

# Rotary



## District 6110 Newsletter

### District Governor, Pam Crawford



Welcome to 2024!â€

The District Family had a lovely holiday with family and lots of movies and sports. And of course, the Rose Parade! Wasnâ€™t the Rotary Float fabulous, and it won a prize! It is on my bucket list to go to this Parade and be involved with the float one of these years!â€Iâ€™ve watched that parade since a little girl. I even texted with my best friend in Iowa about how we watched the Parade together as young girls and teenagers.

So, with only one club visit left, my attention has moved to just visiting clubs for fun. We still are trying to distribute some 2022-2023 awards so you may see me, or a PDG, or an AG coming to see you with certificates or banners. And MSNI has asked me to make some presentations of Ambassador Awards. SCRYE (South Central Rotary Youth Exchange) has asked me to greet/welcome their conference participants in Tulsa at the end of this month.

Iâ€™m also busy with preparations for the District Conference on May 3-4, 2024 in Rogers, AR. **The Winnerâ€™s Circle: Race to the Finish** will be a celebration of how we â€ Clubs and District - have created hope in our community and world.

On Friday night, May 3, it will be the Foundation Banquet celebrating PDG John and Connie Williams (Fayetteville Northside). They created our Foundation Banquet. They were the unanimous choice of the Foundation Committee as our honorees this year. We are excited to have RI Past President John Germ and his partner join us for that weekend. Expect to see some bourbon auctioned off for Polio! And two Polio Koalas. Tulsa President Tiffany Egdorf is the chair of the banquet this year!

But before celebrating our RI Foundation, we will raise funds for Polio while playing golf at the nearby Topgolf Northwest Arkansas. AG Dick Schrad (Bella Vista) is the chair of the event. Sponsorship information should be coming very soon. (We also expect to see Putt-Putt for Polio show up on Saturday; Iâ€™ve been informed that we have some very competitive Rotarians wanting to continue their streak!)

Nearby to *what* you are saying? We will be staying at the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas. I believe the last time we were at this hotel was in 2017. It is quite nice.

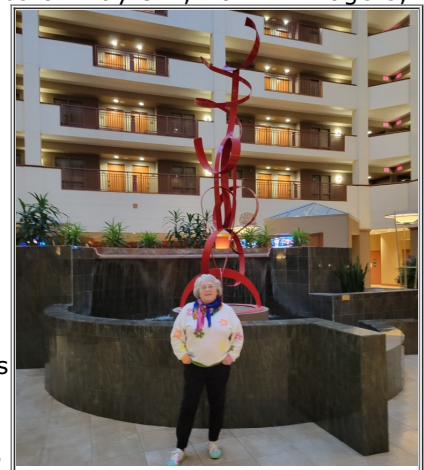
Iâ€™ve stayed there a couple of nights with the District Dogs. DD Joey says that he and Beau have found the beds and couches quite comfortable (when the DG lets them out of the crates to stretch their legs!â€).

District Conference Chair Tamara Miller (Tulsa Sunrise) and PDG/District Trainer Jayne Lowe (Bentonville) tasted food with me this past week (January 9). We are working to not have chicken at every meal (LOL). Actually, we tried some lovely salads, entrees, and vegetables. And I learned there are about 15 ways to fold a napkin! And we havenâ€™t even seen all the centerpiece options yet!

On Saturday, May 4, we will celebrate many aspects of our district and the Create Hope year; I will talk about that more over the next couple of months. There will be a House of Friendship but no break-out sessions are currently planned. Iâ€™m so excited that there will be a 4-Way Test Speech Contest at lunch. There is still time to enter this contest; entries have been a bit slow this year, and we understand that after 5 years, this might be a re-building year.



I will talk about the rest of the committee and the agenda for Saturday in future newsletters. My only other comment is that the conference will be family-friendly. Kids at Conference (KAC) is BACK! iPDG Cathy Webster (Pryor) is the chair this year. And Destination Rogers is proving to be a fabulous partner on ideas for the kids; Iâ€™ve stopped asking if I can do KAC because I know I canâ€™t!â€lots of





asking if I can do this because I know I can do a lot of fun ideas and can't wait to see iPDG Cathy's agenda!

