

Friday, March 15, 2024

Rotary



**District
6110 Newsletter**

District Governor, Pam Crawford



Hello! I'm just back from the Wheelchair Mission in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. (See story and photos later in the newsletter) And my thoughts about the relationships we create in Rotary are what I want to share.

I first had this thought a few weeks ago as I was leaving the Broken Arrow Trivia fundraiser. I had put together a trivia team from the District Governor line PDG Cathy, DG Pam, DGN John and his partner Cathy, and DGND Laura – *The G Line*. We were pleasantly surprised to come in third overall, and second in the Civic Groups category behind (drumroll please!) Tulsa Sunrise Rotary Club!!! We had no clue how we would perform. And we had no clue how much we

would enjoy exercising the 5th Test – Is It Fun! BUT back to relationships. As some of us left the building on the Northeastern State University Broken Arrow campus, we were saying goodbye and telling each other to drive safely to (cue The Waltons and good-night John Boy) Bartlesville, Claremore, Muskogee, Pryor and Sapulpa. One of the very best things about Rotary is having friends from so many places! And when we come together to support a community, we Increase Our Impact!

This sense of relationship caught me again the last four days. Of course, there were the five people from Tahlequah that waited, as I did, for storms to pass by DFW so we could get to Mexico. To be part of 37 Rotarians, friends, and family delivering wheelchairs to adults in need provided some incredible moments of Hope of Magic of Service Above Self of People of Action. The fun together at meals and at the hotel was what makes this mission trip so special. We've shared a common experience. And we Expand Our Reach by inviting our friends and family to join the fun and the service. Congratulations to Noel Morris and the **Springdale Rotary Club** for expanding this project to all of District 6110.

Those relationships took a different meaning this weekend as I talked about aspects of the District Conference with people. I was excited to have idea exchanges on how to make it a great conference. Maybe we have a new, better idea for the time slot allocated to a service project. Excitement that we are bringing back the 4-Way Test Speech Contest. Ideas for raising more funds for polio and for wheelchairs were discussed.

And ALSO the eradication of polio and the wheelchair mission intersected! My 2017 Rotary Moment was supplemented with a 2024 Rotary Moment – both on polio. On Saturday, March 9, we gave chairs to two women who had polio as children. For varying reasons, their families had not had them vaccinated. One had polio in about 1968. Her left leg is useless. Because of that, her right hip constantly hurts and so a wheelchair is vital. We interviewed her to add to the wheelchair mission video that is typically created. She was a survivor full of grace and hope...a single mom, a real estate agent, a person doing good within the constraints of a lingering disease.



The other woman (left) had polio when she was eight in 1988, two years before Mexico eradicated polio. AG Michelle and her daughter Julie (Van Buren) gave her a chair. When I heard she had had polio, I joined them to have the translator ask more questions.

We are so close. It has been 4 or 5 months since a case has been registered in Afghanistan or Pakistan. We will be emphasizing eradication of this terrible disease at the District Conference. We still have a lot of clubs that haven't supported the End Polio Now campaign. It isn't too late!

Lots of details are coming about the District Conference, May 3-4 in Rogers, AR, over the next few weeks. Please join to build a better appreciation for all that Rotary does in the

world and to build new relationships and strengthen old ones.

See you soon!

(I'll see some of you at Mid-America President-Elect Training on March 21-23!)

DG Pam



District 6110 Box Score	
Through 3/13/24	
61	Total Member INCREASE since 7/1/23 (BEST in the Zone!)
7	Clubs still use WRONG LOGOS (but it used to be 37!)
11	District Endowed Funds in the Rotary Foundation
12	Rotary Youth Exchange applicants - we need clubs for inbounds!
12	District 6110 Rotarians registered for Singapore RI Convention
11	Clubs with ZERO Foundation giving - one less than last month!
31.8%	Female Rotarians
36	Clubs with ZERO Polio Plus giving - no change!
50%	Clubs in the Dictionary Project EASY PROJECT - LET'S DO MORE
85	The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society Members
92.9%	Member retention rate this program year
182	Paul Harris Society Members - \$1000/yr (to join, email Michelle Gann)
219	Major Foundation Donors "all time" (up 3 from last month!)
440	Rotary Direct members - DG Pam's goal: 500
517	Shoes collected for the Shoes for Orphan Souls project - need more
3,341	Rotary Club Members
8,012	Paul Harris Fellows "all time"
\$38,671	Polio Plus Giving YTD - 100% of goal!
\$248,890	Foundation Annual Fund Giving YTD 86% of goal
1,032,912	Children have received dictionaries since 2004 project beginning

