

### **Happy New Year!**

Thanks for opening this Special New Year's Edition of the Rotary District 6110 Newsletter.

Each shiny new Rotary year begins July 1, and we celebrate those members who have accepted the call to lead, especially the Club Presidents!

Our brand-new District Governor, John Rains, noted that we are here to serve our members, from the District Governor to the Club Presidents, and all in between. So we asked every incoming President, Assistant Governor and Governor Elect or Nominee to send us a few words about themselves and a photo. I'm pleased to say that 95% answered the call! Get to know our leaders who responded by reading about them below. We're an impressive bunch! We also have been running these bios and photos 2-a-day on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

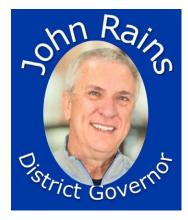


While all the Presidents take office today, July 1, some have done this before - in fact almost 1/4 of them have been a club president before! Also, over 43% of the presidents are women - certainly a new total. They range in age from barely 21 to into their 80s, and cover all sorts of vocations, from insurance to bankers to farmers to clergy to media professionals to city managers to doctors etc. Whew, what a deep lineup of talent!

Have a great year!

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# District Governor, John Rains



**John Rains** begins his year **today**, July 1st, as District Governor for 2025-2026, serving all the clubs and Rotarians in District 6110. He will be formally installed July 12, in Sapulpa. All members are invited, especially incoming Presidents. (Click HERE for more info - registration closes 7/7).

John was born in Tahlequah and has spent his life in the Green Country region. A graduate of Sapulpa High School, he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems from the University of Tulsa, having also studied at the University of Oklahoma and Tulsa Junior College.

He began as a Systems Analyst with ConocoPhillips. He later

became Vice President of Sales and part-owner of Austral Inc., an IT services firm. He continued at IMAX Corporation (not the theater), as Director of Information Systems and eventually as President. Today, John works as a licensed Realtor with HomeSmart Stellar Realty managing rental properties in the Tulsa area.

A devoted Rotarian for 25 years, John has been an active member of two clubs; starting at the Rotary Club of Sapulpa (1991-2001), then the Rotary Club of Tulsa, where he was honored as Rotarian of the Year in 2014, served as Club President in 2016–2017, and received the prestigious James G. Saied Service Above Self Award in 2017. He and his wife, Cathy, are Level 4 Rotary Foundation Bequest Society members.

John and Cathy have enjoyed 26 years of marriage and the joy of raising a blended family of five children. They've welcomed three exchange students into their home. Their shared commitment to faith, community, and Rotary has been a constant. Now embracing life as empty nesters, they've adopted the RV lifestyle and treasure their time spent with family, friends, and one another.

Known for his playfulness and spirited competitiveness, John has the scars to prove it—literally. He ruptured his spleen in a wreck, trying to out-sled everyone (in front of his future wife), threw out his back trying to impress scouts with his pitching, and pulled a groin muscle racing Cathy at a school fundraiser event. More recently, he tweaked his back during a Top Golf tournament at a Rotary District Conference and cramped up during a putt-putt game for Polio. If you're looking for a game—any game—John's your guy. Just make sure you know where the nearest ER is!

John is looking forward to an outstanding (and safe) year supporting Rotarians in District 6110.

#### **Assistant Governor, Aaron Brewer**

**Aaron Brewer** continues his success on the Club Support Team as Assistant Governor, 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 in Booneville, Arkansas. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Brenda, and they have six children and five grandchildren. He began his journey in Rotary in 2016 and is a Past President of the Booneville Rotary Club. He is also a Kiwanis member and a



Past President. He has been President of the Fort Smith Board of Realtors®, and was the President of the Booneville Chamber of Commerce for 4 years.

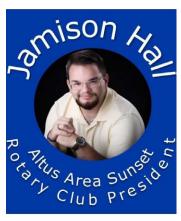
In his spare time, Aaron likes to carve wood, fruit, and vegetables, and enjoys working on his 25-acre patch of land in Booneville.

We're glad for Aaron to continue his service to Rotary!

### Altus Area Sunset Rotary Club, Jameson Hall

**Sunset Rotary Club**, and may well be our youngest President at 21! He is a full-time college student with one semester left before graduating in December with a Bachelor's degree in Social Studies Education. I have been in Rotary for 2 years and have visited 3 Rotary clubs.

