

Rotary



District 6110 Newsletter

District Governor's Final Message June 2023



Wow! That is what this Rotary year has been like for me. To cap it off with a phenomenal International Convention in Melbourne was perfect. Your District was well represented there, and I want all members to be proud of that. Hopefully you followed some of our exploits on Facebook.

Now I want to elaborate on Wow. Every single Rotary member who stepped up to volunteer further in a leadership role in our District is the other **Wow Factor**. The Assistant Governors have done a great job with their clubs, especially in preparing for my club visits and

organizing the Regional Connections. They are: DGN Warren Lovinger who has brought the Missouri clubs under his wing with great enthusiasm, Heidi Johnson who covered Warren's club in Nevada and spread more Rotary love throughout Kansas, Ananda Jayawardhana who is fun to work with on service projects and will make you laugh, Sonia Larimore and her ever present Rotary smile and fun attitude, Michelle Robinson whose positive attitude and love for Rotary is infectious, Terry Bushay makes everything fun and is a wheelchair ambassador

extraordinaire, Aaron Brewer with incredible dedication to his community and Rotary, Tim Holder who has kindly hosted me at several club functions, Anne Williams who I am eternally grateful to for sharing the Early Act Kids with me, Ben Ames who popped in to share some duties with others to cover all the bases and will be serving next year, Lisa Engel and sidekick Galen who work together to build membership and fun besides making great T-shirts, my awesome and amazing sister Janie Green who is always fun to work with and cares deeply for her clubs, Laura Garrett who also stepped up and took on a challenging role as District Youth Protection officer and has done a superb job, Stan Evetts who serves as my home club AG and it is always a pleasure to spend time with him along with his amazing wife Brenda, and special double Wow and the You Make a Difference credentials go to AGs Dick Schrad, Holly Holiman, and Rolf Wilkin, with Dick and Holly taking on a larger club load and Rolf stepping in to bridge the connections with the two Fayetteville clubs. To complete this list is our amazing Assistant Governor Coordinators: Brett Brough who has many leadership roles in our district, Johnice Glisson that persevered despite her new full-time job, Joe Grisolano who is just a great pleasure to work with all the time, and our DGND John Rains who has already been hard at work to learn and train to become our future district leader.



More **Wow awards** go to the other amazing leaders who have worked on the district committees, projects, and teams, especially in building up some of the new areas. You know

who you are, and I appreciate you. The District Conference Team did a fabulous job under challenging circumstances. Cole and Pat, thank you for keeping everything in great order and for all your work at the district



office. PDG Jayne Lowe for building membership, Wally, I appreciate all of his dedication to getting us up to date with our logos and articles. All these Rotarians are my heroes! I cannot list everyone, or you would be reading this forever, but I must mention one last person, PDG Ed Hardesty, who has been our trainer and Foundation Chair. He has been an exceptional mentor for me this year and I am eternally grateful for that. Be assured our District is thriving, growing, and making a difference.

We have a great year to look forward to with the fall RYLA and the 4-Way Speech Contest starting again. I wish DGE Pam Crawford a most wonderful year as District Governor. Serving our District has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Thank you to all Rotarians who welcomed me to your clubs and shared your ideas and passions. Keep up the good work and let's all create hope in the world!

Cathy Webster
District Governor D6110

District 6110 Box Score	
June, 2023 info for our District 6110	
41	Total Member increase since 7/1/22
3	Satellite Clubs
3	Rotaract Clubs
6	Interact Clubs
8	Clubs with ZERO Foundation giving (still no change!)
14	District Rotarians attended RI Convention in Melbourne
15	Shipment #15 from MSNI to Ukraine is in the works!
23	Clubs with ZERO PolioPlus giving...so far
30.6%	% of female Rotarians
43.5%	District Rotarians with a MyRotary account
58%	Frontenac Rotary Club has 58% women
73	Rotary Clubs (one more coming next month!)
423	Rotary Direct members - give the easy way!
\$138.94	Foundation Annual Fund Per Capita YTD
175	Paul Harris Society Members - give \$1000 annually
3,379	Rotary Club Members
\$57,816	PolioPlus Giving YTD - 135% of goal!
\$459,754	Foundation Annual Fund Giving YTD 195% of goal!

