

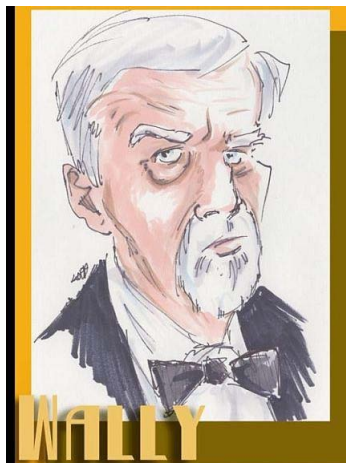
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District 6110 Newsletter

Editor's Note

By Wally Bloss on Thursday, June 30, 2022



Welcome to this ***special edition*** of the District 6110 Newsletter. In it you will find information about the incoming District leadership, beginning with our new District Governor, Cathy Webster, the Assistant Governors, the AG Coordinators, and the leaders in all the functional areas that are needed to make our District a success. After DG Cathy, the leaders are listed in alphabetical order by first name.

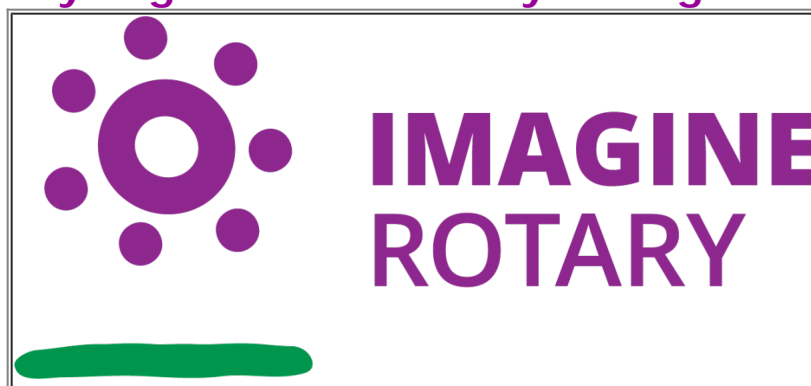
Spend a minute getting to know these people - they can help you as a Rotarian, and provide information for your club. After each photo and bio there is a clickable link to their DCdb page, where you will find contact information. You might just save this email to refer to during the program year.

The District always needs new leaders. If you are interested, consider taking the [District Leadership Academy's](#) coursework, and let one of the current District leaders know.

Thanks to all our incoming Rotary district leadership!

**Watch for Governor Cathy's weekly emails
Beginning Tuesday, July 14, arriving as:**

"Rotary Together on Tuesday - Imagine that!"



Cathy Webster - District Governor

Cathy Webster becomes the District 6110 Governor on July 1, 2022. She has been a member of the Rotary Club of Pryor, Oklahoma, since 1998 and has served as club secretary, treasurer, president, club Rotary Foundation Chair, and the Club Foundation Vice-President. Cathy is an MSNI Ambassador, multiple Paul Harris

fellow, Sustaining Member, Major Donor, and a member of the Paul Harris Society. She is a 2014 graduate of the District Leadership Academy, served as Secretary Trainer during the 2021 MAPETS event, and is currently serving the District on the Personnel Committee and as Chair of the District 6110 Visioning Team. She has attended eight Rotary International Conventions, one zone conference, and served on two American Wheelchair missions.



Cathy was born in Salida, Colorado and lived in Buena Vista until age ten, when the family moved to Oklahoma where both her parents were born and raised. She graduated from Harrah High School as Valedictorian, then attended Oklahoma State University, obtaining a BS in Biochemistry where she also met her future husband, Bob Webster. After marriage, she moved to Pryor where she and Bob raised three children and built successful computer and software companies. Cathy also tutored math and science, taught at Rogers State University, and after obtaining her Masters in Geosciences, taught at the University of Tulsa until 2008. Her current educational focus is to help children to discover the wonders of discovery through reading and exploring everything around them.

She is a geologist and educator and enjoys being active in her community, serving on the local food pantry board, public school foundation board as a founding member, and various church committees. Besides enjoying the family of Rotary, she very much enjoys spending time with her children, their spouses, and granddaughter Olivia, taking her Mom trout fishing in Colorado, gardening, hiking, reading, stained glass work, bird and wildlife watching, and travel. Cathy and Bob recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Cathy heartily believes in Service Above Self and serving by example. She embraces the concept that the Rotary Foundation is the heart of Rotary and will promote its support as much as possible. She will strive to uplift all clubs to their fullest potential to serve others and build membership while enjoying the best fun and fellowship on earth!

[Cathy in DCdb](#)

Aaron Brewer - Assistant Governor Area 8 - Arkansas



Aaron Brewer joins the District Leadership team as AG Area 8, serving clubs in Booneville, Ozark, Paris, and Van Buren, AR.

Aaron worked as an agent in federal law enforcement for 31 years and retired in 2012. Since then, he has kept busy as an Auctioneer and Real Estate Broker, licensed in Arkansas and Oklahoma. He owns Mountain Vista Real Estate and Brewer Auctions based from Booneville, Arkansas. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Brenda, and they have six children and five grandchildren.

Aaron began his journey in Rotary in 2016 and is Immediate Past President of the Booneville Club. He is also a Kiwanis member and Immediate Past President. He has been President of the Fort Smith Board of Realtors®, and is currently the President of the Booneville Chamber of Commerce (4 years).

In his spare time, Aaron like to wood, fruit and vegetable carve, and enjoys working on his 25 acre patch of land in Booneville.

We welcome Aaron to the District Leadership team!

[Aaron in DACdb](#)

Ananda Jayawardhana - Assistant Governor Area 2 - Kansas & Missouri

Ananda Jayawardhana continues his service as Assistant Governor in Kansas and Missouri. He is a Professor of Mathematics at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS.

He joined the Pittsburg Rotary Sunrise club in 2004. Soon after that, the Boxing Day Tsunami hit the Indian Ocean countries killing 230,000 people. He was born in Sri Lanka and used his connections in the community to raise \$7,000 for tsunami relief within a few days. His club sent that money to a Rotary club in Sri Lanka to help rebuild a school.



Ananda served as the Pittsburg Morning club president in 2014-2015. Since 2013, he has chaired the Polio Eradication effort, raising about \$750 annually to RI. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and an honorary member of the virtual Rotary Club of Network for Empowering Women.

Ananda received a PhD in Mathematics from University of Missouri, Rolla in 1998 and has been a professor at Pittsburg State University since then, attaining the grade of University Professor in 2018. He has been the Faculty Senate President and the President of the Faculty Bargaining Unit. Diversity issues are very close to his heart, and he has been involved in state level diversity activities of the Kansas Board of Regents since 2007. He has served his professional organization, the American Statistical Association, in many different capacities over the years and served as the national president of the Statistics Honorary Society Mu Sigma Rho during 2017-2020.

He has been married to Yaso, a surgical nurse practitioner at Freeman Health System in Joplin, for 30 years. Ananda and Yaso live in Pittsburg, KS. Ananda likes to eat, drink, and travel, which will serve him well as Assistant Governor!

[Ananda in DACdb](#)

Anne Williams - Assistant Governor Area 13 - Oklahoma



Anne Williams continues as Assistant Governor, serving clubs in Oklahoma. She is a Past President and Membership Chair of the Tulsa North Rotary Club, where she established the district's first EarlyAct Club, and also serves as the District's EarlyAct Chair. Anne is a retiree of Delta Airlines, Inc. with 33 years of service in several capacities and cities. Since her retirement, she refers to herself as a community volunteer. She has served as Tulsa Chapter President and Area Chair of International Trends and Services for The Links, Inc; Board of Directors of Morton Health Services;

among several.

She is most passionate about her travels and work with Rotary. Anne and Wallace are

Rotary Foundation major donors. She has attended more than twenty District Conferences, six Zone Institutes, nineteen RI Conventions and the Rotary International Assembly.

She loves people and is proud of the many international students they have housed and the many friends they have made around the world. She has used her time and talent through service with the Rotary Club of Springdale, AR and the American Wheelchair Foundation, having given the life-changing gift of mobility and hope to families, having made four wheelchair trips. Her hobbies include reading and traveling.

Anne has been an Avid Soccer Mom and Grannie since the 1980s and traveled all over the USA, screaming and cheering for her son as player and coach and now forcing Wallace to drive four hours each way to see their 8-year-old grandson in uniform.

Married to her best friend and co-laborer, Wallace, for 50 years, they are the parents of two adult sons and one grandson. Wallace and Anne are members of the Morning Star Baptist Church in Tulsa and the Tulsa North Rotary Club.

[Anne in DACdb](#)

Ben Ames - Assistant Governor Area 2 - Kansas and Missouri

Ben Ames will be an Assistant Governor in Area 2, working with Ananda Jayawardhana. They will help the Rotary clubs in Coffeeyville, Ft Scott, Frontenac, KS and Lamar, MO.

Ben is from Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He grew up in South Coffeyville, OK, graduating from high school in 2003. He attended Coffeyville Community College, and Northeastern State University, majoring in Organizational Leadership.

For the last several years, Ben worked in Coffeyville, Kansas with Mosaic as the Program Manager. Ben oversaw the daily operations of their Residential and Day service programs serving the Developmentally Disabled populations.

