

Rotary District 6110 Newsletter

District Governor, Pam Crawford



Impact—what is our impact?

While geeking out about the eclipse, I was amazed by the number of people across North America watching this event. And basically, every member of District 6110 could see it—maybe not full totality but still an incredible experience of an eclipse. In terms of measurement, while the “geek out factor” is useful, we could use this incredible natural phenomenon to say over 3,000 people were impacted—every person in 6110 could see it at totality or near totality.

The Rotary Action Plan provides clubs and districts four priorities to structure our activities:

- Increasing our impact,
- Expanding our reach,
- Enhancing participant engagement, and
- Increasing our ability to adapt.

Take that idea and start thinking about our projects. How many children received a dictionary? Every dictionary is one touch and probably more. When we deliver wheelchairs through the American Wheelchair Mission, we know we touch one person—the person in the chair—but we probably actually impact 2-10 or more other people. And these projects also enhance the participation of our members because many Rotarians talk about delivering a dictionary or wheelchair as a Rotary moment. It is why they do Rotary. Can you describe why you do Rotary? (I do Rotary primarily because of polio eradication. But that is evolving to autism and dementia for very personal reasons.)

On April 11, on the Tulsa NBC affiliate (KJRH), our Medical Supplies Network, INC (MSNI) was featured for our work with Ukraine. We were told by a Ukrainian we are making a difference. When you sort and pack a box, you will never see the person who opens it, and yet, it makes a difference.

I could go on and on about so many of your projects. When we provide money for something, we need to start thinking about the impact. How many people did that big check touch!? When you make the presentation, ask how many lives these funds will impact.

I had an interesting conversation with a non-Rotarian a few days ago. When I mentioned Rotary, he started telling me about a \$500 scholarship he received from a Rotary Club 40 years ago that helped him attend Oklahoma State. We made an impression. We have left a positive view of our organization.

We are in the last 3 months of the *Create Hope* Rotary year. The District Conference is a big event still to come. I hope you will join us as we celebrate the impact our clubs and Rotarians are making. I hope our special speakers will give you inspiration to create magic in a project in the year to come.

And I’m excited about a few of the special parts of the District Conference. First, I’m so excited that our **4-Way Test Speech Contest** will be back during lunch for the finals. I know we touch lives through that event. Second, Kids at Conference is back, and I have a special gift for each young KAC participant from a Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Bartlesville. And last, but not nearly everything, we are going to celebrate and have fun on Kentucky Derby and Star Wars Day! (May the Fourth be with you)

Thanks for reading, and I’ll see you around the District. And hopefully, at the District Conference on May 3-4, 2024 in Rogers, AR.

In Rotary Service,
DG Pam

Rotary Dates



Rotary Presidents/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 Presidents and other club leaders need to know.

Important and District-wide (and beyond) Rotary Dates

- May 3, 2024: District Foundation [Golf Tournament - click to register](#)
 - May 3, 2024: District [Foundation Banquet - click to register](#)
 - May 3-4, 2024: District **Conference** at Rogers, AR [Click HERE to Register for actual conference](#)
 - May 25-29, 2024: Rotary International [Convention in Singapore](#)
 - June 29, 2024: District Governor **Warren Lovinger** Installation Luncheon Banquet at Cottey College, Nevada, MO
 - August 10, 2024 Virtual **District Training Assembly**
 - Sept 19-21: **Zone 30-31 Conference**, Huntsville, AL
 - October 17-20, 2024: **RYLA** in Tahlequah, OK
 - March 20-22, 2025; **MAPETS** - May 2025; **District Conference**, Rogers, AR
 - June 21-25, 2025*: Rotary International **Convention** in Calgary, Canada
 - March 19-21, 2026; **MAPETS**
 - June 13-17, 2026*: Rotary International **Convention** in Taipei, Taiwan
 - June 5-9 2027*: Rotary International **Convention** in Honolulu, Hawaii
 - 2028*: Rotary International **Convention** in Manila
 - 2029*: Rotary International **Convention** in Minnesota
- * 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?