Sources: Rotary Club Central, TRF data, etc. as of 6/8/23

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

- June 24, 2023: District Governor Pam Crawford's **Installation** in Bartlesville: [Click HERE](#) to Register
- July 1: New Rotary Year starts: [Create Hope in the World](#)
- August 26, 2023: District **Training** Assembly via ZOOM
- September 15: District Leadership **Academy** enrollment deadline
- September 21-24, 2023: Zone **Institute** in Memphis
- October 19-22 2023: **RYLA** is back in the fall for 2023-2024
- October 24, 2023: World **Polio** Day
- March 21-23, 2024; **MAPETS**
- May 3, 2024: District **Foundation Dinner**
- May 3-4, 2024: District **Conference** at Embassy Suites, Rogers, AR
- May 25-29, 2024*: Rotary International **Convention** in Singapore
- October 17-20, 2024: **RYLA** scheduled for the 2024-2025 year
- March 20-22, 2025; **MAPETS**
- 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?

The Four Way Test Speech Contest is Back!

WE'RE BACK!

It's Time To Participate In The 4-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST
By Co-Chair PDG Ron Petersen Sr.

Thanks to incoming Governor Pam Crawford, our contest will take place during the District Conference in May of 2024. The new Rotary year starts July 1, 2023, so **right now** is a good time to start planning. The contest is back on track to the delight of many clubs who have asked when we will start again. If your Rotary Club has not been involved, you can make a difference in your community! Rotary has always focused on helping young people and students benefit from Rotary's ethical and moral lessons!

Just think about bringing the principles of Rotary to the youth and into homes and schools. Why not lead the way for your club by getting involved and not only teaching these students business and personal ethics, but reward them for the really outstanding way they express those principles? If they put together a killer speech and make the final cut, they may possibly win "serious" money to help further their education.

The Four Way Test

Rotary



1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Starting July 1st, 2023, this scholarship contest is again open to all young men & women in grades 9 to 12 in public, private and parochial schools and the home schooled. The Rotary Four Way Test Speech Contest gives educators the opportunity to provide an ethical learning experience for young people.

Our updated and easy-to-follow manual is available right now for download- the easiest way is to [CLICK HERE](#). The manual serves as a kit containing all forms, talking points for a school visit AND even a sample lesson plan. Visit the District Website www.rotarydistrict6110.org ... then point at "Youth Services" in the upper right side, then click on "Four Way Test Speech Contest." Go ahead, visit the site right now! Check out YouTube links to videos of several past finalists. Rest assured, teachers and students will see the best of the best there. There's a link there to download the entire manual if you forgot to click above.

Look beyond yourselves and make this happen for the young people in your community. Good Luck!

[PDG Ron Petersen Sr.](#) / [PDG Jayne Lowe](#) (Click names to email)
District Co-Chairs



New Year's Eve Planning

By Wally Bloss



June 30 is "New Year's Eve" - at least for those of us who follow the Rotary Program Year Calendar! So, how should you prepare public image elements for the New Year?

Here are some ideas to help promote Rotary in 2023-2024:

- Send out a press release to local media promoting new Club Leaders - President, etc! (Template attached to this Newsletter).
- Have a party! Inauguration! Celebration! Make the new officer change-over an EVENT!
- Hang new Presidential theme logo banners in the meeting space (your new President probably got one at MAPETS).
- Verify who the administrators are for the club website and social media.
- Verify who has login and password info - pass along to new officers.
- Does the club have a generic email account that officers can access?
- Verify meeting dates/times/locations are correct in DACdb. (PLEASE!) (If it is OK there, then it is OK on the District Website and RI)
- Is Rotary branding correct and compliant? (no blue wheel, no "weird stuff" added to RI logos)
- Update social media with new theme logo - see newsletter attachments
- Check [HERE](#) for current logos and make your own club logo at the Rotary Brand Center [HERE](#)
- Post new President and leadership on social media - tag employer, etc.
- Consider making a club directory - in DACdb "Reports" ("Reports" icon, then click 1.20 "Membership Directory (NEW)" - several options there - I like the "Redding" one)



WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Change is hard, but check these suggestions to make it easy and have a great New Year!

MSNI Needs for Ukraine

By V. J. Lively

I have been communicating with my Ukraine contacts and they are asking for:

- Water Filters,
- Water Pumps, and
- Boats

If we as a district, clubs or individual Rotarians wish to send Sawyer, Aqua Mountain or similar water filters, this would be a wonderful time for clubs to provide these as their international project!

If any clubs or individuals would like to help supply some of these, I would need to receive them in the next 2 weeks. Let me know they are coming, as we have already started prepping another container for Ukraine.

