

Rotary



District 6110 Newsletter

District Governor's Message September 2022



I want to extend a huge thank you to all the attendees of the 2022 District 6110 Conference. I hope you had fun, experienced great fellowship, and learned something new about Rotary. Many folks enjoyed how several of the House of Friendship displays featured projects that support this month's Rotary focus: Basic Education and Literacy.

I also want to extend a HUGE thank you to all our sponsors. Golf sponsors were PDG John and Connie Williams, PDG Jayne and Gary Lowe, PDG Jay and Frankie Craig, PDG Ed and Jeanette Hardesty, Preston Smith, Buster and Linda McCurtain, Scott's Hamburgers, Blue Sky Technologies, DG Cathy Webster, tournament chair Richard Oltmann, and the Rotary Club of Bixby, OK for hosting the tournament. Conference sponsors I want to thank are the Rotary Club of Pryor, OK, the Rotary

Club of Tulsa, and the Rotary Club of Broken Arrow for sponsoring and hosting the hospitality suite. Kids at Conference was a smashing success! Thank you Rotary Club of Tulsa Southside and Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise for sponsoring this first-time event and a huge shout out to all the KAC volunteers.

I want to especially thank the conference chair Tamara Miller and conference team members PDG Ed Hardesty and District Administrator Cole Adamson. SRM Productions did a fabulous job with the A/V. Our speakers were phenomenal and thank you to John Rains for leading the Table Topics, Todd Jenkins for leading the Youth Exchange session, PDGs Ron Petersen and Wallace Williams for the Memorial Service, and all the volunteers that helped the event run smoothly. Thanks to Brett Brough and the kids, we had a great auction and raffle. Thank you Garry Harris our District Polio Chair for running a great Putt Putt for Polio contest. Final numbers of funds raised will be announced in the September 20 Weekly Communication.



Here is one question I would like you to think about this month: how has Rotary changed you? In the very elegant Rotary International Vision Statement, *"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves,"* see that it mentions changes within ourselves. It has certainly changed me! The change started when I became more than just a club member, it was when I deeply felt like a Rotarian while involved in service to others. This continues to happen each time I participate in a service project. This includes when I participate in fundraising projects because I know that the money raised will make a difference to others.

Speaking of service, I'm having the most wonderful Rotary adventure and growth experience by being the head cheerleader for our district. So, I cheer for you as you dig in to increase your membership and service to others while increasing your support for the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and Polio Plus. Soon pleasant fall weather will be with us. I wish all of you the very best with all your fall Rotary fundraisers, service projects, and socials.



Keep up the good work!

Cathy Webster
District Governor D6110

District Conference 2022

Over 180 Rotarians attended the District Conference in Tulsa, Sept 10. In a jam-packed day for members and their families, lots of information was shared, stories were told, and fellowship (IN PERSON) abounded. District Governor Cathy Webster and Conference Chair Tamara Miller provided opportunities for clubs to share ideas, discuss common issues, and learn about



Kids at Conference - they made robots!

programs supported by Rotary.

New this year was "Kids at Conference", which allowed members to bring their children and have activities for them. It was a big hit.

The House of Friendship had booths promoting several facets of Rotary, including Shelterbox, Dictionary project, Imagination Library, Women in Rotary, Putt Putt for Polio, and the District Leadership Academy, among others.

Two interactive sessions had topics including District and Global Grants, Rotary Fellowships, Rotary E-Clubs etc. Another "idea session" had groups grappling with issues such as attracting and retaining members.

The noon luncheon introduced the inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students (see other story in this newsletter).

A special memorial service was conducted to memorialize Rotarians who had passed away in the last year.

RYLA Co-Chair, Matt Hancock, announced that **RYLA will return, live and in-person, March 16-19**, and that CITs are being sought.

The annual report and meeting of MSNI showed that 106,684 pounds of free medical supplies and equipment had been

distributed in the last year, and the 271st international shipment had been made.