District 6110 Box Score	
Through 4/13/24	
31	Total Member INCREASE since 7/1/23
1	Club disbanded: Alma :(
7	Clubs still using WRONG LOGOS: 4 in KS, 2 in AR, 1 in OK, 0 in MO
10	Rotary Youth Exchange applicants - we may need 1 or 2 more clubs for inbounds!
10	District 6110 Rotarians registered for Singapore RI Convention
10	Clubs with ZERO Foundation giving - one less than last month!
12	District Endowed Funds in the Rotary Foundation - up 1 this month!
32.3%	% of female Rotarians
32	Clubs with ZERO Polio Plus giving - down 4!
50.0%	Clubs in the Dictionary Project EASY PROJECT - LET'S DO MORE
50	Pages in 3/28/24 draft of District Manual of Procedure (the MOP)
85	The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society Members
90.9%	Member retention rate this program year
181	Paul Harris Society Members - \$1000/yr (to join, email Michelle Gann)
220	Major Foundation Donors "all time" (up 1 from last month!)
443	Rotary Direct members - DG Pam's goal: 500 (up 3)
910	Shoes collected for the Shoes for Orphan Souls project, WAHOO!
3,311	Rotary Club Members
8,034	Paul Harris Fellows "all time"
\$41,194	Polio Plus Giving YTD - 107% of goal!
\$273,619	Foundation Annual Fund Giving YTD 94% of goal
1,032,912	Children have received dictionaries since 2004 project beginning

Sources: Rotary Club Central, TRF data, etc.

Why I am a Paul Harris Fellow - Dalton Bigbee

A Paul Harris Fellow (Many Fellows are women!) is a signal honor conferred on someone who has given \$1000 to The Rotary Foundation, or used "points" to help get to 1000. It is a commitment to further doing good in the world. We are sharing PHF's reason why they support the Foundation. Please share your experience to DPIC Wally Bloss wbloss@gmail.com



I decided to become a Paul Harris Fellow when I became a Rotarian, which was about 8 years after I joined a Rotary club. I began to see a bigger picture as to what Rotary was all about. As the campaign to end polio began, I realized that RI was doing big things and I wanted to be a part of that. So supporting the Rotary Foundation was the easiest way to support those efforts. And giving a little each quarter, along with my dues, made it even easier. The PHF just followed naturally.

Dalton Bigbee, Tahlequah/Cherokee County Rotary Club

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Why are you a Paul Harris Fellow? Send your "why" to the Newsletter Editor, Wally Bloss EMAIL

Who Dis?



Who is this, and why is he important to Rotarians?

March Membership Madness Winners

PDG Jayne Lowe has announced the winners of the March Membership Madness Contest.

Broken Arrow: Lauren Pierce
Mt. Vernon: Brad DeLay

They were smart Rotarians and brought a prospect to their club meeting or event, during March, which entered them into the Madness Pool! Now their favorite NON-Rotary charity will receive a \$100 check from the District. Well done!



District Conference Package

As our Rotary year comes to an end, we come together and celebrate our accomplishments! **Three great events are planned** - a Foundation Golf Event, the Foundation Banquet and the actual District Conference.

You need to register for EACH ONE, AND register for a room at the conference hotel:



District Conference Rotary Foundation Golf Experience, don't miss it!

Friday, May 3, 2024 Rogers, AR
Registration is \$100 per player.
You don't even need to be a golfer to enjoy this event.

**Top Golf begins a great weekend.
Register [HERE](#)**

The 7th Annual Rotary District 6110 Foundation Banquet



Join us in honoring the legacy of
Past District Governor
John & Connie Williams

Friday, May 3, 2024, 6pm
Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas
3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers, AR

Don't miss the Foundation Dinner, with Past RI President John Germ. Register [HERE](#)



Embassy Suites, Rogers, Arkansas

- **Foundation Banquet**
honoring John & Connie Williams
- **Top Golf on Friday Afternoon**

May 3 & 4,



- Rotary Youth Exchange Students
- Four-Way Test Speech Competition
- Kids at Conference
- And much more!