I am sure they can also use blankets, diapers, clothing, shoes, feminine hygiene products.

Questions? Contact VJ Lively at MSNI via email here: [VJ EMAIL](#)

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Critical solar lights from MSNI



Homeless woman from Bakhmut Ukraine with a blanket from Tulsa Cancer Treatment Center

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Medical Supply Network Inc (MSNI) is a District program that provides medical and other equipment around the world. Look in the "Box score" story to see how many shipments to Ukraine they have sent so far.

Futbol

Hans Schmoldt of the Bartlesville club is a Rotarian with a mission - promoting peace one child and one soccer ball (futbol) at a time! Having spent time with Phillips Petroleum in Bartlesville, he now owns Anode Systems Co, headquartered in Colorado, and splits his time there and Oklahoma.

The fascination with peace and soccer balls goes back to 2003 when a chance encounter in an airport with a US Army soldier brought the idea into his head. His efforts have included several 1,000 soccer ball purchases and shipments to areas of strife. Before realizing the connection with like-minded people that Rotary provides, he had a shipment sit in Kabul for over a dozen years as he was unwilling to pay the bribe needed to get this through customs.

In 2022, Hans had another 1,000 balls made with the Olympic Rings to be distributed to displaced Ukrainian refugee children in Poland. Bartlesville Rotarian, Darek Jarmola was from Poland, and the balls were shipped to Warsaw by air freight and the Baptist church refugee organization picked them up at the Warsaw Customs and distributed them.

Later in 2022, he had another 1,000 balls made and this time Hans connected with the Downtown Rotary Club in Warsaw and Henryk Kalinowski, a Rotarian in Wroclaw, Poland, thanks to the district governor, Whitney Smythe-Smith in Colorado and Rotarian Harbir Bhatia in San Jose, California. **This is where Hans learned the value of networking with the Rotary organization!**

Then, in December 2022, he flew to Poland and worked to get the



1,000 balls through the Polish customs and into the hands of the Warsaw and Wroclaw Rotary Clubs. They were delivered to refugee centers, orphanages and homeless shelters in Poland and to the Rotarians in Ukraine.



Hans Schmoldt

Since then, he has ordered yet another 1,000 Rotary soccer balls through his Pakistani supplier, <http://asadiansi.com>. They will be shipped to Warsaw on Emirates Air this summer, and Hans expects to help with their distribution in Poland and Ukraine.

Hans noted that through sports, children can escape the trauma of war and separation of families while playing with a soccer ball. It doesn't even have to be on a soccer field. Balls can be used by children to invent games. Sports can be a way for children of all economic classes, religious and ethnic backgrounds to build lifelong friendships.

This is Hans' contribution to the Rotary club in Bartlesville and to the Rotarians in Poland and Ukraine.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Rotarians are "People of Action" and Hans Schmoldt certainly demonstrates that!



Club Hub - June 2023

"The Club Hub"

District 6110 Rotarians are *People of Action!*



The Rotary Club of Wagoner awarded \$2,000 scholarships to Caiden Dick and Gary Wilford for academic and athletic achievement, community commitment, and the determination to overcome setbacks. Sixteen Rotary Students



Rotary Youth Exchange inbound students gathered in Harrison before heading home. This mandatory return orientation helps them recognize the fact that they are now bi-cultural and reflect on how they have changed this year. It was a great year for them - and

of the Month received a \$50 honorarium.



The **Skiatook Rotary Club** shows off its new Rotary flag. President Chester Reyckert, AG Laura Garrett, Secretary Toni Cornelius, and Treasurer Steve Moyer let the world know they are looking good!

us!



Tulsa Sunrise Rotary Club spent some time volunteering at [Joy in the Cause](#). Barney Tonquest and Barbara Smallwood helped them provide support to kids in crises.



Kathy Wright (center) of the **Rogers Downtown Rotary Club** awarded Jacqueline Vega-Tafoya (left) a \$2000 scholarship to John Brown Univ. She has grown the Interact club to 180 members. Haleigh Osborn received \$1000 to attend the U of AR - Ft Smith



The **Joplin Rotary Club** served ice cream at the local Senior Center recently and enjoyed fried chicken. Kim Shriver, Stephanie Brady and Duane Dreiling scooped!
#LunchTimeServiceProject



The Frontenac Rotary Club heard from their Four-Way Test Scholarship winner Logan Myers. His speech on Community Service was great!



