

Rotary



District 6110 Newsletter

District Governor, Pam Crawford

Hello Friends!

I continue to so enjoy visiting your clubs. And this month I'm also getting a few service and social events added to the mix.

I want us to look ahead to November and Foundation Month. I hope you are closing out your district grants for 2022-2023, and also getting your request in for 2023-2024. Both actions are due by **November 30, 2023**.

In particular, I want to talk about Global Grants this month.

We have several grants related to water on our list. One special one is the John Broderick Memorial Water Conservation Project in Pune, India (sponsored by the Springdale Club). What a nice way to honor the memory of one of our Past District Governors. We have another one we are working on that includes the Iola Club and will help with water in Nicaragua. This project will honor the memory of Tom Brigham (partner of PDG Judy Brigham). And there are several others on the list.

One of our recent grants was a scholarship for a young man to study in England. Tyler (Ty) Rossow of Tulsa received a Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholarship in the area of Economic and Community Development. Global Grant Scholarships replaced Ambassadorial Scholarships a number of years ago. This is the first scholarship recipient from our District under the new program. Ty's scholarship is sponsored in our district by The Rotary Club of Southside Tulsa. See the whole article in the September newsletter on this special global grant. We talk so much about our grants that support projects outside of our district.



I recently had the opportunity to see the results of a Global Grant that supported a project **inside** our District - the Will Norton Miracle Field in Joplin. The Rotary World responded when Joplin was hit by a EF-5 tornado in May, 2011. So much response, that there was a realization that a project of lasting value was needed - a field for special-needs children and adults to play baseball. The project included a \$200,000 global grant, named for a Joplin RYLA student who perished in the tornado. There is also a playground by the field that is accessible. If you get to Joplin, the Miracle Field and its story

should be

a stop (and so should the [Joplin Rotary Sculpture Garden - newest addition "Strength and Courage" at right](#)).

Please consider a gift to The Rotary Foundation's annual fund; the



annual fund is how we receive money to support district grants, global grants, special gifts like the \$5,000 we just sent to Morocco in response to their earthquake, and so forth.

We also support the End Polio campaign from our District Designated Funds that are based on our giving to the annual fund. Our District Foundation Committee is ready and willing to help you understand the value of The Rotary Foundation!

And there is still time (October 31) to sign up for Rotary Direct to get some matching points toward a Paul Harris Fellow award. (First time sign-up, up to 500 points.)

Our Foundation helps us be People of Action who Create Hope in the World!

See you soon,
DG Pam



District 6110 Box Score	
Through 10/9/23	
66	Total Member INCREASE since 7/1/23
3	Satellite Clubs: Bentonville Evening, Broken Arrow Special Forces, Springdale
3	Rotaract Clubs
4	Clubs with 10 or fewer members : Coewta, Ft Smith Southside, Neodesha, Owasso, Skiatook
5	Clubs with 100 or more members : Bartlesville, Fayetteville, Grove, Springdale, Tulsa
31	Median size of 6110 Rotary clubs. Median: midpoint, so half the clubs are smaller, and half are larger than 31
77	Rotary Clubs (includes Satellites)
13	Clubs with ZERO Foundation giving - STILL, darn it!
31.6%	% of female Rotarians
43.5%	District Rotarians with a MyRotary account
54.7%	Open rate for this newsletter - thanks!
422	Rotary Direct members - give the easy way! (DG Pam's goal: 500)
178	Paul Harris Society Members - give \$1,000 annually
3,363	Rotary Club Members
\$11,982	Polio Plus Giving YTD - 32.8% of goal!

16,251	District Foundation Recognition Points; hmmm...
\$78,651	Foundation Annual Fund Giving YTD 27.9% of goal

Sources: Rotary Club Central, TRF data, etc. as of 10/8/23

Extra Credit - Guess what this is: 7, 8, 8, 10, 10, 12, 12, 14, 15, 16, 16, 17, 17, 17, 17, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 23, 24, 25, 25, 25, 26, 26, 26, 26, 27, 27, 28, 29, 29, 30, 31, 31, 31, 32, 32, 35, 36, 37, 37, 39, 39, 40, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 47, 49, 50, 54, 54, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 65, 65, 69, 73, 81, 81, 87, 95, 119, 137, 145, 180, 243

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

- October 19-22 2023: **RYLA** is back in the fall for 2023-2024
- October 24, 2023: World **Polio** Day
- November 7: Deadline to **Apply for District Governor** Nominee Designate
- November 15: **IRS Deadline** for clubs to file
- November 30: Deadline to finalize 2022-2023 **District Grant**
- November 30: Deadline to apply for a 2023-2024 **District Grant**
- March 21-23, 2024; [MAPETS, Fort Smith, AR](#) for Presidents Elect and Nominees (REQUIRED for PE, suggested for PN)
- May 3, 2024: District Foundation **Golf Tournament**
- May 3, 2024: District **Foundation Dinner**
- May 3-4, 2024: District **Conference** at Fort Smith, 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**
- 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 prepare for a successful year as Club President!

