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District 6110 Newsletter

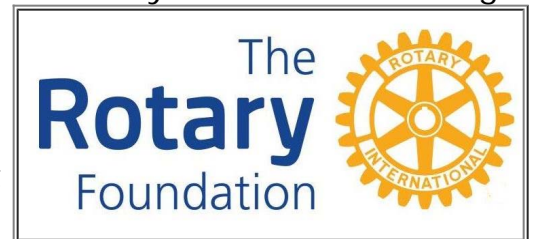
District Governor's Message January 2022



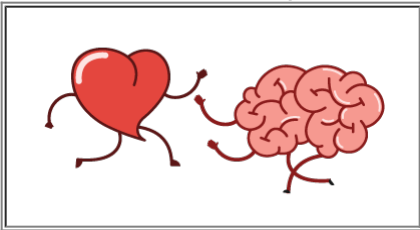
Imagine the Future with Hope and Friendships

The number one reason people stay in Rotary is the friendships and fellowship that develop in a short amount of time. The second reason is actively making a positive difference in the world. Rotarians are people full of hope and, with their actions, they continue to address needs in their own communities and in the world. The power of hope is not to be underestimated. Rotarians have learned to listen to those who need help, to find out exactly what the needs are and then, in sometimes very creative ways, find ways to meet those needs.

Another way to help meet the needs of others is to support our Rotary Foundation. Making this investment in humanity helps provide hope all over the world. As I was thinking about this, I recalled an article I wrote for the district newsletter back in the fall of 2010 when Herb Orr was District Governor. I read the article to the club members in the Skiatook Club because it was about one of their members – Chet Reyckert. At that time, he had managed to get Paul Harris paperwork done and award ready to present to his granddaughter Isabella the moment she was born. What a loving, hopeful gesture to have made using the Rotary Foundation as the vehicle for the honor. Chet relived many memories as I read the article. By his example, and all of yours, Rotary has enriched and changed our lives for the better.



Medical evidence points to acting in the service of others is a healthy activity, good for the heart and brain. As we go down the stretch of the last six months of this Rotary year, let's do it right. Donate what you can to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund, donate to eradicate Polio, and continue to find those needs in our communities and the world, and work together to build hope and provide a better quality of life for others.



Happy New Year!

Cathy Webster
District Governor D6110

Rotary Dates

By Wally Bloss

I often hear Rotary Presidents/leaders wanting to get dates on

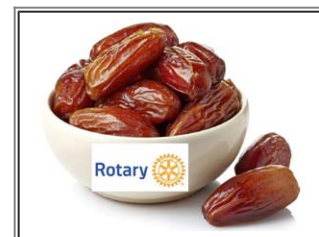


their calendar - as far in advance as possible, but also as a reminder of "what's next." Obviously, any important dates District-wide are (or should be) on the DABdb Calendar and members can look there, but...I believe having a monthly column in the Newsletter will help reinforce these events monthly and have a quick, easy place to find them.

Criteria: Big-picture District-wide (or further) 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

- January 27-29, 2023 - SCRYE in Tulsa
- February 4, 2023 – Women in Rotary at MSNI
- February 10-11, 2023 – Assistant Governor Training in Bartlesville
- March 9-13, 2023 – American Wheelchair Mission in Mexico
- March 16-19, 2023 – RYLA in Tahlequah
- March 23-25, 2023 – MAPETS in Springdale
- April 4, 2023 – Grant Management Seminar via Zoom
- 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
- September 15 - District Leadership Academy enrollment deadline
- September 21-24, 2023 - Zone Institute in Memphis
- October 24, 2023 - World Polio Day
- May 3-4, 2024 - District Conference
- May 25-29, 2024* - Rotary International Convention in Singapore
- 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?

