

Rotary



District 6110 Newsletter

Welcome New Rotarians May, 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!

Many 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".](#)



[The Tulsa Southside club welcomed Caleb Guerrero to their group!](#)



President Chad Johnson (L) welcomes Tyler Willis to the Cassville Rotary Club, Tyler is the High School Principal



Laura Sanders of the Promised Land Zoo, joined the Cassville Rotary Club also

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

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

Rotary District 6110 New Membership Listing

New Members From: **Apr-12-2022 To: May-17-2022**

42 Members Listed

Member Name	MemType	Start Date	Club	Sponsor
Elrod, Brad	Active	04/13/22	Altus Area Sunset	
Reed, Amanda	Active	04/13/22	Vinita	Jennifer Hinson
Jemison, William Artis (ARTIS)	Active	04/13/22	Tulsa North	Wallace A. Williams
Willis, Steven W.	Active	04/14/22	Carthage	David Howard
Olcott, Samuel L (SAM)	Active-Associate	04/14/22	Harrison	Ken Savells
Burns, Buster L	Active	04/14/22	Harrison	Franklin/Kyle
Wion, Amanda M	Active	04/15/22	Sand Springs	Erik Stuckey

Sherry L Durkee				
Mann, Carla	Active	04/20/22	Berryville	
Schultz, Bobby	Active	04/20/22	Tulsa Sunrise	Christopher B. Sprague
Zellner, Kelley	Active	04/23/22	Fort Scott	Meredith Odell Shannon Thomas
Brown, Joel (JOEL)	Active	04/25/22	Springdale	Bart Tracy
Ledbetter, Monica	Honorary	04/25/22	Bentonville	
Sanders, Stephen	Honorary	04/25/22	Bentonville	
Simmons, Savannah	Honorary	04/25/22	Bentonville	
Dinelli, Kim (KIM)	Active	04/25/22	Tulsa	Debbie Stumps
Hays, Kay (KAY)	Honorary	04/27/22	Tulsa Sunrise	Mike Bibby
Willis, Tyler	Active	04/27/22	Cassville	Merlyn Johnson Eric White
Miller, Roscoe Jr.	Active	04/27/22	Mt. Vernon	Leslie Crider
Morawski, Terry	Active	04/27/22	Fort Smith	
Ash, Lawrence	Active-R85	04/28/22	Fayetteville Northside	Lee Ward
Sasse, Jake (JAKE)	Active	04/29/22	Fredonia	
Grish, Brendan	Active	05/02/22	Fayetteville	David K. Sager
Williams, Phillip S	Active	05/03/22	Miami	
Clifford, Edward III	Active-Satellite-R85	05/03/22	Bentonville	
Sanders, Laura Ann	Active	05/04/22	Cassville	Chad Johnson Laura Holycross
Doshier, Whitney	Active	05/05/22	Mid-Marion County	Travis Doshier
Lee, Layton	Active	05/05/22	Mid-Marion County	
Smith, Emily	Active	05/05/22	Mid-Marion County	
Ball, John T.	Active	05/05/22	Fayetteville	Richard G. Roberts
Guerrero, Caleb	Active	05/05/22	Tulsa Southside	David P. Hughes
Compton, Roger	Active	05/06/22	Fredonia	Jerry Scott and Phil Odell
Braman, Wesley Bryan (WESLEY)	Active	05/09/22	Joplin Daybreak	Drew Harley
Casey, Victor Douglas (VICTOR)	Active	05/09/22	Bartlesville	Elizabeth Fugate
Herr, Michael	Active	05/09/22	Joplin Daybreak	Joe Craigmile
Weaver, David T	Active	05/09/22	Joplin Daybreak	
Reynolds, Diana L	Active-Satellite	05/09/22	Bentonville	
Seaba, James (JIM)	Active	05/10/22	Bartlesville Daybreak	Jim Scinta
Oakley, Karl Henry	Active	05/10/22	Bartlesville Daybreak	
Derr, Arianna	Active-Corporate or Nonprofit	05/10/22	Pryor	Catherine E. Webster
Phillips, Randolph	Active	05/17/22	Tulsa Southside	Stephen P. Gray

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

Governor Kevin's Column for May 2022

By Kevin Merrill

What a party!!