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

- March 21-23, 2024; **MAPETS, Fort Smith, AR** for Presidents Elect and Nominees (**REQUIRED** for PE, suggested for PN)
 - April 9, 2024: Virtual **Grant Management** Seminar
 - May 3, 2024: District Foundation **Golf Tournament** - [click to register](#)
 - May 3, 2024: District **Foundation Banquet** - [click to register](#)
 - May 3-4, 2024: District **Conference** at Rogers, AR [Click HERE to Register for actual conference](#)
 - May 25-29, 2024: Rotary International **Convention in Singapore**
 - June 29, 2024: District Governor **Warren Lovinger** Installation Luncheon Banquet at Cottey College, Nevada, MO
 - August 10, 202 Virtual **District Training Assembly**
 - Sept 19-21: **Zone 30-31 Conference**, Huntsville, AL
 - October 17-20, 2024: **RYLA** in Tahlequah, OK
 - 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
 - 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?

My Rotary Moment: Zarrria Young

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



I am thankful for Rotary and RYLA. My Rotary journey started in 2015 when I went to a camp called RYLA. A girl I went to high school with and one of my leadership teachers had encouraged me to go. I had been to a million and one leadership camps before. Being honest, I thought RYLA was going to be another leadership camp just like every other camp I had attended. I went and it was so far from "every other camp that I had attended". I had the time of my life. Ron, the speaker, was AMAZING. So many people invested so much into me at that camp and at the time didn't know it. Nor did I know it was what I needed. That was in the spring of 2015. Spring of 2016 rolls around, and I find myself back at RYLA as a CIT (Chief/Counselor in Training). Fall of 2016 rolls around for RYLA V2.0 and I am back as a Chief. Fall of 2017 rolls around. You guessed it, I am back, yet again as a Chief for the second time. Fall of 2018 rolls around and I am back at RYLA again as a member of the leadership team. Fall of 2019, back again at RYLA. Now let me back up a little bit.....Fall of 2017 RYLA, I am talking to a Rotarian from my club who was at RYLA as a chaperone. We are by "the wall" and he is sitting on a golf cart. I look at him and ask him "How do I become a Rotarian?". He explains I can do the under 35 program and all that stuff. In November of 2017 I became a Rotarian at age 19 making me the youngest in the district at the time. If I had not gone to RYLA I would have no clue what Rotary is. I would not have made the friends and connections that I have. I would not have had the many "Rotary moments" and service opportunities. I would not have had the opportunity to invest in the many lives I have. To be honest, I do not think my life would be what it is now. **Rotary changed my life** and allowed me to make an impact and change lives. So shout out to all those Rotarians that I have met that invested in me. I am an investor. What are you?

Zarrria Young, Broken Arrow Rotary Club

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? What's your Rotary Moment? Send it to the Newsletter Editor, Wally Bloss EMAIL and share your experience!

District Conference Package

As our Rotary year comes to an end, we come together and celebrate our accomplishments! Three great events are planned - a Foundation Golf Event, the Foundation Banquet and the actual District Conference.

You need to register for EACH ONE, AND register for a room at the conference hotel:



**District Conference Rotary Foundation
Golf Experience, don't miss it!**

Friday, May 3, 2024 Rogers, AR



TADPOLE

Registration is \$100 per player.
You don't even need to be a golfer to enjoy this event.

Top Golf begins a great weekend.
Register [HERE](#)

The 7th Annual Rotary District 6110 Foundation Banquet



Join us in honoring the legacy of
Past District Governor
John & Connie Williams

Friday, May 3, 2024, 6pm

Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas
3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers, AR

Don't miss the Foundation Dinner, with Past RI President
John Germ. **Register [HERE](#)**



- **Foundation Banquet**
honoring John & Connie Williams
- **Top Golf on Friday Afternoon**
- **Rotary Youth Exchange Students**
- **Four-Way Test Speech Competition**
- **Kids at Conference**
- **And much more!**



We will celebrate "May the 4th Be With You" and the Kentucky Derby!
And of course, a hospitality suite on both Friday and Saturday evenings!