The evening banquet featured Shelterbox, which began at a Rotary Club in England, and is now active worldwide. While they still provide shelter and emergency relief for natural disasters, now more of their work is with people displaced by wars and civil uprisings.

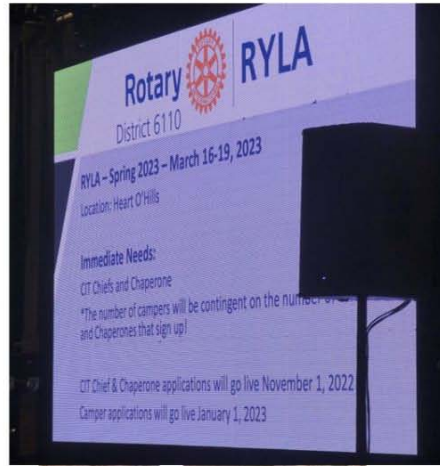
Below is a smattering of photos from the event, but they do not substitute for being there. Plan to attend next year's District Conference if you want to know Rotary better.







Pam Stewart Foundation
Coordinator



WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Each (non-pandemic) year all Rotarians in the District are invited to come together for a conference. It's a time to exchange ideas, learn, be inspired, and soak up all that is Rotary. But less than 10% attend. It is worth your time, so plan to attend next year if you did not this year.

Rotarians in Service - September, 2022

6110 ROTARIANS IN SERVICE

Here are just a few clubs providing service to their communities. Let us know what your club is doing to provide Service Above Self!

Rotary Club of Bristow Promotes the Environment

The Rotary Club of Bristow and Carole Ellis are focused on improving the environment by developing a native wildflower



field to be beneficial to the preservation of native plants as well as supporting the insects and the birds that in turn devour the insects as their primary source of nutrition.

This project is in its second year and uses prescribed fire as would naturally occur and seed casting to develop the native habitat and species diversity. The field is located in a city park along Highway 66. The native wildflowers are blooming just in time for the annual Wildflower Run and the Tabouleh Festival <https://www.taboulehfest.com/> held in May each year.

The project is a collaboration between the Rotary Club of Bristow and Bristow city government. This project adds beauty to the community and benefits the environment.

If your Rotary Club would like additional information on how you might support the environment, Rotary's 7th area of focus, as well as making your club a **Zero Waste Club**, please contact Ken Leonard – kenleonard57@gmail.com

Past President, Kelly Dostart

Bentonville Rotary Club Builds

The Bentonville Club participated in a Habitat for Humanity event recently. They assisted in providing a new home for a deserving family. The family also provides sweat equity, but only Rotarians can make a cool pyramid like this!



Missouri Rotary Clubs Connect

Nine of the ten Missouri District 6110 Rotary Clubs met recently in a "Regional Connection", organized by Assistant Governor (and District Governor Nominee) Warren Lovinger. The club leaders were joined by District Governor Cathy Webster, District Governor-Elect Pam Crawford, Assistant Governor Coordinator Joe Grisolan, past District Governor Ron Petersen, District Finance Chair Bob Headlee and Public Image Chair Wally Bloss.

While the Lamar Rotary Club was busy with its annual fair event and unable to attend, the other "Missouri Mule" clubs had an opportunity to rub elbows, compare notes, and take in additional Rotary information. They also enjoyed a tasty fried chicken meal at Granny Shaffer's Restaurant, owned by Webb City Rotarian Mike Wiggins.



Governor Cathy visits Joplin Daybreak Rotary Club



District Governor Cathy Webster was "up with the chickens" to visit the Joplin Daybreak Rotary Club. She was pleased to hear of all their activities, and talked about the need to tell our story to the community. She also toured the [Joplin Rotary Sculpture Garden](#), which is a joint project with the Joplin Rotary Club, and was impressed with the number and world-class quality of sculptures located in the Sculpture Garden, which is inside Mercy Park, the

former location of St. John's Hospital which was destroyed by the 2011 EF-5 tornado.