On Friday night, May 13th, we celebrated the 2021-2022 Rotary year's theme "Serve to Change Lives" at the Stokely Event Center in



Tulsa, OK. Over 130 Rotarians and guests came from the four corners of our district for fellowship, fun and awards.

Several first-time awards were given, and I am hopeful that the incoming Governors (the G-Line) will consider continuing this event and even create their own "special awards". We cannot acknowledge our members enough for the great work they are doing through Rotary.

There are many additional Rotarians who have made such a difference this year and I wish time and resources were available to acknowledge them all. The following were recognized at Friday's party.

* **Ed Hardesty**, member of the Tulsa Southeast club, is my "District Trainer." Every incoming District Governor chooses a **District Trainer** from the Past District Governors in our district. This person is responsible for guiding the incoming Governor through the mine fields of Rotary protocol and procedures.

* **Brett Brough**, member of the Tulsa Southside club, **Joe Grisolano**, from the Pittsburg, KS club, and **John Rains** from the Rotary Club of Tulsa were given Rotary branded jackets to enjoy for their tireless efforts as **Assistant District Governor Coordinators**. This position is a support role for the Assistant Governors throughout our district. They have done a fantastic job!

* **Sarah Stokely**, member of the Rotary Club of Tulsa, received the **"What Time? Award"** Sarah has become a great friend since Lisa, and I met her in India on a National Immunization Day trip in 2020. She owns the Stokely Event Center where we held our event. While in India, we asked Sarah if we should go do something (can't remember exactly what that was) and she said, "That's a horrible idea, what time?" That became our theme for the remainder of the trip.

* **Cole Adamson**, member of the Tulsa Sunrise club, is our **District Administrator**. Cole has done an amazing job this year and I have appreciated her attention to detail while serving our district. Cole received a basket full of Rotary branded items she had wanted but hadn't bought for herself. Thank you, Kevin Flynn, for the gift ideas.

* **John Williams**, member of the Fayetteville Northside club, is a man of many talents and wears many hats in our district! John served as our representative to the **Council on Legislation**, our **District Grant Chair**, and my **MAPETS Chair**. John received a special adult beverage that he plans to use to raise additional funds for another charity that is close to his and Connie's heart.

* **Kevin Flynn**, President of the Jenks club, received the **"MSNI Volunteer of the Year Award"**. This past year, Kevin has volunteered multiple times, loading containers, doing inventory, and has become an MSNI Ambassador. His support of this district project has been inspiring!

* **Galen and Lisa Engel**, members of the Broken Arrow club, received the **"Scream Rotary Award"**. Lisa has served as an Assistant Governor this year and Galen is now a member of the District Membership team. Whatever this dynamic duo does, they SCREAM ROTARY!!

* **Ray and Emile Tucker**, members of the Sand Springs club, received the **"RV Hosts of the Year Award"**. Ray and Emile own Riverview Park in Sand Springs and have made sure Lisa and I had a spot to stay while serving the Tulsa area clubs. Ray and Emile, like many others in our district, have become friends for life.

* **Alana Q. Kinzle**, President of the Iola, KS club, received the **"Breaking Through Award"**. All club Presidents are faced with challenges of some kind or another. When Alana was faced with the issue of some members not being willing to take positive steps forward, Alana held her ground and demonstrated her ability to break through tough barriers to do the right thing.

* **Roy Wood**, President of the Broken Arrow club, was presented with the **"District Club President of the Year Award"**. Although many of our club Presidents are ROCK STARS this year, Roy paved the way for Lisa and me to participate in multiple projects, club events, and the Tulsa area club Presidents monthly meetings. Not only that, but the Broken Arrow Club launched a Satellite Club and added one of the district's highest numbers of new members this year. *



On the road again (still)

Michelle Robinson, from the Van Buren club, received the **"Rising Star Award"**. Michelle is a first year Assistant Governor who has used her leadership



skills to pick up the slack for others. She stepped in to help when another Assistant Governor couldn't be there for the "official" Governor's visits. Michelle is working to facilitate regional training that will bring training to the outlying clubs. She understands that clubs on the fringes of the district have a harder time attending district training.

* **Laura Garrett**, from the Tulsa Sunrise club, has received the **"Groupie Assistant Governor of the Year Award"**. Laura's fun-loving spirit and eagerness to

serve her clubs and beyond has been inspiring! She showed up at club visits outside of her responsibility, proclaiming to be our "Groupie". Laura is poised for greatness in our district as she serves to change lives.