We will celebrate "May the 4th Be With You" and the Kentucky Derby!
And of course, a hospitality suite on both Friday and Saturday evenings!

AND, back by popular demand, Kids at Conference...
Yes, there will be a program for children on Saturday!!
Looking forward to celebrating

"The Race to the Finish" at District Conference 2024!

Keynote Speakers:

Saturday Dinner Speaker: Former NASA Director **Jim Bridenstine**

Rotary International President's Representative:

PDG J. Richard (Big Rich) Churchman

Regional Rotary Foundation Chairman: **PDG Pamela Stewart**

Global Grant Student in England: **Tyler Rossow**

Saturday Lunch Speakers: 4-Way Test **Speech Contest Finalists**

Register for the District Conference **HERE**



Hotel Rooms - Embassy Suites, Rogers, AR - available for both
Friday and Saturday nights (May 3 and 4).

Registration deadline is April 8.

Phone number is the best way to register!

479-254-8400, code RDC

Address: **3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway Rogers, Arkansas 72758 USA**

Club Hub - April 2024

"The Club Hub"

District 6110 Rotarians are *People of Action!*



Out with the old.....In with the new

The **Grove Rotary Club** recently
installed their new sign on the
right. They took advantage of the



Afton, OK Interact Club member
Addison McElhaney installed a
Blessing Box free food pantry.

right. They took advantage of the District's \$100 incentive to upgrade to the new logos. Well done!



The **Rotary Satellite Club of Bentonville** announced their Rotarian of the Year: Scott Comisky (on right with club chair Katie Boykin on left). This 25+ year member demonstrates Service Above Self in his professional and personal life.

Blessing Box free food pantry recently at the city park. They are sponsored by the **Miami Rotary Club**.



The **Eureka Springs High School Interact Club** raised over \$800 with St Patrick's day shirts and face painting. They are sponsored by **Eureka Springs** and **Holiday Island Rotary Clubs**.



First, the **Springdale Rotary Club** delivered 4000 books to 1500 students in Springdale Public Schools. That's a lot of literacy!



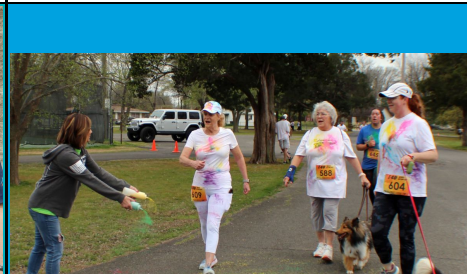
Then the **Tulsa Southside Rotary Club** provided Burroughs Elementary School 3rd graders with their own dictionaries. ore literacy!



Rotary Coordinator **Jill Pietrusinski** and District Governor-Elect **Warren Lovinger** met at MA-PETS in Ft Smith, AR the same weekend that...

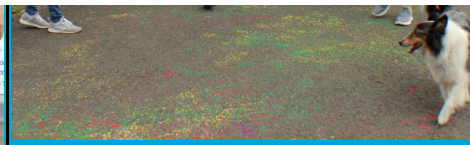


...Rotary International President-Elect **Stephanie Urchick** and AG **Wally Bloss** met at Show-Me PETS in Springfield, MO, just 150 miles away!





Speaking of Mid-America President-Elect Training Seminar, (MAPETS) we hear the Presidents-Elect, Presidents-Nominee and Governor-Line had a ball!



Recently, more than 100 runners and walkers registered for the **Wagoner Rotary Club's** inaugural Color Run 5K with winners taking home trophies, medals, and pastel painted attire (it washes out). The District Dogs liked the run but omitted the colors, because they were not "color-fast."



Recently, the District's **Rotarians Against Slavery** presented a check for \$421 to Gretchen Smeltzer of ["Into the Light"](#) in Mountain Home. Also present were Rotarians Trevor Himschoot, Marc Hayot, Chris Carter and 6110 District Governor Pam Crawford and her husband Paul.



