

#### **Editor's Note**

By Wally Bloss on Monday, June 13, 2022

This is the final District 6110 Newsletter of Governor Kevin Merrill's 2021-2022 Rotary Program year. It has been a great year, with clubs "back in action" providing service in their communities and beyond.

Watch for a SPECIAL NEWSLETTER EDITION on July 1 focusing on the District 6110 leadership team selected by incoming Governor Cathy Webster for the new Rotary year. It will include biographical information and photos of the incoming and continuing Rotarians who have accepted the call for District Service.



### Welcome New Rotarians June, 2022

Have you welcomed a prospect to Rotary? New members bring new ideas and additional support

to Rotary. 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!

Virtually ALL of these new members listed below were asked to come to a meeting or project and subsequently joined their club.

Rotary International President Shekhar says, "Each One, Bring One".

Imagine if EVERY Rotarian in your club brought JUST ONE prospect to a meeting or project - it would add many new members.



Rogers Downtown Rotary Club new members Mike Maloney (L) and Gina Bokker with Club Sergeant At Arms Larry Edwards

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

## **Rotary District 6110 New Membership Listing**

New Members From: May 17-2022 To: June 12-2022

Member Name	Mem Type	Start Date	Club	Sponsor
Bonner, Matthew R. (MATT)	Active	05/18/22	Pittsburg Sunrise	John Mazurek
Stevenson, Spencer	Active	05/19/22	Muskogee	

Bethel, Bryce G	Active	05/20/22	Claremore	
Nichols, Scott Alan (SCOTT)	Active	05/20/22	Sand Springs	Raymond L Tucker
Nichols, Teresa Lucille	Active	05/20/22	Sand Springs	Raymond L Tucker
Semingson, Judd	Active	05/23/22	Springdale	Dean LaGrone Zelda Parsons
Mohler, Samantha	Active	05/24/22	Fayetteville Northside	Michael P Mohler
Marsh, Beath	Active	05/25/22	Grove	Adrian Arnold
DeSilva, Rocky	Active	05/25/22	Grove	Jill McAbee
McCorkle, Frank	Active	05/25/22	Grove	John R Elmburg
Eldridge, James	Active	05/25/22	Tulsa Sunrise	David McCollum
Taylor, Larry	Active	05/26/22	Chanute	Jeff A Ports Taylor Hogue
Chance, Travis	Active	05/26/22	Chanute	Jeff A Ports Taylor Hogue
Jones, David	Active	05/31/22	Rogers	Kumpe Chad
Sherrell, Randy	Active	06/01/22	Grove	Syrina S Nelson
Pesich, Karyn L	Active	06/01/22	Grove	Debra Bottoroff
Montgomery, Sue	Active	06/01/22	Grove	Marjorie Murphy
Mitchell, Daren	Active	06/01/22	Mt. Vernon	Tim Hardyman
Sloniker, Jay A	Active	06/02/22	Nevada	Donna C. Thomas
Kilfoy, Greg	Active	06/02/22	Bella Vista	
Hemm, Warren	Active	06/06/22	Mid-Marion County	
Morrow, Warren	Active	06/06/22	Bartlesville	Tracy Roles
Weinrich, Hannah	Active	06/08/22	Grove	Jamie Lynn Johnson
Inman, Karen	Honorary	06/10/22	Owasso	
Schneider, Callie	Active	06/10/22	Owasso	

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

#### District Governor Column June, 2022

By Kevin Merrill

And just like that, another Rotary year is in the books. WOW did that go by fast! It has truly been an honor to serve you this year as District Governor. Lisa and I want to thank you for allowing us into your clubs, projects, fundraisers, and socials.

One of the highlights this year was spending additional time with new friends because of our lifestyle. Many clubs have used this year's theme "Serve to Change Lives" to share Rotary's main purpose. District 6110 is full of amazing people willing to make a positive impact in their own community and communities around the world through TRF.

Keep up the great work and if I can be of any assistance to you or your club in the future, just let me know.