AND, back by popular demand, Kids at Conference...

Yes, there will be a program for children on Saturday!!

Looking forward to celebrating

"The Race to the Finish" at District Conference 2024!

Keynote Speakers:

Saturday Dinner Speaker: Former NASA Director Jim Bridenstine
Rotary International President's Representative: PDG J. Richard (Big Rich) Churchman

Regional Rotary Foundation Chairman: PDG Pamela Stewart

Global Grant Student in England: Tyler Rossow

Saturday Lunch Speakers: 4-Way Test Speech Contest Finalists

Register for the District Conference [HERE](#)



Hotel Rooms - Embassy Suites, Rogers, AR - available for both Friday and Saturday nights (May 3 and 4).
Registration deadline is April 8.

Phone number is the best way to register!
479-254-8400, code RDC

Address: [3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway Rogers, Arkansas 72758 USA](#)

Mexico Wheelchair Project

Twenty-one years ago, the **Springdale Rotary Club** and Noel Morris made their first Wheelchair mission. It was to DIVAC Handicapped Services in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. On March 7-11, District 6110 returned with wheelchairs to support nearly 100 adults and a few children with chairs. Some 37 Rotarians, family, and friends from District 6110, and all four states were represented. It was the 20th trip by District Rotarians (2021 was missed due to COVID-19).

DIVAC is a non-profit organization created by people with disabilities in 1998 with the purpose of helping full integration into our society.

March 8 and 9 were spent delivering chairs at the DIVAC building, and enjoying lunch together hosted by a Puerto Vallarta Rotarian at his restaurant, *Andale*. When not busy, Rotarians exercised the Fifth Test by enjoying time together getting to know each other. One of the best parts of this trip is getting to know Rotarians from other clubs in our district!

This trip is a great way to experience an international mission trip. It is Service Above Self and It Is Fun!

It is amazing to think of the lives we have changed over more than 20 years by the gift of a simple \$150 wheelchair. Noel Morris of the Springdale Rotary Club continues at the helm of these trips through the American Wheelchair Mission.

The delivery of a wheelchair to a person without mobility improves the quality of life for the entire family. Children can go to school; adults can go to work to provide for their families and the elderly can get out of a bed they may have stayed in for years at a time. We estimate that each wheelchair we deliver impacts an average of 10 lives in a positive way. People of Action make that happen! Plan to join us in the spring of 2025.



Dalton and Jo Ann Bigbee from Tahlequah and DG Pam settle a recipient into her new chair. Note chair logo!



Homemade "chair" - Real Chair!

Alaia is 5 years old. Her mother brought in her makeshift wheelchair with a prayer that she could get a real wheelchair. We did it!



Jill Arbuthnot from the Rogers Downtown Rotary Club prepares wheelchairs for distribution



PDG Judy Brigham shows her granddaughter how to set up a chair

In honor of Women's History Month, we salute these Past, Current and Future District 6110 Governors for their leadership



Peggy George
District Governor 2006-2007



Judy Brigham
District Governor 2017-2018



Jayne Lowe
District Governor 2018-2019



Cathy Webster
District Governor 2022-2023



Pam Crawford
District Governor 2023-2024



Laura Garrett
District Governor 2026-2027



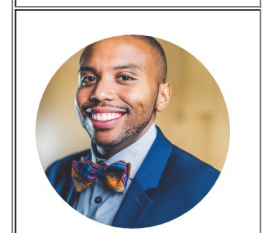
District 6110 Receives Youth Exchange Award

At the NAYEN (North America Youth Exchange Network) Conference in Vancouver, our District 6110 received an award as a top Rotary Youth Exchange District in North America.

We received a **Silver Level Award** with four items called out for notable achievements:

- * Our ROTEX program (for past Rotary Youth Exchange students)
- * Our commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)
- * Support for the Power of One initiative
- * Utilization of the NAYEN online training courses.