Jameson is involved in several different organizations, including Main Street Ozark, serving as a board member. He also works part-time with the Ozark School District as a substitute teacher and is a



radio host on 92.7 KDYN/KLYR. A fun fact: he is a former Arkansas State Fair Overall Talent Grand Champion winner and a featured

performer at the West Fork Little O' Oprey in West Fork, AR.

He is very honored to serve as the President of the Altus Area Sunset Rotary club and is looking forward to his time with the BEST club in the district.

### Booneville Rotary Club, Dustin Garrett

**Dustin Garrett** will be the 2025-2026 President of the **Booneville Rotary Club**.

Dustin is a Vice President and Loan Officer at First Western Bank in Booneville, Arkansas, where he has been employed for the past three years. His professional journey is marked by diverse experiences, including his role as a founding partner of Liberty Informatics, a mobile software development company. Prior to that, Dustin honed his technical expertise as a Software Engineer and Developer with various Silicon Valley firms.



After joining the Booneville Rotary Club in 2019, Dustin has served as both club secretary and treasurer. Notably, Dustin, alongside club members, successfully raised over \$85,000 during the 2021-2022 Rotary year to build the Lucinda Franklin-Garrett Community Stage in downtown Booneville. Following this achievement, Dustin co-founded a nonprofit organization with fellow Rotarians Amy Daniel and Brian Cooper, dedicated to bringing live music performances to Booneville and fostering community development.

Outside of his professional and Rotary commitments, Dustin is an avid inventor with interests ranging from vacuum tube radios and home automation to lumber milling, custom machining, and creating engaging YouTube videos.

Dustin has two children from his marriage with his late wife, Lucinda, and together they share a passion for exploring the world through travel. Time to visit a new Rotary Club!

### Ozark Rotary Club, Branson Fisher

**Brandon Fisher** will continue as President of the **Ozark Rotary Club** on July 1.

He serves as the Director of Technology and Communications at Arkansas Valley Electric Cooperative, where he leads innovative technology initiatives and oversees internal and external communications. With a background in Geographical Information Systems and a passion for community engagement, Brandon is committed to driving progress while maintaining strong ties to the members he serves.

A lifelong resident of Charleston, Arkansas, Brandon is deeply

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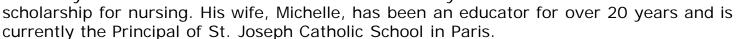
involved in his community, holding leadership roles with several local organizations. Outside of work, he enjoys golfing, playing music, and spending time with his wife and three children.

#### Paris Rotary Club, Jeff O'Neal

**Jeff O'Neal**, President of the Paris Rotary Club for 2024-2025, will continue as president for 2025-2026. Jeff has been a Rotarian for four years.

Jeff is a financial advisor with Siebenmorgen and Associates, a wealth management firm of Ameriprise Financial, LLC, in Paris. He is a retired active duty Army officer, retiring at the rank of Colonel after 25 1/2 years of active duty after graduating from the US Military Academy at West Point, NY.

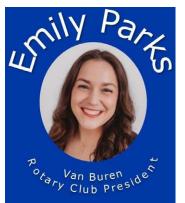
He is married with three kids. His two sons serve in the US Army at Alaska, and Fort Bliss, Texas. His daughter is a student at the University of Arkansas and a winner of a national Army ROTC



Jeff and Michelle grew up in the River Valley and moved back home when Jeff retired from the Army.

Fun fact is that Jeff is a Leap Year baby and has had fourteen birthdays.





Emily Parks is the President of the Van Buren, Arkansas Rotary Club for 2025-2026. She has made a career in banking and currently serves as Assistant Vice President of Customer and Employee Relations at Citizens Bank & Trust Co., in Van Buren. Emily has proudly served on the Van Buren Rotary Club's Board, Scholarship Committee, Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser Committee, Dog Park Committee, and Pollinator Garden Committee. Some of her other club accomplishments are reviving the club's Facebook account, initiating a Van Buren Rotary Dog Park, and being named the 2023-2024 Community Service Award recipient. When Emily isn't working or out with Rotary, she's tending to her

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garden, dancing at concerts, eating delicious food, or hanging out with her dog Reggie and cats Luna and Garfield.

Fun fact, she has visited over half of the U.S. states and plans to check more off her bucket list. Emily is grateful and delighted for her upcoming year as Van Buren Rotary President and guarantees a year full of fun fellowship, service projects, and garnering new Rotarians.

#### Charlie Platt, Assistant Governor

**Charlie Platt** is an Assistant Governor serving clubs in Arkansas and is a Past President of the **Rotary Club of Springdale**. He is a market manager for Highlands Residential Mortgage in Northwest Arkansas.