Be on the lookout for year-end information on Foundation giving, Membership #'s, etc. in the "It's Monday" pmail.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? DG Kevin and Lisa have been all over the district seeing the great work all our clubs do in their communities and internationally. He wants us all to "end strong!"

#### Welcome to the New Class of Graduates

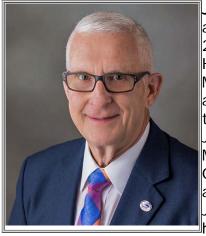
We're proud to announce the 2022 Graduates of the District Leadership Academy. As noted in last month's newsletter, this group of Rotarians from across the district began their studies last fall in the District 6110 Leadership Academy, or DLA for those who are fond of abbreviations.

The seven-month advanced education program helps prepare those Rotarians who are interested in learning more about Rotary, looking to participate in future leadership positions and to find more effective ways to conduct Rotary work -- within clubs or in district Rotary service. Some of the graduates are already doing district-level service, others are now primed to help their clubs and beyond. All the graduates will be awarded their certificates at the District Conference in September.



**Dr. Laura Garrett** will continue to serve District 6110 as an Assistant Governor in Oklahoma. She is Assistant Professor of Psychology at Tulsa Community College and Community Educator for the Alzheimer's Association. Dr. Laura has a Doctorate of Education from Oklahoma State University with a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, a Master of Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma, and a Bachelor's in Consumer Affairs from Kansas State University. Laura joined Rotary in 1999. She has been a member of small clubs like El Reno, where she served as President, and also served as a board member at the Rotary Club of Downtown OKC, one of the largest Rotary Clubs in the world. She was named the Outstanding New OKC Rotary Member in 2017. She is currently a member of the Rotary

Club of Tulsa Sunrise where she serves as the Youth Services Chair. Laura was also recently appointed as the District 6110 Youth Protection Officer, and spoke at the Houston RI Convention. She is a Paul Harris Fellow +2 and serves as a member of the District Membership Committee. She has two children; Sarah is a graduate student at Washington State and Rob is an undergrad at University of Southern California. Congratulations!



Joe Grisolano continues as Assistant Governor Coordinator for Kansas and Missouri. He has been the Crawford County, KS, Treasurer since 2005. He holds a Certified Kansas County Finance Executive from Fort Hays State University, and a Certified Public Administration Finance Master from the University of Missouri St. Louis. In 2012, Joe was awarded the Betty J. McBride Outstanding Kansas County Treasurer of the year award.

Joe joined the Pittsburg Rotary Club in 2006, and served as Membership Chair, Club Administration Chair, President and Assistant Governor. In 2018, he was named Pittsburg Rotarian of the year. He is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Paul Harris Society. Joe has been married 45 years to Debbie, a retired teacher, and they have two sons, a daughter in law, and three grandchildren. He enjoys

singing in the choir of his small Methodist church. Congratulations!

**Barney James** has been a member of the Rotary Club of Tulsa for 23 years, and Leadership Masters Toastmasters for 15 years. Upon graduation from Oklahoma State University with an accounting degree, he served as a Leadership Consultant with Delta Upsilon International Fraternity, traveling to college campuses across the United States and



Canada. He returned to Tulsa in 1980 to start a twelve-year sales career before opening his own company, Tulsa Temporary and Personnel Services. In addition to Rotary and Toastmasters, Barney previously served as President of the Oklahoma Jaycees, the Booker T Washington High School Soccer and Golf Booster Clubs, and the board of Leadership Tulsa after graduating from class 19. Barney was born in Joplin, Missouri, but is proud of the fact that he has had all of his birthdays as a Tulsan. Congratulations to Barney James on his graduation from the District Leadership Academy!



Ananda Jayawardhana continues District service as Assistant Governor in Kansas and Missouri. A native of Sri Lanka, he is a Professor of Mathematics at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS. He has been married for 30 years to Yaso, a surgical nurse practitioner.