Congratulations to the Rotary Youth Exchange Committee, led by Dr. Todd Jenkins of the **Fayetteville Rotary Club**. The work of this committee and all of District 6110 with our inbound and outbound students exemplifies the [fourth objective of Rotary International](#): The Advancement of International Understanding, Goodwill, and Peace through World Fellowship.



Todd Jenkins

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Chair
inclusionchair@nayen.org

My Rotary Moment: Sonia Larimore

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



I originally joined Rotary because my boss wanted someone to take his place in the club and for me to make connections in our community. I saw the club members as the money people of the community. I didn't know how I was going to fit in and make a difference in this club. Working in long-term care for 20 years, I loved working with the elderly - I wasn't so passionate about kids or youth.

Rotarian Kurt Long asked me to take over our Interact club, so I became the sponsor and I loved these kids. They were so much fun, and we had many projects that, even years later, I am still friends with several of them and even hired one to work for me at my facility.

Fast-forward about five years and another Rotarian, Brett Brough, asked me if I had ever thought about being a chaperone for RYLA. I gave him my talk about loving elderly people and dogs and that I wasn't so passionate about the kids, but because he asked, I volunteered.

I had never been to a camp and I had so much to learn. It was on my first RYLA camp that my life changed, and I fell in love with those kids and **I became a Rotarian**. My heart has been filled up to the brim with both heart ache at what some of the kids have gone through but also filled with immense pride and hope in the change in those kids' persona. Matt and his team facilitate all types of learning styles during this camp to help ensure these kids leave changed for the better.

If you are like I was and going to camp for four days is not something that you get all excited about, I say take the plunge and sign up to help. You will see these kids change right before your eyes. They will leave with their own mission statement and knowing that there are 20 plus people that think they are special, can achieve anything they set their mind to and have some lifelong friends.

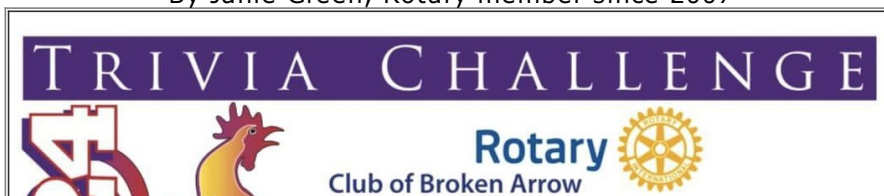
RYLA is life-changing and the camp not only creates hope in the youth and chaperones, it *â€œCreates Hope in the Worldâ€*. *Why don't you plan to join the RYLA team in the coming years? You won't be sorry you did. I know I am not.*

Sonia Larimore, Coffeyville Rotary Club

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? What's your Rotary Moment? Send it to the Newsletter Editor, Wally Bloss EMAIL and share your experience!

Broken Arrow Rotary's Crowing Rights Trivia Contest

By Janie Green, Rotary member since 2007





This special fundraiser was established in 2008. As a new club member, I suggested the idea after being inspired by a successful event organized by Cathy Webster from the **Pryor Rotary Club**. The **Broken Arrow Rotary Club** board entrusted me to bring it to life!

Despite my lack of experience in organizing such events, Cathy graciously shared her knowledge and resources, and our club members eagerly joined in to launch our first competition in 2009. We host our annual event at Northeastern State University-Broken Arrow, a loyal supporter providing excellent facilities and refreshments in exchange for one team entry. The multiple choice question format covers a wide range of topics, making it beneficial to include multiple ages and interests on each five-member team, which costs \$400.

Since 2012, we have used half of the funds raised to support **Happy Hands Education Center**, a school that serves young children with hearing-impairments and other communication challenges. The other half of our proceeds goes towards scholarships for seniors at Broken Arrow High School. Since 2009, we have raised over \$90,000!

We chose late February for the contest to avoid the holiday rush of December and precede the business of spring. The 2020 contest was held just before the COVID shutdown, but in 2021, we moved the contest online, and it surpassed our expectations! Each year, we've refined the event for more fun and success. We even organized a mini-contest in January for our club to generate excitement among volunteers and introduce new members to the contest format.

