

District Governor, Pam Crawford



Hello Rotary Friends!

As of this writing, I have visited 60 of our 74 clubs, plus a satellite club and our students at RYLA. I'm still enjoying the visits so much. And our part of the United States is so geographically fascinating, from the very hilly areas to the flat plains. I'm also experiencing a few of your socials and service project; I look forward to doing more of those in 2024. We will also start telling you more about the District Conference in May 2024 starting in January.

I find myself thinking about how Rotary has blessed my life, and after some thought, decided to make this a "prayer" of thanksgiving. Some families offer one prayer. Sometimes everyone says what they are thankful for, and that is what I'm going to offer in this newsletter.

Thank you for clubs that are *Creating Hope* in their own communities and worldwide. And *thank you* for warmly welcoming me and the assistant governors on my visits. (I really appreciate my Assistant Governors and Coordinators!)

Thank you for **ALL** the people who are leading efforts to help our children and youth, like: people delivering a dictionary, people acting as a host family for an inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student, the chaperones at RYLA, the sponsors of an Interact Club, so many giving to ensure the next generation is well equipped to lead.

Thank you for the Past District Governors creating District 2 District; I can't wait to hear from the Rotarians currently visiting Chile. And to welcome Rotarians from Chile to our wonderful District 6110. (And *thank you* PDGs for just being supportive!)



Thank you for people willing to do international missions, vaccination days, new water wells, medical supplies, wheelchairs, especially those willing to try a journey outside the USA for the first time because Rotary is opening a door they couldn't resist.

Thank you for all involved in Medical Supply Network Inc.: money for transport, time sorting supplies, working on the board, cleaning the warehouse area. We don't know how many people we have touched by sending medical supplies all over the world.

A special *Thank You* for the hero nurses taking the polio vaccination to the remote areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan so that we can eradicate a crippling disease.

Thank you to all the wonderful restaurants, caterers, and club members that have provided the meals at all the club meetings - oh my...yummy!

Thank you for giving to The Rotary Foundation. It allows us to have grants to help our local communities, give to End Polio Now, and support global projects that show we are about Service Above Self.

Thank you to all of you for all the leadership you show as People of Action. That leadership

is centered in the clubs and grows to the district, zone, and Rotary International! I know I haven't named everything or everyone. But please know, all of you, you inspire me to Create Hope!

Happy Thanksgiving! DG Pam



P.S. Beau and Joey told me to add: *Thank You* for the dog treats that have come their way while traveling as the District Dogs...nummy, nummy...



District 6110 Box Score				
Through 11/12/23				
74	Total Member INCREASE since 7/1/23			
10	MISSOURI Clubs and Satellite clubs			
11	KANSAS Clubs and Satellite clubs			
13	Clubs with ZERO Foundation giving - STILL, darn it!			
23	ARKANSAS Clubs and Satellite clubs			
31	OKLAHOMA Clubs and Satellite clubs			
31.7%	% of female Rotarians			
46	Clubs with ZERO Polio Plus giving - darn also!			
77	Rotary Clubs (includes Satellites)			
179	Paul Harris Society Members - give \$1,000 annually			
207	Major Donors "all time"			
367	KANSAS Rotarians			
431	MISSOURI Rotarians			
437	Rotary Direct members, up 15 since last month - DG Pam's goal: 500			
1,076	ARKANSAS Rotarians			
1,432	OKLAHOMA Rotarians			
2,143	RYLA Campers since 2012 - wow!			
3,354	Rotary Club Members			
16,251	District Foundation Recognition Points; hmmm			

\$17,874 Polio Plus Giving YTD - 48.9% of goal!