He joined the Pittsburg Rotary Morning club in 2004. When the Boxing Day Tsunami hit the Indian Ocean countries, killing 230,000 people, Ananda raised \$7,000 for relief and his club sent that money to a Sri Lankan Rotary Club to help rebuild a school. Ananda served as the Pittsburg Morning club President in 2014-2015. Since 2013, he has chaired the Polio Eradication effort, is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and an honorary member of the

virtual Rotary Club of Network for Empowering Women.

Ananda received a PhD in Mathematics from University of Missouri, Rolla in 1998 and has been a professor at Pittsburg State University since then, attaining the grade of University Professor in 2018. Diversity issues are very close to his heart, and he has been involved in state level diversity activities of the Kansas Board of Regents since 2007. Congratulations on being a DLA Grad!



**Sonia Larimore** continues her position as an Assistant Governor in Kansas. Sonia doesn't consider her role as director of Assisted Living at Windsor Place a job. For her, it's more like a chance to spend quality time with good friends. She honed her people skills early while working at her family's restaurant, then opened her own drive-in burger joint and operated a catering truck which she sold in 1989.

Just weeks after earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resources Management in 1998 from Oklahoma Wesleyan University, she started her career at Windsor Place. A 2006 Leadership Coffeyville graduate, she served on the program's board of trustees. She currently serves as Immediate Past President for the Kansas Center for Assisted Living and has served as state leader for the National Center for Assisted Living.

Sonia was President of the Rotary Club of Coffeyville in 2017-18, and has been an Interact Club sponsor. She is a Paul Harris Fellow +3, Paul Harris Society Member. She enjoys training service and therapy dogs. Her standard poodle, Boomer, is a certified therapy dog. Sonia and

Rodney, her husband of 28 years, have two sons and two granddaughters. Thanks, Sonia, for



Karen MacCannell is the Chief Operating Officer at The McIntosh Group, a Tulsa-based national architecture firm. She is the former President of Leadership Tulsa, The Margaret Hudson Board, the Oklahoma Jaycees and the Oklahoma JCI Senate. She is active with the American Institute of Architects Eastern Oklahoma, chairs the annual golf tournament, and serves as board liaison to Leadership Tulsa's youth program - Tulsa Changemakers.

Karen joined the Rotary Club of Tulsa in 2017, and currently serves as Director at Large; she previously served as Youth Service Director and Community Service Director. She was honored to receive Rotarian of the Year for her club in 2020-2021. She notes that she cannot believe all that she has learned in this course, and highly recommends it to anyone who wants to learn more about Rotary. Congratulations to

Karen and we look forward to your additional service!



**Vicky Mieseler** has been a licensed psychologist and health service provider in Missouri since 1993. She serves as Chief Administrative Officer and has been employed at Ozark Center, a part of Freeman Health System, for 38 years.

Vicky is a graduate of Missouri Southern State University and Pittsburg State University. She is married to Steve and has two daughters, Lauren and Emilie, and four grandsons, Hunter, Baylor, Karter and Tucker. Vicky joined the Rotary Club of Joplin in October 2018, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and chairs the Club Administration Committee and the Wine Tasting Fundraiser.

She becomes President of the Joplin Rotary Club on July 1. Well done Vicky!



J. Bryan Osborne, is an Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Oral Roberts University with more than two decades of IT industry experience, as well as a background in business, management, and marketing. He holds a Doctor of Computer Science degree from Colorado Technical University, a BS in Computer Science from Arkansas State University, and an MS in Atmospheric Science from Texas Tech University.

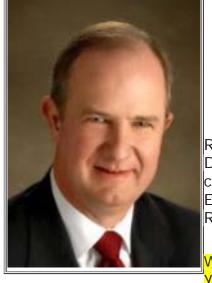
As a strong believer in life-long learning, Osborne has made a habit of turning every role he has filled into an opportunity to learn and to teach, "In the brief time we have on the planet, we should continually strive to better ourselves, and use what we learn to better the lives of others," he said.