Ben recently began with Ray of Hope Advocacy Center in Bartlesville, as the Community Outreach Coordinator. He focuses on helping build relationships, coordinating prevention, outreach and education efforts to increase awareness of child abuse, domestic violence, teen dating violence, and sexual assault prevention.

Ben's community involvement led him to Rotary. He joined the Rotary Club of Coffeyville in 2018. He served as club president 2020-2021. He helped continue guiding the club through the pandemic, during which they were able to celebrate their 100th year as a club. Ben is a member of the District's Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee. He enjoys being a Rotarian and believes in the mission and vision of the organization. He is now a member of the Bartlesville Daybreak Rotary Club.

Ben resides in Bartlesville, Oklahoma with his husband, Robert, and their two children. He enjoys spending time with his family, baking, and traveling. He and Robert have traveled many places across the country, but enjoy spending time in New Orleans, or anywhere along the Gulf Coast. Ben found a passion for running in 2007, and has run several 5, 10, and 15k races, along with the Route 66 half marathon.



[Ben in DACdb](#)

Beth Keck - Global Grants Chair

Our district is pleased that Beth Keck will continue as Global Grants Chair.



Beth Keck's affiliation with Rotary began when she was selected to be a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and studied at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Upon moving to Bentonville, Arkansas, in 2004, she and her husband, Ken Leonard, joined the Rotary Club of Bentonville.

She is currently the District 6110 Global Grants chair where she works with clubs to advance Rotary International Service. During the previous five years, she has served as the International Service chair.

Beth has been a member of the Rotary Club of Bentonville board of directors. She and Ken initiated the club's first global grant. With the Rotary Club of Jodhpur Padmini, the club provided toilets and clean water to 2,000 school children in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India. Beth and Ken also co-founded the club's International Women's Day celebration which has raised more than \$30,000 in scholarships for local students.

Beth has facilitated three breakout sessions on the topics of diversity, equity and inclusion, and vocational service for Rotary International conventions. During the 2020-21 Rotary year, she collaborated with Rotary International staff to produce a series of webinars to advance diversity, equity and inclusion. Beth served as vice chair of the Rotary International Global Networking Groups Committee from 2016-19 where she provided oversight and policy direction for Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups and vocational service.

Beth and Ken have been a host family for International Youth Exchange students from Chile and France. They love Rotary's global reach and have attended six Rotary International Conventions. Beth is a Major Donor, Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary Foundation Benefactor, and was selected as her club's Rotarian of the Year in 2009 and 2015.

Thank you, Beth, for continuing your service above self!

[Beth in DACdb](#)

Bob Headlee - District Finance Committee Chair

Bob Headlee continues in service to the District as Finance Committee Chair.

Bob was born and raised in Joplin, Missouri, graduating from Joplin Senior High School and then Missouri Southern State University with a BS in Marketing and Management. Bob was in the grocery industry for most of his career, serving as Division President of Fleming Foods of Nebraska and President of Fleming Foods of Missouri; co-owned Bob's IGA with his wife Judy in Carthage, Missouri before selling to a regional chain; served as Director of New Business Development for MSW, Inc. before retiring in 2013. Bob has served on several community boards and committees and is Chairman of Southwest Missouri's SCORE (a resource partner for the Small Business Administration) and the Chairman of the Southwest Missouri SCORE's Executive Committee.

Bob has been in Rotary for 25 years with membership in the Rotary Club of Joplin and the Rotary Club of Carthage. Rotary responsibilities have included: Red Badge Committee



Chair, judge for the club's Four Way Speech Contest for several years, graduate of District's Leadership Academy, Secretary/Treasurer, President-Elect, President, Board of Directors. Bob currently serves as Chair of the club's Mentoring Committee, and serves on the Foundation Committee, Golf Committee, Joplin Community Fund Board, and Chairman of the Rotary Sculpture Garden Board. Bob was named Rotarian of the Year in 2020. Bob not only gives of his service; he also contributes financially. He is a Rotary Foundation member, a Foundation Benefactor and Paul Harris Fellow +6. He and his wife Judy are members of the Rotary Foundation Bequest Society, level 3.

Bob and his wife Judy celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary June 1st. They have a son and daughter-in-law living in Colorado.

[Bob in DACdb](#)

Brett Brough - AG Coordinator, and a LOT more!



We welcome back Brett Brough (say: Bruff) as an Assistant Governor Coordinator, assisting four Assistant Governors in OK.

Brett was raised in Estes Park, Colorado. Brett's grandfather, Ron Brodie, was a 1943-1944 President of the Rotary Club of Estes Park.

Brett worked for an oil field supply company, moving 200 truckloads of steel monthly and handling inventory control and traffic, before it was computerized. He worked as a paralegal for several years and moved to Tulsa to work with a team in 1993. Brett has been a mortgage loan officer and a lease analyst in the oil and gas drilling business, and is currently a Manufacture's Representative for Titan LED Lighting Solutions, the only American manufacturer of Commercial and Industrial LED Lighting.

Brett and his wife Leisa Gebetsberger have been married for 23 years.

Brett has been a member of the Rotary Club of Tulsa Southside since 1999 and completed 22 years of perfect attendance in June. He served his club as International, Club, Vocational, Youth, and Community Service Directors, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and Club President. Brett is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Paul Harris Society.

Brett also serves on the Rotary District Communications Committee, is a DACdb data base Trainer, and serves on the District Vision Team, helping clubs create a custom club plan for the next five years. In addition to his Assistant District Governor Coordinator position, he serves as the District Interact / Rotaract chair.

Welcome back, Brett!

[Brett in DACdb](#)

Cole Adamson - District Administrator

Cole Adamson has been our District Administrator for only a year and a half, but in that time, has proven herself invaluable to the district.

Collette "Cole" Adamson is a native Oklahoman who grew up in the greater Tulsa area. Born and raised as an OU fan, she graduated from Kellyville, OK High School in 2013. She attended Tulsa Community College studying Business Management before moving onto to a career in banking. Cole worked in banking for several years before being recruited to manage the Credit & Collections department for the Moore DM Group. While working for the Moore DM Group, she took on many other roles within the accounting department and helped assist with real estate purchases. In October 2020, she began working for our District as the District 6110 Administrator. She loves her job and looks forward to going to work every day!



Cole was a part of the Rotaract Club of Tulsa for 5 years, serving as Vice President, Secretary, Service Chair, Treasurer, and one of her greatest accomplishments: chairing the "Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate" event for four years. Cole joined Tulsa Sunrise Rotary in May of 2019 and was active in both Rotaract and Rotary – the first time this has been done in Rotary District 6110.

Finally, Cole also volunteers for Tulsa Ducks Unlimited in her "free time", promoting wetland conservation. Cole and her partner Kevin have a sassy, beautiful 7-year-old daughter, Emma, who gives them a run for their money. When Cole is not spending time with her family or attending a Rotary or DU event, you can catch her traveling to see live music or curled up with her cat, reading a good book.

[Cole in DACdb](#)

Danny Mitchell - District Rules & Procedures Committee



Danny Mitchell was inducted into Rotary in 1993 and is a member of the Rotary Club of Tulsa Southeast where he has served in many positions, including President 2003-2004 & 2021-2022. He served as an Assistant District Governor, then as District Governor in 2011-2012. He has served as District Trainer and Youth Exchange Officer.

He currently serves on the Elections, Credentials and Parliamentary Committee, Facilities Committee, District Rules & Procedures Committee and Council of Past District Governors.

He is a member of the Paul Harris Society and White Hat Society. Danny and his wife Peggy are Level 2 Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society.

Danny has attended 11 Rotary International Conventions. The experience at the first RI Convention in 2003 ignited the passion for Rotary. After leaving the convention, Peggy said she had been "Rotarized".

Danny is an Architect and owner of Mitchell Architects in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is a professional member of the American Institute of Architects and certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. He developed and operated multi-story climate-controlled self-storage facilities.

Thanks to PDG Danny for his continuing Rotary Service!

[Danny in DACdb](#)

Dick Schrad - Assistant Governor Area 5 - Arkansas

Dick Schrad is an Assistant Governor serving clubs in Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. He is currently a member of the District International Service Committee. Dick first joined the Rotary Club of Davenport, IA in May, 1987, then joined Rotary clubs in Tipton, IA and Knoxville, IA when he was city manager in each city.

He retired in 2011 and left Rotary for about 5 years but rejoined in Clinton, IA in 2016 when he was hired as an interim city administrator. He then re-retired to Bella Vista and joined the Bella Vista club in 2017. His membership in five different Rotary clubs through the years included President of the Tipton, IA club and the Bella Vista club. He has also served as Service Projects Director, Sergeant-at-Arms, Social Chair and Membership Chair at various times.



Prior to becoming a city manager, he was an owner of an exhibits firm that designed and fabricated specialty exhibits for museums and corporations in the Upper Midwest, including clients like John Deere. He has his BA from Creighton University and an MBA from the University of Iowa. He also served as an intelligence officer in the US Army with one tour in Vietnam.

Funny story about Dick - while president of the Tipton, IA club, he challenged the membership to become a 100% Paul Harris Fellowship club. They did it and brought in a barber to shave his head!

[Dick Schrad in DACdb](#)

Don Rose, Jr - Chair of the Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Team



Don Rose, Jr, will serve the District as Chair of the Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Team. Don was born in Omaha, Nebraska and reared in Tulsa, Oklahoma (Home of the 1921 Race Massacre), graduating in 1982 from McLain Sr. High School (The Mighty Scots). During that period of time, McLain was one of the predominant Black high schools in Tulsa.