Recently, three **Rotary Club of Sapulpa** members, Cathy Gebetsberger, (not in photo), Charlie Gebetsberger and Debbie Moss were judges for the club's Partner in Education School, Liberty STEM Academy. They judged the students' projects in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.



The **Springdale Rotary Club** provided volunteers to distribute free meals at the "For the Love" food truck. Assistant Governor Holly Holiman (right) brought her granddaughter, Evie Pasquinzo (L) and daughter, Hannah Pasquinzo to help. #TeachThemYoung

Mt. Vernon Rotary Club
 4th Annual Car Show
 Saturday, April 27, 2024
 Historic Town Square 10am-2pm

16th ANNUAL NEIL WESTERVELDT MEMORIAL CAR SHOW
 May 18, 2024
 Iola Kansas
 Riverside Park
Open to all Cars - Trucks - Motorcycles - Bicycles
In conjunction with the Iola Rotary Club's "Rotary Day in the Park" and "Tom Brigham Memorial BBQ"
Shaded area - Live Entertainment - Food Served

\$6,000 Cash Payout
See reverse for payout and registration information
 KCBS Sanctioned Event
 KCBS Rules apply
 CBJ Judges

May 17 & 18 Riverside Park Iola, KS
 Free Electric Cooking Sites to fit
 Beautiful Shaded Park

Spring means Car Show Fundraisers for Rotary Projects. First up April 27 is the **Mt Vernon Rotary Club's** Car show on the square then the **Iola Rotary Club's** Neil Westerveldt Memorial Car show and BBQ event May 17 & 18. More info on fliers attached to this email.





Planners are hard at work for the **Rotary Club of Downtown Rogers** "Run the Railyard 5k" walk/run to raise money for supporting beautification efforts related to Downtown Rogers Parks. Come July 4 and run!



The **Henryetta Rotary Club's** Disk Golf Tournament was a success with over 90 participants. The event is a sanctioned PDGA Tier-B event with a cash prize of \$1000 for the pros and other goodies for amateurs.



Megan Quickle, a member of the **Broken Arrow Rotary Club**, has been named a "2024 Achiever under 40" by the [Oklahoma Journal Record](#). Congratulations!



The **Rotary Club of Tulsa** had a bowling night recently. Friendship and fellowship are the cornerstones of Rotary. Through these relationships and the exchange of ideas, we get to know each other and take actions to improve our community

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

Northwest Arkansas Young Professional Summit

By Todd Jenkins



We are thrilled to continue to be a Rotary partner and extend an exclusive invitation to all Rotarians and their networks to participate in the upcoming:

Northwest Arkansas Young Professional Summit
11am-5pm, Friday, April 26, 2024
Bentonville, Arkansas

This year's summit promises to be an exceptional event featuring keynote speaker Latriece Watkins, Executive Vice President and Chief Merchant Officer of Walmart along with several industry and community leaders.

The summit agenda is thoughtfully curated to provide valuable insights, practical skills, and networking opportunities to help professionals and community members thrive. From engaging workshops and a hands-on service project to panel discussions with industry experts, the summit offers a unique platform to learn, connect, and grow.

To explore the full agenda and secure your spot, visit www.nwaypsummit.com. The cost is only \$35 per registrant. A great bonus, the summit will offer:

- complimentary professional headshots,
- happy hour, and
- a chance for attendees to win a professional development stipend to support them in an experience of their choice.

By attending this summit, you will have the chance to learn from [leaders across the region](#) on trending topics like AI, workplace inclusion, etc., and community engagement, as well as gain a fresh perspective on leadership, innovation, and career advancement. The insights you bring back will not only benefit your personal growth but also contribute to your club's success and innovation.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity! Register today and join us in shaping the future of our district communities together!

Any questions, please reach out to Dr. Todd Jenkins, RotarianTodd@gmail.com.