I guess that will do for this month! except District Dogs Joey and Beau were so excited by the Facebook participation in the 12 Days of Polio Pets during the holidays. A few highlights:

- 1) the dachshunds from Harrison, AR sure have a lot of fans!
- 2) Mt. Vernon has some cool pets, including a cow and

chickens!

3) Polio co-chair/AG Dr. Tim Holder has a lot of pets in his family as he entered almost daily.

4) And most important, the DG is writing a check to the Rotary Foundation Polio campaign in honor of all the winners!

Check out the 6110 Facebook page; we might do another contest in the spring!

In Rotary Service,  
DG Pam Crawford



District 6110 Box Score	
Through 1/12/24	
49	Total Member INCREASE since 7/1/23
2	Countries with wild Polio: Afghanistan & Pakistan
3	Clubs installed NEW Rotary Logo signs so far
7	Clubs using the New Rotary Sign program - \$100 each from 6110
12	Rotary Youth Exchange applicants - need clubs for inbounds!
12	Clubs with ZERO Foundation giving - (Down 1 this month - yay!)
31.7%	% of female Rotarians
41	Clubs with ZERO Polio Plus giving - down 2!
181	<a href="#">Paul Harris Society Members - \$1000/yr (to join, email Holly Holiman)</a>
212	Major Donors "all time"
441	Rotary Direct members - DG Pam's goal: 500
3,329	Rotary Club Members
7,983	Paul Harris Fellows "all time"
\$34,211	Polio Plus Giving YTD - 86% of goal!
\$200,938	Foundation Annual Fund Giving YTD 68% of goal

Sources: Rotary Club Central, TRF data, etc.

## 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

- February 9-10; Assistant Governor Training, BSA Office, Tulsa, OK
- March 21-23, 2024; [MAPETS, Fort Smith, AR](#) for Presidents Elect and Nominees (**REQUIRED** for PE, suggested for PN)
- May 3, 2024: District Foundation **Golf Tournament**
- May 3, 2024: District **Foundation Banquet**
- May 3-4, 2024: District **Conference** at Rogers, AR
- May 25-29, 2024: Rotary International [Convention in Singapore](#)
- June 29, 2024: District Governor **Warren Lovinger** Installation Luncheon Banquet - Nevada
- October 17-20, 2024: **RYLA** scheduled for the 2024-2025 year
- 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



\* 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?**

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## My Rotary Moment: Meredith O'Dell

By Meredith Odell

*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](mailto:wbloss@gmail.com)*



I've been coming to Rotary meetings practically since I was born!

Upon moving back to his hometown, Fredonia, Kansas in 1962, my dad (Joe Relph) became a Rotarian; I was born in 1967, and shortly after, dad began taking me to his Friday meetings

while my mom had lunch with her "lady friends."

Over the years, I was involved in many Rotary activities, including riding on the club's float in our annual Homecoming parade each fall, and helping out at other functions. My childhood memories include watching my mom get dressed up for the quarterly "Rotary Ann's" dinners, which fell on the months with five Fridays and Rotarians took their wives out for a night on the town.

After graduating from the University of Kansas, I returned close to home and worked for the Independence Daily Reporter, where I once again became involved with Rotary by covering many programs held at the Independence Rotary club's meetings. It seemed fitting, upon returning to Fredonia after I got married, that I, too, would finally join Rotary. It was a very exciting day when my dad got to put my pin on and shake my hand as a fellow Rotarian, and, later, when he pinned my Paul Harris Fellow pin to my lapel.

Those were definitely my "Rotary Moments." I also had the pleasure of welcoming my own daughter Sandy into the club a few years ago, making **three generations of Relphs** in the Fredonia Rotary Club.