Osborne was a member of the Rotary Club of Southside Tulsa from 2009-2015, serving as President in 2014-15. He returned to Rotary in 2021 after completing his doctoral degree and will become President of

the Rotary Club of Southeast Tulsa on July 1.

**Robert Reaves** is the Chief Lending Officer for Community Bank & Trust in Joplin. He graduated from Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, AR. He and his spouse, Angela, have one daughter, Elizabeth.

Robert has been a member of the Joplin club for 14 years, following time with Rotary clubs in Magnolia and Blytheville, Arkansas; Cullman, Alabama; and Paducah, Kentucky throughout his career.



Robert serves as chairman of the club's Community Fund Board of Directors. He is a major donor and member of the Paul Harris Society, currently the Secretary/Treasurer of the club, and will be President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Joplin starting in July. Congratulations to Robert!

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Applications are due by September 5 for next year's District Leadership Academy. Consider deepening your leadership

skills and knowledge of Rotary - more info on the DLA WEBSITE - HERE.

Rotarians in Service - June, 2022

#### 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!

## Joplin Rotary Club Forms a S'Mac Down team



The Joplin Rotary Club recently entered a team in the Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Missouri's

**S'Mac Down** event, operated by fellow Rotary club member Rhonda Gorham. While the intrepid Mac and Cheese slingers did not win, they represented the Joplin Rotary club and had a great time.

Current Joplin Rotary Club President (left) Stephanie Brady is pictured with new club member Nathan Hicks, and veteran macaroni-slinger Sid Davis.

The club had some consolation in that another club member, President-Elect Vicky Mieseler and her Ozark Center team took home the coveted Golden Noodle Award. Doesn't that just boil your pasta!

# Rotary Club of Lamar Honors Awards

## **Scholarships**



Congratulations to the Lamar Rotary Club scholarship recipients: Maddie Stevens, Julia Stettler, Avery Bennett and Ethan Reed.

## **Rotary Club of Pryor Honors Area Students**

The Rotary Club of Pryor recently honored Pryor High

School students, including the Valedictorians, the Salutatorian, the Top Ten Percent students, and their Rotary Students of the Month for the school year. Parents were invited to the awards luncheon, which was catered by Rotarian and President Nominee Maria Yerton's company, Little Cabin Catering. Each student was presented with a certificate and a gift from the Rotary Club.

Four students were each awarded \$1,000 Rotary Club of Pryor Scholarships:

- Tatem Kegley, who plans to attend Columbia Webster University to major in Civil Rights Law and Political Science.



Pryor Schools Superintendent Dr. Lisa Muller, Valedictorian Arauna Daily, Kiara Auten-Ponder, Governor-Elect Cathy Webster



Superintendent Dr. Lisa Muller, Valedictorian Tatem Kegley, Pryor Club President Gina Watts

- Arauna Daily, who plans to attend Northeastern State University to major in Marketing, and
- Kiara Auten-Ponder will continue her studies at Northeastern Tech Center to focus on Phlebotomy.
- Locust Grove High School graduate Morgan Livingston, who plans to attend Welch College to major in Intercultural Studies and Counseling, received her scholarship award in a separate club ceremony.



### Tulsa Sunrise, Tulsa Southeast, and Jenks Rotary Clubs Provide Food



## Metro HS Seniors Honored by Tulsa Southeast Rotary Club

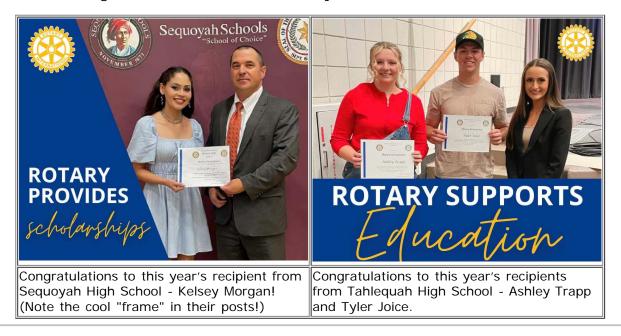
The Rotary Club of Tulsa Southeast honored Metro Christian Academy Seniors of the Month for the Spring Semester: L to R Jordyn Parmley, Claire Mayfield, Luke Griesemer, Allie Dreyer, Tatum Sanders, Matthew Muller, Wesley Burns, Toby Watson with Southeast Rotarian Scott Long. Thanks to Advisor Janie Evans for accompanying them.