Charlie has been in Rotary for the past 21 years, on the club board for the past 6 years, is a PHF+3, and a Level II major donor. Some of Charlie's favorite service projects are youth literacy, the American Wheelchair Mission, and working on Springdale Rotary's signature project, the Pig Trail Mud Run!

Charlie is an avid cook (definitely not a chef) and likes to offset his love of food by riding his bicycle all over Northwest Arkansas. On

the weekends, he performs with his 80s/90s cover band, Ultra Suede, and is a member of the Arkansas Drummer's Hall of Fame. He lives with his wife (and fellow Rotarian) Chaddie in an old, recycled farmhouse with three fur babies.



#### **Rotary Club of Fort Smith Chris Kelly**



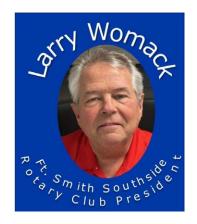
Chris Kelly is the 2025-2026 President of the Rotary Club of Fort Smith. He is Assistant Vice Chancellor of Marketing for the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, and has worked in the marketing and communication field for more than 30 years. He has been an active Rotarian since 2006. A Paul Harris Fellow, Chris served as President of the Pittsburg (KS) Rotary Club from 2012 to 2013 and is a recent graduate of Rotary District 6110's Leadership Academy.

Chris and his wife, Kathy, are originally from Kansas but currently reside in Fort Smith, where they have two energetic dogs and two vigilant cats. Kathy is an experienced educator and current

coordinator for the Special Education Gifted program in southeast Kansas. Chris is humbled and honored to serve as Fort Smith Rotary's new President and looks forward to supporting the club's drive to increase membership and visibility in the upcoming year.

## Fort Smith Southside Rotary Club, Larry Womack

Larry Womack has been a Rotarian for over 15 years and is the 2025-2026 President of the Fort Smith Southside Rotary Club. He has high hopes that this year he can spark a flame in this small club of 7 and double their membership. With his wife, Sarah, Larry has five grown children and five grandchildren. He manages Advanced Mechanical Automation Company (AMAC) which does work in the food industry, custom staircases and handrails in some very nice homes, and custom awnings, etc. Larry is looking forward to a great Rotary year!



## Siloam Springs Rotary Club, Patti Eliand

Patti Eiland (say "island") is the 2025-2026 President of the <u>Siloam Springs Rotary Club</u> (having served as President a while back, but is ready to do it again!). She is currently searching for a



new job (PR, Customer Service) after trying retirement for a while. The need to be around people every day is too strong! Patti has been working for the past year as the Rotary Youth Exchange Club Counselor for an exchange student from Japan and has been involved in the Rotary Dictionary Distribution each year. She was born and raised in Siloam Springs. Her father was an active and dedicated Rotarian for many years in the same club. She has been married to Greg for 33 years, and they have two

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daughters, one son-in-law, and the world's cutest grandson, who will turn 2 years old in September. They are the proud parents of three pups, as well.

When Patti was 16 years old she got her first summer job running a front-end loader at her dad's concrete company in Siloam Springs.

Patti not only loves Siloam Springs, but she also loves helping people in many different ways. She's looking forward to serving her club and the community again in 2025-2026.

#### Assistant Governor, David Samuel

David Samuel is a past president of the Cassville Rotary Club and was named Club Rotarian of the Year. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and is now starting his 3rd term as an Assistant Governor, serving clubs in Missouri and Arkansas. He grew up in the rural community of Hailey, MO, and, as a farm kid, he developed a good work ethic and a "get-it-done" manner.

He received his BA in 1980 from Central Methodist University and attended Southern Methodist University and the University of Minnesota to ultimately earn his PhD in Experimental Psychology in 1990.

ssistant Govers He has been a school teacher, a Methodist pastor, a Psychology Department Administrator, and, most recently, retired from his family business in 2024. David and his late wife Kristine have three children: Carter, Treva, and Neeley. For fun, David enjoys the restoration of antiques and homes. He enjoys fishing, hiking, and the outdoors. He recently purchased his retirement home on the lake, where he now resides with his youngest daughter.

## Aurora Rotary Club, Rhonda Sexton



Rhonda Sexton will continue as the 2025-2026 President of the Aurora Rotary Club.

Rhonda and her husband own and operate three newspapers, among other businesses. Rhonda manages the Aurora Advertiser, a weekly newspaper covering the people and efforts of the Aurora community.