Dad's gone now, but our club carries on in his memory each Homecoming when we prepare and host a free bean feed for the whole community, something he was a part of for more than 30 years. Each time we gather to cut up ham, sort and soak the beans and spend the hot, late summer afternoons cooking the beans over a wood fire...those are all Rotary Moments, too.

**Meredith Odell, Fredonia Rotary Club**

**WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?** What's your Rotary Moment? Send it to the Newsletter Editor, [Wally Bloss EMAIL](mailto:Wally Bloss EMAIL) and share your experience!

## Shoes for Orphan Souls

### District 6110 is back in the Shoes for Orphan Souls project!

**History:** Larry Lunsford began the project:

- Rotarian since 1991 and currently Trustee of The Rotary Foundation, Past RI Director, and member of KC Plaza Club.
- Check/click this [video!](#)
- DG of Missouri's District 6040 in 2001-02 and started Shoe Drive with [Buckner International](#).
- In 2005, Missouri Districts 6060 and 6080 joined Shoe Drive and 70,766 pairs were collected statewide in Missouri.
- Shoes are distributed worldwide thru partner [Buckner International](#). This year's shoes will go to Kenya, Peru, and the Dominican Republic.



#### District 6110:

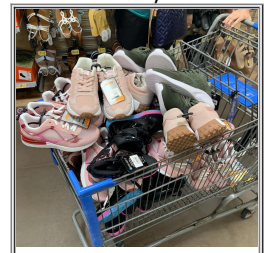
We USED TO participate in Shoes for Orphan Souls several years ago, and now... in 2023-24, the Missouri statewide competition has been renewed – now FOUR MISSOURI DISTRICTS with 6110! (with OK/KS/AR Rotary clubs invited also!)

District 6110 Shoe Goal = 2170 pairs – new and close-toed for toddlers to 18-year-olds. All sizes ok, biggest need Boys size 7-12, breaks down to each MO Rotarian bringing 1 pair per month Nov-March for a total of 5 pairs: 434 Missouri Rotarians\*1 pair per month\*5 months=2170

- Focus 2023-2024: the 10 Missouri Clubs, with Wally Bloss (Joplin), Marsha Jones (Mt Vernon), and Warren Lovinger (Nevada) (email links below) coordinating. Other 6110 clubs are welcome to join in the fun project – contact us!!! Next year, expand to the whole district?

#### Strategies:

- Contact local shoe/discount/department store managers about final clearances, and get them!
- Involve friends and family to look for shoes.
- Involve other local service organizations to join shoe drive: Elks, Kiwanis, Soroptimists, Lions, etc.
- Post shoe drive info on social media
- Press releases about shoe drive to newspapers, radio, TV, other media (see attachment to the Newsletter)



#### Details:

- Track progress at club level and let coordinators know: (Click to email) [Wally Bloss, Joplin](#), [Marsha Jones, Mt Vernon](#), [Warren Lovinger, Nevada](#).
- Monthly updates in the District Newsletter.
- Deliver to: Wally, Marsha or Warren...or they can pick up.
- Final delivery of shoes to the Missouri 3 District Funvention (the "other" 3 Missouri Districts Conference) at Margaritaville (Tan Tar A resort's new name at Lake of the Ozarks) in April 2024 (NOTE this is not our 6110 District Conference).
- Wally, Marsha, Warren and District Governor Pam will represent 6110 with the Roll Call of each Club's collection figures at Missouri Funvention.

#### Let's Make 6110 Proud!

**WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?** This is a great project to involve your community in addition to club members.



## Laura Garrett will be District Governor in 2026-2027

**Laura Garrett is our District Governor Nominee Designate!**  
**(That's a mouthful... that means she will be our District Governor 2026-2027 Rotary Year)**

Dr. Laura Garrett, who lives in Tulsa, serves as an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Tulsa Community College, an adjunct faculty member at the University of Central Oklahoma and as a Community Educator for the Oklahoma Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Dr. Laura has a Doctorate of Education in Family Studies and Child Development from Oklahoma State University with a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology. She holds a Master of Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma and a Bachelor's in Consumer Affairs with a Secondary Major in Gerontology from Kansas State University. She is also a certified Dementia Practitioner.

