

Rotary



District 6110 Newsletter

District Governor, Pam Crawford



My last newsletter as District Governor—I still remember writing the first one and how many ideas were flying around my head that I hoped to share. I think I’ve hit a lot of them and then even more, since adaptability is key to Rotary and being the District Governor.

First, I need to thank everyone in a leadership position for the District. The Assistant Governors and the Coordinators made sure every club was ready to welcome me during the first six months of the year. Now, I have to remember to tell them I’m making “fun” visits back to clubs! Club Presidents—you made me feel so welcome, and one of the best things this year was an invitation to come back (or a wholehearted welcome when I said I wanted to come back). The last 2 weeks of the year are filled with the opportunity to go back out and induct the Magic Year Presidents—I can’t wait.

Second, I am so proud of our District at the District level. We are very close to getting Zone level awards for our Foundation giving and our Public Image updates. We will know in Huntsville how our District stacks up at the September Zone Institute.

And in terms of our 3-year vision for the District, established in October 2022, we are making progress. We have 20 Interact Clubs (target was 22—can we be at 30 by next June?). Interact, along with Rotaract, Rotary Youth Exchange, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) all increase our impact with young people. We updated and approved a new Manual of Procedures and Incorporation documents. This increases our ability to adapt. We had a spring District Conference. We had a few regional meetings. This expands our reach, increases member engagement, and shows our adaptability. We still have some things to do before we make a final review of our plan in October 2025; you aren’t getting rid of me as DGE Warren has asked me to continue to work with our strategy champions to ensure we keep moving forward.

DGE Warren and I were honored to present on behalf of District 6110 (plus District 6150 and Zone 30-31) our 3 year plan. Past RI Director Elizabeth Usovich invited us to join her in a breakout session. Due to unforeseen events, Warren and I were the only ones on the stage in Singapore. And I believe we helped the larger Rotary world understand how a three-year plan aids in the continuity between each District Governor. District 6110 was fortunate to have its Governor Line in Singapore: iPDG Cathy Webster, DG Pam Crawford, DGE Warren Lovinger, DGN John Rains, and DGND Laura Garrett. We all understand the direction and interests of Rotary International to talk to the District and to all our wonderful clubs.

Our Wonderful Clubs—every PDG told me that meeting you, the heart of Rotary, would be the highlight of this year. And they were right. Seeing what each of your clubs do to help your community made my heart swell with pride at how we work to empower our youth—end polio—take on the root issues of peace—take care of ourselves as a first step in mental health awareness.

- Dictionaries! Keep doing them.
- Please send our youth to RYLA.
- I remember seeing all the suitcases and bags for foster children in Ft. Scott.
- And the plans to have a size 17 red shoe for a youth in Eureka Springs.
- And all the people willing to celebrate Dolly Parton’s birthday to encourage the Imagination Library—lots of pink—Grove, Eureka Springs, etc.
- A Princess Ball for a father-daughter event in Berryville (I am going to make it to that event one of these years!).
- And at a larger level—The Wheelchair Mission and MSNI (plus many global grants and other club endeavors).
- And near and dear to me, all of the people willing to walk to end Dementia and Alzheimer’s in NE Oklahoma and NW Arkansas.

And, of course, I enjoyed wine and beer at evening clubs (Rogers, Bentonville, Altus!).



And some fabulous breakfast food at our morning clubs (Pittsburg Sunrise â€¦ what a great, homemade breakfast â€¦ once I found your buildingâ€¦yes, Iâ€™m direction challenged!). And so many great lunches (hospitals and community colleges have good food!). Yes, I like foodâ€¦Yes, I need to lose some weight, per my doctor. LOL! I can honestly say, I never got tired of the food; I had heard I would be tired of chicken and green beans (that is RI International Convention luncheons!). You all have variety! No question! And of course, the District Dogsâ€¦Beau and Joey have become such a fixture in my car that when I travel without them, Iâ€™m constantly looking in the backseat for noises Iâ€™m imagining. They are now professional hotel visitors and love to stay in cabins and tiny houses. Thank you to the clubs who welcomed them into meetings (or got them a gift) and service projects. They believe they have enough Rotary engagement to ask for membership in a clubâ€¦???? (I will take a moment of privilegeâ€¦our beautiful Venezuelan cat passed away on May 17â€¦the end of, as I call it, The Book of Venezuela.) This District IS making an impact. And we are working hard to engage all of our members and invite all into our organization. We need to adapt to the changes; we need to celebrate our past and welcome the future.