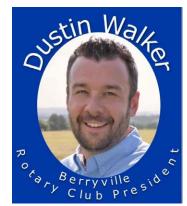
She has been a member for four years, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and has voted in 2 new members into the club since January. Rhonda and her husband, Jimmy, live in Rural Newton County with a college student daughter and a son who will be entering his junior year of high school. They spend much of their time with his travel-

basketball team in the summer and school ball in the fall and winter.

They also have two grown daughters and three grandsons, with twin granddaughters arriving this summer! Rhonda loves anything related to gardening or the outdoors. She is honored to be trusted with the responsibility of continuing as President, and expects to

#### Berryville Rotary Club, Dustin Walker

Club President. He has spent 22 years in the banking industry and is Vice President/Loan Officer at CS Bank in Berryville, AR. Dustin is a 6-year member of Rotary, past club treasurer, and a Paul Harris Fellow. He has brought multiple new members into the club over the years and last year led the club to its most successful Princess Ball (Berryville Rotary's flagship event) in history. Dustin, his spouse Kim, and their two children live on the family farm in Berryville, AR where they raise Scottish Highland cattle.



He loves to be outdoors and his favorite hobbies include camping, fishing, and floating the local rivers. Dustin is honored to be the Berryville Club President for a 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive term and looks forward to leading the club to another successful year of being an asset to the communities they serve.

### Eureka Springs Rotary Club, Rusty Rusterholz



"Rusty" Rusterholz is the President of the <u>Eureka Springs</u>
Rotary Club for 2025-2026. He is married to Patricia and has four sons, three grandsons, six granddaughters, and another grandchild on the way.

He had the privilege of serving our country for 20 years in the United States Air Force, both active duty and the Guard, with the last 14 years as a Financial Management Technician and Federal Paralegal in the Arkansas Air National Guard. He continued his career in several law enforcement roles, including an Assistant Chief of Police, Lieutenant, Narcotics Investigator, and a Criminal/Homicide Investigator.

In his "retirement" years, he has become a licensed Realtor and helps those looking to move to the area to make it their home. He is also the Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Holiday Island.

### Holiday Island Rotary Club, Bob Herring

**Bob Herring**, the 2025-26 President of the Holiday Island Rotary Club, has retired after 47 years of serving as a pastor of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations in Indiana, New Jersey, and Arkansas. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Plymouth, IN in the 1980s and more recently, a member of the Holiday Island Club since 2014. He previously served as Club President in 2020-21 and agreed to serve again to see what a year as President would be like without a pandemic lurking. Bob and his wife, Barbara, are Bequest Society members.



Bob and Barbara make their home in Holiday Island overlooking

Table Rock Lake after retiring from Grace Lutheran Church, Holiday Island. They enjoy adding plants and trees to their property, hoping the deer won't eat them too soon.



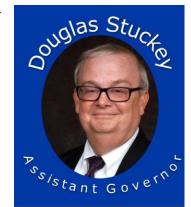
**Dr. Joseph Sheppard** is the 2025-2026 President of the **Neosho Rotary Club**. Joseph is a family practice physician who operates insurance-free clinics with the mission of making high-quality primary medical care available to anyone with a job. Joseph has been a Neosho Rotary Club member for 10 years and has served as Sergeant-at-Arms and on the club's board. He has been married for 19 years and has six children ranging in age from kindergarten to a high school senior. As a family, they enjoy listening to and playing music, as well as fishing, hiking, badminton, and pickleball. In spare moments, Joseph is learning to play the bass guitar.

Joseph considers it an honor to serve as the Rotary President. The Neosho Rotarians represent the best of the Neosho community. Joseph looks forward to serving the Rotarians and building the club through exciting service and outreach to new members.

#### Assistant Governor, Douglas Stuckey

**Douglas Stuckey** returns to the Assistant Governor's position after a decade+ hiatus. He has held most of the leadership positions at Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary, also serving as AG in the early 2000's, and has been a Rotarian for 28 years (same club!) He is currently the club's Foundation Chair.

Douglas retired in 2022 from his 18-year tenure as Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas' Chief Financial Officer and various roles in public and private accounting/tax before that. Doug is married to Kathy, a retired nurse, and is the father of Maggie, a Behavioral Health pharmacist in Lincoln, NE. He served 15 years on the board of the Community Foundation of SEK and is



soon to join the Pittsburg State University Foundation board, plus volunteer work on many local nonprofits, including the local Community Center and AARP TaxAide program.