\$105,148 Foundation Annual Fund Giving YTD 37.2% of goal

Sources: Rotary Club Central, TRF data, etc. as of 11/12/23

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

- November 30: Deadline to finalize 2022-2023 District Grant
- November 30: Deadline to apply for a 2023-2024 District Grant
 March 21-23, 2024; <u>MAPETS, Fort Smith, AR for</u> Presidents Elect and Nominees (REQUIRED for PE, suggested for PN)
- May 3, 2024: District Foundation Golf Tournament
- May 3, 2024: District Foundation Banquet
- May 3-4, 2024: District Conference at Rogers, AR
- May 25-29, 2024: Rotary International Convention in Singapore
- June 29, 2024: District Governor Warren Lovinger Installation Luncheon Banquet - Nevada
- October 17-20, 2024: RYLA scheduled for the 2024-2025 year
- 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

* 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?

MAPETS

Learn how to be a successful Club President!

- "Connecting with a cohort in the discussion and idea sharing sessions, I plan to stay in touch with ongoing." – Sharon Moreland, Rotary Club of Iola
- "Great interactions in the breakout sessions with small groups. The chance to hear from and share with similar size clubs was invaluable. Made some really good connections." – Jeff Hairston, Rotary Club of Rogers
- "Reinvigorated." Charles Mowrey, Rotary Club of Eureka Springs

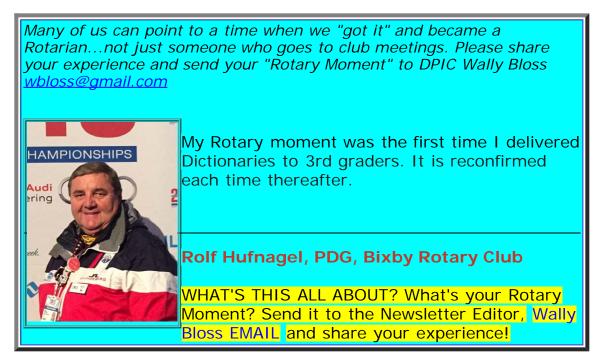




WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) provides the incoming club President with the tools needed to be successful. It is **REQUIRED** for the PE and suggested for the President-Nominee!

AND: Did you know you can be a sponsor at PETS? Get your company/name/event in front of the incoming club leaders! Contact MJRobinson2014@Outlook.com for more info.

My Rotary Moment: Rolf Hufagel



RYLA 2023 V2.0 Wrap Up

Dear 6110 Rotarians,

I hope you had a great week! As Tracey Dean and I have recovered from our amazing week

of RYLA, I wanted to take a moment to share the outcomes of the camp this year as well as a few media items that you can share with your club.

First and foremost if your club is not sending kids to RYLA camp I would love a personal email, call, text, etc so that my team of leaders can lean into your club with a program, calls, connections etc. As the district youth leadership camp, I would love to see every club actively engaged by sending students.

-We had 141 campers at camp last month

Since 2011 when Tracey and I began to support leading camp, we have served 2,143 campers through RYLA!
We had 33 leaders return to serve at camp as a CIT, Chief, or Leadership Team member.

-We had 26 Rotarians give 4 days of service

-In total, we had over 5000 hours of Rotary Engagement through RYLA last month!

RYLA for 2024 is October 17-20th - plan for sending at least one or two from your club if you have not done so before.

Here are 2 videos that provide a recap of camp as well as a shorter "commercial" for 2024.

2024 RYLA District 6110 Commercial

2023 RYLA District 6110 Camp Video

And here is our Facebook page where many photos of camp are housed.

Again, if I or my leadership team that supports RYLA year round can support your efforts to get more students or engage your club for the 1st time, please let me know. I have traveled as far as the district goes to share the message, nothing is out of reach.

Yours in service, Matt Hancock, (click name for email) Rotary District 6110 Co-chair RYLA, Rotary Club of Tulsa 918.260.3413 via text







Rotary Convention 2024 - Singapore



together in Singapore for the 2024 Rotary International Convention, 25-29 May. Register by December 15 to save money!