* **Dick Schrad**, from the Bella Vista, Arkansas club, received the **"Special Effects Assistant Governor of the Year Award"**. During district leadership Zoom calls, you could always count on Dick to be wearing some kind of virtual mask or having a background that could make your head spin. Here's the rest of the story--Dick has had such an effect on those he has served this year, including me. His heart of service and tireless energy have made a huge difference this year.

* **Rod Larimore**, Sonia's husband, from Coffeyville, Kansas, received the **"Non-Rotarian Spouse of the Year Award"**. Rod's service to our district and his support of Assistant Governor Sonia have been refreshing. One of the many examples of Rod's service in support of Sonia was traveling from Coffeyville KS with his granddaughter to help at MSNI even when Sonia wasn't available.

* **Sonia Larimore**, from the Coffeyville, KS club, received the **"Assistant Governor Encourager of the Year Award"**. On multiple occasions, Sonia has sent a note, email, text, or made a phone call to encourage anyone she knows is having a tough time. I was a recipient of many of those communications this year and I appreciate the kindness she shares with everyone.

* **Pam Crawford**, from the Bartlesville Daybreak club, received the **"Most Humble of the Year Award"**. Pam is our District Governor Nominee and when DGE George Knox had to step down for health reasons, Pam was asked if she would step into that position. After much thought, she decided that she would be able to serve best during her original scheduled time of 2023-2024. She passed up an opportunity to serve with RI's first woman President, knowing the timing wasn't right. This took humility to do the right thing and I appreciate her boldness in the face of criticism from others.

* **Marsha Jones**, President of the Mount Vernon, MO club, received the first ever **"Serve with Excellence Award"**. Marsha has made so many positive changes this year while serving her club and community that I can't mention them all here. What I can tell you is that everything she does, she does it with EXCELLENCE and we are very blessed to have her as an example of leadership.

* **Wally Bloss**, from the Joplin, MO club, received the **"District Rotarian of the Year Award"**. Wally serves as an Assistant Governor, District Newsletter Chair, and Public Image Chair. He is now also serving at the Zone level on the Public Image Team. Wally has been a huge asset to our district beyond these areas by assisting our District Administrator on a variety of tasks.

* **V.J. Lively**, from the Tulsa Sunrise club, received the first ever **"District Service Above Self Award"**. As MSNI's director, V.J. has gone above and beyond serving not only our district but Rotarians around the world. The impact of his service to others has been amazing, and I consider it a privilege to present to V.J. Lively the highest District Award, the "Service Above Self" Award!

* **Komi Folly**, from the Tulsa Sunrise club, has been awarded the **"Rotary International Service Above Self Award"**. This is the highest award possible from Rotary International. Out of 1.2 million Rotary members, only 133 of these were awarded this year!! Each year, District Governors are allowed to submit one application during the month of October. It was an honor

to submit one on behalf of Dr. Komi Folly for the work he has done behind the scenes to ship ten shipping containers full of medical equipment and supplies to his homeland of Togo, Africa, via MSNI. One more container is in the works now to be shipped soon. He also works extra shifts at the hospital to gain additional funds and time to travel back to his homeland to volunteer in the hospital there.

* **Lisa Merrill**, my AWESOME wife, received a **dozen red roses** for being such a fantastic help to me this year. She has served as First Lady of our district with patience, kindness, and is one heck of a navigator! This year wouldn't have been nearly as successful without her by my side. Thank you, Sweetheart!!

What can we do these last few weeks of 2021-2022 Rotary year to "Serve to Change Lives"?
Kevin

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!"

Rotary District Leadership Academy



Each fall, a group of Rotarians from across the district begins their studies at a very special Academy: the District 6110 Leadership Academy, or DLA for those who are fond of abbreviations. The Leadership Academy is a seven-month advanced education program for those 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. The Academy began its 11th year with a very different plan - to operate it fully within the District. Previously, we had contracted with a Rotarian from Oregon to operate the DLA and it was time to "run it ourselves".

District Governor Elect Kevin Merrill selected a group of people interested in the continuing success of the Academy. Several Zoom brainstorming meetings were held and the committee charted a path to making the Academy "ours." By last summer, Past District Governor Ellis Potter, who had been Dean of the Academy since it started in the District, turned over the operation to incoming Dean Scott Tatman of the Coffeyville Rotary Club. Tweaks to the old curriculum were finished, a new website was established, promotional efforts were made, and the new Academy was launched this fall with seven candidates.