### Chanute Rotary Club, Patty Sanborn



**Patty Ann Sanborn** is the new president of the Chanute Rotary Club. She was born and raised in Independence, KS. Patty is a seasoned insurance professional with over a decade of experience serving individuals and businesses in Burlington, KS. As the local State Farm Insurance Agent, she brings comprehensive expertise in helping clients.

Patty Ann is passionate about building long-term relationships within her community. She is known for her personalized, client-focused approach and unwavering commitment to helping people realize their financial and protection goals.

Fun fact: Patty sold Fuller Brushes at age 12.

### Fredonia Rotary Club, Kelly Stephens

**Kelly Stephens**, 2025-2026 President of the <u>Fredonia Rotary</u> <u>Club</u>. Kelly transitioned to the role of an insurance agent for Farm Bureau Financial Services in the summer of 2022 following almost a decade of experience teaching high school agriculture. Kelly has been a member of the Fredonia club for the past 3 years. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and brought 2 new members into the club.

Kelly is a dedicated mother to three teenagers: twin daughters who just graduated from high school and will be attending Kansas State University in the fall and a son who is entering his senior year of high school. She enjoys family photography and is a founder of the Women's Ranch Rodeo Association. She is excited for the upcoming year and looks forward to serving her club as President.



# Iola Rotary Club, Matt Rehder



Matt Rehder is the 2025-2026 President of the Iola Rotary Club. Matt serves as the City Administrator for the City of Iola and has spent 20 years in city government, including four years in Iola. He is a former member and President of the Rotary Club of El Dorado, KS. When not managing the city, Matt enjoys running, skiing, and is a fan of the Jayhawks and Royals.

### Pittsburg Rotary Club, Diane Cunningham

**Diane Cunningham** is the 2025-26 President of the **Pittsburg Rotary Club.** Diane is a Marketing Consultant for KOAM-TV in the Pittsburg, KS/Joplin, MO market, working at the station for over 34 years.

She has been a member of Pittsburg Rotary since 2015, serving as a board member and chairing several committees, including Membership, Club Organization, and Foundation.

She and her husband, Philip, have been married 39 years and are the proud parents of two married sons and three grandchildren. They enjoy boating and camping at the lake, "junking" for treasures, and working on a long list of DIY projects at home.



### Assistant Governor, Emile Tucker



**Emile Tucker is** an Assistant Governor 2025-2026 serving clubs in Oklahoma. She received her Accounting Degree from the University of Tulsa. After graduation, she traveled to every hospital in Oklahoma as an accountant with the OK Hospital Association. She eventually landed at the University of Tulsa, where she handled the university's athletic budget and eventually retired.

Emile and her husband Ray built Riverview RV Park in the City of Sand Springs, where the Eagle Mural Silo is registered on the national mural list. They have a blended family of four children and seven grandchildren.

During her presidency at the **Sand Springs Rotary Club**, she

established a Medical Supplies Network Inc. (MSNI) Flea Market Booth, and Ray sells larger items online. Together, they raised over \$5000 during 2024, and will exceed that amount in 2025! Her other mission is to take medical supplies needed to the Caribbean while we are cruising, which is one of her favorite pastimes!

#### Bixby Rotary Club, Kevin Criss

**Kevin Criss** the 2025-2026 President of the **Rotary Club of Bixby**. He is a Wealth Management Advisor with Scissortail Wealth Management in Tulsa.

He served on the Rotary Club of Bixby's Club Board as new member chair and the BBQ and Blues Festival board as retail vendor chair. Kevin has brought one new member into the club and helped facilitate several invited by others to join the club.

Kevin and his wife, Shea, a kindergarten teacher, live in Bixby and have three adult children and one grandchild.

His goal is to add 5-10 new members to his club in the next 12 months.



#### **Bristow Rotary Club, Carole Ellis**



The Rotary Club of Bristow's new President is Carole Ellis. Carole is a journalist and fine artist who has sketched New York Marathon runners and also Ballet dancers in Bristow, OK. She's guided the Bristow Foreign Exchange students through the Gilcrease Art and History Museum.

Carole has led the Bristow club in their singing for 4 years. With the cooperation of the club, city, and county, she has guided a 5year vision plan to develop a native Oklahoma wildflower field to greet the Bristow Wildflower 5K runners every May. She is a graduate of the District Leadership Academy and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Her Rotary legacy dates back 100 years to when her great-

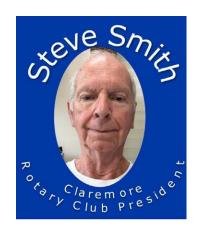
grandfather arranged the cars for the 1924 RI Convention.