For over 30 years, Don has been a community activist for HIV education and awareness, and is a proud member of the LGBTQ Community, and a survivor of childhood and military sexual abuse.

In 1985, he enlisted in the military and was given a passport to see places that were steppingstones to the

development of his own diversity. He obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6) and received an Honorable Discharge after completing 10 years of active service.

The Oklahoma HIV & Hepatitis Planning Council (OHHPC) has allowed Don the honor to have a seat at the table since 2018, where he has discussed, moderated, and assisted in final decisions which had a major impact on those individuals who were marginalized and stigmatized communities of color.

In his spare time, Don loves to cook and is the proud owner of all the Ninja Foodi Air Fryer gadgets and uses them all to create healthy meals. He is a member of the Morning Star Baptist Church under the leadership of Senior Pastor Dr. Rodney A. Goss. His life in Rotary Club of Tulsa North has allowed him the opportunity to serve as Sergeant-At-Arms, Secretary and President.

Don notes:

- Diversity is a fact,
- Equity is a choice,
- Inclusion is an action,
- Belonging is an outcome.

We're proud for Don to chair the DEI Committee!

[Don in DACdb](#)

Ed Hardesty - District Foundation Chair

Ed Hardesty continues in his critical role as Rotary Foundation Chair. He was born in Ft. Worth, TX and has been married to Jeanette, an Interior Designer, for 50 years. They have two daughters and five grandchildren.

Ed retired in 2010 after 38 years with the Social Security Administration as District Manager. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University. Ed enjoys playing golf and training and competing in obedience, rally and agility trials with the family dogs, Bailey and Teddy. He also teaches obedience and agility classes at the Tulsa Dog Training Club, where he is the President.



Ed joined Rotary in Alexandria, LA and became a member of the Rotary Club of Southeast Tulsa in 1996, where he served as Sergeant at Arms, Club Secretary, Foundation Chair, Vice President and President.

He served as District Governor during the 2005–2006 Rotary year and continues in several roles, the best known of which is the District Rotary Foundation Committee for over ten years. He has held several Zone 31 positions and served as District 6110's delegate to the 2013 and 2016 Councils on Legislation. He serves on the Zones 30 and 31 Coaching and Facilitation Team. He has represented the president of Rotary International at 7 District Conferences and served three years as Rotary Coordinator for Zone 31.

Ed, Jeanette, their children and grandchildren are all Paul Harris Fellows, and Ed is a member of the Paul Harris Society. Ed and Jeanette are Benefactors, members of the Bequest Society, and are Level 2 Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation. Ed was honored at the 2021 Foundation Dinner for his service to Rotary and the Rotary Foundation.

If you need information about the Rotary Foundation, Ed has your answer!

[Ed in DACdb](#)

Galen Engel - Club Development Chair

Galen Engel is half of the Engel Rotary Power Couple. He is excited to be the District's Club Development Chair, finding new ways to form clubs and expand our reach.



Galen joined the Broken Arrow Rotary Club in 2017. The first position he held was Sergeant at Arms in 2017-2018. He founded and chaired an After Hours alternative meeting from 2018-2020. This meeting helped grow the club and change the culture that still helps direct it today.

Galen is the co-chair of the club's main fundraiser - the "Cool Grilles" Car Show from 2017-present. He received the Rotarian of the Year award in 2019 and was asked to speak about membership

at the District Conference that same year. He is a member of the Bequest Society and a Paul Harris fellow. He chartered the only new Satellite Club in the District so far in 2022. Galen started working full time in high school. He married his beautiful wife Lisa in 2005. They moved to Grants Pass, Oregon, built a commercial building and opened a Curves fitness franchise.

The Engels moved to Broken Arrow in 2009. Galen went to welding school then opened a screen-printing shop in the back bedroom. Lisa and Galen still own and operate Tiger Town Tees to this day, in a 4,000 square foot commercial space.

Galen grew up an Air Force brat. He went to first grade in three different states – Sherman, Texas, Battle Creek, Michigan, and Syracuse, New York.

[Galen in DACdb](#)

Garry Harris - Polio Eradication Chair

Garry Harris graduated from Rockville High School in Rockville, IN as the Valedictorian. He enrolled in college while working part-time. By the middle of his junior year, he dropped out of school because he was out of money. He was hired by Lone Star Industries at the Greencastle, IN cement plant to work in the testing lab, and returned to college utilizing the Lone Star Tuition Refund Program. He earned a BS from Indiana State University in Biology and Chemistry. He worked with Lone Star Industries for 32 years with stops in Roanoke, VA, Dixon, IL, Cape Girardeau, MO, and his final stop of 13 years in Pryor, OK where he was Plant Manager. After retiring from the cement industry, he went to work for Williams Construction in Pryor as their Safety Director. He was selected to serve on the National Safety Council and the Oklahoma Safety Council. After 11 years in the construction industry, he retired a second time in 2019.

He was invited to join the Pryor Rotary Club in 1993 and was President in 1997-98. When the year started, only one member was a Paul Harris Fellow. During that year, five new Paul Harris Fellows were awarded to club members, including Garry. The Pryor Club also earned the Presidential Citation that year. After the Presidential Year, he served as Assistant Governor for 13 years.

Garry continues as District 6110 Polio Eradication Chair, and serves the Pryor Club as Secretary and the Rotary Foundation Chair. He is a Major Donor, Paul Harris Fellow+8, Paul Harris Society Member, Sustaining Member, MSNI Ambassador, and Pryor Rotary Club Harold Hirzel Foundation Fellow.

He has served on the Pryor Municipal Utility Board for 12 years, the last five years as



Chairman. He is a past Pryor City Councilman, being elected four times. He received Pryor's Citizen of the Year Award, received the Sam Walton Business Leader Award, and received the Sertoma Service to Mankind Award. He is a Past Chairman of the Board for the Pryor Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Pryor Emergency Planning Committee. Garry and wife Patty will be celebrating 48 years of marriage later this year. They have two married daughters, Erica and Ashley. He looks forward to spending as much time as he can with his four grandsons. He is also an avid motorcyclist and enjoys Corvettes and Muscle Cars from the 60s. He has been to the Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota for 20 consecutive years. Due to Covid, the streak was broken in 2020 but a new streak was started in 2021.

[Garry in DACdb](#)

Gary Pollmiller - Dictionary Project Chair



District 6110 is well served in many ways, including the very successful Dictionary Project, which Gary Pollmiller has chaired since 2006!

Gary joined the Rotary Club of Parsons in May, 1988 and served as the club's newsletter editor for nine years, as Secretary for 11 years, and as President for the 2003-2004 year. He has served as the chair of his club's Dictionary Project from 2001 to present. He also served as an Assistant Governor from 2005 – 2018.

In 2001, he began serving as the Kansas representative for the District's Dictionary Project, under the chairmanship of Stanley Dixon. Gary became chair of the District 6110 Literacy/Dictionary Project in March of 2006 and continues to serve. Since 2018, he has served as secretary of the Board of Directors of The Dictionary Project, Mt. Pleasant, SC. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Medical Supplies Network, Inc., 2011-15.

Gary is a Sustaining Rotary Foundation donor, Rotary Benefactor and a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

By profession, he is a retired Commercial Product Photographer following a fulfilling 40-year career. In his spare time, Gary enjoys attending live concerts, pro and high school football games, and lake fishing for trout or largemouth bass. Gary loves spending time with his two children, their spouses and his three fine grandsons.

Since 1983, Gary has portrayed Santa Claus as his "ministry" for elementary school students in the Parsons area.

[Gary in DACdb](#)

Heidi Johnson - Assistant Governor Area 1 - Kansas and Missouri

Heidi Johnson is excited and honored to serve as an Assistant Governor for District 6110.

Heidi has served as the Sergeant at Arms, President Elect/Program Chair and President of the Lamar Rotary Club since joining in 2017. Though in no way a pageant girl herself, Heidi has enjoyed serving on and chairing the Lamar Rotary Fair Queen Pageant Committee. The Pageant is a 60-plus year tradition in Lamar and provides



scholarships, public speaking opportunities and confidence-building opportunities for local young women ages 16-21. This year the pageant is expanding to include ages 6 to 15 as well. She also loves seeing the community at their most fun week of the year, the Lamar Free Fair, where she works in the Rotary food stand most evenings.

Heidi is the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Lamar, overseeing the park system, the city lake, youth sports programs and Thiebaud Auditorium. Previously, she worked in media and public relations for the collegiate athletics programs at Pittsburg State University, University of Florida, University of Minnesota, and University of Missouri. During that time, she enjoyed watching Florida men's basketball and football win three national championships in 366 days, the Gator softball team going from their worst season in history to their best, and seeing the Pittsburg State women's basketball team go to two Division II Elite Eights.

Heidi graduated from Lamar High School in 1996. After receiving a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri in 2000, she thought she would never return to Missouri, but moved back to Lamar in 2008. She loves living and working in her hometown and being close to her family, most importantly her two-year-old niece, Addison. She is also the dog mom to a "grumble" of pugs, Clyde and Maddie.