The Academy's curriculum is developed by a highly trained and knowledgeable group of Rotarians within District 6110. The curriculum is designed for participants to gain/expand in-depth Rotary knowledge, develop leadership and personal growth, develop and update club long-range planning, interact with other Rotarians throughout District 6110 and to give participants the opportunity to serve and effect change. Topics include: Communications, Membership, Public Image, Youth Service, RI Programming, The Rotary Foundation, and District 6110.

So what has been happening this year? Study, discussion, projects, reviews, tests, and all manner of Rotary immersion, that's what!

We will list the graduates in the newsletter next month, but now is the time to consider whether

further study of Rotary is for you? Do you want to be a better Rotarian? To know the difference between Public Image and District Communications Officer? To see the big picture, but also spend time mucking about in the weeds?

What makes a great club president, or a helpful Assistant Governor, or a potential District Governor?

Consider joining the next class of the DLA by reviewing their website here <https://academy6110.org/> and completing an application.

WHAT's THIS ALL ABOUT? There's a lot to learn about Rotary, and there are many ways to do just that! The RI Website has a whole curriculum on a wide variety of subjects. MAPETS covers incoming Presidents. But the District Leadership Academy is the "Graduate Level" of Rotary Learning. If you want to help your district, please consider enrolling!

Rotarians in Service - April 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!

Bella Vista Rotary Club's Honors Citizens with Paul Harris Awards

We are all familiar with honoring a club member who has earned a Paul Harris Fellow award. By donating \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation in cash, a member is awarded a PHF. Or there can be a combination of cash and points - from the club or another member.

But a Paul Harris Fellowship can also be awarded to an outstanding member of the community, using "club points" or members' donated points.

Bella Vista Rotarian and former community leader, Tom Pyatt, used his points to give the PHFs to Tom Judson and Charlie Teal. Tom Judson is the COO of the Bella Vista POA and a commissioner of Discover Bella Vista.

Charlie is the President of the Bella Vista Foundation and former chair of the POA. Both have been instrumental in their community's progress, and the Bella Vista Rotary Club used the PHF route to honor them.



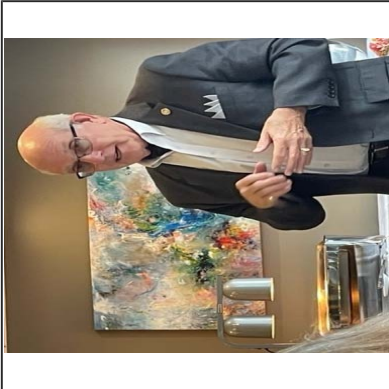
Liz Teal, Charlie Teal and Rotarian Tom Pyatt - PHF "point" donor. (Charlie is considering joining!)



District PHS Chair and Bella Vista Foundation Chair Michele Gann ready to make awards



Rotarian Tom Pyatt, Tom Judson and Allison Judson



Mayor (and Rotarian) Peter Christie made introductions

Many clubs honor their members with a "Rotarian of the Year," and why not have an annual Rotary Award event at which a PHF is given to an outstanding individual from outside the club? (Using "points" there is no cost to the club!) This connects Rotary efforts to make the

community a better place in which to live, and shows our interest in supporting and partnering with others in the community. Who knows - it may inspire the recipient to give Rotary a closer look!

Kudos to savvy Bella Vista!

Pittsburg Rotary Club Demonstrates 4 Way Test



These Pittsburg Rotarians and friends helped clean up Leffler Park, and posed by a Four Way Test sign "in the wild" - where can your club post a Four Way Test sign?

Southeast Tulsa Rotary Club Selects Art Student for award



Bill Moore was a graphic designer and member of the Rotary Club of Southeast Tulsa, many years ago. Following his death, his family made a contribution to the club to establish The Bill Moore Scholarship, which is presented each year to a graphic design student at the University of Tulsa. The recipient is chosen by the University of Tulsa graphic design faculty.

Each year the recipient comes to the club to be awarded the scholarship and does a program, showing his/her work. The club heard from and appreciated the work of this year's Scholarship recipient, Cailie Golden (left) and Michelle Martin, Director of the School of Art at TU.