Bristow is going to be celebrating a lot in 2026 as the Bristow Rotary Club and Route 66 each celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

## Rotary Club of Claremore, Steve Smith

Steve L. Smith, OD, is the Rotary Club of Claremore's 2025-26 President. He is a lifelong Oklahoman, has been married to Linda Lacy for 55 years, has two daughters, and four grandchildren. He served as Claremore Rotary's President in 1999-2000, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and has practiced Optometry for 50 years. He was also active in his state association for over 40 years. Steve is a member of Claremore First Methodist Church, where he

Steve is a member of Claremore First Methodist Church, where he dedicates a significant amount of time to volunteering. He enjoys outdoor activities, traveling, and spending time with family.



### Sapulpa Rotary Club, Debbie Moss



**Sapulpa**. A proud Rotarian since 2006, Debbie is stepping into her third term as Club President. Over the years, she's contributed in many capacities, championing service projects and fostering fellowship within the club.

Debbie serves as the Sapulpa Market President for SpiritBank, where she has dedicated the past 28 years to building relationships and supporting the community.

Debbie and her husband, Craig, live in Sapulpa and are the proud parents of a daughter who graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 2024 with a degree in Music Education. She was also

the 2023-2024 Drum Major for the Pride of Oklahoma and now teaches in Norman. Debbie and Craig are active in their faith and love their church family at Assurance Church.

As an empty nester, Debbie has taken up golf—though she humbly admits her game could use some work. Her favorite pastime, though, is spending time on the lake, especially when she's fishing with her favorite fishing partner—her dad. Debbie is excited to help the Sapulpa Rotary Club grow and thrive in the coming year.

### Tulsa Southeast Rotary Club, Danny Mitchell

**Danny Mitchell** was inducted into the **Rotary Club of Southeast Tulsa** in 1993. He has served as Attendance Chairman, International Service Director, Club Service Director, and President from 2003-2004 and 2021-2022. He will be President (again!) in 2025-2026. Danny has also served as Assistant District Governor 2004-2008 and District Governor 2011-2012, and is currently serving as District Rules and Procedures Committee, District Office Facilities Committee, Elections, Credentials and Parliamentarian Committee, and College of Past District Governors. Whew! Danny has been married to Peggy since 1969, and they have one daughter. They attend Asbury Church and are members of the Faith



Builders community. He graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture and is the owner of Danny R. Mitchell Architects, P.C., in Tulsa. Danny is a Master Mason currently serving his Lodge as an officer; he is also a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason and a Knights Templar.

Danny and Peggy are Rotary Foundation Level 2 Major Donors; Bequest Society members, and Danny is a Paul Harris Society Member. Peggy is a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Jenks, where she will ALSO serve as President in 2025-2026, and is a Paul Harris Society Member.

## Assistant Governor, Kirk Nelson



**Kirk Nelsen** continues as Assistant Governor, serving clubs in Kansas. Kirk has been a Rotarian since joining the Rotary Club of Pittsburg in 1983. He has served as Bulletin Editor, Board member, Secretary, President (2006-07), and AG (2007-11). He is also assisting PDG Ron Petersen with the District's 4-Way-Test Speech Contest and helped as a Kansas captain for last year's Legacy Campaign.

After 44 years in the steel fabrication business, Kirk is now enjoying retirement with Rita, his wife of 44 years, and spending time with his daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren. And yes, the last

name is spelled correctly – it used to be Nielsen, but his grandfather dropped the "i." Danish and proud! Kirk's dad used to say, "You can always tell a Dane, but you can't tell him much!"

### Frontenac Rotary Club, Courtney McCartney

Club for the 2025-2026 term. She has been a member of the club for nine years and served as president in 2020 during COVID. Courtney is the Principal at Frank Layden Elementary School in Frontenac and has worked in education for 27 years. She and her husband Mike have been married for thirty years and are currently empty nesters after raising three children. They enjoy golfing and taking trips with their family. Courtney looks forward to assuming the role of President again for the Frontenac Rotary, with exciting plans to grow their small but mighty club!



#### Independence Rotary Club, Cody Oates



Cody Oates is the 2025-2026 President of the Rotary Club of Independence. KS. He serves as the Executive Director of the Independence Community College Foundation, a role he began in March 2024. Prior to transitioning into higher education advancement, Cody spent 15 years as a football coach, including eight seasons at Coffeyville Community College, where he served as Offensive Line Coach and Assistant Head Coach. His coaching career also included tenures at the University of Missouri, Butler Community College, and Northern Heights High School.