- "Fresh ideas, interaction with others, having others from our club sharing ideas." – Stanley Church, Rotary Club of Siloam Springs
- "District sessions were great information and being together." – Michelle Robinson, Rotary Club of Van Buren

- "Good event and successful at reigniting my "why." – Jenny Cothran, Rotary Club of Broken Arrow
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SAVE THE DATE

Mid-America PETS 2024

Rotary
Mid-America PETS

MARCH
21-23

**Wyndham Hotel & Fort Smith
Conference Center**
Fort Smith, Arkansas

midamericapets.org

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: Aaron Brewer

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



My Rotary moment was just this year... I joined Rotary to network locally and help build connections for my businesses. This year my wife and I took a cruise that had a stop in Belize. We disembarked and went on a tour of some ruins. Our guide took a few moments to meet with us and noticed my wife's Rotary necklace. She was very animated as she asked about her membership in Rotary. My wife introduced me as the Rotarian and she told me how Rotary helped her community to come out of poverty and flourish. She was very emotional

about it and her testimony touched my heart as I realized that Rotary was so much more than just weekly meetings and networking. She described an intersection in Belize that recognized Rotary and had a memorial to Rotary. We did see it as we returned to the ship to depart Belize. I hope to have many more Rotary moments as I continue my journey with Rotary...