My Rotary Moment: George Paden

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 have rarely ever traveled outside the United States but have had many opportunities to enjoy friendships with many Rotarians who reside in various locations beyond our borders. This group of friends and I share a common passion for all things Rotary and this became deeply apparent to me when I was our district's delegate to RI's Council on Legislation that was held in Delhi, India, early in 1998. In my mind at the time, that 5-day meeting was Rotary's version of a mini United Nations gathering hosted in the largest ballroom of the headquarters hotel in Delhi. It was my rare

opportunity to experience up close and personal the various language translation booths in action. What a powerful impression that left on me.... wearing head phones when any speaker was not speaking English was a totally new experience for me and made me appreciate the extent to which Rotary goes during each of its international meetings to make sure that all who attend are included in all that is taking place.

There are eight Rotary-identified official languages - English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish. What a massive effort this language accommodation turns out to be!!

The impact of experiencing it taking place in such a personal and controlled setting was an eye-opening experience for me that I will recall forever. I left that historic meeting as a significantly more deeply committed ROTARIAN to everything Rotary is and does to build goodwill and better world-wide friendships. THANK YOU, ROTARY!!"

George Paden, PDG 1988-1989, Sand Springs Rotary Club

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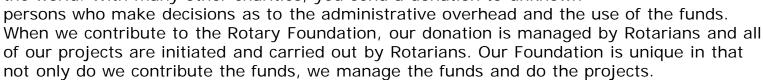
Your Rotary Foundation

By Edwin M. Hardesty

November is Foundation month. The Rotary Foundation (sometimes we say "TRF") is what separates Rotary from all other civic and service organizations. The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. For fourteen straight years,

The Rotary Foundation has been given a four-star rating, the highest of any charitable organization, by Charity Navigator. When you give to the Rotary Foundation, you know that your gift will be handled with

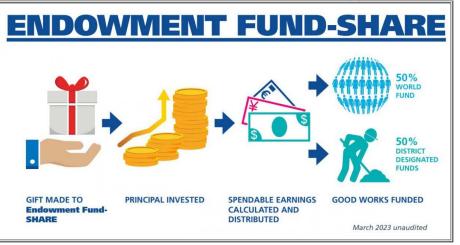
integrity and will impact a life in your local community or somewhere in the world. With many other charities, you send a donation to unknown



The Rotary Foundation has almost wiped polio from the face of the earth. In 1985, when Rotarians made a promise to the children of the world to eliminate polio, there were over 350,000 active cases in almost 200 countries with 1,000 new cases a day. Now cases of the wild polio virus are limited to parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan. We will not rest until the world is declared polio free. Your contributions to polio will make it a reality. For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.

When you give to the Annual Fund, you make possible District Grants, which support

humanitarian projects, scholarships, youth programs and other projects in our local communities. Annual Fund contributions also support Global Grants, which support international projects that address maternal and child health, water and sanitation, disease prevention and treatment, peace and conflict resolution, education and literacy, economic and community development and supporting the environment.



Your generous gifts to the Rotary Foundation change lives in our local communities and throughout the world. Highlight the work of our Foundation during this month. Schedule a program on the Rotary Foundation during this Rotary year. Celebrate the fact that the Rotary Foundation is doing good in the world, and that your contributions make it possible.

Ed Hardesty, PDG District 6110 Foundation Chair

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? The Rotary Foundation is OUR Foundation! We fund it, we spend it, we make things happen! Yet more than half of the District 6110 Rotarians do not give to it. We can do MORE good in the world with your support. Please join us!