District Governor-Elect Attends In-Person International Assembly

Rotary International believes in making sure its leaders are well supported and trained for their volunteer service. Each year, 500+ incoming District Governors meet in person at an International Assembly. COVID-19 moved that to a virtual event, but this year District Governor-Elect Pam Crawford was able to attend in person. Here are her impressions of the week:

Create Hope in the World

Rotary International President-Elect Gordon McNally revealed the 2023-2024 theme "Create Hope in the World" at the International Assembly on January 9. This is a gathering of District Governors-Elect from all over the world. In addition to learning the theme, we received updates on polio, the Foundation, membership, inclusiveness, Rotaract, and many other topics. We learned that initiatives to End



District Governor-Elect Pam Crawford and Rotary International President-Elect McInally with his wife, Heather

Polio Now and Empowering Girls will continue. President-Elect Gordon is very interested in talking more about one specific area of our seven areas of focus: **Peace**. President-Elect Gordon is adding a new initiative for Rotarians: Mental Health. Taking care of ourselves. If we don't take care of ourselves, we cannot effectively take care of our world. I will talk about many of these things when I start my club visits in July 2023.

Additionally, I had the opportunity to talk to various leaders in Rotary International during the week as well as be in nine idea exchanges covering about 150 of my fellow DGEs. While we learned a lot during the day, we created relationships in the evening with wonderful dinners and fellowship events. District 6110 is part of Zone 30-31. On Wednesday evening, during the "cultural exchange", we had a tailgate party that included a cornhole game. RI Director Elizabeth Usovicz and Foundation Director Larry Lunsford joined us, the 31 DGEs in the Zone, in the booth as we entertained DGEs from around the world. We all wore team colors....I had a split personality supporting both my ISU Cyclones and my husband's OSU Cowboys.



I am excited to start training the Assistant Governors and then the Presidents-Elect and -Nominees in the next couple of months on the theme and plans for District 6110.

Stay Tuned for More!

DGE Pam Crawford

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Here we are only half way through one Rotary year and we are already making plans for next year! Inspire, plan, train, develop - we can do it all!

Spring Membership Contest

By Jayne Lowe

When you invite a prospect to a Rotary club meeting or project, they see what we are and will want to join!

The spring membership contest is really easy - when you bring a guest to a club event, let PDG Jayne Lowe know by sending her an email with your name and the guest's name to: jaynerotary@gmail.com Then, the District will give two Rotarians each a \$50 check to their favorite charity (it can't be RI or their club) if their name is drawn for bringing a guest. One

drawing for guests in February, and another for March.



**Each One
Bring One**

Invite a Guest...Win for Your Favorite Charity!

Participate in District 6110's *Each One, Bring One* campaign by answering the challenge for every Rotary member to "bring" one new member to the organization. (Just one!)

Keep up the great work and share Rotary with the people in your life. When you invite a guest to a meeting, service project or social event, you are

entered into a district-wide drawing each month in February and March. If you win, Rotary District 6110 will make a donation to your favorite (non-Rotary) charity.

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For questions ask PDG Jayne Lowe: jayneRotary@gmail.com



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Rotary's Public Image

By Wally Bloss

Rotarians are lucky, as we start a new program year in July and a new calendar year in January - we have two times a year to "begin again!"

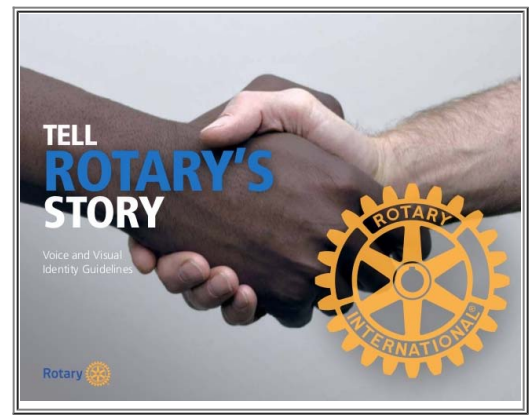
As the Public Image Chair for District 6110, I'm always looking to assist clubs get the word out about the service they are doing. Most clubs use social media to let the world know what they are doing. However, some clubs do great work, but forget to let their community know about it. Or perhaps their Facebook Admin left the club and they can't post. Or they forget to get a few great action shots at a project since they are all busy actually doing the project!

We Rotarians used to think we should not "blow our own horn" - but we are missing the opportunity to attract like-minded people to provide service when we do that.

When your club promotes your projects, we can show that in this Newsletter, so other clubs can be inspired...and maybe "steal" a great project idea.