Tulsa Rotary Club Continues to Help School

Tulsa Rotary Club members began the school year with the Celia Clinton School. They assisted with the school's Back to School Block Party and started another year as their Partner in Education.

Celia Clinton Elementary is the first neighborhood school to offer a two-way dual language program. Beginning in pre-K or kindergarten, students in the program speak two different native languages and receive instruction in both English and Spanish.



Eureka Springs Rotary Provides Shoes



The Eureka Springs Rotary Club provided shoes for any and all Carroll County, AR Jr and High School students in August, with another distribution to elementary students in September. Dubbed "Samaritan's Feet", the project is possible due to the various fund-raising events the club does during the year. The club's goal is to establish a year-round shoe supply/locker for students that need them.

Webb City - Carl Junction Rotary Club Shows Appreciation

The Rotary Club of Webb City - Carl Junction continued its annual event by remembering the tragic events of Sept 11 by delivering meals to on-duty first responders. The event was held in conjunction with Webb City Elks Lodge #861. Special thanks to Carl Junction third grade classes for creating special "thank you" lunch sacks.

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Owasso Rotary Club Reinvents Itself!

The Owasso Rotary Club has eleven members. Nine of them have been in the club for 2 years or less. They won the 2021-2022 District Membership Contest, and recently conducted a golf tournament, the "Owasso Giveback Golf Classic", partnering with a local charity. Each of the past 12 months, they have selected a business that gives back to the community and honored them with a nice award, with coverage in the local newspaper. They line a major route in town with American flags on holidays. They use all the correct images, logos, and post almost daily on social media. They really have made an impact with the new members and actively serve their community.



Muskogee Rotary Club's Golf Tournament Benefits local Clinic

The Muskogee Rotary Club has just completed a golf tournament to benefit the Good Shepard Free Health Clinic. The club had previously raised \$17,500 for the clinic. The clinic is sponsored by St. Paul United Methodist Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church and is for adults who do not have health insurance. It was founded in 2000 and the Muskogee Rotary Club has provided significant funding for the organization.

The Muskogee Rotary Club also **refuted the claim of the Tulsa Will Rogers Club** for the claim of the longest-serving Rotarian in the District, as noted last month. Their member, **Ted Hine**, **joined Rotary January 1, 1953**, and served as President in 1957-58, and is a Paul Harris Fellow. That means he has been a member for 69 and 3/4 years! They also note their member **Ken Meyer joined in February of 1953**, was President in 1968-69, and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Two outstanding examples of service!



Mt Vernon Rotary Club Partners for Grants to Teachers

The Mt. Vernon Rotary Club partnered with two local non-



profit organizations to provide \$150 grants to almost a dozen teachers. This has helped them set up their classroom as they want to provide a better experience for their students. Teachers spent an average of \$750 on school supplies out of pocket during the 2020-2021 school year, and the Mt Vernon club wants to help.

The Rotary Club of Downtown Rogers Says

"Come Eat!"

Rogers will be the place to have some good food and support Rotary in October. Here's why:

- Saturday October 8, 1-3pm is the **7th Annual Frisco Inferno BBQ Competition** and Tasting. When the smoke clears, BBQ lovers will find the tastiest samples at this Rotary fund-raising event presented by NWA Roofing. 5 Tastes for \$15! Click [HERE](#) for more info.
- Then, make your way to Rogers for the **Downtown Rogers Octoberfest**, a Beer and Brat Festival, set for Saturday, October 15, 1 p.m. at Butterfield Stage, 301 S 1st Street. This fundraising event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Downtown Rogers and the Optimist Club of Rogers. Up to 20 craft beer breweries will be pouring their seasonal favorites, including Oktoberfests and fall flavors. Food on site provides tastes of Germany to hungry fest-goers. Click [HERE](#) for info on this event.