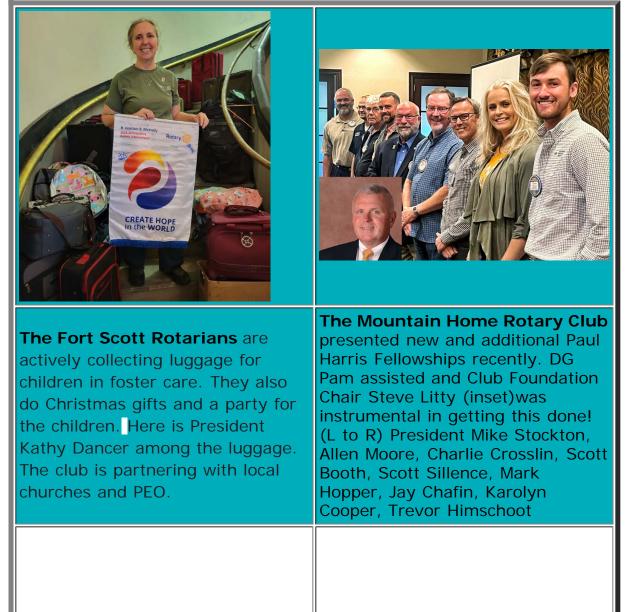




Club Hub - November 2023



District 6110 Rotarians are People of Action!





ip nd and "Senior Rotarians" (as in seniors in high school - like Interact club members) helped out at the Vinita Octoberfest recently.

The **Will Rogers Rotary Club** recently participated in Leadership Tulsa's Trunk or Treat event. It looks like they got in the spirit and all had a great time being People of Action!

> Holiday in the Wood hosted by the Rotary Club of Will Rogers in partnership with the Route 66 Alliance

Thursday, November 30, 2023 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The Grove Rotary Club has taken on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library as yet anther of its big projects. DG Pam congratulates Mary Richardson, the DPIL chair on providing books to 1,000 students! (Need a chuckle? - <u>click here</u>)

The **Will Rogers Rotary Club** invites all to their Holiday in the Woods fundraiser! \$40 for a great time including appetizers, beer, wine, door prizes, music and a fine fellowship opportunity.

Princess Ball



Photo by Johnice Glisson The Berryville Rotary Club presented its annual Princess Ball on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Berryville Community Center, Proceeds from this year's event will go to the Berryville Library Building Fund.

The Berryville Rotary Club's Princess Ball made the front page of the Carroll County News. They are supporting the County Library building fund with the proceeds. The Bella Vista Rotary Club members alive (and dead) were hard at work at the Bella Vista Business Association's Trick or Treat Town Event.





The **District 6110 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)** have helped 2143 Campers be awesome, climb the wall, give free smiles, and make leaders. <u>Here's a</u> <u>promo video</u> for next year.

The **Mt Vernon Rotary Club's** efforts at Apple Butter Makin' Days (ABMD) was an outstanding success raising almost \$16,000. Here are Kedron Blecha, Christopher George, Wilbur Swearingin and Brian George helping (?)



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

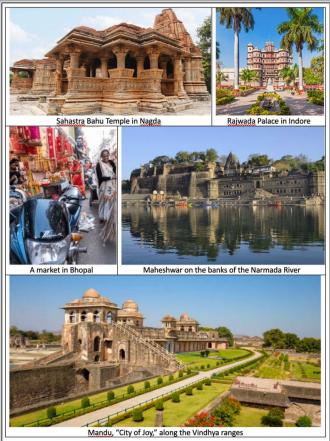
An Invitation from District 3040 in Central India

District 3040 of central India extends an invitation to District 6110 to participate in a team Friendship Exchange in the 2023-2024 Rotary year. They recommend visiting them during the temperate months of November, 2023 to February, 2024, when most activities and festivals are held. This advance invitation provides time to recruit team members and decide on the purpose, format, timing, logistics, and duration of the reciprocal visits.



A Rotary Friendship Exchange is an international exchange

program for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs. All exchanges are funded by the participants and their districts, and hosts are not expected to assume a significant financial burden. Exchanges offer unique chances for cultural immersion and interchange. In addition to forging friendships with our extended Rotary family around the world, exchanges often incorporate educational opportunities, cultural experiences, vocational activities, and fellowship opportunities.