The winning team earns our coveted traveling trophy - a proud golden rooster (a playful reference to the Rooster Days Festival in Broken Arrow). The team names are engraved on a brass plaque and added to the names of past champions. The winner gets to display the Crowing Rights Rooster trophy for the year. Other high-scoring teams have the opportunity to win category trophies for non-profits, businesses, civic groups, etc. Our club members support non-profit teams for that category, including the Broken Arrow Police, Gatesway Foundation, and others. The business category includes banks, insurance companies and more. The education category has drawn entries ranging from pre-school to university-level teams.



Crowing Rights

This year's contest continued our 15-year legacy of triumphs with 20 teams competing. We were especially pleased to have a strong Rotary presence this year, including "The G Line," made up of past, present, and future District Governors, **Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise** (the 2022 event winners), **Rotary Club of North Tulsa**, **Rotary Club of Tulsa**, and **The Rotary Club of Pryor**. The winning team this year was sponsored by Russell Peterson, a committed Broken Arrow Rotarian with a grandchild at the Happy Hands school.

The committee includes 5-6 Rotarians, with the creation of the custom PowerPoint contest itself limited to three to keep it secret. Active work on the



20 teams of 5 members each played

TRIVIA LEADER BOARD			Points
Place	Team		
1	La Trivista		65
2	Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise (2022 Winner)		65
3	Rotary District 6110 - "The G-Line"		61
4	FNBSA - "FIRSThand Knowledge"		61
5	Happy Hands Education Center Team Blue		58
6	Broken Arrow Police Department		58
7	Adams & Associates		57
8	Rotary Club of Tulsa "Amygdala Mania"		56
9	Rotary Club of North Tulsa		56
10	Let's Get Quizzical		56

The leader board generates excitement.



Club President Jennifer Cothran (left), winning team captain Russell Peterson, project chair Janie Green



the custom flower and contest is limited to three to keep it secret. Active work on the project begins in late December. Arrangements for dinner and refreshments are another need. All committee members find sponsors and form teams, plus seek prizes for the raffle. 10-15 volunteers are needed the night of the event. Although the contest involves a lot of effort, our club is delighted to brighten up February with a fun and lively event that supports two very deserving causes.



Bill Bowen, the captain of the **Tulsa Sunrise Rotary Club** team who tied for the lead at the end of this year's contest but lost on the overtime question, noted
"Win or lose, it's always great to be with my fellow Rotarians from around Tulsa to benefit Happy Hands. It was also nice to teach those district governors a lesson!"



Tiffany Egdorf, president of **The Rotary Club of Tulsa**, said *"Spending an evening with fellow Rotarians and friends from the community while raising money for a good cause, is the perfect way to do so! Thanks to the Rotary Club of Broken Arrow for hosting this great event and creating hope in the world!"*

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Here's a great fund-raising event. No leftover inventory, minimal out-of-pocket costs, sponsors, competition, food - 200 people seeing People of Action!

My Rotary Moment: Cathy Webster

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Rotary Moment 1:

One of my earliest experiences where I strongly felt the service aspect of Rotary was when I was delivering dictionaries to 3rd graders in the very small rural schools in Mayes County, Oklahoma. The appreciation that the teachers have for the project shows in their faces during our presentations. As soon as the students get the dictionary in their hands, I love watching them flip through the pages, starting their exploration. Most of them love the back sections that feature maps, facts about the states, presidents, and the most popular, the sign language page. I love participating in this project every year.

Rotary Moment 2:

My first American Wheelchair Mission with Chris Lewis, his crew, and several District 6110 Rotarians and their family members was unforgettable. When I placed a little boy in his wheelchair, feeling his excitement throughout his excited movements, I felt grateful for the moment. Then I looked up at this mother and father, his aunts and uncles, and siblings who were all there. They were crying tears of joy. I realized the wheelchair gift changed not only the little boy's life, but also the lives of his whole family. A very humbling moment full of love.

Cathy Webster, Past District Governor 2022-2023

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Club Hub - March 2024

"The Club Hub"

District 6110 Rotarians are People of Action!

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The **Miami Rotary Club** delivered Dictionaries recently. Rotarian Kelly Wieczorek (right) and friend Stevie Nowlin visited local third grade classes and presented the students with their own personal dictionary.



The **Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary Club** delivers flowers on Valentine's and Mothers days as a fund-raising event for their projects. Ann Elliott and Dawn McNay organize the deliveries by city quadrant. Past AG and Club President Douglas Stuckey loads them up!