True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice. Martin Luther King, 1955

I will see you again as I think lots of you will have awards from the Create Hope yearâ€¦Iâ€™m always willing to visit a clubâ€¦Thank you for a beautiful, Create Hope, year!

DG Pam and Paulâ€¦and Beau and Joeyâ€¦(and Cara Sucia)

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 29, 2024: District Governor **Warren Lovinger Installation FREE Luncheon Banquet** at Cottey College, Nevada, MO
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER for DG Installation](#)
(FREE but Reg required)
 - August 3: **Zone 30/31 Leadership Seminar** - Little Rock, AR:
[REGISTER HERE \(\\$50\)](#)
 - August 10, 2024 Virtual **District Training Assembly**
 - Sept 3-8: **Zone 30-31 Institute**, Huntsville, AL: [REGISTER HERE \(\\$150-425\)](#)
 - October 17-20, 2024: **RYLA** in Tahlequah, OK
 - March 20-22, 2025; **MAPETS**
 - May 2, 2025: **Legacy (Foundation) Dinner**, Rogers, AR - May 3, 2025; **District Conference**, Rogers, AR
 - June 21-25, 2025*: Rotary International **Convention** in Calgary, Canada
 - March 19-21, 2026; **MAPETS**
 - June 13-17, 2026*: Rotary International **Convention** in Taipei, Taiwan
 - June 5-9, 2027*: Rotary International **Convention** in Honolulu, Hawaii
 - 2028*: Rotary International **Convention** in Manila
 - 2029*: Rotary International **Convention** in Minnesota
- * Tentative Date for planning

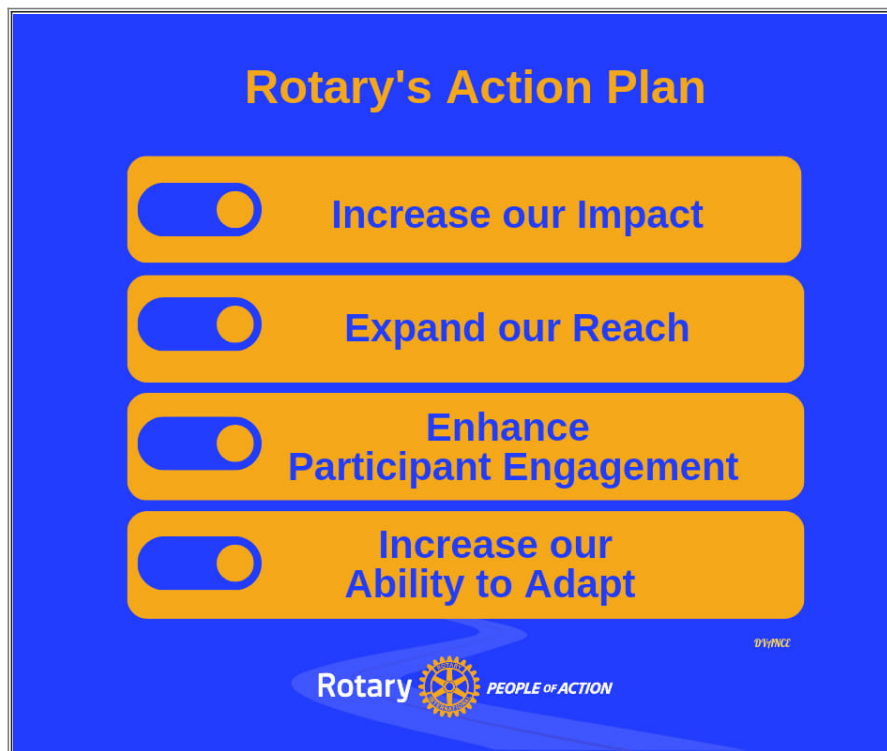


WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT: Plug these dates into your calendar - you don't want to be a Rotarian without a date, do you?