# **Tahlequah Rotary Club Awards Scholarships**

Each year, the Tahlequah-Cherokee County Rotary Club provides scholarships to outstanding

students from each high school in Cherokee County.



## Wagoner Rotary Club Feeds Summerfest





The Wagoner Rotary Club is a vital part of the Chamber's annual Summerfest. The Rotary club grills beef burgers each year, and just \$6 gets you a full meal and provides funding for college scholarships and other worthy causes in the community.

They also have a bit of fun, as they noted Sen. James Lankford and his wife visited the booth and talked about how Capitol

Hill could benefit from Rotary's Four-Way Test. Hmmm.

## Rogers Downtown Rotary Club Funding Wheelchairs

The Rogers Downtown Rotary Club is doing very well at acquiring funds for wheelchairs. So far, they have currently raised enough money to purchase 27 wheelchairs through the <a href="Merican">American</a> <a href="Wheelchair Mission">Wheelchair Mission</a>.



# Altus Area Sunset Rotary Club Celebrates Twelve years of Service





Here are the remaining Charter members of the Altus (remember that's in AR, not OK) Area Sunset Rotary on their 12th anniversary. They even broke out the "retro" blue wheel logos from when they were chartered! Congratulations!

## Vinita Rotary Club Honors Students

The Vinita Rotary Club's President, Steven Tamplen presented Rotary Senior Scholarships to students at the annual Vinita High School Senior Awards Assembly.

Recipients include: from left, Makayla Gaylord receiving a 4-year \$1,000 scholarship; Natalie Garland receiving a \$1,000 scholarship; Cain Anderson receiving a \$1,000 scholarship, Aubreigh Lambert receiving a \$500 scholarship; and Chase Sutton receiving a \$500 scholarship. Congratulations to the students and to the Vinita Club for inspiring our future leaders!



festivities.

# **Both Bartlesville Rotary Clubs honor Interactors**



Students and Sponsors from the Bartlesville Daybreak and Bartlesville Rotary Clubs provided a great year-end Interact Banquet at the Timber Oaks Event Venue just west of town. They were joined by Brett Brough, District Interact Director, and his wife, Leisa in the

Cassville Rotary Club provided
Choices

The Cassville Rotary presented the Choices program to the Southwest R-V Schools in nearby Washburn,

Mo. The program by the Rotarians was for the 8th grade students, and discussed the importance of making good C H O I C E S as students enter high school next year. The Cassville Rotary Club believes strongly in supporting and educating students. They want to give them every opportunity to succeed in life!

The club is also preparing for the annual Rodeo, conducted June 10-11 in Cassville. Proceeds from concessions of this event provide a \$1,000 scholarship to a student in nearby Exeter, Mo, in memory of Mason Lowe, a PBR top ranked bull rider who grew up in Exeter.



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# Tulsa Rotary Club's "Above and Beyond" Awards

The Tulsa Rotary Club recently celebrated the 15th Annual Above and Beyond Service Awards. Founded in 2008, the Rotary Club of

Tulsa's Above and

Beyond Awards recognize Tulsa's Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year. The event acknowledges these public servants, nominated by their peers, for outstanding acts of character, commitment and compassion to both their profession and the community.

Every year, the recipients of these distinguished awards amaze us, not only because of their courage and determination, but also how they repeatedly go above and beyond their call of duty to help others.

The recipients were Tulsa Police Sergeant Mike Griffin and Firefighter Jeremy Jackson.