Heidi enjoys traveling with family and friends, no matter how near or far those travels may take her. She has taken two mission trips to Tanzania, enjoys monthly trips to Broadway tours in Kansas City and random drives in her Jeep. In addition to Rotary, Heidi serves on the boards for the Barton County Community Foundation, the Lamar Independent Foundation for Education, Immanuel Lutheran School (Lockwood, MO) and is the President of the Southwest Missouri Zone of the LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League).

[Heidi in DACdb](#)

Holly Holiman - Assistant Governor Area 5 - Arkansas



Holly Holiman is retired from a career as a registered nurse. Her experience in the northwest Arkansas area includes tenures as Chief Nursing Officer at Northwest Medical Center in Bentonville and Executive Director of Emergency Services at Mercy Health System. She has also practiced in Little Rock, Arkansas, and in Houston, Texas. Clinical specialties during her career included emergency department, intensive care, and wound care.

Holly joined the Rotary Club of Bella Vista in 2014. She served as membership chair and secretary before becoming club president in 2021-2022. In the 2022-2023 Rotary year she will be an Assistant Governor in District 6110.

After retirement, Holly moved to Rogers, Arkansas. Previously she lived on a farm outside Pea Ridge with horses, cows, chickens, dogs and cats. She and her late partner grew vegetables and flowers, including over 100 peony plants. Holly has a daughter in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and a son in Benton, Arkansas, and 4 grandchildren. Her hobbies include gardening, reading, walking, and jigsaw and word puzzles.

[Holly in DACdb](#)

Janie Green - Assistant Governor Area 16 - Oklahoma

Janie Green is next in our Leadership cavalcade for the 22-23 Rotary year, continuing her success as Assistant Governor. Janie was inducted into the Rotary Club of Broken Arrow in November of 2007. Prior to that, she had been to a few Rotary meetings in various clubs and had attended an International Convention. It was this last experience that convinced her that Rotary was a great fit.



Her career, after gaining a Tulsa University BFA, has been in graphic design, beginning with 20 years as art director in an advertising agency, followed by more than that many years as a freelance designer and marketer. Currently semi-retired, she maintains a few clients, but primarily does work for non-profits as a donation. When she visited the Rotary Club of Broken Arrow in 2007, she saw an opportunity to use her skills within that club. She took over producing the newsletter soon after joining, and has continued ever since. She actively promotes membership and has ensured that club members have photos in DACdb, taking photos if needed. As a confirmed introvert, Rotary is valuable to ensure that she makes connections with other adults and works alongside them.

She has been active in leadership of several committees including co-chairing a Trivia Contest fundraiser since 2009. She earned awards as Rotarian of the Year and Service Above Self. She has enjoyed being an Assistant Governor, gathering great ideas to share from the clubs she visits.

Janie's first Rotary International Convention was 2007 in Salt Lake City, and she's since attended Conventions in Montreal, New Orleans and Hamburg. She enjoyed sharing this year's Houston Convention with sister Cathy Webster, the 2022-23 governor of District 6110.

Janie is married with two adult children from her first marriage and added two more when she married Michael Green in 2013. Since then, she has gained six grandchildren and thoroughly enjoys sharing time with them. She enjoys listening to classical music, reading, gardening (especially vegetables), attending Catholic Mass, hiking in the mountains, kayaking, sailing, cooking, sculpture, designing adventures for grandchildren, graphic design and just enjoying working at home.

[Janie in DACdb](#)

Jayne Lowe - District Membership Chair, and, and, and

District 6110 has a lot of "Past District Governors." Some of them just "keep on going" like a certain bunny! One of those is Jayne Lowe.

Jayne has been a proud Rotarian for 30 years. She always says she



was born to be a Rotarian as she and Paul Harris share the same birthday! (But in very different years, just to be clear)

She has served as the piano player for her Iowa club; President of the Plymouth, MN, club and President of her current club - Rotary Club of Bentonville, AR.

She's served District 6110 as Assistant Governor, proud graduate of District Leadership Academy, started the Club Visioning program in our District, chaired the inaugural Women in Rotary Committee and

was honored to serve as the 2018-19 District Governor.

Jayne will continue to "keep going and going" as our District Membership Chair, District Trainer to 2023-24 DG Pam Crawford, Mid-America PETS Arrangements Chair & Four-Way Test Speech Contest Co-Chair. She is also Vice President of the Empowering Women in Rotary group. Jayne also enjoys her membership in 3 Rotary Fellowships: Rotarian Musicians, Past District Governors and Wine Appreciation. Jayne is a Major Donor, Level 4 Bequest Society and a member of the Paul Harris Society.

Jayne and her husband, Gary, the former "First Dude", live in Bella Vista and enjoy traveling....especially to Cabo....as well as getting their boat out on the lake.

Say thanks to Jayne for her "energetic" service above self!

[Jayne in DACdb](#)

Joe Grisolano - Assistant Governor Coordinator

Our District has lots of talented members and we love to put them to work! Joe Grisolano continues as Assistant Governor Coordinator for Kansas and Missouri.

Joe has been the Crawford County, KS, Treasurer since 2005 – re-elected four times! Prior to that, he served as Deputy Crawford County Appraiser for eighteen years after owning and operating Gragg Typewriter Company of Pittsburg, KS. He holds a Certified Kansas County Finance Executive from Fort Hays State University, and Certified Public Administration Finance Master from the University of Missouri St. Louis. In 2012, Joe was awarded the Betty J. McBride Outstanding Kansas County Treasurer of the year award.



Joe joined the Pittsburg Rotary Club in 2006, and served as Membership Chair, Club Administration Chair, President and Assistant Governor. In 2018 he was named Pittsburg Rotarian of the year. He is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Paul Harris Society.

Joe has been married 45 years to Debbie, a retired Unified School District #250 elementary teacher. They have two sons, a daughter-in-law, and three grandchildren. He enjoys singing in the choir of his small Methodist church.

Thanks, Joe, for continuing in District leadership!

[Joe in DACdb](#)

John Rains - Assistant Governor Coordinator



John Rains was an Assistant Governor Coordinator for District Governor Kevin Merrill and will be staying on to serve in the same position for District Governor Cathy Webster, supporting several Assistant Governors.

John has extensive experience in Rotary as a 22-year member in two different clubs. He is currently in the Rotary Club of Tulsa, where he served as President in 2016-17 and was Rotarian of the Year in 2014. He is a Club Foundation member, a Special Lifetime member, an Allan Edwards Society member, and he received the James G. Saied Service Above Self Award. He holds the classification of Computer Technology Management.

John is a Paul Harris Fellow +9, a Major Donor Level 1, a member of the Paul Harris Society, a Rotary Foundation Benefactor, and a member of the Bequest Society. John has served the district as an Assistant Governor, Chair of the Fundraising Committee, and a Zone 30/31 facilitator. He is also a 2020 graduate of the District Leadership Academy.

John is a graduate of Tulsa Junior College and the University of Tulsa, receiving his Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems. He and his wife Cathy have shared raising 5 children in their 22 years of marriage and enjoy spending time with family, serving at their Jenks Life Church campus and traveling in their RV. In his spare time, John enjoys fly fishing and hunting.

[John in DACdb](#)

John Williams Jr - District Grant Chair

We are pleased that PDG John Williams Jr will continue in his service as District Grant Chair. After graduation from the University of Arkansas, John 51-year career in the life insurance business with Eichler Williams Insurance. He is a 36-year member of the Million Dollar Round Table, has been a Chartered Life Underwriter since 1975 and has served as President of the Arkansas State Association of Insurance and Financial Services Advisors (NAIFA) for a three-year period. John twice received the coveted Award of Excellence, the highest award given annually by NAIFA.



He has been a Rotarian for 49 years with 48 years of Perfect Attendance with Northside Fayetteville Rotary Club, Rotarian of the Year 1994, Assistant Governor 2006–2009, District Governor 2012-2013, Assistant Rotary Coordinator Zone 31 for 3 years. John is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Paul Harris Society and Bequest Society, and a Major Donor. He serves as District Grants Chair, served on the Rotary District Foundation Banquet Committee for 6 years, and served as District 6110 Delegate to the

2019 and 2022 Council on Legislation.

Devoted to children, John has assisted the children of Special Olympics Arkansas, served 10 Years as the MC for the Annual Polar Bear Plunge, and served 12 years as a volunteer basketball and softball coach with the Fayetteville Boys and Girls Club.

In 1999, after 28 years of military service, John retired as a Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, US Army. His hobbies include music, travel, watching old movies, and golf.

John's wife Connie, is a Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Bequest Society and a Major Donor. They have been married 49 years, with 2 daughters, Whitney and Sarah, and 5 grandchildren.

[John in DACdb](#)

Johnice Glisson - Assistant Governor Coordinator



Johnice Glisson will now serve as an Assistant Governor Coordinator after three years as an Assistant Governor.

She is a 5th generation Berryville, AR, resident and has been a member of the Berryville Rotary Club since 2014. She recognized the value of Rotary early in life as she tagged along to meetings with her grandpa, Paul Harris Fellow, Burt George. Now a Paul Harris Fellow +5, and member of the Paul Harris Society, Johnice serves on the club's board of directors, heads up RYLA recruiting and fundraising, is a past secretary and past president and a graduate of District Leadership Academy.

Johnice is a retired librarian and substitute teacher who likes to research genealogy and clean headstones in her spare time. She also serves on the board of the Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Northwest Arkansas. She is married to Trace Glisson and they have a 15-year-old son, Layton.