I recently looked at which clubs get featured or mentioned in the Newsletter - in the 25 months I have edited it, some clubs really stand out in promoting their activities. Mentions in the Newsletter may come directly from a club, or from their Assistant Governor, or from ye editor scraping clubs' social media. But a few clubs have never been mentioned - and yet they are likely doing great work in their community. We need to fix that!

A review of each club's social media efforts shows that some clubs need a hand to tweak things to make Rotary's place in the community stand out. If your club does NOT use social media, and wants help getting in the game, please contact me and I will help - via Zoom, in person, or phone - heck, I'll dispatch a carrier pigeon if needed, and I know Morse code!



Club with Zero or 1 mention in 24 months	Clubs with 10 or more mentions in 24 months
Booneville	Broken Arrow
Chanute	Eureka Springs
Claremore Reveille	Joplin Daybreak
Fredonia	Mt Vernon
Ft Smith Southside	Pittsburg
Independence	Springdale & Satellite
Neosho	Tulsa
Okmulgee	
Oswego	
Paris	
Pittsburg Sunrise	
Poteau	
Sand Springs	

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Contact your [District Public Image Chair Wally Bloss](#) to help "get the word out" about Rotary! Remember more PR can mean more members!

6110 ROTARIANS IN SERVICE

Here are just a few clubs providing service to their communities. Let us know what your club is doing to provide Service Above Self!

The Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary Club Helps Food Pantry



The Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary Foundation, with matching funds from District 6110, recently donated \$4,500 to Wesley House to purchase an expandable roller conveyor system that will facilitate access to the food pantry warehouse from the adjoining alley and streamline incoming food donations.

The remaining funds will be used for Wesley House's proposed Cold Weather Emergency Shelter.

Online donations for the proposed shelter are being facilitated by Community Health Center at

<https://chcsek.org/wesleyhouse/>.

Left to right: Ken Webb, Wesley House Trustee, Kelly Pulliam, Wesley House Operations Manager, Dan McNally, past Sunrise Rotary Club President and Douglas Stuckey, Wesley House Board Chair

District Governor Kevin Merrill presented the Skiatook Rotary Club with their banner for #3 Giving Club. On the left is current President Chester Reyckert & on the right is Immediate Past President Toni Cornelius flanking PDG Kevin.

Third place among 78 clubs is quite a feat!

Think of the good that Rotary does in the world with these funds!

Skiatook Rotary Club Places Third in Foundation Giving

Past



Northside Fayetteville Rotary Club Cited

Northside Fayetteville Rotary Club Past President Caroline Ceola (center) was pleased to accept the Rotary Citation for 2021-2022.

The Rotary Citation is an award that recognizes the hard work clubs do throughout the year.

Taking action toward achieving the citation goals helps clubs engage their members, stay relevant in their communities, and run more efficiently. A welcoming and engaging club also reflects the values of Rotary. When clubs work to achieve these goals, they also contribute to the overall health and culture of Rotary



for generations to come.

The club selected and achieved at least 13 of 25 possible goals for the club, and reported their efforts on the [Rotary Club Central](#) portion of the RI website. All clubs are eligible for the citation.

Fort Smith Southside Enjoys Fellowship



Fort Smith Southside Club President, Scott Chambers pulled the "joker" to win the pot!



Club members enjoyed the gift exchange at their Christmas lunch meeting.

Rotary Clubs of Joplin Sculpture Garden Adds Three Works

The Rotary Club of Joplin and the Daybreak Rotary Club joined together to create the [Rotary Sculpture Garden](#), starting with eight individual sculptures in the park in 2019. In these few years, it has become a destination location for people desiring to find some beauty in the world. This fall, three new works were added with funding from the Joplin Rotary Club and other Rotarians. The [Rotary Sculpture Garden](#) is located in Mercy Park, created after the 2011 tornado and now has a total of 19 sculptures, with six more bronze works ready to be installed this year, and others in the plans.



Trivia Abounds at Broken Arrow Rotary Club

The Trivia Challenge that the Broken Arrow Rotary Club produces is no trivial matter! It is a fund raiser for two of the club's projects, and the "Crowing Rights" are taken very seriously by the teams. It's coming up real soon so download the entry form attached to this email!