The Harrison Rotary Club presented Genevieve Oldham with its May Service Above Self award at the Elementary School. Note the correct logo on the certificate!



The **Neodesha Rotary Club** served snow cones at Heller Elementary at the end of school. What a cool project!



The **Rogers Rotary Club** held its first Bike Ride recently. Some 53 riders rode 15 or 40 miles to raise funds for a project in the Marshall Islands.



There are a lot more places to rest



after the [Bartlesville Daybreak Rotary Club](#) installed 3 new benches (and one more in July) using local funds and a District Grant. The Rotary logo is part of the back along with the names of the honorees, including: DG 23-24 Pam Crawford (top), in memory of Randy Weatherly (family bottom left) and in memory of Ed Gordon, Rotarian, Bartlesville City Manager.

The **Holiday Island Rotary Club** served a community picnic on Memorial Day. Past presidents Jane Rost and Randall Cavanah helped with the food. They were instrumental in having the club start the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Carroll County, and raising funds thru the picnic. Well done!



The Bentonville Satellite Rotary Club helped provide #GeekCom's 2000 guests with hot dogs, chips, etc. And they had great Public Image use!



The Tulsa Southside Rotary Club conducted their 3rd Annual Dolly Dixon Memorial Golf Tournament which benefited [Coffee Bunker](#), a veterans service organization.

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

Tulsa Sunrise club honors James Blackburn

By Gena Parsons



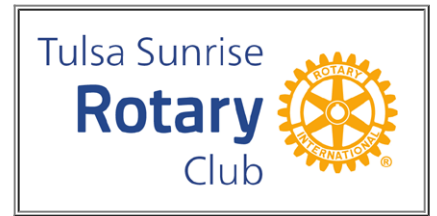
James Blackburn's principles aligned with Rotary's from an early age on the family farm in west central Missouri and through military service, family devotion, and five decades of dedicated work. Although he did not join until 2006, his lifetime was spent in Service Above Self. The Sunrise Rotary Club of Tulsa continues to honor his passions by accepting donations to its foundation following his passing this spring at the age of 89.

The Korean War took him away from studies at Central Missouri State College, but never put him in harm's way as he served two years with the U.S. Army 39th infantry in Germany. In 2018, he joined seven other Tulsa Sunrise Rotary military veterans on an Honor Flight to Washington, DC.

Blackburn married his college sweetheart, utilized the GI Bill to finish his degree at the University of Missouri, and held

management positions with some of the country's largest fertilizer and chemical companies, including in Tulsa where he and Norma eventually chose to return for retirement.

That's when Blackburn turned his focus to photography and service to his church and the Tulsa Sunrise Rotary Club, which earned him the Rotarian of the Year award. He became an ambassador for foster care, autism, and MSNI, the international non-profit medical supplies network based in Tulsa and supported by District 6110.



"He loved being a Rotarian, and he showed it in everything he did," Tulsa Sunrise Rotary President Martha Lowe said. "He was a devout Lutheran, loved his children, and taught them that order in life was precious, and, if something is important, dedicate oneself to it, so it is done right."

Jim and Norma had four children and nine grandchildren. They traveled extensively and wintered in Arizona. She passed away in 2020.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Our top newsletter reporter, Gena Parsons, incoming President of the Wagoner club, focuses on another well-loved Rotarian.

Rotarians Against Slavery take to the Air!

By Marc Hayot



Jeri Barrientos is the current president of the Rotary Club of Tulsa and a member of Rotarians Against Slavery. Jeri has a passion for helping those who have been trafficked. This is why she will be wearing her [Rotarians Against Slavery](#) shirt as she participates in the annual [Air Race Classic](#) which will be held from June 20-23. She will be sharing promotional materials about [The Demand Project](#), an organization that runs a camp for human trafficking survivors in rural Oklahoma as she stops during the Air Race Classic.

When Jeri is not participating in Rotary, Jeri is busy as a financial advisor for First Mate Financial LLC in Tulsa, OK; and as a mother caring for her three young children. Jeri also has a passion for airplanes and moving aviation forward in the great state of Oklahoma. She inspires women and young aviators while also resurrecting and building the only missing link in all of aviation history, the 1930 T-32 Curtiss Condor. Owning 6 airplanes, she is an avid Air Racer, acrobatics and tailwheel pilot. This is an excellent example of demonstrating that Rotarians are *People of Action*, and promoting the Rotary public image in other spheres.