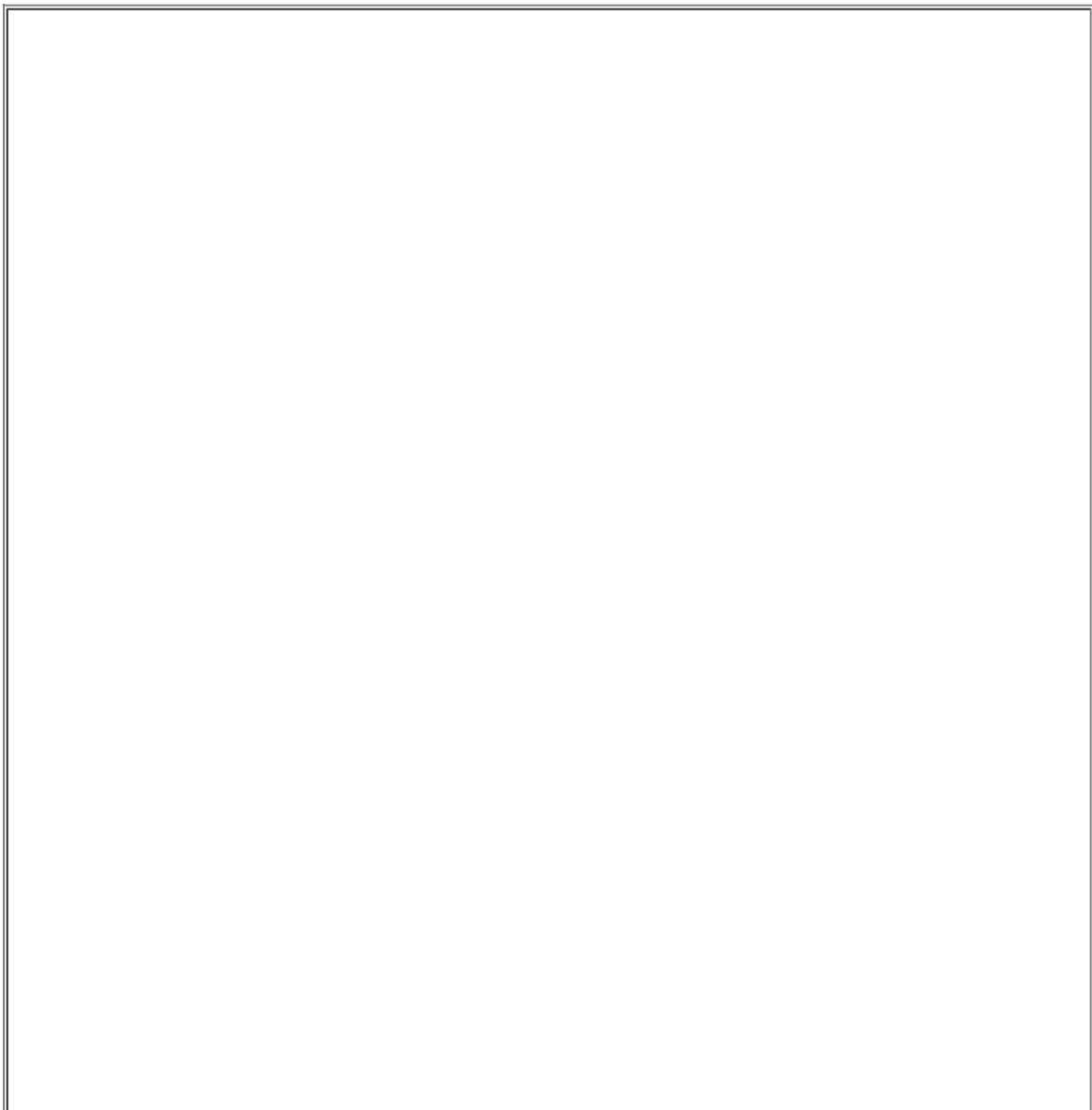
Aaron Brewer, Booneville Rotary Club

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

Building a strong Rotary Brand: Strategies and Best Practices.

This is a great opportunity to learn and discuss how to strengthen your Rotary Brand. October 19, 2023, 6pm Central time Zoom - free!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)





ZOOM CALLS

BUILDING A STRONG ROTARY BRAND: STRATEGIES AND BEST PRACTICES

October 19

7pm Eastern | 6 pm Central

Join us for Rotary International focused on branding and outward-facing marketing strategies. We will discuss the importance of maintaining a cohesive brand image across all platforms, and explore ways to effectively promote Rotary's mission and projects to the wider public, utilizing social media, partnerships, and targeted campaigns.



TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

- Understanding Rotary's Brand
 - Consistency & People of Action
- Branding Strategies
 - Storytelling, Audience Centric Branding, and Partnerships
- Leveraging Technology and Tools
 - AI for Messaging - Chat GPT, Canva Magic Write
- Putting it all together with Real Life Examples - Taking our messaging from good to great

USE THE LINK IN THE POST TO REGISTER TODAY!

Rotary Convention 2024 - Singapore



SHARING HOPE WITH THE WORLD

SINGAPORE
25-29 MAY 2024

#Rotary24



Join the Rotary family in Sharing Hope With the World as we come together in Singapore for the 2024 Rotary International Convention, 25-29 May. [Register](#) by December 15 to save money!

Membership Contest Winners

By Jayne A. Lowe PDG

On behalf of the District Membership Committee, we are pleased to announce that:

- The **Aurora Rotary Club** won for the small-medium clubs and
- The **Mountain Home Rotary Club** won for the large clubs.



DG Pam Presents check to Mountain Home Club with some of the new members looking on

Those 2 clubs each receive \$250 each for their efforts (and have become stronger for their

new membership!). Look for a check presentation to the Aurora Rotary Club next month!

My Rotary Moment: Roger Buck

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My Rotary moment was when I was volunteering at an old movie theater in Pittsburg, KS, helping them with tours during the renovation. The Executive Director suggested I come to the Sunrise Rotary meeting. I attended and enjoyed the people noting that most were well-known people who stayed in the background but did a lot for the community. I heard about all the projects and things Rotary had done in the city.

There's a line in the Wizard of Oz where the wizard is talking to the Tin Man, "*Back where I come from, there are men who do nothing all day but good deeds. They are called phila-, er, philanth-er, good-deed doers!*" I realized this was a club of good deed doers.

That sold me!

Roger Buck, Parsons Rotary Club

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Zone 30-31 In Memphis

Over 20 members from District 6110 attended the "Feel the Beat" Zone Conference in Memphis last month. Several days of intense training for the Governor line and more meetings for others.

