forget to follow RYLA District 6110 on Facebook for all current and RYLA info and communications. <https://www.facebook.com/ryladistrict6110>

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[Call Matt](#)



**WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? RYLA is an excellent opportunity for leadership building in the next generation. If your club did not send a student this year consider changing the life of a student this fall!**

Wheelchair Mission Trip

Springdale Rotarian Noel Morris led a group of about 40 Rotarians and friends last month on his 20th trip to deliver much needed wheelchairs in La Paz, Mexico. This is a partnership with the American Wheelchair Mission which is headed by Chris Lewis (son of the late actor/comedian Jerry Lewis). The program began with the Springdale Rotary Club and has expanded to include Rotarians from many District clubs. They have provided mobility for thousands of people in several locations in rural Mexico, Panama, Costa Rica, Jamaica, and Arizona.

The specially designed wheelchairs cost about \$150 each, and the group distributed about 100 of them, and left others for later use. The chairs would sell for about \$500 at a regular medical supply store.

This event took place at and thru the auspices of "CRIT" (Teleton Rehabilitation Centers for Children) in La Paz, and some wheelchairs were delivered directly to children in the area.

Juan Pablo, is a seven-year-old boy from La Paz, Mexico. Born with Spina Bifida, he is unable to walk. Juan was so excited when he received his new wheelchair that he took off down the sidewalk for literally two and a half blocks to his school. Not only did he want to show us his school, but he also wanted to show that he can now get there on his own! His final words to us were, "I Love You!" His life (and family) has changed, all because a Rotarian donated \$150 dollars for a wheelchair!

District Governor Nominee Warren Lovinger and his wife Marilyn attended their first Wheelchair Mission. Warren noted that "it was an emotional and extremely humbling experience to participate in this process, both at the CRIT regional rehab center and at the homes of those who were truly homebound. We were amazed by the consistent positivity, graciousness, and determination of the disabled children and their very supportive families. All of us returned home with great admiration for these courageous Mexican people!"

Noel is already planning the next wheelchair mission in March of 2024. Each participant pays their own way - usually air fare is less than \$1000 and hotel is \$600-900. Some Rotarians have brought their own children or grandchildren for them to have a taste of service. If you can't attend, consider buying a wheelchair (or two) for \$150 each to change a child's life.

As Noel Morris says, *"Next to raising our two sons, this is probably the most meaningful thing we have done."*



	Rotarians and friends from all four states
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attended!

WHAT'S THIS

ALL ABOUT: District 6110 Rotarians are People of Action. You can be also! Take a look at a previous 6110 trip on this [VIDEO!](#)



## Parsons Rotary Club Expands Trail system

The Parsons Rotary Club has secured **\$100,000** to expand its trail system. A grant of \$50,000 from T-Mobile "Home-Town Grant" was used to leverage another \$50,000 from a Blue Cross and Blue Shield "Pathways to a Healthy Kansas" grant. The T-Mobile grant to the club was one of only 25 cities in the USA to receive this funding.



The club partners with the City of Parsons to allow Rotary to build the long-awaited connecting link between the Frisco Trail and the Parsons Rotary Trail. In addition, bicycle lane markings will be added.

Club member, Ann Charles, who wrote and managed the grant process, noted that the addition will provide an "enhanced opportunity for healthy and safe outdoor pursuits for our community."

The new connecting link between the Parsons Rotary Trail in Glenwood Park and the Arboretum will start on Morton Street west of Central, travel east to Central, north to Appleton, east to 17th and south to Morton where it will connect with the Frisco Trail, which travels east on Morton.

The city will clear trees along the new trail path and emergency blue box cameras monitored by Parsons police will be installed at two locations along this stretch.

Rotarian Charles noted, "The beauty of this is that while many activities come with a price tag, these trails provide a wonderful and attractive location not only to exercise but to visit with your friends, your neighbors and to play all at no cost," she said. "In an income-stressed community like Parsons, it is essential to be able to attract grant funds like T-Mobile's, and it's amazing to be successful in





obtaining one."

**WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?** The Parsons Rotary Club has a rich history of providing outdoor activities for residents, from the trail noted above to the Arboretum.

**Club Hub April 2023**

## "The Club Hub"

**District 6110 Rotarians are People of Action!**



**Joplin Rotary Club** members assembled 520 weekend "Snack packs" for the School District's "Bright Futures" program. Over 60% of Joplin Schools' students qualify for free/reduced lunch; approximately 400 of Joplin Schools' students are homeless. Bright Futures now has dozens of affiliates and began while Rotarian CJ Huff was Joplin School Superintendent.



The **Berryville Rotary Club** conducted its regular meeting at Loaves & Fishes Food Bank to fill take-home food bags for more than 100 students over the weekend throughout Carroll County. That's a good way to have a service project - as the regular meeting!



**The Rotary Club of Broken Arrow** met at Broken Arrow Neighbors for their service project to assemble food packs for area residents in need. BAN serves over 3,000 people per month!



The **Claremore Rotary Club** conducted a "spring cleanup" around the Rotary Pavilion in the park, getting it ready for a busy year.



The **Eureka Springs High School Interact Club** presented a \$650 check to the **Holiday Island Rotary Club** to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Member Linda Graves accepts the check from Cosmo Echelle, Hannah Kelley, Jayden Urioste, and Joanie Kratzer.