What a great way to commemorate the spirit of a Rotarian and his vocation.

Muskogee Rotary Club Fosters Assistance

Fostering Hope is a non-profit

organization in Muskogee, OK assisting with children placed in foster care. Recently, the Muskogee Rotary Club provided boxes of duffel bags for use in Fostering Hope's resource center.

Fostering Hope promoted Rotary on their

Facebook page by saying, "These bags will be put to good use and have lots of room for goodies and hope inside. We are so grateful to them and their support!" What a smart way to let the world know that Rotary is all about service!



Joplin Rotary Club's Middle School Interact



To celebrate Earth Day, the South Joplin Middle School Interact Club spent part of their day at Wildcat Glades volunteering and learning about environmental issues. Thank you to Rotarians Chad Brueckner, Stephanie Brady, and Interact Sponsor Julia Narrell for working with these great kids. Are there any other Middle School Interact clubs in the District? Inquiring minds and all that.

Vinita Rotary Club Supports Literacy

accepts a donation on behalf of the library from the Vinita Rotary Club, presented by Rotary President Steve Tamplen, to go toward the summer reading program. Rotary has long been a strong advocate of literacy programs locally and worldwide.

Vinita Public Library Director Vanessa Hicks (L)



Booneville Rotary Club's special Rotary Car!

One of the Booneville Rotary Club's long-time members, Jim Wooley, restores cars and bought the Rotary topper several years ago for use in parades. He drove this car to their meeting recently - wherever he goes it's a **Rotary Parade!**



Mt Vernon Rotary Club Raises \$5,200 from its second Car Show

Continuing in the automotive vein, the Mt Vernon Rotary Club held its second car show recently! Mother Nature provided the club with beautiful weather on Saturday April 30th. They had 65 vehicles entered, including everything from a 1927 Model T depot hack to a Monster truck! They raised \$5,200 for scholarships, which were disbursed on Monday evening May 2, to 5 students! Three of the recipients were Interact students, Jaylee Presnall, Samuel Herbert and Luke Wolfe. Mt Vernon also presented a Service Above Self award to Muerita Scrivner, school counselor's assistant, for her invaluable help during the scholarship selection process. She is retiring after 31 years.



Marsha Jones, Matt Kasper, Brad DeLay, Joe Kelley, Lynda Hull, Robin Schatzer, and Sam Jones



The club also presented a Service Above Self award to Muerita Scrivner, a school counselor's assistant.



Three of the Scholarships went to Interact students: Jaylee Presnall, Samuel Herbert and Luke Wolfe.

Eureka Springs High School

Interact Gives Back

The Eureka Springs High School Interact club presented two checks on Monday, May 2, 2022.



The first is a \$2,000 check to Samaritan's Feet. Cathy Handley from the Eureka Springs Rotary Club noted that before school starts in August there will be a shoe give-away for students in need of a new pair of shoes. In addition, with the help of other donors, a Samaritan's Locker will be established for students who may need new shoes any time during the school year. The second \$500 check was presented to ESHS teacher Mr. RunnerSmith and the Eureka Springs High School Student Council to help fund their memorial scholarships again this year.

This school year Rotary Interact will have distributed over \$4,900 to charitable causes. The Eureka Springs Rotary Interact Club is sponsored by both the Eureka Springs and Holiday Island Rotary Clubs. ESHS Teacher Adam Louderback has been the club's high school advisor for 8 years. During that time, over \$26,000 has been raised and distributed to help those in need. The Interact Program teaches high school students the Rotary Motto of "Service Above Self". They learn the importance of volunteering to help others while having fun and working as a team.



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Broken Arrow Rotary Club supports neighbors

The Broken Arrow Rotary Club has a partnership with a local non-profit organization

called the Broken Arrow Neighbors. Here's what BA Neighbors said recently, "Today at the Rotary Club of Broken Arrow, we had a moment to share some new partnerships while receiving a Rotary Foundation donation! We are so incredibly humbled to be chosen as a non-profit in our community to receive such critical funds!

A special thank you to Dr. Roy Wood, Club President, Lisa Engel, Immediate Past President and Foundation Chair. We had the honor of having Rotary District 6110 Governor, Kevin Merrill and his beautiful wife Lisa Merrill with us today!

Rotary is a pretty special place where we get to serve our community. It's all about "Service Above Self"!