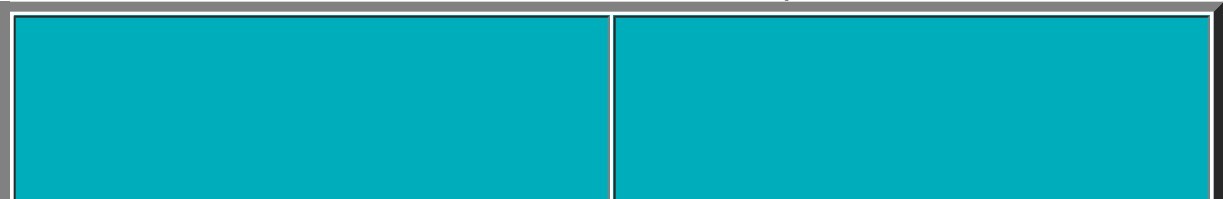




Club Hub - October 2023

"The Club Hub"

District 6110 Rotarians are *People of Action!*





The Eureka Springs Rotarians produced their Octoberfest. They sold wristbands for admission to an area here homebrew, craft and seasonal beer could be tasted, and other food consumed! Don't they look great in their up-to-date Rotary shirts? Way to show they are People of Action!



The Siloam Springs Rotary Club developed a healing garden near Sager creek as part of "Love Siloam" day. They are also preparing for their 100th year celebration on October 21. Congratulations!

Join the **Tulsa Area Rotary Clubs** for this Team Effort:



The U of Tulsa will be playing the Rice Owls with a 6:30 kickoff Oct 19. Prior to the game, we will have a **Rotary** Tailgate, and help break the World Record for Beer Tasting, (you don't have to drink the beer.) Tickets are \$15 per person, come join your fellow Rotarians

Beer Garden



L-R: Tracy Crider, Jhan Hum, Vanessa Williams, Larry Johnson, Richard Husley, Theresa Kenney, Brennan Conklin

Joplin Daybreak Rotarians stayed up late running the beer tent at Joplin's final sesquicentennial event. It featured local bands from several years - several of which reformed just for the event.





The Bentonville Rotary Club did not have an early Halloween, nor did they get an unusual new member! Nope, they had a presentation by a make-up artist from LA now in NW AR with the skyrocketing movie production business.



The **Sapulpa Rotary Club** presents its 3rd annual "Boo Bowl" 6:30pm Oct 27 at the Sahoma Lanes. Proceeds go towards club projects including Shop With a Cop, Coats For Kids, and scholarships.



Fort Smith Rotarians had a great time walking for a cure for Alzheimer's recently at U of AR - Fort Smith! Did you know that Rotary International has an Alzheimer's action group? (PS: Great banner!)



PDG John Williams (middle) celebrated 50 years as a Rotarian, assisted by PDG Larry Long (L) and PDG Jayne Lowe. Best known for his District Grant work, John has been a Zone Coordinator, Council on Legislation delegate, MAPETS board member, and much more!



The **Rotary Club of Sand Springs** hosted DG Pam Crawford, awarding Merna Gill from the SS Engagement Club her MSNI Ambassadorship! Also present, VJ Lively, Clay Langley and Ray Tucker.



The **Skiatook Rotary Club's** banner on display at the front in Ukraine. Great story, as the club provided funds for relief there, helping to purchase body armor for troops, and much more! We are Rotary INTERNATIONAL!



The **Van Buren Rotary Club** enjoyed a great club social on October 3rd, with a personal Chef and an exquisite culinary outing. They learned how to prepare the best steaks ever and had a great time eating them too! AG Aaron Brewer and his wife Brenda joined the club for a wonderful evening!



The **Joplin Rotary Club** helped plant native growth at the [Wildcat Glade Nature Center](#). New club member Jessica Pommert gets her hands dirty in a "quick project" conducted during the noon meeting.



Members of the **Parsons Rotary Club** helped make lunches for the Sunbelt Rodeo. Volunteers included: Gary Wall, Hal Redford, Glenn Fischer, Gary Pollmiller, Ned Wall, Steve Kosman and Mark Watkins. This as their 42nd year to show they are People of Action!



The **Rotary Club of North Tulsa** took part in the North Tulsa at Jazz on the Green. They listened to some great music, had their Rotary Banners flying, distributed information postcards to attendees and raised \$300 in the 50/50 raffle! It was a fun outing.

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

Polio Eradication – The End is in Sight

By Timothy Holder

For the past four decades, Rotary International and its Foundation, along with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, in cooperation with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and the World Health Organization have been working to eliminate the wild polio virus from the world and to make the entire world polio-free. The upcoming World Polio Day (on October 24th) is a great time to reflect on how far we have come and how close we are to eradicating this dreaded disease.