Cody brings a passion for service, teamwork, and community engagement to his leadership role in Rotary. A proud family man, he and his significant other, Brooke, are raising two daughters. In his free time, Cody is an avid home cook, enjoys outdoor activities, and is a diehard Sprint Car Racing fan.

## Miami Rotary Club, Jessica Keys

Jessica Keys is the President of the Miami Rotary Club for the 2025-2026 term. She currently serves on the board and enjoys being a Rotarian. Her favorite Rotary activity is the annual Pancake Feed, which she attended each year as a child, and now she loves being part of the team that makes it happen.

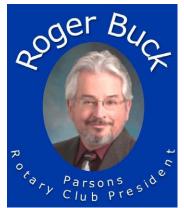
She is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones and co-owns a power tumbling gym with her husband, Cody.

Jessica and Cody are raising their two children in Miami and are very active in the community. In their free time, they can often be found outside, usually mountain biking or hiking. Her passion in life is connecting resources and opportunities for local children in need.



She feels honored to hold the title of President and looks forward to a great year of success for the Club.

## Parsons Rotary Club, Roger Buck



Club. Roger and his wife, Deb, were born and raised in Southeast Kansas, and have three daughters and ten grandchildren. Both of their fathers were in the printing business, and they spent their entire careers in the industry. Their primary home is in St. Charles, MO, a western suburb of St. Louis. They purchased a second home in Parsons to be closer to family.

Roger started printing in the late sixties in Girard, KS., and has been heavily involved in new product development, counterfeit deterrence/document security, marketing, and R&D. He was inducted into the printing industry's Ben Franklin Honor Society in

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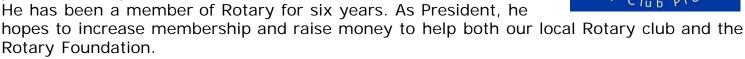
2013 and is its current chair. He was Chairman of the Print Education and Research Foundation (PERF), which provides funding for print education.

He is a past member of the Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary Club. When Roger moved back to Parsons, Gary Wall suggested he join the Parsons club. He is also the co-chair of the Public Image Committee and publishes the club bulletin and manages social media. Roger loves music and has been a vinyl record collector since the early 70s, with more than 6000 records dating from 1900 to 1980. He loves new technologies and describes himself as a millennial trapped in a baby-boomer body. He is retiring in 2025 and looks forward to having more time for community involvement.

### Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary Club, Tim Rhodes

**Tim Rhodes** is the President 2025-2026 of the **Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary Club**. He works in the family grocery business, Rhodes Grocery. They operate stores in Pittsburg, KS, and Branson, MO, and have been in business for 50 years with their parents, Ron and Barb Rhodes, who founded the business. Tim and his brother Drew now run the company.

Tim focuses on outside sales, special orders, catering, businesses, events, and also works with many local organizations on fundraising and event planning. Tim has been married to Samantha for 20 years, and they have two beautiful children, Mara and Alex. He has been a member of Rotary for six years. As President, he







Larry Boyer is an Assistant Governor serving clubs in Oklahoma and has been a dedicated member of the <u>Tulsa Southside Rotary Club</u> since 1992. Throughout his tenure, he has held various positions and offices on the board, including trustee and president of the Southside Foundation. Larry also takes pleasure in facilitating idea exchanges at PETS and engaging with members from District 6110 and other participating districts.

Larry is the sole owner of a wardrobe management and design company. His extensive management background led him to pursue self-employment in 1991. For over 30 years, he has provided custom clothing to his clients.

Larry and his wife Kathy, who is also a Rotarian, have been happily married for 57 years. They have a son and a daughter, both married, and are proud grandparents to four grandchildren.

A little-known fact about Larry is that, as the incoming president of Tulsa Southside Rotary, he and Kathy attended the only international convention held simultaneously in Copenhagen, Denmark, and Malmo, Sweden at the same time. During this trip, they experienced a bus accident with other Rotarians after crossing the bridge into Malmo. They all survived thanks to the wonderful care provided by Rotary International.