District 6110 Box Score	
Through 6/13/24	
41	Total Member INCREASE since 7/1/23
1	Club disbanded: Alma :(
4	Arch Klumph Society members (\$250,000 or more to Foundation)
8	Clubs with ZERO Foundation giving - one less than last month!
32.3%	% of female Rotarians
29	Clubs with ZERO Polio Plus giving - down 2 from last month!
36	"Star" Clubs - average more than \$100/member to Rotary Foundation
50.0%	Clubs in the Dictionary Project EASY PROJECT - LET'S DO MORE
86	Rotary Foundation Bequest Society Members - up 1 from last month
89.0%	Member retention rate this program year
180	Paul Harris Society Members - \$1000/yr (to join, email Michelle Gann)
221	Major Foundation Donors "all time" (up 1 from last month!)
443	Rotary Direct members - DG Pam's goal: 500
1,267	Shoes collected for the Shoes for Orphan Souls project-WAHOO!
3,321	Rotary Club Members
8,134	Paul Harris Fellows "all time"
\$81,944	Polio Plus Giving YTD - 212% of goal!
\$441,870	Foundation Annual Fund Giving YTD 152% of goal
\$1,032,912	Value of 12 RI TRF District Endowed Funds

Sources: Rotary Club Central, TRF data, etc.



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I decided to become a Paul Harris Fellow because I saw it as a way to start my Rotary giving journey. It was step one in a goal to give and continue giving to the Rotary Foundation, which inspires and makes possible so many wonderful efforts and impacts around the world. As my availability to give time and money varies from year to year, I know that my initial investment to become a Paul Harris Fellow perpetuates creating hope and doing good in the world.

Tiffany Egdorf, President, Tulsa Rotary Club

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

RI Conventions

Every year Rotary International conducts a Convention, assembling 20,000 to 40,000 Rotarians somewhere in the world. Two years ago it was in Houston, last year it was in Melbourne, Australia, and just last month in Singapore. About a dozen members from District 6110 attended this outstanding event.

Mark your calendars for June 21-25, 2025 and join us in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, for the 2025 Rotary International Convention! Secure your spot now at \$525. (the registration price will go up soon, so register now to save money) Some nearby hotels are going fast! Register at convention.rotary.org

Here is a collage of photos from our District 6110 members in Singapore. It sure looks like they were having fun!



Miami Club Completes Its Water Project

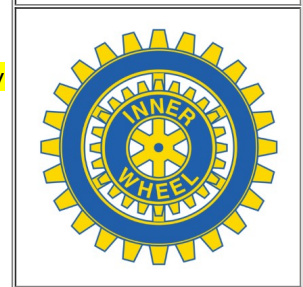
By Michael Addington

The Miami, OK Rotary Club has completed its water project at the Chahafi Health Center in Kisoro, Uganda. The project began when I went to the Rotary International convention in June, 2022 in Houston and had a chance to meet Jenifer Aporo from Uganda. Jennifer is president of the Inner Wheel Club in Kampala, Uganda. Our club was able to partner with her club to provide two water-harvest tanks for a health facility.

Some facts on Uganda: 45 million people do not have access to clean water. Only 20 percent have access to handwashing facilities. 70 percent of all treatable diseases stem from the lack of clean water. Hopefully, we were able to make a ripple of an impact by providing some clean water to a very important facility.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Although RI and Inner Wheel share some of the same service goals, they are separate organizations and have no official affiliation. Inner Wheel was founded in 1924 by Margarette Golding, a nurse, businesswoman and the wife of a Manchester, England Rotarian, to unite wives and daughters of Rotarians (who were prohibited then from membership). The Rotary General Secretary maintains an agreement with International Inner Wheel concerning its emblem, which certainly is similar to the legacy Rotary logo.

Congrats to Miami for their efforts to do good in the world!



**SIR, I'VE PULLED YOU OVER BECAUSE
YOU ARE STILL USING THE OLD ROTARY LOGO**

There are STILL 4 clubs using old logos on active social media - down from 37!
Also, some clubs re-use promo/flyer templates with old non-compliant logos.
Not sure? [Wally can help!](#)



These need to be changed!

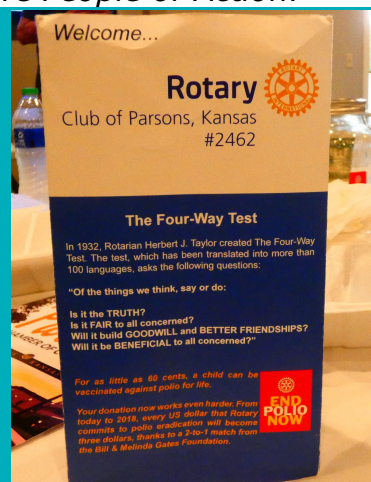
Club Hub - JUNE 2024

"The Club Hub"

District 6110 Rotarians are *People of Action!*



The **Henryetta Rotary Club** is sporting its new logo sign after a \$100 grant from the District! Lookin good!