Laura is a third generation Rotarian and has been a member of Rotary since 1999. She has been a member of small clubs like El Reno, OK, where she served as President, and has served as a board member at the Rotary Club of Downtown Oklahoma City, one of the largest Rotary Clubs in the world. She was named the Outstanding New OKC Rotary Member in 2017. She is a member of the Tulsa Will Rogers Rotary Club. In addition to her AG duties, Laura also serves as the District 6110 Youth Protection Officer. She is a Paul Harris Fellow +2 and also is a member of the Zone 31 Membership Committee. She completed the Rotary District 6110 Leadership Academy in 2022. She is a member of the District 6110 Visioning Team. She presented at the 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston on the topic of "Generational: Rotary Relationships." Laura is the Team Captain for the Rotarians of District 6110 Team for the Tulsa Alzheimer's Walk.

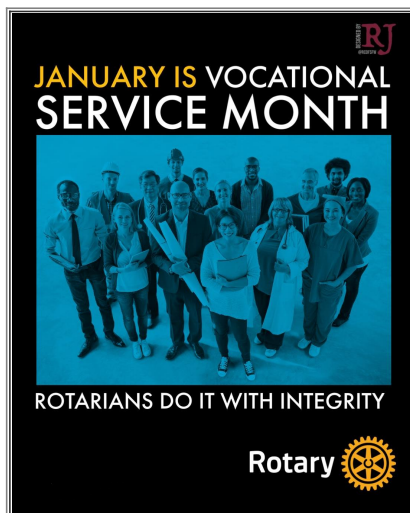


She has two children: her daughter Sarah is a graduate student at Washington State and her son Rob is studying abroad in Florence as a University of Southern California student.

**WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?** Rotary is great at preparing its leaders. The "G-Line" consists of Rotarians set to take the reins of the district in the near future and the current Governor. They include:

- District Governor Pam Crawford: 2023-2024 (Bartlesville Daybreak)
- District Governor Elect Warren Lovinger: 2024-2025 (Nevada)
- District Governor Nominee John Rains: 2025-2026 (Tulsa)
- District Governor Nominee-Designate: 2026-2027 (Tulsa Will Rogers)

## January: Vocational Service focus



Rotary has five avenues of service. (Can you list them all?) **Vocational Service** is at the heart of Rotary, which was founded with a classification system of membership. Vocational Service calls on Rotarians to encourage and foster:

- High ethical standards in business and professions
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations
- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society

As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action? Consider these suggestions:

- Talk about your profession in your club, and take time to learn about fellow members' occupations. ("Vocational talks", especially by new members, make a great program)
- Use your skills and expertise to serve a community.

• Practice your profession with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through your words and actions.

• Help young people achieve their career goals.

• Guide and encourage others in their professional development.

By undertaking these activities, you bring vocational service to life. Vocational service is the essence of Rotary and serves as the foundation from which we serve our communities around the world.



Joplin Rotary Club members presented a panel discussion on the status of investment counseling, involving their profession and demonstrating the Rotarian code of conduct.

### ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

The Rotarian Code of Conduct provides a framework for ethical behavior that all Rotarians can use, together with The Four-Way Test, in their business and professional activities. As part of Rotary's guiding principles and the Avenues of Service, Vocational Service calls on Rotarians to empower others by using their unique skills and expertise to address community needs and help others discover new professional opportunities and interests.

By including men and women from diverse professions and backgrounds, Rotary recognizes the importance of all skills and occupations. A vibrant Rotary club reflects the businesses, organizations, and professions in its community, embracing diversity in experiences and perspectives. Your professional life and vocational service go together. Rotarians have a dual responsibility: to represent their occupations within their club and to exemplify the ideals of Rotary in their places of work.