# **Eureka Springs Rotary Club Hosts the John Brodbeck Memorial Golf Scramble**

The Eureka Springs Rotary Club invites all golfers to its John Brodbeck Second Annual Memorial Golf Scramble For Scholarships. It will be held July 16-17 at the Holiday Island Country Club ,1 Country Club Dr., Holiday Island, AR 72631. It is a 2-Person Scramble with cash payouts, Saturday night Calcutta & Dinner. The cost is \$250 per team, and Skins Game will be available. All green fees and meals are included, and add \$20 for Cart Rental.



# Miami Rotary Club's Willie Run - (yes he will!!)

	AM • SKINS GAME WILL BE AVAILABLE EALS ARE INCLUDED • ADD \$20 FOR RENTAL CART
* 8AM & 1pm Tee Times each Day  Tournament will be flighted after Saturday to determine Sunday Tee times  Men 65 & under White Tees Men over 65 Green Tees  Women 65 & under Green Tees Women over 65 Silver Tees	Team Members: 1  2  Contact Phone # (Circle One) Entry Fee: \$250 NO Rental Cart \$270 Rental Cart Needed Tee Time Preferred: Morning or Afternoon (No Guarantee) Team plans to attend Saturday Night Dinner/Calcutta: Yes No
Sponsored  All ( BY MAIL: P.O. Box 271, Euro	1, 2022 will be entered into a drawing for a \$250 Gift Card. by Thurman & Flanagin, Attorney's at Law entry fees must be turned in either eka Springs, AR 72632 or EMAIL: esrotarygolf@gmail.com hecks payable to: Eureka Springs Rotary Club



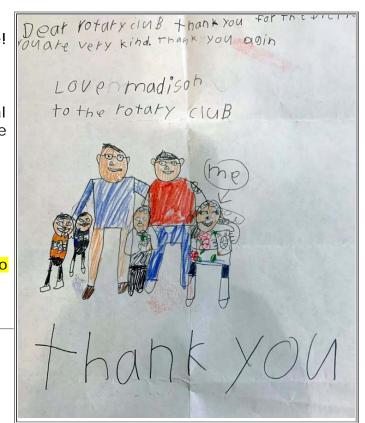
Support the projects of the Miami Rotary club at their 8th Annual Willie Run. There will be a new route this year, starting at Osborn Drug, 11 West Central in Miami. The event will be during the Route 66 Festival on Saturday, **JULY 30**, **2022** at 7:00 AM.

## Home School students thank Mt Vernon Rotary Club

This year, the Mt Vernon Rotary Club found a way to provide dictionaries for 3rd grade homeschoolers. What great idea and a heartfelt response!

ps - many clubs get these handwritten notes of thanks. Be sure to pass them around at club and board meetings. Maybe even send a few to the local newspaper (with permission from the writer). Maybe make a file for them, or a scrapbook to give to the outgoing President. Hmmm....

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



"I wondered why somebody didn't do something. Then I realized, I am somebody."

Unknown



DON'T FOCUS ON GETTING NUMBERS; INSTEAD, START A RELATIONSHIP, TELL YOUR ROTARY STORY AND BY DOING SO YOU INVITE THAT PERSON TO COME ON THE JOURNEY AND BUY INTO THE ROTARY DREAM.