The **Parsons Rotary Club** has a snappy table-topper to promote the club!





The Carthage Rotary Club serves lunch and helps the "Kids Fishing" event at Kellogg Lake every June.



The **Sapulpa Rotary Club** President Chris Townsend (right) awarded two scholarships to Kathryn DeLoache and James Haney

The MSNI Crew. Saturday Jun 1

Your ol' Editor had the fine pleasure of working with these three ladies Saturday at MSNI. Obviously Megan was in fine presidential form! We had fun, and we hope you'll join us next time.



The **Tulsa Sunrise Rotary Club** has fun "working" at MSNI.



Speaking of **MSNI**, VJ Lively and the many volunteers shipped their 15th container to Ukraine. (WOW!)



PDG **Jay Craig** presented **Bristow's Carole Ellis** with her Graduation certificate from the District Leadership Academy as she was unable to attend the District Conference.



Pittsburg Noon Rotary Club members helped the Salvation Army with their commodities distribution. Well done!



PDG **Jayne Lowe** traveled to RI's "One Rotary Center" in Evanston, IL to learn about her new Zone 31

Rotary
Club of Sand Springs



JOHN·RUDY·BASS·TOURNAMENT

Like to fish? The **Sand Springs Rotary Club** will conduct its Bass

Regional Coordinator assignment. She looks pretty good sitting at the RI President's desk, doesn't she?

Tournament June 22 at Keystone Lake. Head to the Prairie View Boat Ramp. More Info [HERE](#)

TACOS FOR A CAUSE:

WHEN: SAT. 7/27 10 AM-2 PM

WHERE: STUDIO 308, 308 S. LANSING AVE, TULSA.

WHAT: 3 STREET TACOS AND A DRINK FOR \$5.00

WHO: TACO LOVERS EVERYWHERE

\$20,000 in grants plus \$15,500 in scholarships in Broken Arrow!

Broken Arrow Rotary Year '23-'24 Grants

On April 20th, President Jerry Colburn and his Foundation Chair, Rotary members, distributed over \$35,500 in grants and scholarships to local organizations. The amount is a record for the club.

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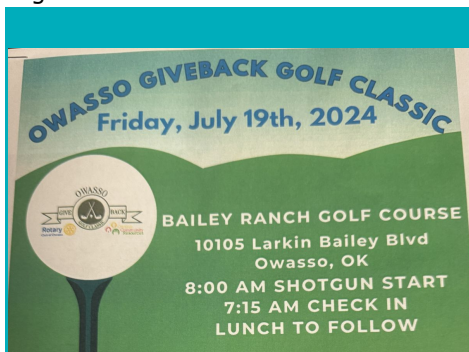
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Tacos for a Cause is a fundraiser to combat human trafficking, a project of the **Action Group** and the **Rotary Clubs of Tulsa and Sand Springs**. Come enjoy some delicious tacos and make a difference to someone trying to reclaim their life with The Springs Shelter in Tulsa, and Into the Light in Mountain Home.

The **Broken Arrow Rotary Club** presented so many checks you can't see them all! They included MSNI: \$2000, YMCA: \$2750, OK Performing Arts: \$2500, Happy Hands: \$4000 and others, PLUS Scholarships. Funds came from several events. Well done!



The **Owasso Rotary Club** will conduct its annual golf event July 19 at the Bailey Ranch Golf Course. \$500 for the 4-person team gets you all you'll need!



Clay Langley of the **Rotary e-Club of Engagement** was unable to attend District Conference, so DG Pam presented him with his "Simply Irresistible" Award for membership and the e-club 6/13.

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

The END is Near

By Catherine E. Webster



June 10, 2024

Dear District 6110 Rotarians and Rotaractors,

Please make your 2023-2024 Rotary Foundation **Annual Fund SHARE** and/or PolioPlus **donations now** either by mail or by donating online by logging in to Rotary.org or go to **Rotary.org/donate**. The mail runs very slowly and we want your donations to count toward your club's per capita giving for this year.