[Johnice in DACdb](#)

Kevin Merrill - Immediate Past District Governor

Kevin Merrill became the Immediate Past District Governor on July 1. Kevin and his wife, Lisa, are members of the Rotary Club of Harrison. He has been in Rotary for 18 years and served as President of his club in 2016-2017. Under his leadership, and with over 80 members in the club, they became a 100% Paul Harris Fellow club. Kevin has personally sponsored 18 people into his club and was selected as Rotarian of the Year in 1999. Kevin and Lisa both were selected as Rotarians of the Year in 2014. They are Paul Harris Fellows, Level 1 Major Donors, Bequest Society Members, and Leadership Academy Graduates. Kevin served as an Assistant Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Paul Harris Society Coordinator, and raised an additional \$33,000 per year for the Rotary Foundation. Kevin was selected as Assistant Governor of the Year in 2017-2018 and served as District Governor 2021-2022.



Kevin and Lisa were high school sweethearts and have been married for 36 years. They are the proud parents of one daughter, Jessica, who is married to Landen. They greatly

enjoy three grandchildren, Jasen, Madelyn, and Westyn, who live in Victorville, CA. Kevin and Lisa have been on two Rotary International mission trips and look forward to many more in the future.

Kevin is a U.S. Navy Veteran and served aboard the U.S.S. Carl Vinson. They have owned a vehicle repair shop in Harrison for the last 33 years. Kevin & Lisa recently sold their home and are now enjoying full-time travel in their RV with their four dachshunds.

[Kevin in DACdb](#)

Laura Garrett - Assistant Governor Area 15 - Oklahoma



Dr. Laura Garrett, who lives in Tulsa, will continue to serve District 6110 as an Assistant Governor in Oklahoma. She is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Tulsa Community College and a Community Educator for the Oklahoma Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Laura has a Doctorate of Education in Family Studies and Child Development from Oklahoma State University with a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology. She holds a Master of Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma and a Bachelors in Consumer Affairs with a Secondary Major in Gerontology from Kansas State University. She is a certified Dementia Practitioner, a certified Eden Associate and a Certified Family Life Educator.

Laura is a third generation Rotarian and has been a member of Rotary since 1999. She has been a member of very small clubs like El Reno, where she served as President, and has served as a board member at the Rotary Club of Downtown OKC, one of the largest Rotary Clubs in the world. She was named the Outstanding New OKC Rotary Member in 2017. She is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise, where she serves as the Youth Services Chair. In addition to her AG duties, Laura was recently appointed as the District 6110 Youth Protection Officer. She is a Paul Harris Fellow +2 and also serves as a member of the District Membership Committee. She is currently a member of the Rotary District 6110 Leadership Academy for the 2021-2022 year.

She has two children: her daughter Sarah is a graduate student at Washington State and her son Rob is an undergrad at the University of Southern California.

[Laura in DACdb](#)

Laura Tapp - District Communications Co-Chair

Laura Tapp is a native Tulsan and is a graduate of the University of Tulsa, earning a Bachelor's in BioGeosciences (sounds fancier than it is). She spent 6 years in the Oil and Gas Industry starting as a Geotech before maturing into a Project Manager/Data Analyst. After that, Laura decided to return to school and obtained her Certificate in GIS (Geographic Information Systems) from Tulsa Community College. She currently works as a Pipeline Integrity Associate at ONEOK, co-chairing the Risk Program. This combines data analysis with collaboration and communication across varied teams within the company. Laura credits her experience in Rotary for making this challenge exciting rather than daunting!



Laura is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Southside Tulsa, having joined in July 2019. She serves as the Bulletin Editor and Club Communications Officer there, and recently joined the District Club Visioning Committee. She is a graduate of the District Leadership Academy, class of 2020. She continues as District Communications Co-Chair.

She enjoys all manner of natural science and, on a more relatable note, gets absolutely silly about cars! In her spare time, she enjoys living life and traveling. But if she's not doing that, you can find her on a patio enjoying a good book. In fact, during the year of 2021, she read 153 books! (That's down from 200 + in 2020, but quarantine will do that to a person.)

[Laura in DACdb](#)

Lisa Engel - Assistant Governor Area 14 - Oklahoma



Lisa joined Rotary in 2002 - first in Concord, CA, then Grants Pass, OR, and now in Broken Arrow, OK. She has just completed her first year as an Assistant Governor, and is excited to start her second year as an AG. Broken Arrow uses the five-year progression, so she has been membership chair, programs chair, and committees and socials chair. She received the Service Above Self award in 2017-18 and Rotarian of the Year award in 2019-20. Lisa is a member of the Bequest society and a Paul Harris fellow + 1.

She and her husband Galen, also a Rotarian, started an after hours club (a satellite club), which has been very successful, though it struggled during the pandemic. In March, 2022, the Broken Arrow club started a disaster relief based satellite club which so far has been very successful and already has 13 members.

Lisa graduated from Oklahoma State University with a double major in international management and human resources management. After college, she moved back to her home state of California and worked in public accounting for 17 years as an audit manager of union pension and health care funds. After that, she became director of Junior Achievement of the Bay Area. She and Galen moved from the San Francisco Bay Area to southern Oregon, built a commercial building and opened a Curves ladies fitness franchise. They moved back to Oklahoma due to her father's failing health, and the collapse of the economy on the west coast in early 2009. They started Tiger Town Tees in 2010 in a back bedroom of their house and now have a 4,000 square foot shop in Broken Arrow. They do custom screen printing for anyone who needs printed apparel!

Little known fact about Lisa: her father would do bit parts in different series when she lived in California and landed her a small role in a movie when she was seven. The movie was "Moonshine War", starring Richard Widmark and Alan Alda. She was swinging on a tire swing and had to yell, "Daddy, daddy, help, help!" but apparently the scene ended up on the cutting room floor! But she did get paid for it!

[Lisa in DACdb](#)

Michele Gann - Paul Harris Society Coordinator.

We are pleased that Michele Gann continues on the District Leadership team as the Paul Harris Society

coordinator.

Michele has been a Rotarian for 14 years; 11 years in Eureka Springs, and 3 years in Bella Vista. She is currently a PHF+8. She is a member of the Paul Harris Society since giving to the Foundation is something she strongly believes in. She has served as secretary-treasurer of the Eureka Springs club and has been the Foundation chair for Bella Vista since July 2019.

She is a Registered Nurse with a Master's in Healthcare Administration and has been a nurse for 40+ years. She works for a large cardiology group as a phone triage nurse.



Michele spends most of her free time reading or out on the Razorback Greenway on her recumbent trike.

She will be calling upon clubs to promote the Paul Harris Society – we're glad she is back!

[Michele in DACdb](#)

Michelle Robinson - Assistant Governor Area 7 - Arkansas



District 6110 is pleased to announce Michelle Robinson continues as an Assistant Governor serving clubs in Arkansas. She was born in Annapolis, Maryland and grew up in Maryland. She is the oldest of four children, the only daughter, and learned early the responsibility of helping others.

Michelle was a military spouse while raising three children. Frequent moves and living in other countries and across America, made a distinct impression on her in recognizing the need to make an impact in other's lives.

Michelle's career journey has been in Insurance throughout her adult life beginning out of college in Baltimore, Maryland and winding through different states, and now in Van Buren, Arkansas in a State Farm Agency.

She has been the Ambassador Chairperson for the Van Buren Chamber of Commerce, a Youth Group Leader for her Episcopal Church, Sunday school teacher since she was sixteen, the Mayor of her village at Fort Irwin, CA Army base, the Enlisted Spouses' President, and the Family Readiness Group Leader for spouses and families of deployed soldiers.

Michelle is a Paul Harris Fellow, a recent member of the Paul Harris Society, Past President of the Rotary Club of Van Buren in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

She has one granddaughter who is three years old. Her son Ryan is serving in the US Army, daughter Jessica is attending college in Ozark, and youngest daughter Julie is attending college in Northwest Arkansas. Her husband, Kevin, is a retired Vicar for the

Episcopal Church. Michelle devotes her heart to her family and Rotary service to make a difference in this world!

Welcome back, Michelle!

[Michelle in DACdb](#)

Pam Crawford - District Governor-Elect

Pamela A. Crawford has just become our District Governor-Elect. Pam joined Rotary in 2015 at the urging of her husband. She was President of Bartlesville (OK) Daybreak in 2019-2020. During that year, Daybreak Rotary continued their tradition of receiving the Rotary Citation Award every year since their inception in 1992; Pam's year was a Gold Level Award.

Pam is a Paul Harris Fellow+8 and a member of the Paul Harris Society. She and her husband are Major Donors and TRF Benefactors. Pam graduated from the District Leadership Academy in 2019 in a class of all women. Pam and Paul attended their first International Convention in Atlanta in 2017 (which is where Pam had her Rotary moment!). Their first international mission trip was the American

Wheelchair Mission to Jamaica in March 2020. Pam took a daughter and granddaughter with her to Mexico to deliver wheelchairs in March 2022 (her first "real travel" since the beginnings of COVID).

Pam retired from Phillips 66 in 2018. Most of her time there was in Information Technology as she has 2 degrees in Mathematics plus an MBA. Her career highlight is that she spent a little over two years in Venezuela managing IT in the ConocoPhillips joint venture. The last seven years for Phillips 66 were spent in Project Management.

Pam is currently on the board of the Bartlesville Regional United Way and the Session of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. Pam is also a Commission Lay Pastor in Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery.