TRIVIA CHALLENGE

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Crowing Rights

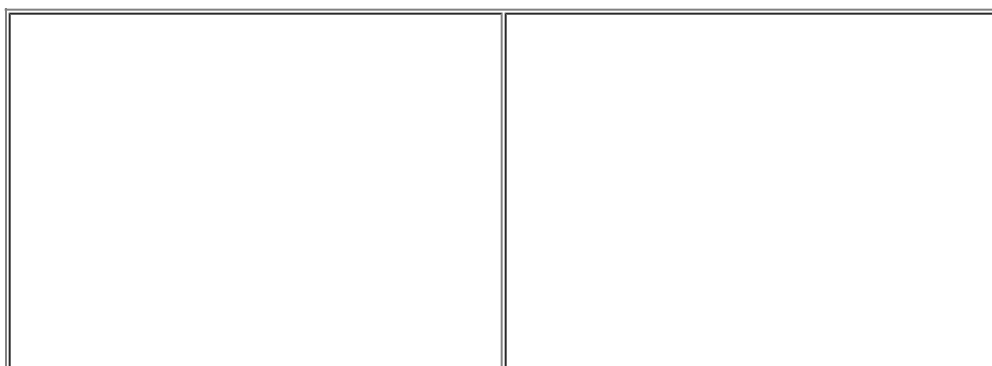
Check-in & Raffle sales begin 6:00 pm
Contest begins at 6:30

February 25, 2023

Northeastern State
University-Broken Arrow
101st @ Creek Turnpike

BENEFITING ROTARY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND & HAPPY HANDS EDUCATION CENTER

Van Buren Rotary Club Provides Holiday Spirit





Van Buren club members brave the cold to ring the bells for the Salvation Army



Festival of Trees winners announced

Rotary Action Group names Siloam Springs Member as Ambassador

Marc Hayot, a member of the Rotary Club of Siloam Springs, was recently named as an ambassador for the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAG-AS). Hayot first joined Rotary in 2013, in Alma, AR and has been a part of the Rotary Club of Siloam Springs since March of 2021. He serves as Club Communications Officer, chair of the Rotaract Founding Committee and Rotarians Against Slavery (formerly the District Committee Against Human Trafficking).



Governor Cathy Visits the Claremore Reveille Rotary Club

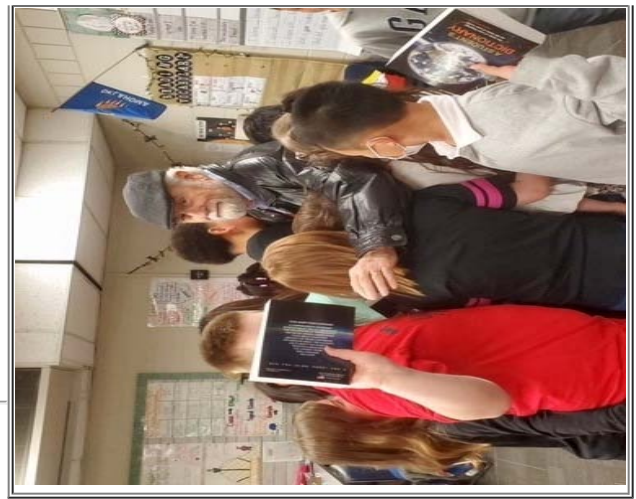


President Ron Burrows signed the Governor's theme banner when Governor Cathy made her visit. The club recently completed a "Stuff Your Freezer" raffle to fund the successful dictionary distribution.