MSNI Sends Fourth Shipment to Ukraine

Last month, our district's international service organization, Medical Supply Network, Inc (MSNI) made its fourth shipment of medical equipment and supplies, shipped from Tulsa to Poland for use by Ukrainian refugees. The shipment included hospital beds, exam tables, wheelchairs, IV hangers, sheets and blankets, and myriad other supplies and equipment. This shipment will help furnish refugee camps and makeshift hospitals to aid the sick, injured, and wounded suffering through the conflict in Ukraine.

Joining in the loading effort were Jeff and Valeriya Chalmers, who requested the supplies and will be tracking the shipment to its destination. Joseph Bondarenko, from Broken Arrow High School, along with his friend Alexandra Sheyko, also helped. John Rains, District 6110 Assistant Governor Coordinator from the Rotary Club of Tulsa and Roy Wood, District International Service Chair from the Broken Arrow Rotary Club were there to help MSNI Director, VJ



Lively, pack the truck for shipment.

MSNI works with volunteers to help stock clinics and hospitals in underdeveloped countries around the globe. Thanks to the generosity of medical facilities in our region that donate surplus medical equipment and supplies to MSNI, and to the volunteers from many of our District 6110 Clubs, MSNI is able to provide life-giving equipment to those in desperate need. If your club has not yet signed up to volunteer at MSNI this Rotary year, or you would like to learn more about MSNI, please visit MSNI.ORG.

Rotary Club of Fayetteville on the Air - and in the Water

The Fayetteville Rotary Club recently updated the community on its plans for the new year. Victor Wilson, club President, appeared on KNWA to outline their many projects. Here's a clip from the broadcast:

[click here](#)

The club also had a family pool party at PDG Larry Long's home. Fellowship is just as important as service!

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Is YOUR club doing service to its community? Is it telling its story? Are you "doing good in the world?" Let us know with "just the facts" to: Wally Bloss, District Public Image Chair: Wbloss@Gmail.com



District 6110 Serves the World with Global Grants

By Beth E. Keck

Our Global Grants with Colombia District 4271 Continue

While most clubs do good in their local community, some clubs also embrace the global side of Service Above Self.

In 2019, a group of Rotary Clubs in District 6110 committed to funding Global Grant projects in Colombia in collaboration with Colombia Rotary District 4271. The clubs jointly donated \$18,000 to the Rotary Foundation to be used for projects in Colombia, South America. As a result of this multi-club commitment, three Rotary Global Grants were implemented and two Rotarians from our district had the opportunity to travel to a Colombia Project Fair.

Clubs participating were: **Bella Vista, Bentonville, Bentonville Satellite, Bixby, Bristow, Broken Arrow, Joplin, Joplin Daybreak, Rogers Downtown, Rogers Noon, Pittsburgh,**

**Clear Water for My Schools Phase 1:
Coastal Atlantic Zone of District 4271**

Nine Colombian clubs in this area identified a school in their locality for making water and sanitation improvements. This included safe drinking water, renovating toilets and providing hygiene training including handwashing. The project aimed to benefit around 4,000 students and their families. The project total was approximately \$54,000.

**Clear Water for My Schools Phase 2:
Santander Zone of District 4271**

Thirteen clubs in this area of Colombia identified schools in their locality for making water and sanitation improvements. This included safe drinking water, renovating toilets and providing hygiene training, including handwashing. Approximately 800 students and teachers benefited, along with 2,500 family members. The project total was approximately \$78,250.



Inclusive Education for People with Disabilities:

When the third phase of Clear Water for My Schools did not move forward due to the covid-19 pandemic, the District 4271 leadership brought forward another worthy project as an alternative: Inclusive Education for People with Disabilities sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nuevo Medellin. The project was implemented in cooperation with Fundacion Monica Uribe por Amor, the only institution in Colombia working with people with Spina Bifida. The project benefited 397 children and young people by providing them with computers, internet service and training so they could be educated in their homes. The project total was approximately \$61,000.