Dr. Todd Jenkins
Summit Chair

My Rotary Moment: Dave Matty

Many of us can point to a time when we "got it" and became a Rotarian...not just someone who goes to club meetings. Please share your experience and send your "Rotary Moment" to DPIC Wally Bloss wbloss@gmail.com



I've been a Rotarian since 1987 and I was inspired to share my Rotary Moment by my good friend George Paden's Rotary Moment. It too was in the huge city of Delhi, India 14 years after George's experience. I had the honor of being chosen by our District as a Group Study Exchange (GSE) Leader to escort a non-Rotary Team of four to experience another country's culture, celebrations, foods, citizens and, above all some new fellow Rotarian friends. It was indeed an experience of a lifetime. One of our team members, Brett Abbott now from the Rotary Club of Fort Smith became a Rotarian upon return and this year escorted our D2D Team to Chile and Rotary District 4355. The Rotarians from Chile will visit our District later this month to experience our hospitality. Please plan to welcome them to your community and club if asked. One of my Rotary Moments was January of 2012 and we spent 32 days in India around the area of the city of Delhi. We lived in Rotarian homes and visited Rotary projects, local Rotary meetings and area hospitals, schools and many prominent points of interest around Delhi, including the Taj Mahal. While making new life-long friends at 12 different Rotary clubs, we were also fortunate to be able to participate in a National Immunization Day, giving the life-saving polio immunization to many children. All of this was such a life changing experience but only one of the many precious Rotary Moments that have made me a true COMMITTED ROTARIAN for over 36 years.

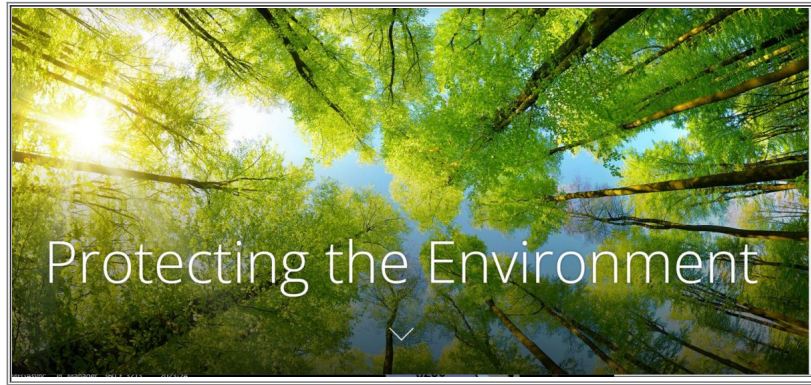
THANK YOU ROTARY!!

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Dave Matty, Mountain Home Rotary Club

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? What's your Rotary Moment? Send it to the Newsletter Editor, Wally Bloss EMAIL and share your experience!

Rotary and the Environment



Rotary shares an interest in protecting our common legacy: the environment.

We are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and spur innovation in an effort to address the causes and reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

\$18.4 Million in Rotary Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related causes in the past five years through our support of community economic development and water, sanitation, and hygiene projects.

- Protecting and restoring land, coastal, marine, and freshwater resources
- Enhancing the capacity of communities to support natural resource management and conservation
- Supporting sustainable agriculture, fishing, and aquaculture practices
- Addressing the cause of climate change by reducing the emission of greenhouse gases
- Strengthening ecosystems and communities affected by climate change
- Supporting education initiatives that promote behavior that protects the environment
- Advocating for sustainable consumption to build an economy that uses resources more efficiently
- Addressing environmental justice issues and public health concern

What is your club doing to protect the environment?

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Rotary added the Environment as its 7th "Area of Focus" a few years back. We lift it up each April.

FINAL FOUR of the Four Way Test Speech Contest ready to go!

By Ronald L. Petersen Sr.

The FINAL FOUR of the Four Way Test Speech Contest

The State Regional contests for the Four Way Test Speech Contest have been completed. The Final Four have been selected. The sole Arkansas entry was from Springdale and was judged with the Missouri entries. No Kansas entries were received.

The final four listed alphabetically by club are as follows.