Some Rotarians who are still living today will remember the horror of the 1950's when the wild polio virus wreaked fear on our own society. Even into the 1980's, polio was still killing and crippling children around the world. In the late 1970's, Rotarian Ben Saltzman, from the Rotary Club of Mountain Home, led an immunization team to the Philippines to administer a two-dose polio vaccine to children.



After two years, more than six million children in the Philippines had received both doses of the oral polio vaccine. The success of this project led to Rotary International's Polio Plus Initiative – created in 1985. At that time, there were nearly 1,000 new cases of polio in the world EVERY DAY. Today, there are only 8 reported cases this year in two remaining countries - Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Through Rotary International, its Foundation and partner organizations, over 2.5 billion children have been vaccinated against polio. It is estimated that 20 million children are



walking today from receiving this vaccine. Since 1988, there has been a **99.9 percent reduction** in polio cases worldwide.

As we know from the recent COVID-19 epidemic, viruses can readily mutate and become even more virulent in their infectivity, so the eradication of polio virus remains the goal. Even excreted vaccine virus “can mutate back to a more virulent, transmissible version and cause paralysis and outbreaks” (from *Global Outlook – A Rotarian’s Guide to The Race to End Polio*).

When the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was started by the World Health Organization in 1988, there were 125 polio-endemic countries with a total of 350,000 new cases of polio per year. By the year 2000, those numbers had shrunk to only 20 polio-endemic countries with 719 new cases per year. Today, wild polio virus is only endemic in 2 countries.

Experts agree that “if we choose to control polio rather than eradicate it, more than 10 million children under the age of five could be paralyzed by the disease in the next 40 years”. This catastrophe for these 10 million children can be avoided by eradicating this virus from the world – once and for all.

Rotarians around the world are encouraged to become active in the eradication efforts to rid the world of polio permanently. [World Polio Day](#) is a great time to renew our efforts to raise funds needed for this final push towards eradication of this dreaded virus.



In *Global Outlook – a Rotarian’s Guide to Advocacy for Polio Eradication*, the following statements are very powerful: “the world is 99 percent polio-free. We are closer than ever to ending the crippling disease for good, yet we are in emergency mode. We don’t have the funding to finish the job. It’s up to everyone to make sure polio stays on the global agenda Together, we will cross the finish line and leave a legacy of a polio-free world.”

I encourage you and your clubs to join us in raising money for World Polio Day 2023.

Tim Holder, MD
District Co-Chair - End Polio Now
<https://www.endpolio.org/>

District Leadership Academy underway

By Roy L Wood Jr.



At the dean of the District Leadership Academy, I am pleased to report that 13 District Rotarians have enrolled in DLA for 23-24, representing all 4 states in our District. Members of the class have all been able to log into the Learning Management System, Canvas, and their MyRotary accounts. After a full month of prep, the students look forward to the

discussions of RI organization and governance and leadership in goal setting with instructor DG Pam Crawford.

If you see one of these Rotarians give them a thumbs up for wanting to learn more (much more!) about Rotary.

Who	Club	State
Douglas Stuckey	Pryor	OK
Aaron Brewer	Boonville	AR
Carol Ellis	Bristow	OK
Merna Gill	e-Club (Sand Springs)	OK
Sarah Haney	Nevada	MO
Holly Holiman	Bella Vista	AR
Rhonda Laborde	Harrison	AR
Martha Lowe	Tulsa Sunrise	OK
Michelle Robinson	Van Buren	AR
Jennifer Shotwell	Joplin	MO
Ryan Stout	Pryor	OK
Douglas Stuckey	Pittsburg	KS
Lindsey Williams	Owasso	OK

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? The District 6110 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 find more effective ways to conduct Rotary work -- within clubs or in district Rotary service. Check the website: <https://academy6110.org/>

My Rotary Moment: Michelle Genova

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My Rotary moment:

I often tell people I bleed Rotary blue. I was in Interact in high school, President my senior year. I've been in Rotaract and helped re-launch our club from a college to a community club. I've been a member of two Rotary clubs, and am President-Elect for our club here in Henryetta, Ok. Clearly, Rotary is a big part of my life, and my experiences through this great organization have been instrumental in growing me into the person I am today.