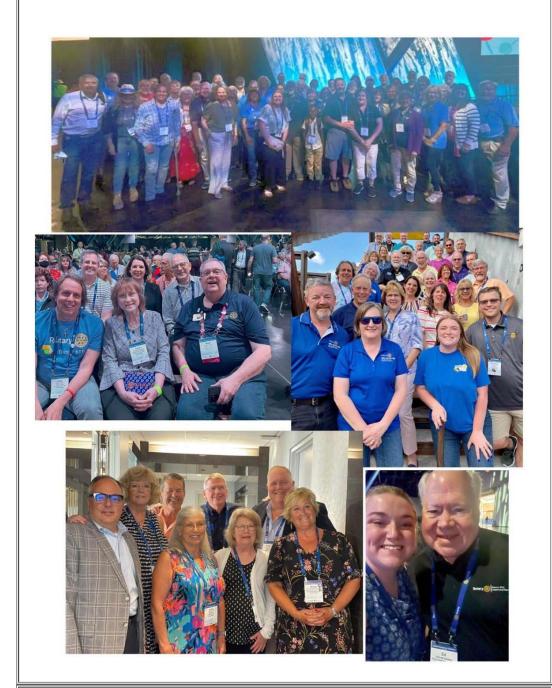
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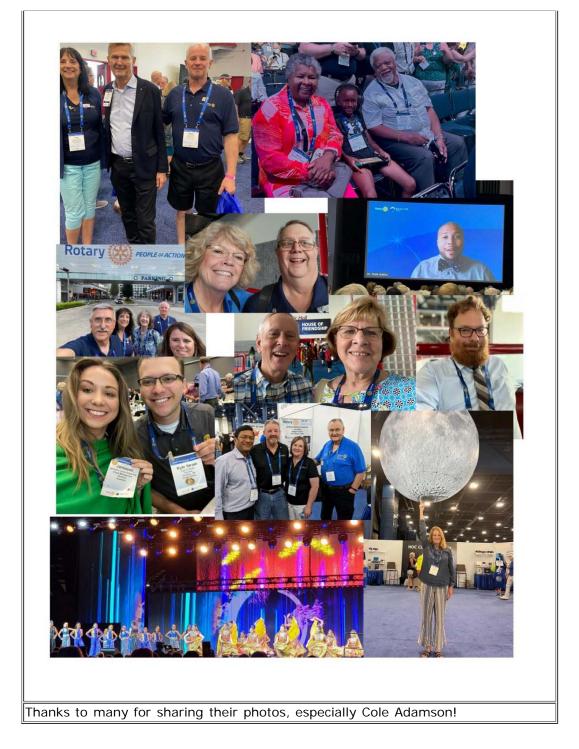
#### **Photos from Houston RI Convention**

District 6110 was well represented at the Rotary International Convention in Houston, TX last week. What a great experience for all!





If members of your club attended the RI Convention, ask them to do a program for your club - with photos!



## Rotary 101 - June 2022 - Happy New Year!

By Wally Bloss



Rotary 101 is a monthly column highlighting the many facets of our wonderful organization.

**Happy New Year!** 

#### New Rotary Program Year, that is!

Yup, it's almost time to close out 2021-22, put away this year's old theme logos, and begin a new year of service all over again! In these last few days of the year, be sure that your club has made its Rotary Foundation contribution. Make sure your secretary or someone else verifies that the roster of members as shown on DACdb is accurate - if someone is leaving the club on July 1, don't find out AFTER you have paid their next year's District and RI Dues.



Here's some thoughts as you approach the new Rotary year:

- Consider a formal **ceremony** to install your new leadership. Some clubs have a large end-of-year banquet, ending with an installation ceremony to begin the new year. Others "pass the gavel" at a regular club meeting, and others just start July 1 with the new President leading. Attached to this newsletter find a few simple ways to make the transfer of leadership a thoughtful, meaningful event.
- Make a **news release** to the local media about the new officers get their names and photos in newspapers, and on TV/Radio.
- Ask your outgoing President to make a **year-end report** on all the activities the club has done it may surprise you how many service opportunities your club has provided!
- **Honor those** who have done their part in the past year you can spend a bunch of \$ or just keep it simple. Most of us do not need another mug or plaque, but the club could consider a simple gift to the outgoing leaders.



#### Starting the new year

- Be intentional have each of the committee chairs tell the club their plans for the new year.
- Set the tone let the club members know what is expected of them.
- Add your goals to Club Central on the Rotary Website. (see attached)
- Be sure new members are involved in committees and/or projects.
- Retire last year's theme logo from the website, from the Social Media accounts
- ADD the new 2022-2023 theme logo where the Rolf one was.
- Be sure you enter the new year with the **correct Rotary Logo** the old "Blue wheel" is now out of date by almost 10 years!



WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT: Rotary has so many parts it is hard to keep track of them all. This is a series of several primers on Rotary.