Pittsburg Rotary Club's immediate Past President, Jon Barlow (left), is all smiles as he received the Presidential Citation from Past District Governor Cathy Webster. Congratulations!



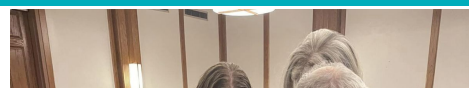
Delia Haak, president-elect of the **Siloam Springs Rotary Club** Presidential Citation to President Stanley Church. She had received it from Governor Pam Crawford.



The **#MightyJohns** (Haley and Daries) of the **Tulsa Southside Rotary Club** delivered their dictionaries to the very happy 3rd grade students of Tisdale Elementary! What an honor it is for us to help give these personalized dictionaries to them.



The **Bartlesville Daybreak Rotary Club** helped prepare and serve a Leap Day meal for the local Building Bridges organization which helps move people from poverty to prosperity through life-changing experiences





Jenks Rotary Club member Jeff Roberts delivered dictionaries to Jenks Southeast Elementary school. Every one of the teachers told him much they appreciated them and that they are so thankful Rotary provides the dictionaries that are very useful and valuable to them and the students.



Coffeyville Rotary Club members test their architectural skills at their Valentine's Day meeting. Apparently, an errant earthquake upset some of their efforts. Looks like they need to attract an architect or engineer to the club!



The District Conference/Rotary Foundation Golf Experience will be conducted Friday May 3 at the Rogers AR Top Golf location. It's right near the conference hotel, and is open to all Rotary golfers, duffers, and you don't even need to be a golfer! More info [HERE](#)



Recently, more than 20 Rotarians taught life skills including financial literacy, entrepreneurship and work readiness to over 400 students, including those from the Celia Clinton Elementary School. Clubs helping the students were the **Rotary Club of Tulsa**, **The Broken Arrow Rotary Club**, and the **Sand Springs Rotary Club**.



The **Tulsa Sunrise Rotary Club** conducted a putt-putt golf event raising \$450 to End Polio Now. Here are the best putters in the club (L to R) David McCollum 1st place, Bill Lawson 2nd, and Bobby Schultz 3rd.



The **Lamar Rotary Club** meets at Nathan's Place, which is an after-school youth center. They recently donated \$300 to the center to help with their activities.



82ND ANNUAL CASSVILLE ROTARY CLUB RODEO



The **Bella Vista Rotary Club**

hosted an International Women's Day event on March 8. April Taylor, membership chair for the club, put this together with the purpose of inviting non Rotarians as prospective members.

The **Cassville Rotary Club** needs you to come to its 82nd (WOW) Rodeo May 31 and June 1 - come on over!

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

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

By Beth E. Keck

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

Rotary's Action Plan



People of Action (that's us!) know that achieving any vision, big or small, requires a plan.

Rotary pioneered a model of service leadership more than a century ago based on person-to-person connections. That model is just as powerful today as ever. Today's Rotary doesn't just reach out to act on communities' needs close to home; we transcend borders, generations, languages, cultures, and historic differences to create hope for a better world.

When we imagined where Rotary is going in the next 100 years, we developed a plan built on four priorities listed below.

Please click [HERE](#) for a short 2 minute video on the Action Plan

Here are the plan's four priorities:



1. Increase our IMPACT
2. Expand our REACH
3. Enhance participant ENGAGEMENT
4. Increase our ability to ADAPT

Recent Rotary research confirms that the single most important factor in member satisfaction is **the club experience**.

There's a Rotary toolkit with a lot more on the Action Plan here: [OUR ACTION PLAN](#)

Also, attached to this Newsletter email are:

- Club Health Check
- What makes the club experience
- Action Plan Priorities

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? We're not your grandfather's Rotary! There's a lot going on to help our clubs succeed. Read these attachments and put them to use!

The Rotary International Convention: Creating unforgettable moments and enduring friendships

By John Rains



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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/>

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Member of the Rotary Club of Tulsa
District Governor Nominee

Welcome New Rotarians March 2024

Have you welcomed a prospect to your Rotary club?

**Rotary**

CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

MARCH

MEMBERSHIP

MADNESS

Participate in District 6110's

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MADNESS Contest!