As leaders in their businesses and professions, Rotarians can advance high ethical standards by setting a positive example among colleagues and in their community. Here are a few specific ways Rotarians integrate ethics into their daily work life:

- Discuss and emphasize honesty, accountability, fairness, integrity, and respect when hiring, training, and supervising employees.
- Praise and encourage the exemplary behavior of colleagues.
- Demonstrate personal commitment to high ethical standards in relations with customers, vendors, and business associates, treating each business interaction with care and consideration.
- Promote socially and environmentally responsible practices in your businesses and organizations.

### ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians

## Multi-Year Planning Action Plan Launched - you can help!

By Beth E. Keck

### District 6110 Multi-Year Planning Action Plan Launched and Underway

Under the leadership of District Governor Pam and Past District Governor Cathy Webster, Rotarians from across our district met in Bartlesville in October, 2022, for a Multi-Year Planning Kick Off Meeting. The session was facilitated by our then Rotary International Zone Director Elizabeth Usovicz.



As a first step, we explored our [Rotary International Action Plan](#) and how these priorities were relevant to our district and clubs. Our global Rotary Action Plan priorities are:

- **Increase Our Impact**
- **Expand Our Outreach**
- **Enhance Participant Engagement**
- **Increase Our Ability to Adapt**

During this brainstorming session we identified many things we do well at – RYLA, Polio and Foundation giving, Club leadership training, dedicated district leaders, among others. At the same time, we examined concerns such as our membership stagnation, district leadership biased toward older and/retiree governors, district conference costs and content, the disconnect with Rotaract (which is now a fully part of Rotary) and outdated provisions in our Manual of Procedure which governs our district.



We also came up with many great ideas to increase district conference accessibility and appeal, elevate younger members into leadership earlier, better integrate our Rotaract and Interact members, and expand and increase the diversity of our club membership.

Through a prioritization exercise, we set up 5 work groups to tackle the following:

- Membership Diversity: Actively Seek out People with Different Lived Experiences
- District Governor Engagement: Review How District Governors Connect with Clubs and Pilot New Models Such as Regional Meetings
- District Conference: Rethink Our District Conference and Include Family-Friendly Activities
- Rotaract / Interact: Training and Education for Rotaract and Interact and Elevate Their Leadership
- District Governance: Update Rotary District 6110 Manual of Procedure

An Action now well underway is the revision of our District 6110 Manual of Procedure led by Past District Governor Danny Mitchell and Broken Arrow Rotarian Roy Wood. They have put several months of work into developing a draft Manual of Procedure updating our governance aligned with Rotary International policy and processes. They will be sharing their work with our membership in the new year.

If there is an area where you would like to be involved, please reach out to our Work Group leaders:

- Membership Diversity: Lisa and Galen Engle (Broken Arrow) ([tigertowntees@yahoo.com](mailto:tigertowntees@yahoo.com))
- District Governor Engagement: Warren Lovinger (Nevada) ([wclovingerd6110@gmail.com](mailto:wclovingerd6110@gmail.com)) and John Rains (Tulsa) ([johnrains.rotary6110@gmail.com](mailto:johnrains.rotary6110@gmail.com))
- District Conference: Pam Crawford (Bartlesville Daybreak) ([pamd6110.2324@gmail.com](mailto:pamd6110.2324@gmail.com)) and Jayne Lowe (Bentonville) ([jaynerotary@gmail.com](mailto:jaynerotary@gmail.com))
- Rotaract / Interact: Brett Brough (Tulsa Southside) ([brett@brettbrough.com](mailto:brett@brettbrough.com)) and Laura Tapp (Tulsa Southside) ([lauraktapp@gmail.com](mailto:lauraktapp@gmail.com))
- District Governance: Danny Mitchell (Tulsa SE) ([dmitchell@mitarch.com](mailto:dmitchell@mitarch.com)) and Roy Wood (Broken Arrow) ([roy.wood@palaverdi-consulting.com](mailto:roy.wood@palaverdi-consulting.com))
- Multi-Year Plan Champions: Beth Keck (Bentonville Satellite) ([bethkeck719@gmail.com](mailto:bethkeck719@gmail.com)) and Holly Holliman (Rogers) ([hjholiman@gmail.com](mailto:hjholiman@gmail.com))