2020 Colombia Project Fair

Under Rotary Foundation guidelines established in 2018, Districts can allocate District Designated Funds to cover travel expenses of a Rotarian to an International Project Fair. The purpose is to increase the number and quality of Rotary Global Grants. John Sawyer from the Bixby Club and Nathan Crowder from Rogers Downtown, both members of the D6110 International Service Committee, traveled to Cali, Colombia, in early 2020 and attended the Colombia Project Fair. They each received a \$1,000 DDF grant for travel expenses.

If your club wants to provide Rotary international service in that world, contact Beth Keck, Rotary District 6110 Global Grants Chair, at bethkeck719@gmail.com



Clubs Welcome Rotary Youth Exchange Students

By Victoria-Sue Lombari





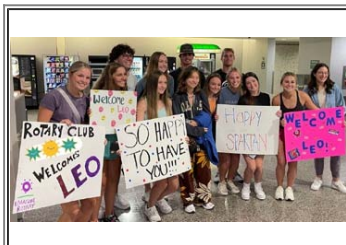
After the "Pandemic Pause" we are pleased to **welcome the 5 Youth Exchange inbound students** who have arrived in our district: Leopoldine (aka "Leo"), Charlotte, Irene, Luis Felipe (aka "Pipe"), and Ruben. They are from Germany, Colombia, Spain, France, and Sweden, and were introduced at the recent District Conference in Tulsa. They are hosted by the Harrison, Miami, Northside Fayetteville, Bixby, and Bentonville Rotary Clubs.



Inbound Youth Exchange Students at District Conference

Since the program is an actual exchange, we also bid bon voyage **to our 6 Youth Exchange outbound students**: Desire, Kelly, Savannah, Phoebe, Fernanda, and Joe, who are traveling to Colombia, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, and Sweden, and are sponsored by Rotary Clubs in Springdale, Northside Fayetteville, Harrison, Bentonville, Miami, Coffeyville, Neodesha, and Independence.

Our District's outbound team is promoting 2023 - 2024 youth exchange to the schools and clubs. For more information, contact Rodney Arnold at highschoolstudyabroad@gmail.com. Zoom info sessions for students and parents will take place Sept. 20, Oct. 4 and Oct. 18. If you know of an interested student, please suggest they go to studyabroadscholarships.org for more information.



Leo arrives!



Luis arrives



Ruben Arrives

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? You may notice we are only using the first names of the students, and are being a bit obscure regarding where they are placed. For youth protection reasons, the US Department of State does not want Rotary Youth Exchange to publish potentially locating information about individual students. Such is life in 2022.



Rotary 101 - September 2022 - What's in a logo?

By Wally Bloss



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



Someone mentioned to me at the District Conference, "You are always concerned about Rotary's logo - why? Everyone knows Rotary in (my city)"

Well, I wish that were true in every city in the District!

Branding is something we should know a bit about in this area. Livestock was branded to show ownership and verify "belonging." While we Rotarians are not livestock, by using incorrect branding we are missing out on showing our "belonging." No other organization is quite like Rotary. By using our voice consistently in all our messaging, we can ensure that our communications reflect our distinct character.

Note the "new" Masterbrand above used on a sign outside of Pryor. It uses the best of the Masterbrand: the word "Rotary" is easy to spot, the traditional wheel is adjacent to it. Now note the photo on the right (from outside our district). Note it uses the "blue wheel" which was changed NINE years ago. The words "Rotary International" are hard to see, which is part of why the Masterbrand was created.

A quick review shows 37 of the 76 club Facebook pages in the district were non-compliant. That's almost half of the clubs are not displaying the correct logo or this year's theme image. This can be fixed!

What to do? Need help? I'm happy to chat with your club and get things fixed! E-Mail me at Wbloss@GMail.com and let's talk!



WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT: Rotary has so many parts it is hard to keep track of them all. This is a series of several primers on Rotary. Want help on logos, themes, how to make a great flyer etc? Just ask Wally: Wally Bloss' email He's happy to help!

PURCHASE TICKETS NOW FOR TULSA'S WINE, CHEESE & CHOCOLATE

By Tina Miller



Wine Cheese & Chocolate is back!