For more information about the Rotary Action Group, contact [Marc Hayot](#).

Welcome New Rotarians June 2023

Have you welcomed a prospect to your Rotary club?

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



Joe Hines, of the **Downtown Rogers Rotary Club**, welcomed their newest member, **Brittnie Simon** (right), owner of Collab Design Co in Downtown Rogers.

Joplin Rotary Club President Vickie Mieseler (L) inducts **Robin Standridge**, Executive Director of the Wildcat Glades Nature Group, while her sponsor, Jennifer Shotwell beams



Join Rotary

Use this - to get prospects!

Rotary District 6110 New Membership Listing

New Members From: **May-12-2023** To: **Jun-13-2023**

Member Name	Start Date	Club	Classification
Anderson, Odalys	05/14/23	Springdale	
Anglin, Jason W	06/09/23	Nevada	Hospital Administrator
Ashenfelter, Natalia	06/01/23	e-Club of Engagement	
Babcock, Cherry	05/21/23	Carthage	Retail Merchant Owner
Barrow, Cole	05/12/23	Bentonville	
Baxter, Craig	06/01/23	Will Rogers (Tulsa)	
Bell, Chalaine	06/01/23	Carthage	Health Care - Cardiopulmonary
Blinzler, Marshall	05/21/23	Carthage	Attorney
Brown, Garret	05/16/23	Chanute	
Burks, Jeff W.	05/24/23	Fort Smith	
Day, Jehan	06/08/23	Muskogee	
Dishman, Laura	06/05/23	Grove	
Dunham Daniel	06/01/23	e-Club of Engagement	
Duris, Milan	06/08/23	Harrison	
Enyart, Nathan C	06/01/23	Nevada	Insurance Agent
Giudice, Tamara	05/26/23	Fayetteville	
Haines, Thomas Justin (JUSTIN)	05/22/23	Broken Arrow	
Hendren, Bobby	06/02/23	Grove	
Hopkins, Eruore	05/22/23	Broken Arrow	
Huckaby, Samuel (SAM)	05/30/23	Grove	
Ivory, Russell (RUSS)	06/12/23	Tulsa	

Jenkins, Todd	05/15/23	Fayetteville	Higher Education - Administration
Johnson, Sabrina	06/09/23	Nevada	Banking Services
Kwateng, Andrew	05/19/23	Tulsa North	
Lawley, Shannon	05/22/23	Coweta	
Lawson, Randy	05/15/23	Bentonville	Oil Exploration
Loftis, Scott	05/31/23	Berryville	Journalism
Mason, Matthew	05/12/23	Fayetteville	Banking
McDonald, Archie	05/21/23	Carthage	Banker
McQuade, Gloria	05/18/23	Tulsa	
Methvin, Anna	05/16/23	Chanute	
Morris, Pam	06/08/23	Coweta	
MORTON, RANDI	06/08/23	Harrison	
Nguyen, Joshua J (JOSH)	06/01/23	e-Club of Engagement	
Nothern, Nick	05/16/23	Chanute	
Prevo, Garrett K	05/31/23	Mt. Vernon	Interact Sponsor
Rogers, Mike	06/01/23	e-Club of Engagement	
Ronsse, Frank R.	05/18/23	Vinita	
Roubein, Leor D.	05/18/23	Tulsa	
Ruban, Igor	06/01/23	e-Club of Engagement	
Ryan, Stephen Austin Jr.	06/01/23	e-Club of Engagement	
Simon, Brittnie	05/22/23	Downtown Rogers	
Sloniker, Jessica E	06/09/23	Nevada	Chamber of Commerce Executive
Smith, Amber	05/24/23	Mt. Vernon	Agriculture Retail
Smith, Tyler C	05/21/23	Carthage	
Sommer, Kyle J	06/01/23	e-Club of Engagement	
Sullivan, Brian F	05/16/23	Pittsburg	Manufacturing - Pharmaceuticals
Tiller, Gage T	05/21/23	Carthage	
Travis, Allie	05/25/23	Muskogee	
Wayne, Bethany	06/01/23	e-Club of Engagement	
Wilburn, Joe	06/05/23	Grove	
Wilson, Kenneth E Jr.	05/19/23	Tulsa North	
Wood, Jocelyn M	05/15/23	Broken Arrow	
Wright, Barbara	06/01/23	Carthage	
Wright, Christopher L (CHRIS)	05/21/23	Carthage	