### Club Hub - January 2024

**"The Club Hub"**

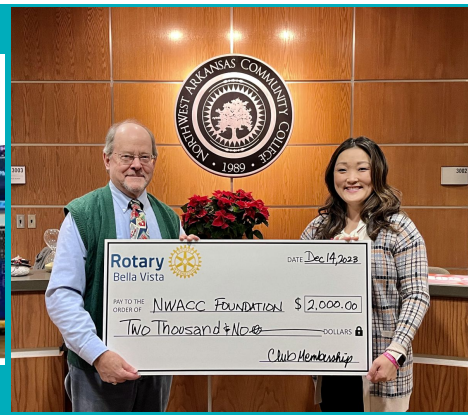
District 6110 Rotarians are *People of Action!*



VJ Lively and Governor Crawford presented MSNI Ambassador pins to Ellie and Barney Tonquest for their contributions to MSNI.



**Medical Supply Network Inc (MSNI)** has an Ambassador Program where a Rotary club or an individual can donate \$1000 to support MSNI's efforts. Thanks to Barney and Ellie Tonquest!



Robert Ritschel, **Rotary Club of Bella Vista** presents Liz Anderson of NW Arkansas Community College with \$2,000 to fund two scholarships at NWACC;  
 - Single parent,  
 - Associate of Applied Arts student



Some 300 dictionaries were distributed to all the third-graders in Vernon County by **The Nevada Rotary Club**. The club has undertaken the project for approximately 20 years, providing almost 6,000 students with their open personal literacy tool!



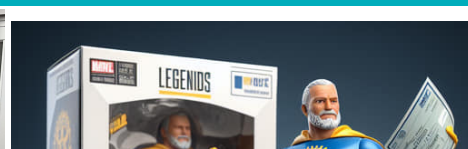
**The Rotary Club of Parsons** assembled special holiday gifts for kids in the Terrific Tuesday program. The club donated \$500 and volunteered as table parents for the dinners. Rotarians Ron Holsteen, Glenn Fischer, Keith Butler, Hal Redford, Jennifer Dawson and Roger Buck helped.



At the **Rotary Club of Bella Vista** recent Holiday Dinner, Foundation Chair Michele Gann (center), recognized Sean and Kristin Crider as Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation. A Level One donor has contributed \$10,000 in supporting the work of our Foundation.



The **Sapulpa Rotary Club** pressed its member (and District Governor Nominee) John Rains into service to install the new logo sign. The club removed an old logo sign and received \$100 from the District to make the upgrade. A few more clubs need to do this also!







**The Van Buren Rotary** members **Uh....** helped the Salvation Army ring the bells. Here, Cathy Gifford and Michelle Robinson gave it their all! (P.S. - where can I buy one?)



**Wagoner Rotary Club's** Christmas Tree & Wreath Decorating Show and auction was a big success. Creative donors paid \$30-50 to enter cleverly adorned tabletop trees and wreaths with bidding deciding which were the most popular. Proceeds (\$2550!) go toward scholarships, dictionaries and other local projects.

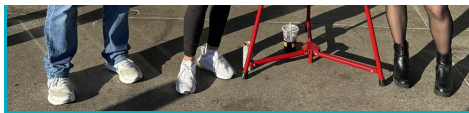
**North Tulsa Rotary Club** member Keith Jemison (right) was presented with the City of Tulsa and Human Rights Commission's Humanitarian of the Year (HotY) Award by Mayor GT Bynum (left). Jemison is the longtime manager of the Rudisill Regional Library and founder of the African American Resource Center.



**The Rotary Clubs of Joplin Sculpture Garden** installed nine more works of art in 2023; 8 bronze and 1 stainless steel. Some 28 works are now on permanent display at the city's Mercy Park. [Click to see more.](#)

**Fort Smith Rotary Club** member Calvin Cundiff and his son Teddy rang the bells this holiday season. They were at Walmart South-Zero Street and helped demonstrate Service above Self!