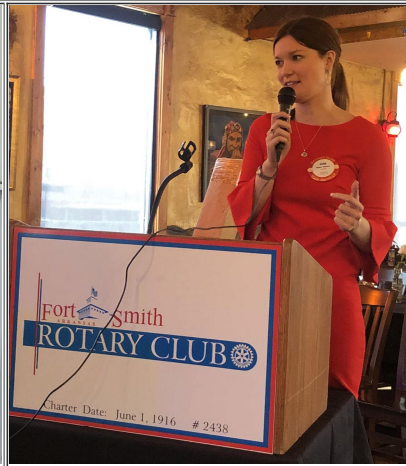
Each new guest you invite to a meeting, service project or social event, enters you into a district-wide drawing in March. If you win, Rotary District 6110 will make a \$100 donation to your favorite (non-Rotary) charity!

Tell your club secretary to send your guest information to:
jainsRotary@gmail.com

WHO WILL WIN????



The **Joplin Rotary Club** welcomed Nate Hackney (center) as its newest member, proposed by Robin McAlester (left) and inducted by Bob Headlee.



The **Fort Smith Rotary Club** sponsored Evan Kohler as a Rotary Youth Exchange student to Italy in 2016-2017, and now she has joined that club!

Rotary District 6110 New Membership Listing

New Members From: **Feb-13-2024** To: **Mar-13-2024**

Member Name	Start Date	Club	Sponsor
Crain, Amy L.	3/1/2024	Altus Area Sunset	A.C. Moncrief
Beldner, Christine	3/1/2024	Bartlesville Daybreak	
Dinnis, Samantha Horner	3/7/2024	Bentonville	
Ellsworth, Katherine	3/5/2024	Bentonville	
Holland, Gabriela	3/5/2024	Bentonville	
Russell, Samuel	3/1/2024	Bentonville	
Noble Tesch, Kristy K. (KRISTY)	2/22/2024	Berryville	
Rohde, John	2/22/2024	Bixby	Mike Gately
Campbell, Corbett	3/4/2024	Broken Arrow	Charles Campbell
McCoy, Joshua B	3/4/2024	Broken Arrow	Jenny Cothran, Brandon Berryhill
Pierce, Lauren A	3/4/2024	Broken Arrow	
Sorber, Sandra	3/12/2024	Claremore	Catherine Woldridge
Gentry, LaQuetta	3/6/2024	Downtown Rogers	Joe Hines
Davis, John C	2/16/2024	Fayetteville	
Nutt, Seth P (SETH POTTER)	2/13/2024	Frontenac	Linda D Potter-Gariglietti
Lawlor, Sharon	2/16/2024	Holiday Island	Judy A. Kelley
Hackney, Nate W	2/21/2024	Joplin	Robin McAlester, Duane Drieling
Martin, Rachel	2/20/2024	Lamar	Astra Ferris
Wheeler, Joshua	2/27/2024	Miami	
Marshall, Judy	3/7/2024	Mountain Home	Eddie Majeste
Crawford, Charles	2/15/2024	Muskogee	
Lamb, Kelsey	2/15/2024	North Tulsa	Jason Koebele, Lendell Nolan
Lincks, Bill	2/16/2024	Owasso	
Critchfield, Mark A	3/7/2024	Parsons	Hunter Ellis O'Neal
Sutton, Jordan L	3/7/2024	Parsons	Isaac M Reitemeier
McHaney, Heather	3/12/2024	Siloam Springs	Susan Jones, Mary Nolan

Marler, Vickie	3/7/2024	Springdale	Trudy Tavares
Statton-Brooks, Takama C	2/26/2024	Springdale	Delia Anderson Farmer
Avakian, Robert Wallace (ROBERT)	2/13/2024	Tulsa Southeast	Jim C. Mizell
Frost, Hyatt	2/13/2024	Tulsa Southeast	Jim C. Mizell
Wright, Josh	2/13/2024	Tulsa Southeast	Steven Kent Bunting
Taylor, Ja'Cory	3/3/2024	Van Buren	Michelle J Robinson, Maria Grayson
Morgan, Rob	2/20/2024	Will Rogers (Tulsa)	Suzy Morgan

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

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