Located in central India, District 3040 covers a large and diverse geographical area within the states of Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. With a rich tradition of art, handicrafts, tribal arts, stunning architecture, and heritage sites, this area provides visitors with a broad overview of Indian culture.

Once in India, our hosts assure us that travel is also easily arranged to visit some of India's most iconic sites, including the Taj Mahal in New Delhi-Agra, the city of Jaipur, the temple architecture of Khajuraho, the Kanha Game Sanctuary, Udaipur "City of Lakes," Ranthambore's Tiger Sanctuary, and Chittorgarh "City of Forts."

If you are interested in helping to plan and/or participate in this Friendship Exchange, please contact Rebekah Wood, District 6110 RFE Chair, <u>rpkwood3@gmail.com</u>, cell (918) 882-2980.

My Rotary Moment: Laura Garrett

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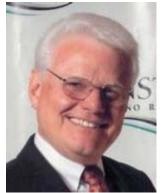
My Rotary story really began at birth. My grandfather, Otto Thompson, was a geologist in Oklahoma City and a very active member of the Oklahoma City Downtown Rotary Club. When my father and mother returned home from Princeton as a young couple, my father was starting a new career in banking and my grandfather recommended that he join Rotary. My father became a member and a President of the North OKC Rotary Club. In fact, a plaque on Rotary Park in OKC bears his name. I remember going to ring the Salvation Army bell with him and the

charity Christmas parties that his Rotary club held. He always wore his Rotary pin. He was a major advocate for opening Rotary to women. One of his proudest moments was when I was named an Assistant Governor of District 6110. It is his Past President pin that I wear proudly.

Laura Garrett, AG, Tulsa Will Rogers Rotary Club

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It's not too late for your club to participate in the 4-Way Test Speech Contest!



By Co-Chair Ron Petersen, Sr

Rotary has always helped young people! If your Rotary Club isn't involved in the Four-Way Test Speech Contest, will you make a difference by helping high school students in your community understand and live by some ethical and moral lessons?

The contest for many clubs has become an annual project that brings the principles of Rotary to the youth and into homes and schools. You could be your club's kingpin to not only teach them both business and

personal ethics but reward them for the really cool way they expressed those principles, AND if they are good enough, they could win "serious" money to help them further their education.

Suppose this club project of yours provided excellent opportunities to promote Rotary in your community and through the news media.

Suppose the project became one of the most popular club programs and the highlight of every year, at very little cost.

The Four-Way Test Speech Contest will soon be considered one of the highlights of the Rotary year. The cost is minimal; prize money for your local students, ranging from \$100 to

\$500, normally. After a process of elimination, four finalists in the district will then give their speeches live at the District Conference Luncheon May 4th, 2024, for prize money up to \$1,000.

This scholarship contest is open to all young men & women in grades 9 to 12 in public, private and parochial schools and home schooled. The Rotary 4-Way Test speech contest offers an opportunity for educators to provide an ethical learning opportunity for young people. Students in participating classes should be asked to write a short essay on the subject: "What the Rotary Four Way Test Means to Me" that can be read in six minutes to their entire class.

It is essential that students not be limited in any way in their choice of topics. We should encourage innovation and creativity in their selection, even if it seems off-the-wall to us, or states a position that might be controversial or held only by a minority.

The only criterion: The student's presentation must specifically relate in the essay or speech to Rotary's Four-Way Test. It can be humorous or serious, current or historical, commonplace or unique.

YOUR GOAL: Contact your local people NOW and get rolling to have your club contest completed in no later than January 31st, 2024. You will provide a thumb drive of your final club winner by the end of February to be included in the competition at the districts semi-final level. MY GOAL: More Clubs in our District Participating.

After a process of elimination: The final round will be held at District Conference this coming May where the final four will deliver their speeches "live" for the money! The winner receives \$1,000. Each Runner-up receives \$350.