The **Rotary Club of Harrison** also "rang the bells" at a Walmart. Ringers pictured are Milan Duris, Kim Loomis, and Italian exchange student Alice Azzara.



The **Iola Rotary Club** recently completed the delivery of dictionaries to 3rd graders AND atlases to 5th grade students.

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)

## MAPETS - Learn how to prepare for a successful year as Club President!

- **Connecting with a cohort in the discussion and idea sharing sessions, I plan to stay in touch with ongoing.** â€" Sharon Moreland, Rotary Club of Iola
- **Great interactions in the breakout sessions with small groups. The chance to hear from and share with similar size clubs was invaluable. Made some really good connections.** â€" Jeff Hairston, Rotary Club of Rogers
- **Reinvigorated.** â€" Charles Mowrey, Rotary Club of Eureka Springs



Rotary  
Mid-America PETS

# Save the Date

## MID-AMERICA PETS

PRESIDENTS-ELECT





 **March 21-23, 2024**

 WYNDHAM HOTEL & FORT SMITH CONVENTION CENTER  
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

 [MIDAMERICAPETS.ORG](http://MIDAMERICAPETS.ORG)

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) provides the incoming club President with the tools needed to be successful. It is **REQUIRED** for the PE and suggested for the President-Nominee!

AND: Did you know you can be a sponsor at PETS? Get your company/name/event in front of the incoming club leaders! Contact [MJRobinson2014@Outlook.com](mailto:MJRobinson2014@Outlook.com) for more info.

## ShelterBox



ShelterBox USA is planning a 1.6-million-dollar project to expand training of local response teams and build capacity for greater impact in responding to future disasters in The Philippines.

Building on the creation and initial success of ShelterBox Operations Philippines, this planned project will help prepare local communities for disaster by providing more people with disaster response training and increasing the amount of available pre-stocked aid for future disaster relief.

We hope you will attend this 30-minute webinar to learn how your Rotary Club and District can support this project. We have two options to accommodate your schedule. Register for the meeting of your choice below.

Tuesday, Jan 23, 2024 - 11:00 AM Central Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9121212121> meeting/register/ tZlVdeiqpz8vHNYvSGGeXyIKBkPXXE L78hOy

Tuesday, Jan 23, 2024 - 6:00 PM Central Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9121212121> meeting/register/ tZlscumvrjkrEt2Gury2g5Ouv1ZF9i toH3nO

We hope to see you there,

Bill Tobin

Rotary Relations Manager

ShelterBox USA



## My Rotary Moment: Ananda Jayawardhana

By Ananda Jayawardhana

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My Rotary moment came not long after I joined the Rotary in 2004. An Indian Ocean tsunami hit many countries in the region, and I saw the destruction in my home country of Sri Lanka. Those who looked like me were suffering after the event if they were not dead. Many experts predicted that thousands of others would die during the aftermath due to diseases. I have never felt helpless in my life to the extent I felt just after the Tsunami.

I became a real Rotarian and started collecting funds to help Sri Lanka. Our club sent over \$7,000 to rebuild a school in one of the worst affected areas. Not many died after the tsunami due to diseases caused by the tsunami and a year later it was hard to see the destruction due to the human spirit of helping others. I met many Rotarians who are not members of any Rotary clubs while collecting funds in our community!

**Ananda Jayawardhana, Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary Club**

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## The Rotary International Convention: Creating unforgettable moments and enduring friendships

By John Rains



The Rotary International Convention: Creating unforgettable moments and enduring friendships.

I have had the privilege of attending several RI Conventions around the world, from San Antonio to Atlanta in the US, to Toronto Canada and Seoul, South Korea abroad. Each one was special, unique, inspiring, and, for me, eye-opening to the enormity of Rotary.

My experiences at International Conventions have taken my Rotary journey to a higher level through the understanding that I am a part of the greatest collection of like-minded people "dedicated to creating and sharing hope through acts of service locally and around the world."