Pam has been married to Paul since 1993. They have 3 adult daughters; Pam says, "the day I got married I was blessed to become mom to 3 teenage girls". They have 6 grandchildren. They currently share their home with two shelties (the "Broadway Boys" – ask what that means!) and a cat that they brought home from Venezuela. Pam tries to stay healthy by constantly prepping to walk/jog 5ks. She hopes she can get CrossFit back into her life soon. She enjoys reading, music, travel, *trying* to grow plants and painting with acrylics.

Please welcome Pam to her year of planning to be District Governor in 2023-2024.

[Pam in DACdb](#)



Pat Phillips - District Accounting Assistant

Pat Phillips fills the part time staff position of District Accounting Assistant, keeping the books for the District Treasurer.

Pat was born and reared in Coffeyville, Kansas, where she graduated from high school. After moving to Tulsa in 1966, she attended Tulsa Community College, majoring in accounting. One of her first jobs in Tulsa was at KOTV Channel 6. Pat was then named



assistant manager at the Oaks Country Club.

Her primary work experience has been as controller at Cedar Ridge Country Club for 10 years and controller at Tulsa Country Club for 17 years. After leaving Cedar Ridge Country Club in 2007, she was employed at Cross and Robinson CPA's for 5 years before coming to the Rotary District office as a part-time bookkeeper.

Pat Phillips has been widowed since 1997, has two sons, 7 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

[Pat in DACdb](#)

Preston Smith - District Treasurer

Preston Smith, CPA, is our District Treasurer for 2022-2023. He has been practicing public accounting for over 20 years in the Tulsa area, and started his own firm in 2011.

He joined the Rotary Club of Bixby in 2004, and has served the Club over the years as President, Treasurer, Rotary Foundation Chair, and BBQ n'Blues Festival Chair. He served the District as an Assistant Governor for a three-year term. Preston is a member of the Paul Harris Society, and a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation. Preston has met four Rotary International Presidents!



He is married to Kim, and he noted they were married in Las Vegas by Elvis! They have four children, three girls and a boy. Anyone who has been to District events in the last few years has seen their two youngest girls, who are 7 and 9; they have been to five district conferences and four MAPETS.

Preston is a veteran of the US Navy and served as a nuclear reactor operator on a nuclear aircraft carrier. He enjoys golf, tennis, fly-fishing, and training bird dogs. He has a flight instructor license and enjoys teaching people to fly when he's not busy with taxes. Thanks for keeping track of the District's funds!

[Preston in DACdb](#)

Rachelle Langley - District Communications Co-Chair

Rachelle Langley continues as Co-Chair of the District Communications Officer team. Rachelle is a member of the Rotary Club of Tulsa in District 6110. She was first introduced to Rotary when she went to work for the Rotary Club of Tulsa in 2014. In 2018, Rachelle became the District Administrator for District 6110 and joined DACdb in 2019 as a member of the Support Team. She is a graduate of North Georgia University with a degree in Human Service Delivery Administration. Prior to working with Rotary, Rachelle worked in Student Counseling & Career Services with NGU, and as a nonprofit case manager, in adoption facilitation,



and for the Department of Human Services.

Currently, Rachelle resides on Lake Keystone in Cleveland, OK with her husband, Bryan. Rachelle and Bryan enjoy traveling as well as spending time with their 5 children and 3 grandchildren. If you are stumped with DACdb, Rachelle can help!

[Rachelle in DACdb](#)

Rebekah Wood - Friendship Exchange Chair

Rebekah Wood will serve District 6110 this new year as the District Friendship Exchange Chair. She has been a member of the Rotary Club of Broken Arrow for 4 years and has served as the Club's Secretary for 3 years. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Bequest Society member.

Born in Branson, MO, Rebekah grew up in Texas and considers herself a Texan at heart. She met her husband, Roy Wood, at Texas A&M University, where she graduated with her Bachelor of Environmental Design and Master of Architecture.

In her early career, Rebekah worked for architectural firms as a project manager, overseeing the coordination of architectural contract documents, including architectural drawings, specifications, project cost estimates and preparation of bid packets. Along with a career transition to the preservation and interpretation of historic architecture, Rebekah returned to school for her Master of Arts in Historic Preservation and Master of Business Administration. As Director of Restoration for the George Washington Foundation, she oversaw the completion of a major restoration of Kenmore, the home of Fielding and Betty Lewis (brother-in-law and sister of George Washington).

Now retired, she enjoys spending time with family, reading, embroidery, crafts, and staying fit. Rebekah also loves to travel, having thus far ticked off Australia, Belize, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Scotland, and Turkey from her bucket list. Rebekah anticipates that participation in the Rotary Friendship Exchange will result in visiting several more destinations on that list. (Are there any Rotarians in Antarctica?!)

We look forward to your leadership!

[Rebekah on DACdb](#)



Richard C. McEwan - Assistant Governor Area 6 - Arkansas and Missouri

Richard C. McEwan is a Member of the Rotary Club of Bentonville and is now an Assistant Governor for clubs in Arkansas and



Missouri.

He began his Rotary journey as a member of Rotaract in 1982, while attending the American Graduate School of International Management, commonly referred to as Thunderbird. He has been a member of Rotary Clubs in such places as Taipei, Taiwan, San Luis Obispo de Tolosa, CA, Coral Springs, FL, and now Bentonville, AR. In these clubs, Richard has served in many positions including Club

President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board Member and has served his districts as Assistant Governor and District Conference Chair among other positions. He has been named Rotarian of the Year. He has visited and “made-up” by visiting Rotary clubs in international cities, including Buenos Aires, Madrid, and Paris.

Richard is a Paul Harris Fellow.

After eight years in China and Taiwan, he was repatriated to San Luis Obispo, California and was the Director of International Development for an international telecommunications company.

Rotary has been a big part of Richard’s life since 1986 and it will always be. Service brings joy and satisfaction, and he would be proud to serve as District Governor in the future.

In addition to Rotary, he has given service to his church, and to the Boy Scouts, being Scoutmaster three times, being honored as a Vigil member of BSA’s Order of the Arrow, including being assistant lodge chief, and Life to Eagle Mentor at Troop 525 in Bentonville, having obtained Eagle Scout Rank at 14 years old.

Welcome to Richard McEwan!

[Richard in DACdb](#)

Rolf Hufnagel - Chair of the Personnel Committee and, and, and

Past District Governor Rolf Hufnagel will be busy again this Rotary year. He is the Chair of the Personnel Committee, Chair of the Major Giving Sub-committee, Program Chair for PETS, and the Vice District Governor.

Rolf is President and CEO of Crimson Resources in the oil and gas industry. He is laity representative at St. James UMC, HOA Board Member Enclave (Beaver Creek), Past President and Board Member at the Estates at River Oaks.

Rolf earned his BS degree at Cameron University and an MBA from OU.

In the Bixby Rotary Club, Rolf is Past Chair of the BBQ Festival, Past Chair of Club Administration, Foundation, International and Sergeant at Arms, Past Club President, Past Assistant Governor, Past Lieutenant Governor, Past District Governor (2019-2020).

He is currently a member of the Paul Harris Society, Major Donor, Arch Klumph Society, and a Benefactor.

In his spare time, Rolf enjoys skiing, shopping, and his grandkids. It’s great to have such a depth of talent in the District!



Ron Petersen - 4-Way Test Speech Contest Co-Chair



Ron Petersen Sr. is another Past District Governor who keeps busy with his Rotary service. He continues as co-chair (with PDG Jayne Lowe) of the District 4-Way Test Speech contest.

Ron was born in a small Northwest Kansas community and has been married to Louise for 58 years. She is also a Rotarian. They have five children, twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Ron's radio broadcasting career spans over 55 years with positions in the Joplin and Columbia, Missouri markets. He was successful in putting 50,000 watt 95.1 KMXL-FM on the air in 1991. Ron, Louise and their son Ron Jr. co-own Mike FM and Fabulous 1490 AM KDMO 93.5 FM.

He served as President of the Missouri Broadcasters Association in 1986 and was honored by the association as the 2005 Distinguished Broadcaster of the Year. Ron is presently Chairman of the McCune Brooks Regional Hospital Board of Trustees who manage a \$20 Million public trust for the City of Carthage. Ron emceed the Carthage Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet for six years. He has served on many other city and county boards. Ron's hobbies include wine making, outdoor cooking, woodworking & being with his grandchildren.

He joined the Carthage Rotary Club in 1977 and has served as a board member, Sergeant of Arms, Vice President and as President. In 1998, Rotary International recognized him with the 4 Avenues of Service Citation and in 1998, he was awarded the Rotarian of the Year at his club level. He served District 6110 as Assistant Governor for 4 years, District Governor '08-'09, Public Relations Chair '09-'14, Chairman of the 4-Way Test Speech Contest '10-'20 & Co-Chair '21-present. He has been involved with Mid-America PETS from 2012, last as Board Chair in 2016.

Ron, Louise, and Ron Jr are all Paul Harris Fellows. Ron & Louise are members of the Paul Harris Society and are Rotary Foundation Level 4 Major Donors, Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members, Foundation Bequest Society Members and Rotary Foundation Level 2 Benefactors.

Thanks to Ron for his continuing commitment to youth with the 4-Way Test Speech Contest!