District Grants are awarded first to those clubs with \$100 or more per capita giving to the Annual Fund SHARE - so make it count! The Rotary Foundation is the engine that makes Rotary work. One-half of the Annual Fund SHARE donations from our district come back in three years to help fund District Grants to clubs, Global Grants, and other projects.

For those clubs who have completed their 2023-2024 projects, please finalize the reports and upload needed documents (canceled checks, invoices, photos of the project in action, etc.) so we can send your club a check. New grant applications begin July 1, 2024. The district match this time will be 2 to 1 for up to a total of \$3000 per club. For example, if the project's total cost is \$600, you would receive a reimbursement check of \$400 from the District. I hope you are planning your future projects now. I look forward to seeing what our amazing clubs are doing in their communities and beyond!

If you have any questions, contact me at cathywebsterd6110@gmail.com or 918-625-5720.
In Rotary Service
PDG Cathy Webster



Congrats to Johnice Glisson, who became a Foundation MAJOR DONOR, shown here with TRF guru Ed Hardesty.
BE LIKE JOHNICE and donate!

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I was not yet a Paul Harris Fellow, but I did decide to make my granddad, Sam Crookshanks a PHF. He was a charter member and past president of the Rotary Club in Corcoran California. He was also the first PHF in his club. He returned the favor a year or so later, surprising me with a PHF at my club in Siloam Springs Arkansas. Grandad was a member of the Corcoran Rotary club for more than 60 years. There are now 4 generations of Rotary members and PHF in our family.

Michael Brown, Bentonville Rotary Club

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Where's our Facebook page?



Facebook/Meta uses a **faulty algorithm** that reviews their millions of pages. When it sees several with similar names, it thinks one is trying to impersonate another and takes it down as a violation of Meta's "Community Standards."

This happened to the District page about 2 years ago and has just happened again.

It has also happened to clubs and to other District 6110 related entities. When we are "unpublished" we immediately make an appeal at this page:

<https://www.facebook.com/gpa/help> and daily or even hourly update the appeal until a real human looks at it. When they do, they promise to "get it resolved "soon" which usually takes 2+ weeks. RI has provided some assistance, but we really have little other recourse. Such is the status of life these days!

Welcome New Rotarians JUNE 2024

Have you welcomed a prospect to your Rotary club?



The **Mt Vernon Rotary Club** welcomed new member Nick Rodenberg (center). The club's tradition is to have all the Past Presidents induct new members.

Rotary District 6110 New Membership Listing

New Members From: **May 12-2024 to June 12, 2024**

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

Member Name	Start Date	Club	Sponsor
Norman, James	05/20/2024	Fayetteville	William Jackson Butt II
Davis, John C.	05/21/2024	Fayetteville	
Mazzanti, Alli	05/21/2024	Fayetteville	Matthew P Mason
Brooks, Lee	05/21/2024	Fayetteville	David K. Sager
Humphrey, William H (WILL)	05/13/2024	Northside Fayetteville	Bo Bittle
Moats, Michael A. Jr. (MICHAEL)	06/10/2024	Springdale	Matt Fryar
Broyles, Daniel R. (DAN)	05/28/2024	Springdale	Jim A. Phillips
Rollins, Jim D.	05/28/2024	Springdale	
Cochran, Dayna	06/08/2024	Van Buren	Michelle J Robinson
Reliford, Lee E. Sr.	05/23/2024	Parsons	Roger D. Buck
Alexander, Don M	06/11/2024	Parsons	Steve Kosman
Rodenberg, Nicholas B (NICK)	06/05/2024	Mt. Vernon	Kyle Daugherty
Stevens, Larry John (LARRY)	06/06/2024	Nevada	George Knox
Iron, Angelia	05/15/2024	Grove	Suzanne Knott
Murphy, Danny	05/15/2024	Grove	Marjorie Murphy
Keys, Jessica	05/14/2024	Miami	
Adams, Michael C.	06/11/2024	Miami	Michael Addington
Brown, William C (CHAD)	05/29/2024	Miami	
Hughey, Sylvia	05/30/2024	Okmulgee	Sarah Rhodes Andrew Harlan
Owen, Adrian P.	06/11/2024	Okmulgee	Sarah Amador Rose Lynch
Sample, Dru	06/07/2024	Okmulgee	
Lynch, Rose (ROSIE)	05/16/2024	Okmulgee	Sarah Elizabeth Rhodes
Sekiya, Timothy (TIM)	05/15/2024	Claremore Reveille	Kathy A Burrows

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