Southeast Tulsa Rotary Club Delivers Dictionaries

Past District

Governor Danny Mitchell from the Southeast Tulsa Rotary Club is swarmed by students at the Anderson Elementary School in the Union Public Schools in Broken Arrow. It's time for distribution of dictionaries to the students, and they seem to love it as much as the Rotarians do



Fredonia Rotary Club is a Star



The Fredonia Rotary Club was named "Star Business of the Month" by the local Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber noted: *"In 1951, Fredonia formed its local Rotary Club. Focusing on peace, eradicating polio, protecting the environment, and providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, club members also support education and families."*

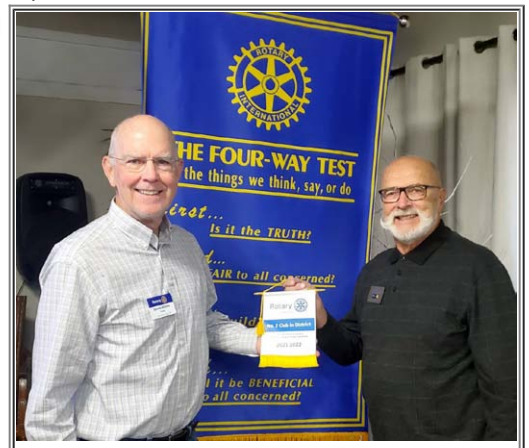
The Fredonia Rotary Club encourages literacy by distributing dictionaries to local 3rd graders, and families are supported through a joint effort with Adopt-A-Family and a yearly scholarship to a graduating high school student. Youth involvement through ROTARACT and RYLA provides an opportunity for area youth to achieve personal development, participate in addressing the needs of our community, and attending leadership camp. Local members also maintain Rotary Park near the swimming pool and participate in Adopt-A-Highway trash cleanup with the Fredonia Lions Club, as well as hosting an annual bean feed at Homecoming and cooking hotdogs at National Night Out."

Well done Fredonia!

Bella Vista Rotary Club Captures 2nd Place in Foundation Giving

Assistant Governor Dick Schrad (right) presents Dennis Ritchie, Bella Vista Rotary Club President, with a banner for attaining 2nd in the district in per capita giving to The Rotary Foundation.

Bella Vista's giving level was \$708 per member. For clubs struggling to meet \$100 per capita giving level, this probably seems unreachable, but in the club of 33 members, there are only 4 who are not Paul Harris Fellows and they are all new to Rotary. The club conducts an aggressive campaign every November to encourage PHF contributions by providing cash matches up to \$200. Think of the good that Rotary does in the world with this support!



Coffeyville Rotary Club Donates books to Learning Center

The Coffeyville Rotary Club provides each speaker with a children's book to sign at its weekly meetings. Those books are then donated, in honor of the speaker, to the Dr. Jerry Hamm Early Learning Center at the



local school district. This makes a win/win/win, since the preschool children receive great books to read in their library, the speaker is recognized, and the Coffeyville Rotary Club's bookplate is displayed on all the books.

Univ of Arkansas - Fort Smith Rotaract Club Provides Service

The UAFS Rotaract Club (University of Arkansas Fort Smith) is doing great things in the community. They combined their Christmas party with a service project and sewed almost 100 stockings and stuffed them with hygiene and other products and donated to the Salvation Army.

During that same event, Assistant Governor Michelle Robinson pinned the club officers. Everyone was so excited about getting their very own Rotary pins!



Sewing the stockings - concentration!



AG Michelle and Rotaractor Amy Tran and their stocking.



Rotaract members get pinned.

Rotary Club of Springdale Provides 1,200 Food Bags

About 60 members of Springdale Rotary Club, their friends and employees of Harp's Food Stores gathered as early as 5 AM on a frigid December morning in a hangar at Springdale Municipal Airport. They came to unload food, then pack 1,200 bags of food for students at Jones Elementary School. This has been a club project for several years. Harp's Food Stores donated \$1,000 to help with the food drive, and the club purchased the rest. Other than fresh bread, the bags were packed with staples that have a long shelf life. Each student receives two brown-paper bags of food to take home at the end of the school day.

"As you can tell from the turnout, this is a very popular

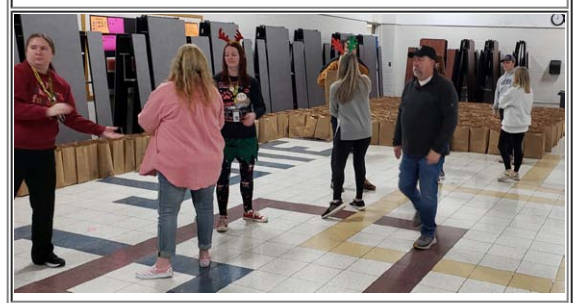


project with our club," said Greg Collier, project chairman. "We had about a third of our membership help, plus some friends and half a dozen Harp's employees," he said.