Stan Evetts - Assistant Governor Area 12 - Oklahoma

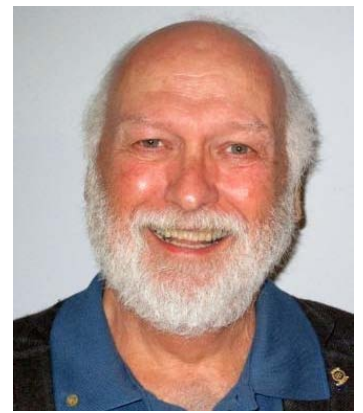
We are pleased to welcome back Stan Evetts as Assistant Governor for the Muskogee, Pryor, Owasso, Wagoner and Tahlequah-Cherokee County Rotary clubs.

Stan retired from Country Financial where he spent 20 years as an

agent/financial representative. Prior to that, he spent 27 years in various insurance company positions working primarily for carriers as an underwriter, marketing representative, and manager. He joined the Rotary Club of Broken Arrow in March 2001. Stan has held positions as Treasurer 2006-2009, President 2011-2012, served previously as an Assistant Governor from 2013-2016 and currently serves as The Rotary Foundation Chair for Broken Arrow.

Stan is originally from Chicago and moved from Illinois to Oklahoma in 1996. Before retirement, he lived in Broken Arrow for 25 years and moved to Wagoner recently at Fort Gibson Lake to spend his retirement years.

Let's welcome (back) Stan to the District Leadership Team!



[Stan in DACdb](#)

Roy Wood - International Service Committee Chair



Dr. Roy Wood will serve the District as the International Service Committee Chair. He is a retired educator, executive, and Naval Officer, serving 24 years in the Navy, rising from enlisted to commissioned officer. His assignments included tours in submarines and surface ships. Ashore, he served as a project manager in a Naval shipyard, an operations officer and test director for the Navy's high-energy laser weapon prototype, a senior system engineer in the AEGIS weapons system program office, and as branch chief for advanced surveillance systems and technical assistant to the Chief System Architect at the Missile Defense Agency.

After retiring from the Navy in 2001, he worked as a technical consultant to the Navy's radar and sensor directorate, helping to initiate and manage a \$1.6 billion shipborne radar project. In 2007, he was asked to join President George W. Bush's administration as Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for International Technology Security. Following that, he was selected as Dean of the Defense Systems Management College at the Defense Acquisition University where he served 7 years before becoming Vice President of DAU.

In 2016, after moving from Washington, DC, to Oklahoma, Roy was tapped to become the Dean of Northeastern State University's Broken Arrow Campus. It was here that he joined Rotary, serving as Club Secretary and President. He is a member of the Paul Harris Society. He and his wife, Rebekah, a Paul Harris Fellow and recent Club Secretary, are Bequest Society members. Their daughter, Kathryne, lives in Midwest City with her husband and daughter.

Roy Wood enjoys reading, research, and writing and stays active by running and cycling. He recently completed the Tulsa Flats 50-mile bike ride and finished 9 half-marathons after turning 50.

[Roy in DACdb](#)

Scott Tatman - District Leadership Academy Dean

Scott Tatman continues to serve our District in a critical position: Dean of the District Leadership Academy (DLA). Scott and his team have revamped the Academy to operate within our district very successfully.

Scott is a 3rd generation Rotarian, and a member of the Coffeyville Rotary Club since 2007. He was President in 2012-13, then an Assistant Governor for 3 years. He is a graduate of the District Leadership Academy and an instructor. He has chaired the District Golf Tournament, is a Paul Harris Fellow +3 and has sponsored 4 new members.



Following his graduation from Washburn University in 2005, he began his career as Sales and Marketing Supervisor for Acme Foundry, Inc. in Coffeyville, KS, where he continues. He has been the Head Golf Coach at Roosevelt Middle School and the Program Facilitator of Leadership Coffeyville.

Scott has been married to Robyn for 14 years and they have two children, Halle and Jack. Robyn is also a Rotarian and served as President in 2018-19. All four are Paul Harris Fellows.

Scott's family has lived in Coffeyville, Kansas for multiple generations on both sides. In fact, his Great-Great-Great-Great Uncle is John J. Kloehr, the legendary sharpshooter in the "Dalton Raid" that occurred in Coffeyville in 1892.

We look forward to Scott's deft aim in developing district leaders in the Leadership Academy.

[Scott in DACdb](#)

Sonia Larimore - Assistant Governor Area 3 - Kansas



Sonia Larimore is excited to continue her position as an Assistant Governor to five clubs in Kansas.

Sonia doesn't consider her role as Director of Assisted Living at Windsor Place a job. For her, it's more like a chance to spend quality time with good friends and catch up over a cup of coffee. Most days, Larimore buzzes around the facility, overseeing operations and making sure residents are comfortable and well taken care of. "I love being with my senior population," she said.

Larimore honed her people skills early while working at her family's restaurant, the former Bone's Steakhouse, in South Coffeyville, OK.

In 1985, she opened her own drive-in burger joint and operated a catering truck – which she sold in 1989.

Just weeks after earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resources Management in 1998 from Oklahoma Wesleyan University, she started her career at Windsor Place. Five years later, she moved on to serve as director of Guest Home Estates VIII in Erie, KS. Three years later, she returned to Coffeyville, taking the position she currently has at Windsor Place.

Sonia is a graduate of Lenapah, OK, High School and Coffeyville Community College. A 2006 Leadership Coffeyville graduate, she served on the program's board of trustees. She currently serves as Immediate Past President for the Kansas Center for Assisted Living and has served as state leader for the National Center for Assisted Living.

Sonia was president of the Rotary Club of Coffeyville in 2017-18, and has been an Interact Club sponsor. She is a Paul Harris Fellow +3, Paul Harris Society Member, and a 2022 District Leadership Academy 2022 graduate.

She enjoyed training service and therapy dogs. Her standard poodle, Boomer, is a certified therapy dog for Alliance Therapy Dog Inc. and goes to work with her daily.

Rodney, her husband of 28 years, understands her crazy schedule, and shares her love for people. "This makes for a good mix for the time I put in serving my other family," she said. Sonia and Rodney have two sons and two granddaughters.

Thanks, Sonia, for continuing your service to District 6110!

[Sonia in DACdb](#)

Susan Sangren - Choices program chair

Susan Sangren continues on the District Leadership team to chair the CHOICES program,

Susan has been a member of the Rotary Club of Harrison since 2001, serving as President in 2012-2013. She graduated from the District 6110 Leadership Academy in 2014 and was Assistant Governor from 2016-2019. She is a Major Donor, Rotary Benefactor and a Paul Harris Society member and was selected as her club's Rotarian of the Year in 2011 and 2016. She has attended three Rotary International Conventions.



Susan is currently the Youth Exchange Officer for her club. She is on the District's Personnel Committee and is Chair of the CHOICES program. The CHOICES workshop consists of two 45-minute sessions delivered by volunteers on consecutive days in the classroom during the school day to eighth and ninth grade students. The first session focuses on the value of staying in school and the second session introduces life skills to help teens succeed in both school and life.

Susan was born and raised in Harrison, AR. She graduated from the University of Central Arkansas with a degree in Psychology. After graduation, she spent a year in Bozeman, Montana as a VISTA Volunteer. She is the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Director for the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District.

Thanks to Susan for her efforts on the District Leadership team!

[Susan in DACdb](#)

Tamara Miller - District Conference Chair

Tamara Miller will reprise her role as District Conference Chair, YAY!

Tamara was born and raised in Traverse City, Michigan, and



graduated with a BS in Sports Medicine from Central Michigan University.

She is a Senior Director with Pampered Chef, and has been a consultant for 25 and a half years.

She loves helping bring families back to the dinner table and coaching others to make their dreams come true.

Tamara is a second-generation Rotarian, and a member for 20 years. She has served as Secretary, Vice President, President, Past President of the Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise and all roles on the Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise's Foundation Board. She served as an Assistant Governor for 3 years and co-chaired or chaired the District Conference for 5 years. She is a graduate of the District Leadership Academy and a Paul Harris Fellow +8 as well as a Paul Harris Society Member.

Tamara has been married to her husband Eric for 28 years, and they have three boys.

[Tamara in DACdb](#)

Terry Bushay - Assistant Governor Area 9 - Arkansas

We welcome Terry Bushay to the District Leadership team as an Assistant Governor in Area 9, serving the Bull Shoals-Lakeview, Harrison, Mid-Marion County, Mountain Home, and Holiday Island Rotary clubs.

Terry recently retired as a general practice dentist. He joined Rotary in 1996 in Eureka Springs for networking when he opened his private practice in Holiday Island. He was in the Eureka Springs club for 13 years, serving as President, Sergeant-at-Arms (several years), Youth Exchange counselor, and Youth Exchange host.



In 2009, he changed to the Holiday Island club, while the club was struggling, to help it succeed. There, Terry served as Sergeant-at-Arms, President for two years, and Foundation Chair for almost a decade. He is a graduate of the first 6110 District Leadership Academy.

He has been married to Rosemary for 36 years. He loves golf, pickleball, fishing, all things Rotary and they love traveling! Welcome to the team!

[Terry in DACdb](#)

Tim Holder - Assistant Governor Area 11 - Oklahoma

We are pleased that Dr. Tim Holder will continue as an Assistant Governor for clubs in Oklahoma.