Thank you, fellow Rotarian and BAN Board Member, Lisa Ford, for the pictures!

Well done Broken Arrow!



Joplin Daybreak Rotary Club helps at daybreak!



Day breaks behind the Daybreak - Joplin club

The Rotary Club of Joplin - Daybreak is used to working early. They regularly meet at 6:45 am on Fridays, but they volunteered the next day to assist with the Joplin Memorial Run on Saturday, May 7. The run is in honor of the 161 individuals who lost their lives and all who have helped recover from the EF-5 tornado that struck Joplin on May 22, 2011. Several Joplin Rotarians were at the RI Convention in New Orleans on that fateful day.

Carthage Rotary Club presents

Scholarships

President Dr. Shelby Baugh Bruner proudly presented the 2022 Carthage Rotary Club Scholarships at Carthage High School Academic Awards Night. Congratulations to Hailey Bryant, Lee Goetzinger, Caitlyn Gacke, Naomi Enriquez, Tyler Howard, Karsen Greene, Syllas Browning & Brett Rockers! Each received a \$1,000 scholarship for his/her college education & the well wishes of the Club.

Aurora Rotary Club takes Speech

Contest seriously



Round one of the Aurora Rotary Club's Speech Competition is over and Round Two will commence next week. Presenting for the club were Saige Spooner, Kadin Setters, Ryan Clark, Jack Cline, Jaesik Friggle, Cameron Savage and Sage Welch.


They have been working on speech and research projects for several months. They love working on things that matter.

McAlester Rotary Club Flies the Flags

The McAlester Rotary Club provided the US flags along Carl Albert Parkway on May 7 for the 75th annual McAlester Armed Forces Day Parade. Looks great!



Take a Short Run in Bentonville

 <p>Rotary Club of Bentonville</p> <p>Rotary Half K Run</p> <p><small>A Seriously Ridiculous Event for a Seriously Awesome Cause</small></p>	<p>\$25 - Race entry, 1 beer ticket, goodie bag</p> <p>\$10 - 20 & Under to 5 yrs old</p> <p>FREE - Under 5 yrs old</p>
<p>Friday, June 17th 6-9 PM Bentonville Brewing Co.</p>	<p>Contests for BEST COSTUME MOST DRAMATIC FINISH and MORE!</p>

The Rotary Club of Bentonville is hosting a "Seriously Ridiculous Event for A Seriously Awesome Cause" at 6pm on Friday June 17, 2022.

Also known as the "Rotary Half K Run" it will raise funds for the club's scholarship program. With contests for the best costume and the most dramatic finish, it promises to be a fun event!

Tahlequah - Cherokee County Rotary Club's Scholars

Every year, the Tahlequah - Cherokee Rotary club provides scholarships to outstanding students from each high school in Cherokee County. Congratulations to this year's recipients from Tahlequah High School - Ashley Trapp & Tyler Joice!

Pryor Rotary Club honor top High School Seniors

On Friday, April 29th, the Rotary Club of Pryor was excited to host a luncheon for the top 10% of Pryor High School



Seniors to celebrate their

accomplishments.

Superintendent of Pryor Public Schools,

Dr. Lisa Muller gave an enthusiastic challenge to the students to seek their dreams, and Pryor High School Principal JR Winton also encouraged the students to continue forward with their aspirations. The Rotarians were excited to hear about which college the students would be attending. Club President-Elect Maria Yerton catered the event.



Grove Rotarians ready Rotary Centennial Park

The members of the Grove Rotary Club had a work day at their Rotary Centennial Park getting it ready for summer use. Members participating: Dave Unruh, Joel McCorkle, Nikki Privitera, Gary Daniels, Zach Bechtol, Pete Norwood, Sherry Hilton, Judy McHenry, Michelle Pracht, Sheri Griffin, Jim Reynolds, Mike Bumpas and photographer Carolyn Boothe.



Best Rotary Bell?

What Rotary Club would win the "Best Bell" Contest? Certainly, the Okmulgee Rotary Club would be in the top five?