Rotary Club of Bartlesville, OK â€” Luke Huck
Rotary Club of Cassville, MO â€” Audrey Gosvener
Rotary Club of Mt. Vernon, MO - Emma Tobey
Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise, OK â€” Adah McCurry

Final Four students will compete live in the final round during the District Conference luncheon Saturday May 4th at Embassy Suites 3303 S. Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers, AR. Final Four students should arrive at the hotel lobby by 10:30 A.M. where they will be greeted and interviewed for bio information and draw for order of presentation. District 6110 will pay the luncheon expenses for each of the contest participants and TWO additional guests.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all participating clubs. Hope to see you back next year!

PDG Ron Petersen, SR
District 6110
Co-Chair 4-Way Test Speech Contest



Welcome New Rotarians April 2024

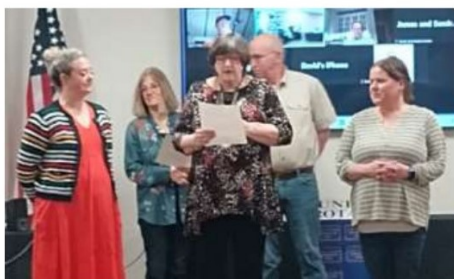
Have you welcomed a prospect to your Rotary club?



The **Jenks Rotary Club** welcomed new member Janie Hodge, flanked by sponsor Peggy Mitchell (L) and President Adriana Graybeal, then...



...they inducted Adam Abel, surrounded by AG Laura Garrett and Graybeal.



The **Tulsa Sunrise Rotary Club** welcomed Katherine Getchell and Stacy Grimes to the club.



The **Broken Arrow Rotary Club** added four new members: President Jenny Cothran stands with (L-R) Lauren Pierce, Corbett Campbell, and Joshua McCoy. Laura Norman Tyson is not pictured.





Henryetta Rotary Club member David Warden inducted new members, Saylor Smethers and Shelly Rivera. Welcome to Rotary!



The **Joplin Rotary Club's** President (and sponsor) Robert Reaves (L) inducted new member Jaime Hund on Leap Day!

Rotary District 6110 New Membership Listing

New Members From: **Mar-14-2024 to April 11, 2024**

Member Name	Start Date	Club	Sponsor
Buhlinger, Scott	03/31/2024	Bartlesville	
Elstermeier, Windy	03/25/2024	Bentonville	
Roby, Steven W	04/03/2024	Bentonville	Gavin Edwards
Galen, Steve	03/28/2024	Bentonville	
Baker, Austin B	03/27/2024	Booneville	Philip Blankenship
Wilson, Rebecca T. (BECKY)	04/06/2024	Bull Shoals-Lakeview	Steve Litty
Woods, Jamie	03/25/2024	Downtown Rogers	Karen Wagaman
Newton, Kelly	03/21/2024	Fort Smith	Jerry Huff
Alley, Kourtnei	03/21/2024	Fort Smith	Mary Lee Frase
Malone, Brent	03/27/2024	Grove	Ivan Neil Devitt
Hickam, Susan	04/04/2024	Joplin Daybreak	Laurie Delano
Aldridge, Richard A (VIPER)	03/21/2024	Miami	
Mitchell, Patti	03/29/2024	Muskogee	Melissa Nissley
Taylor, Kyle	03/29/2024	Muskogee	
Harris, Jessica	03/29/2024	Muskogee	
Lamb, Kelsey	03/23/2024	North Tulsa	Jason Koebele Lendell L Nolan Lendell Nolan
Flood, Daisy L	04/02/2024	Pittsburg Sunrise	Dawn McNay
Duncan, LaDeana	04/09/2024	Sapulpa	Sandi Schwartz
Nickerson, Sandy	04/10/2024	Springdale	Joy Drummonds Patsy Christie
Smith, Bradyn	03/19/2024	Tahlequah-Cherokee County	
Wintjen, Sandra	03/27/2024	Webb City-Carl Junction	Sharon K. Clark
Youngblood, Mark	03/26/2024	Will Rogers (Tulsa)	Doug Bauer

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