Tim graduated from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, and Family Practice Residency in Corpus Christi, Texas. He is Board Certified in both Family Practice and in Hospice and Palliative Medicine and is the Medical Director of Supportive Care Solutions of Tulsa. He was previously Medical Director for Supportive Care and Survivorship at



Cancer Treatment Centers America - Tulsa from 2013 to 2020. He has over 20 years of experience in Hospice and Palliative Medicine/symptom control and management.

Dr. Holder served on the Attorney General's Task Force to Improve End-of-Life Care in Oklahoma. He has received several awards, including the 2004 Red Cross Everyday Hero Award and 2001 Five Who Care volunteer award.

Tim served on the board & as President of the Muskogee Morning Rotary Club from 1999-2000. He helped the club achieve 100% Paul Harris Fellow designation through their participation and fundraising for an International Matching Grant. When the Morning Club disbanded in 2002, he transferred to the Muskogee Rotary Club until his induction into the Tulsa Sunrise club. Tim has also held the office of Chair for Membership Development and International Service. Tim is a Paul Harris Fellow +8 and is an Ambassador for the MSNI. He is married to Kaia, his wife of 32+ years. Kaia is a cellist and previously played in the Fort Smith Symphony. They have 3 daughters. Tim has a heart for international mission work, having worked in East Africa, Nicaragua, and India.

It's great to have Tim continue in service on the 22-23 Leadership team!

[Tim in DACdb](#)

Vicki Lombari - Staff Administrative Assistant - Youth Exchange Committee,

Vicki Lombari is the staff administrative assistant to the District 6110 Youth Exchange Committee, as well as a member of that committee. She has lost track of how many times she has been introduced as the "glue" that holds the team together, and as the "institutional memory" of the district YE committee. Along the way, she became an honorary member of the Fayetteville Rotary Club and was honored with a Paul Harris Fellow from that club. Her vocation is teaching and writing. No matter what job she has held, the job eventually morphs to include teaching and writing.

A creative thinker and compassionate listener, Vicki has served as an assistant at BatchMaster, a software company, and, more recently, the Joyful Healing Center.

While working at BatchMaster, Vicki began helped District 6110 YE as her employer (Paul Reagan) became the district Youth Exchange chair. Later, she became the assistant to the district YE committee and, eventually, a member. Vicki has attended 2 RI Conventions and has attended the SCRYE Winter Conference in Tulsa, OK for several years. She received a D6110 "Service Above Self" plaque and the SCRYE (South Central Rotary Youth Exchange) "Spark Plug" award.

As a junior in high school, Vicki went on a one-week home-hosted band exchange to Dublin, Ireland. She attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, then earned two Masters degrees at the University of Arkansas.



When Vicki entered a gym after 20+ years, she discovered a passion for kettlebell, and has studied Reiki energy work. Vicki has now been painting with watercolors, acrylics, and mixed media for almost 20 years. Vicki is a cancer survivor.

We're pleased that she will continue to work for the District in the Youth Exchange Committee.

[Vicki on DACdb](#)

Wallace Williams - Resolutions Committee Chair



Past District Governor Wallace Williams continues his District service as co-chair of the District Legislation Committee and Resolutions Committee Chair.

Wallace grew up in Colquitt, GA and graduated from Bethel High School. He received a BS in Chemistry from Savannah State College, Savannah, GA. He did graduate work at Georgia State University and the University of Phoenix, where he received an MA in Organizational Management.

Wallace served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam, then launched a thirty-six-year career in food manufacturing at Kraft Foods in Decatur, GA. He has held numerous management positions in Springfield, MO and Tulsa, OK, retiring from the Bama Companies, Inc. in 2005.

He has served with the following organizations: Youth Services of Tulsa, Goodwill Industries of Tulsa, Tulsa Partners Inc., and Board Chair of Metropolitan Tulsa Urban League. He is a member of Class 25 of Leadership Tulsa where he served as Class Marshal. He is a member of the Morning Star Baptist Church where he serves on the Deacon Board, Sunday School and is a member of the Brotherhood ministry.

Wallace began his Rotary service as a charter member of the Rotary Club of North Tulsa, where he served as President, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Board Chair. Following three terms as Assistant District Governor, he served as District Governor of Rotary District 6110 in 2010-2011. Wallace, Anne and their grandson are all Paul Harris Fellows, and Wallace is a member of the Paul Harris Society. Wallace and Anne are Level One Major Donors of the Rotary Foundation.

He has held several leadership positions with the Mid-America PETS organization. Wallace's love for Rotary has inspired him to attend every RI convention since 2001. He says that he looks forward to meeting and interacting with fellow Rotarians from around the world. Wallace and his wife Anne have been married for 48 years and have two adult sons, one daughter-in-law and a grandson. Ask him about "chipmunk."

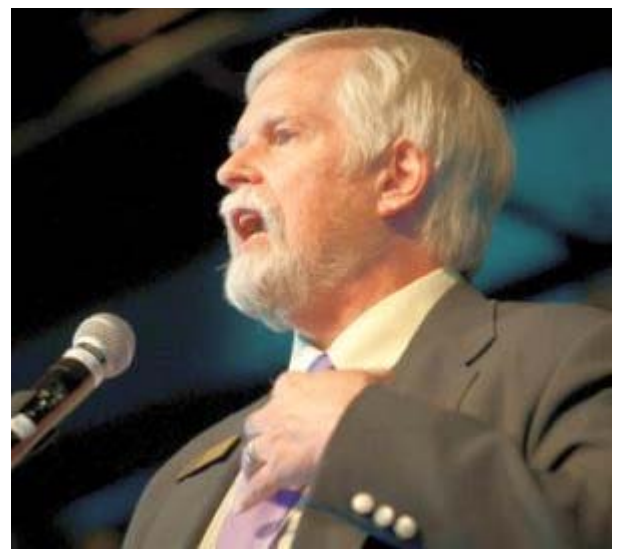
[Wallace in DACdb](#)

Wally Bloss - Public Image Chair

Wally Bloss continues doing Public Image work for our district.

Wally spent most of his career managing non-profit organizations, beginning in human and social services, and the last 20 years in the arts. In St Joseph, MO, Wally ran the Allied Arts Council and joined Rotary Club #32 – and after a few years,

became President. He moved to Logan, Utah to run an Arts Council with an 1100-seat theatre, where he later received the Governor's Leadership in the Arts Award. He joined the Logan Rotary Club and became President there. He was the District 5420 Scholarship chair, on the Foundation Committee, and assisted with the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City.



He retired to Joplin, MO and in a few years became President of that Rotary Club. In his "retirement", he has chaired and served on several local and state arts organizations' boards, did a 3-year volunteer gig at KRPS Public Radio, and performed with his wife, Leecia, in community theatre.

Wally is a graduate of the District Leadership Academy and will continue as Admin of the District 6110 Facebook page, District Newsletter Editor, and the District Public Image Chair. He recently became an Assistant Regional Public Image Coordinator (ARPIC) for Zone 31 with responsibilities for four districts. He just completed his three-year tour as an Assistant Governor. He has been bugging incoming leadership for bios and photos, then posting them for this project. He and his wife, Leecia, are multiple Paul Harris Fellows. Wally wonders if anyone is still reading these 50+ bios and offers \$25 to the Rotary Foundation on behalf of the 3rd person to contact him re this.

His early years were spent in Rochester, NY, and he attended college in Marshall and Columbia, MO, obtaining an MS in Community Development. Wally & Leecia have a blended family of 5 grown children and 3 grandchildren, mostly in Missouri. He got his first computer in 1979 and tries to keep up with nerd stuff. Wally loves to sing and was invited by Bobby McFerrin to sing with him in the Utah theatre he managed.

Wally is looking forward to more Rotary adventures with Governor Cathy!

[Wally on DACdb](#)

Warren Lovinger - District Governor Nominee & Assistant Governor - Missouri



Warren Lovinger, MD, joins the "G-Line" next year as District Governor Nominee, and as an Assistant Governor in Missouri. Warren joined the Rotary Club of Nevada, Missouri in 1980, soon after moving there to begin practicing Internal Medicine. He grew up in Warrensburg, Missouri, graduated from Central Missouri State University, went on to the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland, and then came to St. Louis, Missouri, for Residency in Internal Medicine at Barnes Hospital. He met and married Marilyn in St. Louis, and they were subsequently blessed with four children - three of whom have also become physicians.

Warren is finishing his second tour as President of the Nevada Rotary Club, is a Paul Harris Fellow+5, and is a District 6110 Leadership Academy graduate. His community involvement has included 18 years on Nevada's Board of Education, Co-founder of the Osage Prairie YMCA, youth sports coaching, and serving as a Presbyterian Elder. He was

previously named as Nevada's "Citizen of the Year".

In July, 2020, Warren completed a 40-year practice career in Internal Medicine - having provided outpatient, inpatient, emergency, and long-term care in Nevada. He held many leadership roles at Nevada Regional Medical Center. In 2017-2018, he served as President of the Missouri State Medical Association. In 2022, Dr. Lovinger is being nationally recognized by the American College of Physicians as the recipient of the Claypoole Award for a physician who has provided a lifetime of service to his patients, profession, and community. Warren is excited to be joining Rotary District 6110's "G-Line" and is preparing for the challenging job of being District Governor in 2024-2025. Welcome to Warren!

[Warren in DACdb](#)

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