Join your fellow District 6110 Rotarians and those from around the globe at this year's Rotary International Convention and create your own Rotary experiences!

Download the convention promotional video [here](#).

Register today at <https://convention.rotary.org/>

John Rains  
Member of the Rotary Club of Tulsa  
District Governor Nominee

## Welcome New Rotarians January 2024

Have you welcomed a prospect to your Rotary club?

Begin 2024 by soliciting new members! Some clubs really work at it - they may ask a prospect to help deliver dictionaries, or pick up trash, or help with whichever action project your club does. Get their hands dirty and they'll be interested!



The **Carthage Rotary Club's** past president, Wayne Wilson (left) welcomed new member Coach Brett Collier (right)



The **Muskogee Rotary Club's** newest member is Samantha Cook, (left) from Volunteers of America

## Rotary District 6110 New Membership Listing

New Members From: **Dec-14-2023 To: Jan-11-2024**

Member Name	Start Date	Club	Sponsor
Abel, Adam J	12/18/2023	Jenks	
Adams, Charles Franklin (CHARLES)	12/29/2023	e-Club of Engagement	
Bayne, Nikki	01/03/2024	Grove	
Burrell, David V	12/27/2023	e-Club of Engagement	Charles Adams Clay Langley
Butler, Michael G	12/21/2023	Sand Springs	Nathan Woodmansee
Carson, Brad	12/30/2023	Tulsa	
Carter, Meloni Kae (MELONI)	12/14/2023	Bentonville	
Clouse, Grace Kelley (GRACE)	01/09/2024	Bentonville	
Collier, Brett	12/15/2023	Carthage	William C. Putnam Jr.
Cook, Samantha	12/14/2023	Muskogee	
Davis, Amanda	01/09/2024	Grove	Connie King
Deathe, Harry Lee Jr. (HARRY)	01/05/2024	Bartlesville Daybreak	Jane Ellen Keleher Dan Keleher Jr.
Deathe, Mary Robin (MARY)	01/05/2024	Bartlesville Daybreak	Dan Keleher Jr. Jane Ellen Keleher
Deatherage, Dennis A.	12/18/2023	Ozark	
Eubanks, Mary	01/09/2024	Sand Springs	Beau Wilson
Evans, Michael Drew (DREW)	12/15/2023	Carthage	Jeremy Jadwin
Hamrick, Stephen Charles (STEPHEN)	01/08/2024	Bentonville	
Harter, Lorie K.	12/28/2023	Nevada	Donna Thomas
Hurley, Nancy A.	12/15/2023	Wagoner	
Larimer, Tom	01/09/2024	Bentonville	
Lukotch, Deborah	01/04/2024	Bella Vista	
Martinez, Amador	12/15/2023	Poteau	
McGuire, Brian K.	12/15/2023	Claremore Reveille	
Merciez, Julian Day (JULIAN)	12/15/2023	Bartlesville Daybreak	Alex Johnson John W Ford
Mishmash, Dylan (DYLAN)	12/25/2023	e-Club of Engagement	Clay Langley
Munoz, Maury J	12/14/2023	Bentonville	
Rhoades, Bruce A.	01/04/2024	Mountain Home	Jackson Rhoades
Rogers, James	12/15/2023	Downtown Rogers	Karen Wagaman
Rovenstine, Benjamin Michal (BEN)	01/05/2024	Bartlesville Daybreak	Eliot D Smith Joe Beffer
Runyon, Sarah	01/03/2024	Pittsburg	Kimberly M. Froman
Schulz, Albert L.	12/27/2023	Wagoner	
Stanley, Timothy	12/15/2023	Northside Fayetteville	David J. Savage Sr. Travis L. Fink

Stephens, Frank P.	12/27/2023	Wagoner	
Stevens, Mike	01/03/2024	Springdale	Clinton Bell
Stiles, Caleb	01/04/2024	Carthage	
Vance, Sevilla	12/15/2023	McAlester	
Westhoven, Brent	01/04/2024	Carthage	William C. Putnam Jr.

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