The **Grove Rotary Club** adopted the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, enrolling over 500 children in Delaware County to receive a free book each month. Club members also participate in a reading program for 2nd & 3rd grade students

### Happy Sunrisers Serving Others



Martha, Clay, and Joy at Jenks Food Bank

The **Tulsa Sunrise Rotary Club** members above helped the Jenks Food Bank prepare nutritious food for the community.



The **Wagoner Rotary Club** provided eyeglasses along the front lines of the war in Ukraine through JJJ Ministries, which has provided 2000 pairs.





The **Van Buren Rotary Club's** Michelle Robinson (L) recognized Paul and Deena Dunn for their service above self with their Certificate of Excellence. Paul makes sure the club's Festival of Trees is flawless, and helps with other projects. Deena sets up and runs a community ice rink every December while also supporting High School students.



Almost 1/3 of **The Rogers Downtown Rotary Club** members participated in a Visioning process to envision where the club wants to be in 2026. Facilitators included Brent Brough, Laura Garrett, Sonia Larimore, Clay Langley and Lindsey Williams. Wesley Northey from the Rogers Noon Club also attended.



**MSNI - the Medical Supply Network, Inc** lets the people of Ukraine know where the donated items are coming from when they open the 40' container from Tulsa. This is the **13th container MSNI has sent** to Ukraine. Plan to attend an MSNI Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 6, from 9-noon. It's a great way to help!



**The Mid-America President Elect Training Seminar** recently trained incoming club Presidents for District 6110 and three others in AR and OK. Here, RI President elect Gordon R. McNally and his wife Heather, are flanked by the Governors' elect. Can you find our DGE Pam?

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

## Changing Habits and supporting Rotary's 7th Area of Focus

By Ken Leonard

As promised in our March newsletter post, your District 6110 Committee for the Environment is adding a couple of new recipes you can try while continuing to build your plant-rich diet menu. Adopting a plant-rich diet is a great way to support Rotary's 7<sup>th</sup> area of focus, the environment. Plants use less energy to produce and consume, which benefits the environment. We are enjoying trying these new recipes and building our plant-rich diet. We hope you are too.

We encourage you to enjoy one plant-based meal per week.

Here are links to two delicious meals:

<https://www.feastingathome.com/indian-frankie-recipe/> &  
<https://www.feastingathome.com/instant-pot-butternut-risotto-with-leeks/>

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Frankies - aka Bombay Burrito

**WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?** Meatless meals once a week for the environment and those of us who live there - and it doesn't have to be just on Friday!



## Thanks to clubs that updated their logos

By Wally Bloss

It was recently noted that 37 of the district clubs were using either an old/wrong Rotary logo, or a prior year's Presidential Theme logo on social media. We are in the process of sending notification of the issue to clubs, along with fixes.

**Congratulations** to the following clubs that are now sporting the correct logos:

- Bixby
- Bull Shoals
- Coweta



- Eureka Springs
- Fort Scott
- Fort Smith Southside
- Joplin Daybreak
- Tulsa
- Tulsa Southside
- Mountain Home

If you need assistance creating your own club's correct logo, I can help!



## Welcome New Rotarians April 2023

Have you welcomed a prospect to your Rotary club?

You can ask a prospect to help deliver dictionaries, or pick up trash with you, or help with whichever action project your club does. Get their hands dirty and they'll be interested!



The Tulsa Southside Rotary club welcomed a new member, Kellie Schuttler, who received her name tag from Larry Boyer

Please welcome these new Rotarians who were added since our last newsletter:

## Rotary District 6110 New Membership Listing

New Members From: **Mar-14-2023** To: **Apr-11-2023**

29 Members Listed

Member Name	Start Date	Club	Classification
Harrison, Kelsey	03/14/23	Tulsa	
Anderson, Byron	03/15/23	Ozark	Insurance
Rex			
Tabor, CJ	03/15/23	Cassville	
Tabor, Charlie	03/15/23	Cassville	
Reichert, Carl	03/15/23	Vinita	
Hopkins, Thomas	03/15/23	Vinita	
Ruiz, David V	03/15/23	Cassville	
Ruiz, Elaine	03/15/23	Cassville	

O'Connor, John M.	03/16/23	Tulsa	
Lovell, Jason M	03/26/23	Harrison	
Greif, Bob	03/27/23	Neodesha	
Allen, Jon	03/27/23	Downtown Rogers	
Woodruff, Marti	03/30/23	Fayetteville	Law
Wahl, Dorothy M.	03/30/23	Miami	Retired Teacher
Wahl, Marvin L.	03/30/23	Miami	Agriculture Seed Sales
Rath, Cristian M	03/31/23	Harrison	
Robertson, Matthew	04/01/23	Joplin	Computer - Services
Peyton, Jeffrey Mark	04/04/23	Pittsburg	Newspapers - Publishing
Peters, Marcel	04/07/23	Van Buren	
Bentley, Derek	04/11/23	Rogers	
Crouthamel, Bob	04/11/23	Cassville	
Butler, Christopher	03/21/23	Joplin Daybreak	
Henning, Rebecca Sue (SUSIE)	03/22/23	Tulsa Southside	Fund Raiser
Payne, Alex	03/23/23	Nevada	
Journagan, Robert	03/14/23	Aurora	
Beaver, Rodney Lane	03/26/23	Harrison	
Shaw, Angie	03/16/23	Holiday Island	Healthcare
Gallico, Eyal	03/20/23	Bentonville	
Fetherolf, Tabitha	03/23/23	Bentonville	

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