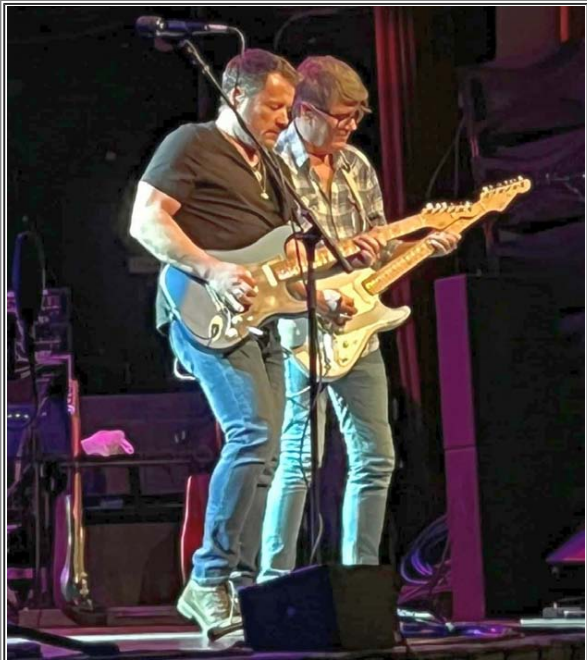
Do you have a cool club bell?

Send photos!

Coweta Rotary Ribs!



Memorial Day Picnic with Holiday Island



AG Stewart Brunner (R) on the stage with the Little River Band!! "Lonesome Loser" or "Cool Change?"

**COWETA ROTARY
RIB SALE**

3-pound slab of succulent, hardwood, slow-smoked baby back ribs.

**A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL
BENEFIT COWETA COMMUNITY
PROJECTS.**

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Pickup/Delivery May 27th.

\$25 PER SLAB (PAID IN ADVANCE)

Pick up at Stu-B-Que Kitchen or Request Delivery
Just west of Kenosha and Evans Road behind Daylight Donuts.

Join us
Monday, May 30
Noon to 3 p.m.

Holiday Island
Rotary Club

**Memorial Day
PICNIC**

Outdoors at the Country Clubhouse, Holiday Island

\$10/PERSON

- PULLED PORK SANDWICH
- BAKED BEANS & SLAW
(Takeout available)
- ENTERTAINMENT

Lost Bridge Trio performing

Tickets available from all Rotary members and at the event

**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

Rotary 101 - May 2021

By Wally Bloss

Rotary 101: What is Rotary?

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

What is a Rotarian?

The key to being a Rotarian is being involved. Some Rotary members attend their club meetings, nod their head, maybe write a check, then go back to work. There are those who note they became a real Rotarian several months or even years after they joined. It's when they "got it." It may have come at a service project, an International Convention, or being asked to work on a committee.

Here are some ways to optimize your experience as a Rotarian and really "get it!"

- Take a course in the [Learning Center](#), such as the Toastmasters-developed communication and leadership courses.
- Attend as many club meetings and events as you can. Connect with different people each time. Sit at different tables!
- Volunteer your skills and take on a role such as committee member, greeter, social media helper, or webmaster.
- Identify a need in your community and suggest a hands-on project that addresses it.
- Tell friends and colleagues how your club is giving back to your community, and emphasize the unique opportunity Rotary provides for networking with leaders in many professions.
- Get involved in your club's service projects, take a leadership role.
- Discover Rotary voices from around the world at blog.rotary.org
- Stay up-to-date by subscribing to newsletters from Rotary International at rotary.org/newsletters, reading your club and district newsletters, and visiting your club and [district websites](#) and [My Rotary](#).
- Help your club or district raise funds to eradicate polio.
- Set a personal contribution goal in support of your club's Annual Fund giving goal, or donate through The Rotary Foundation's recurring giving program, Rotary Direct.
- Propose a friend or colleague for membership in your club, or refer a prospective member to a different club.
- Ask your club leaders how you can get involved in Rotary Youth Exchange, Interact, or RYLA.
- Talk to club leaders about where your skills and expertise are most needed.
- Attend your club's next assembly and help plan club activities.
- Volunteer to help with your club's signature project-one your club is known for in the community.
- Check out the Member Center and other resources at [My Rotary](#).
- Join a [Rotary Fellowship](#) and meet members from other countries who share your interests.
- Participate in your district conference and the [Rotary International Convention](#).
- Check out another Rotary or Rotaract club meeting. If you don't already know of a club you'd



like to visit, use [Club Finder](#) to find one. Then get its leaders' contact information from the club.

Try any of these, but to be a Rotarian, get involved!

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.

THERE'S STILL ROOM LEFT - REGISTER TODAY!



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