Links to YouTube videos of the Final Four and a complete manual are available on our district web site <u>www.rotarydistrict6110.org</u> With the videos and everything you need in the manual found there, you should be able to get going quickly! To navigate; point at "Youth Services" then click on Four-Way Test Speech Contest, or click <u>here.</u>

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

Thank you, and good luck!

Ron Petersen District 6110 Co-Chair 4-Way Test Speech Contest 417-359-3417 ronsr@cbciradio.com

Welcome New Rotarians November 2023

Have you welcomed a prospect to your Rotary club?

November is a great month to solicit new members! Some clubs really work at it - they may ask a prospect to help deliver dictionaries, or pick up trash, or help with whichever action project your club does. Get their hands dirty and they'll be interested!



The **Bella Vista Rotary Club** welcomed new members Dr. Katherine (Kate) Auld, D'Wayne Bearbower and Janice Bearbower, (with certificates) flanked by Sean Crider and President Mike Moles.

The **Joplin Rotary Club's** newest members are Arlisa Campbell, Robin Standridge, and Matt Robertson

Rotary District 6110 New Membership Listing New Members From: Oct-13-2023 To: Nov-13-2023 32 Members Listed

Member Name	Start Date	Club	Sponsor
Ashford, Allie	11/10/2023	Berryville	
Baker, Robyn K	11/02/2023	Parsons	Robert L. Spinks
Barnes, Barbara	11/01/2023	Grove	Laura Dishman
Bell, Lora J	10/13/2023	Springdale	Clinton Bell
Brothers, Zachary T (ZACH)	10/13/2023	Springdale	Philip Taldo Judy Van Hoose
Buchanan, Thomas M (MARTY)	11/07/2023	Springdale	Charlie Platt
Burrell, David V	10/26/2023	e-Club of Engagement	Charles Adams Clay Langley
Calvillo, Sheila	11/10/2023	Berryville	
Caywood, Stephanie	11/01/2023	Henryetta	Jennifer Shipman
Cunningham Buche, Lisa	10/30/2023	Pittsburg	
Daugherty, James D II (DAVID)	10/24/2023	Will Rogers (Tulsa)	Patti Grice
Demmitt, Daniel Tristan (TRISTAN)	11/01/2023	Henryetta	
Donaldson, Thomas F III (TRACE)	11/07/2023	Springdale	Charlie Platt Dean LaGrone
Gates, Brian	10/19/2023	Bella Vista	Mike Moles
Goodnight, Gary	11/01/2023	Parsons	
Hitchcock, Mathew W (MAT)	11/07/2023	Bartlesville	Blair Ellis
Johnson, Andrew L	11/07/2023	Pittsburg	
Lewis, Harry Donal (DON)	11/01/2023	Tulsa	

McCune, Ryan T	10/24/2023	Coffeyville	Earlene Smith
Moore, Pamela S	10/30/2023	Broken Arrow	Kathleen M. O'Dell
NAIL, TINA	10/18/2023	Okmulgee	
Noble Tesch, Kristy K.	11/10/2023	Berryville	
Norton, Patricia	11/01/2023	Grove	Sheri Griffin
Parker, Brett	10/27/2023	Rogers	Larry Stone (Club 99, Little Rock)
Parks, Emily	11/06/2023	Van Buren	Michelle J Robinson Ronald J. Yukon
Rogers, James	11/13/2023	Downtown Rogers	Karen Wagaman
Rooney, Katherine	10/16/2023	Downtown Rogers	Dana Lea Mather
Scales, Jonathan A	10/16/2023	Bentonville	Troy Hill - Rotary Club of Joplin MO
SHAIKH-POOLAW, RUBEENA	10/18/2023	Okmulgee	
Spoon, Tyler	10/13/2023	Springdale	
Tribbey, Mara L	10/26/2023	Harrison	Diana Goucher
Vance, Sevilla	10/30/2023	McAlester	

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