Join the Rotary Club of Tulsa for its annual evening of dancing, food, and drinks, all for a good cause.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

TULSA CLUB HOTEL, 111 EAST 5th STREET, TULSA

5:30-9:00 P.M.

CLICK LINK BELOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wine-cheese-and-chocolate-2022-tickets-409553444377>

2022's Wine Cheese & Chocolate is returning in style to the downtown Tulsa Club Hotel on October 6th from 5:30-9:00pm! Enjoy a night of live music from the 7 Blue jazz group, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, and wine paired with delicious cheese & chocolates. If you are feeling adventurous, try your hand at winning one of many silent auction items throughout the night.

Wine Cheese & Chocolate is hosted by the Rotary Club of Tulsa. The ticket sales & sponsorship dollars will benefit the Tulsa Rotary Foundation's mission of providing grants to local non-profit organizations as well as ongoing projects such as the Partners in Education Program, Camp

Enterprise, Crescendo Music Awards Grants, and the Nicaragua Water Well Drilling Program, as well as many others.

Table packages & sponsorships are still available!

Contact brendon.franklin@morganstanley.com if you have any questions about additional opportunities to sponsor or get involved.

Welcome New Rotarians September, 2022



Cassville President
Chad Johnson and
new member Ramesh
Nangunoori



Cassville President
Chad Johnson and
new member Sarah
Smith

Have you welcomed a prospect to Rotary?
New members bring new ideas and additional support to Rotary.

You can ask a prospect to help deliver dictionaries, or pick up trash with you, or help with whichever action project your club does. Get their hands dirty and they'll be interested!

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

Rotary District 6110 New Membership Listing

New Members From: **Aug-16-2022** To: **Sep-15-2022**

28 Members Listed

Member Name	Start Date	Club	Sponsor
Abdo, Melissa	8/29/2022	Tulsa	
Anderson, Carey	8/19/2022	Rogers	Paul Hively Jim White
Andren, J. David (DAVE)	8/22/2022	McAlester	Justin Doyle Few
Bogle, Shawn	8/22/2022	Mid-Marion County	Richard L. Wendel
Cavanah, Randall	8/19/2022	Holiday Island	Al Selleck Kenneth Mills
Charles, Hugh K	8/25/2022	Parsons	Ann Charles
Cordero, Elisa	8/17/2022	Vinita	Steven Tamplen
Dantic, Rebecca A	8/25/2022	Parsons	Ann Charles
Doherty, Annette	9/13/2022	Tahlequah-Cherokee County	Bobby Joe McAlpine III
Doshier, Whitney	9/5/2022	Mid-Marion County	Travis Doshier
Dranchak, John L	8/25/2022	Parsons	
Hall, Brook	8/23/2022	Owasso	
Hruby, Justin A	9/13/2022	McAlester	Sayer Brenner
Johnson, Cindee	8/23/2022	Bella Vista	
Kelly, Michael E.	9/1/2022	Mid-Marion County	
Kilfoy, Greg	8/23/2022	Bella Vista	
King, Shana R	8/18/2022	Harrison	Susan Sangren

Lee, Layton	9/5/2022	Mid-Marion County	
Martinez, Mindred (MIMI)	8/16/2022	Tulsa	Debra J. Morrow Ingram
Persike, Edward C. (ED)	8/25/2022	Nevada	Cynthia Thompson
Rettinger, Julie E. F.	9/13/2022	Tulsa	Tiffany Egdorf
Smith, Brett B.	8/23/2022	McAlester	Randy Saunier
Smith, Emily	9/1/2022	Mid-Marion County	
Stanfield, Randall Heath (HEATH)	8/16/2022	McAlester	Michael Hall
Swanson, Joi	8/29/2022	Downtown Rogers	Joe Hines
Vukin, Greg N	8/22/2022	Downtown Rogers	
Willis, Blanca	9/8/2022	Tulsa North	Daniel Chaboya
Yergovich, Jeff	8/18/2022	Eureka Springs	Bob Grudek

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

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