I am confident because of Rotary. I care about the world and people because of Rotary. I serve my community because of Rotary. I am a leader because of Rotary. My heart for serving

others came in high school, when the Interactors got to dress up as elves and help the Rotarians hand out Christmas presents to students with disabilities. Participating in this event not only stirred something in me, it opened a door. I was offered a chance to represent our Interact club at a conference for our district's Interact clubs. I met amazing students, leaders, teachers, and learned exactly what Rotary is capable of and how my one small club, as a part of a bigger organization, was making a difference across the world. This was the moment I knew I would be a Rotarian for life. This was my lightbulb moment.

Michelle Genova, Henryetta 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!

Welcome New Rotarians October 2023

Have you welcomed a prospect to your Rotary club?

October* 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!

<p>New Members Jim Vogt and Austin Murdock</p> 	
<p>The Rotary Club of Sapulpa has two new members - Jim Vogt and Austin Murdock. Both were invited by our club president, Chris Townsend. Jim is the mayor of Kellyville and works for MAC Tools. Austin works for First United Bank as a Commercial Lender.</p>	<p>The Rogers Downtown Rotary Club is excited to add three new members: (l-r 1st, 3rd and 5th), Hannah Beach, Kurt Rogers, and Michael Gaile.</p>



The **Wagoner Rotary Club's** newest members are Drs. Ana and David Good. Ana is with Strategic Prevention Framework Rx, and David is with the Waggoner Community Hospital.

The **Broken Arrow Rotary** club welcomed new member Erin Dory. She is the Executive Director of Tactical Electronics for Community Engagement Foundation.

Member Name	Start Date	Club	Sponsor
Fry, Daniel	10/04/2023	Bentonville	
Puckett, Rick	10/04/2023	Bentonville	
Teigen, Shawna Rascon (SHAWNA)	09/28/2023	Eureka Springs	David Teigen
Smith, Miranda Dawn (MIRANDA)	09/28/2023	Eureka Springs	Charles Mowrey
BLazakis, Polly	09/28/2023	Eureka Springs	Damon Henke
Mulford, John	10/12/2023	Fayetteville	Fred Czerwotka
Tedford, Mahala	10/05/2023	Fayetteville	Jeff A. Rivers
Cross, Christine M (CHRISTY)	09/21/2023	Harrison	Kimberly Loomis
Hippert, Brian E.	09/26/2023	Mountain Home	MIKE STOCKTON
Lopardo, Lawrence (LARRY)	09/21/2023	Rogers	
Bigelow, Madison	09/21/2023	Rogers	
Hilton-Jones, Susan	09/25/2023	Siloam Springs	
Slothower, Gordon	09/22/2023	Springdale	
Gordley, Sarah E	10/09/2023	Springdale	Clinton Bell Lance Eads
Knoll Lenon, Katie	10/09/2023	Springdale	Kathryn Birkhead
Ogden, Earl L III (LEVON)	10/09/2023	Springdale	Julie Shook
Jones, Brianna	09/12/2023	Van Buren	Michelle J Robinson
Driskill, Danielle	09/19/2023	Pittsburg	
Frank, Phillip	09/21/2023	Pittsburg	
Yang, Paj Rose (ROSIE)	10/02/2023	Cassville	Leigh Ann DuParri
Tocci, Katie	09/23/2023	Mt. Vernon	

Houston-Robbins, Olivia Katherine (OLIVIA)	09/27/2023	Nevada	Kendall R. Vickers
Santine, Clement G. (CLEM)	09/12/2023	McAlester	Randy Saunier
Vogt, Jim E	09/19/2023	Sapulpa	Christopher John Townsend
Murdock, Richard Austin (AUSTIN)	09/19/2023	Sapulpa	Cindy K McGuire
Cook, Angela Workman (ANGIE)	09/26/2023	Tahlequah-Cherokee County	Terri R Ussery
Anderson, Kase Colton (KASE)	10/04/2023	Tulsa	
Evans, Natalie	10/04/2023	Tulsa	
Guardiola, Jesse	10/04/2023	Tulsa	Delmer A. Dreyer
LaCrone, Melissa	10/04/2023	Vinita	Jeromy McMorris
Good, Ana	10/03/2023	Wagoner	Jimmy Leopard
Good, David	10/03/2023	Wagoner	
McClaskey, Barb	09/19/2023	Pittsburg Sunrise	Douglas K. Stuckey
Loyd, Winona	10/01/2023	Holiday Island	Peggy Lodewyks
Rogers, Kurt	10/09/2023	Downtown Rogers	Karen L Wagaman

***OK, actually any month is a great month to recruit prospective members!**

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