Most Rotarians arrived at 6 AM to start packing each of the food bags. The bags were then loaded onto trucks and taken to the school, where they were stacked in the cafeteria for distribution to the students after school.

"A project like this really puts you in the Christmas spirit," Collier said. "Last year, the parents who received the food were very, very grateful. So we know there is a need because so many families are struggling."

Springdale Rotary Club is nearing 100 years of service, and has more than 150 members. The club has service projects around Springdale and helps with Rotary International projects around the world.



Eureka Springs Rotary Club Gets Their Hands Dirty

The Eureka Springs Rotary Club found a wonderful way to bring in 2023 by providing some service above self. Rotarians gathered at the [Eureka Springs Music Park](#) to clean out flower beds and plant daffodil bulbs donated by Ken Riley. They should bloom 2-5 weeks after they come out of the cold, heralding the imminent arrival of spring.



Looks like a future Rotarian helped out also!






One with the soil

Shop with a Broken Arrow Rotarian a Success

The Broken Arrow Rotary Club under the guidance of Stan Evetts again provided a very successful Shop With A Rotarian event. Stan applied for grants and pulled from reserves to supply funds for 45 young shoppers. Club member Megan Quickle is the Exec Director of

Broken Arrow Neighbors (BAN), which provides emergency assistance for basic needs. She was able to assist BAN clients, and the counselor from Timber Ridge Elementary added several more deserving families. A total of 33 Rotarians and family members participated as shoppers' assistants and wrappers.

		
Wrapping included!	President Robyn Havener shops	Megan Quickle and Stan Evetts

Joplin Rotary Club Rings Bells

The Joplin Rotary Club forgoes its usual noontime lunch meeting and fans out across the city to help the Salvation Army with its annual fundraising campaign each year. Club Member Nate Hicks, the Army's local Volunteer Coordinator, provides time slots and aprons for the club.

		
Derrick Shadwick (club prospect), Robin McAlester, past president	Wally Bloss, human	President Vicky Mieseler, Kim Shriver and Sid Davis

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

Welcome New Rotarians January 2023

	<p>Have you welcomed a prospect to Rotary?</p> <p>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!</p>	
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Rebekah Doyle became a club member on 12/12, sponsored by Roy Wood. She has worked with us on several events already, including Shop With A Rotarian. She teaches Criminology and Global Security at NSU-BA, and became interested in Rotary via her visits to our club and board meeting through LBA.

Broken Arrow Rotary Club

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



Fort Smith Rotary club welcomes Elizabeth Hudgens and a future Rotarian

Rotary District 6110 New Membership Listing

New Members From: **Dec-14-2022** To: **Jan-12-2023**

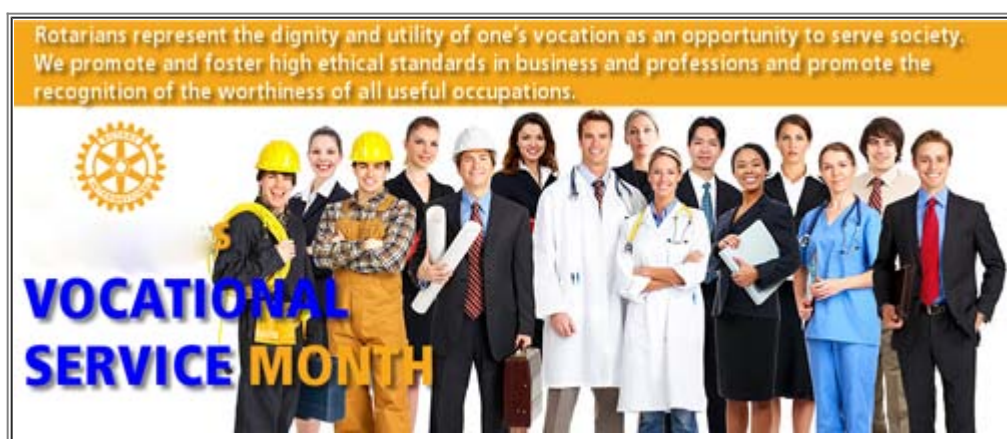
31 Members Listed

Member Name	Start Date	Club	Sponsor
Melton, Don	12/14/22	Webb City-Carl Junction	Carl Francis
Hendrickson, Creed	12/16/22	Tulsa	
Waggoner, David P	12/19/22	Broken Arrow	Aubrey M Ringleb
Wolfe, Donald H (DON)	12/19/22	Bartlesville	Joe Colaw Roger Box
Cochran, Chris S	12/20/22	Joplin	Vicky Mieseler
Luffman, Scott	12/22/22	Fayetteville	Emily Mizell
Douglas, Mitzi	12/28/22	Tulsa Southside	Larry A. Boyer
Nelsen, Kirk	01/02/23	Pittsburg	Fred Shockey
Dalton, Sarah	01/04/23	Cassville	Debbie Gerleve
Sparks, Jennifer	01/04/23	Webb City-Carl Junction	William E. Rice
Herron, James	01/04/23	Tulsa	
Fiorio, Peter	01/04/23	Grove	Pete Norwood
McGraw, Rebecca	01/04/23	Grove	Phyllis Ann Hudecki
Hammerschmidt, Jeri L.	01/06/23	Independence	
Bruening, Miranda	01/06/23	Independence	
Whitescarver, Loren	01/06/23	Independence	
Stone, Keith A.	01/06/23	Independence	
Copeland, Alan	01/09/23	Muskogee	
Edwards, Larry	01/09/23	Muskogee	
Johnson, Amanda	01/09/23	Muskogee	
Stevenson, Spencer	01/09/23	Muskogee	
Jaquez, Kim	01/09/23	Muskogee	
Meyer, Michael M. (MIKE)	01/09/23	Muskogee	
Levin, Alison J.	01/10/23	Rogers	Allison McElroy Linda Phillips

Myers, Duane	01/10/23	Pittsburg	Elias A. Tawil
Secora, Michael	01/10/23	Bartlesville	Karen Lowe-Alton
Community National Bank and Trust (BRETT)	01/10/23	Fredonia	Beverly Tipton
Daugherty, Brian Kyle (BRIAN)	01/11/23	Mt. Vernon	Brian O. Daugherty
Troutman, Kyle	01/11/23	Cassville	Jim Craig
Haney, Johnny	01/11/23	Rogers	Russ Salomo
Thornton, Brett	01/12/23	Fredonia	

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

January is Vocational Service Month



Rotary's Vocational Service has a wide-ranging ability to significantly and positively influence people and organizations. Vocational Service is a strong, powerful, human driving force which enables every Rotary Club to leverage its influence on an individual's work and career.

Vocational Service calls every Rotarian to:

- Aspire to high ethical standards in their occupation...
- Recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations...
- Contribute their vocational talents to the problems and needs of society...

Our "vocations" (from the Latin "vocare" meaning "to call") tap into our emotions, beliefs, values, skills, talents and strengths. Our vocations might be considered the "life blood" of most people, regardless of where they are on the planet. Our "work" is a common denominator of humanity around the globe- regardless of political system or culture or religious faith. Our vocation gives us the ethical means to provide for our families, to build self-esteem within ourselves, and to contribute to community. We feel good when we are able to do the work that we were meant to do.

When we realize the "gift" we have received, which gives us joy when we are able to utilize it, there is often a natural response to "give back." From that common point, Rotarians may see how our vocations, our calling, can help build friendships and business relations with fellow Rotarians, but it also allows us, perhaps more importantly, to serve others in building healthy communities and ethical leaders.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

Remember this:

A job: something needing to be done. A task. A person is paid for doing it.

A career: work that an individual prefers to do.

Vocation: a “calling” where work is transformed from “having to do it” to “wanting to do it.” This work, in response to “the call,” is the most fulfilling of any labor. True happiness comes when we are able to make a living following that call.

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