#### Rotary Club of Broken Arrow, David Pickel

**David Pickel** is the 2025-2026 President of The **Rotary Club of Broken Arrow**.

David is the owner of Brightway Insurance, The David Pickel Agency. He is a graduate of Northeastern State University, where he earned both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in business. Originally from Poteau, OK, Pickel says that community service is a family tradition handed down to him by his parents. In addition to being Broken Arrow's newest City Councilor, David serves on the board of the Broken Arrow Public Schools Foundation. He also serves on the board of the Broken Arrow Band Booster Club and is a Broken Arrow Chamber Ambassador.

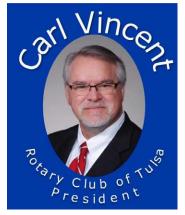


David has been a Rotarian with the Broken Arrow Club since 2021, where he has served in many roles and on several committees.

David and his wife JoAnn have been married for 31 years and have two children. Shelby teaches fifth-grade math at Founder's Classical Academy in Bentonville, and Carson is a Broken Arrow High School senior with plans to attend the University of Oklahoma, studying Accounting.

David and JoAnn enjoy vacationing and many different forms of entertainment when time permits. David is also a huge NHRA drag racing fan and is pretty much a fan of any motorsports. David also enjoys spending time with his English Bulldog, Hank.

## Rotary Club of Tulsa, Carl Vincent



**Carl Vincent** is the 2025-26 President of the **Rotary Club of Tulsa**. Carl is a seasoned commercial real estate broker and asset manager. He oversees CityPlex Towers, a landmark 2.2 million square foot mixed-use office and medical property located in South Tulsa, Oklahoma. In addition, Carl is the Principal of Corporate Realty Advisors, LLC.

Carl has served in a variety of leadership roles with the Rotary Club of Tulsa, including Secretary, Treasurer, Programs Chair, Sergeant-at-Arms, and several committee chair positions. In 2005, he launched the sponsorship program for the Club's signature event, the Above & Beyond Awards. Carl is a proud Paul Harris Fellow and

a Rotary Club of Tulsa Foundation Fellow.

Carl's wife, Kara, is the Estate & Trust partner at Barber & Bartz, a respected Tulsa law firm. They are the proud parents of two sons and two daughters and enjoy spending time with their three grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews, at their lake home on Monkey Island at Grand Lake.

A little-known fact about Carl: In 2008, he attended a wedding at Mar-a-Lago where Donald Trump served as best man for the groom, Phil Ruffin.

## Will Rogers - Tulsa Rotary Club, Patti Wong

Patti Wong is the 2025-2027 Co-President of the Rotary Club of

Will Rogers, Tulsa, together with Ginny Schulte, also Co-President. They will both serve for 2 Rotary years.

Patti, a native Texan, moved to Tulsa in 2006 when she began working at Riverfield Country Day School. She is semi-retired after having been the Director of Giving. She loves continuing to spend time at the amazing, innovative school.

She joined Rotary in 2022 and has served as club secretary for the last two years, as well as on the fundraising committee. She recently graduated from the District Leadership Academy, which she found to be an excellent way to prepare her for her leadership role.



Patti has two grown children and is a newlywed, having married her Malaysian-born husband, Tim, in 2024 after having met on e-Harmony. Patti has an artistic streak, which she has expressed over the years through pottery, crafting, painting, and, most recently, creating mixed-media art.

She is looking forward to serving as co-president of the club for 2025-26 and 2026-27, along with Ginny Schulte, and expanding the club's reach, impact, and sense of community.

### Will Rogers - Tulsa Rotary Club, Ginny Schulte



**Ginny Schulte** is the 2025-2027 *Co-President* of the **Rotary Club** of Will Rogers, Tulsa, together with Patti Wong, also Co-President. They will both serve for 2 Rotary years.

She joined the Club in 1992 and is a Past Co-Chair of the Spirit of Will Rogers Award Gala, Board Chair of the club's Charitable Trust, and a Paul Harris Fellow +2.

Ginny co-founded Southwood Landscape and Garden Center in 1982 in Tulsa. Starting out as a small operation, Southwood now has over 100 employees working in 3 divisions. Day-to-day operations are handled by the next generation – two daughters, one serving as CEO and the other in HR. Ginny still runs the land

holding business, overseeing numerous properties.

Ginny and her husband Kevin enjoy traveling, hiking, tennis, and time at their lake house with their children and grandchildren.

Fun fact: Ginny has spent time in all 50 states and 51 of the 63 US National Parks. She hopes to see three of Canada's national parks before attending the Rotary Convention in Calgary. Together, Ginny and Patti are looking forward to the two years as Co-Presidents of the Rotary Club of Will Rogers! They have lots of plans!

### Assistant Governor, Marsha Jones

Marsha Jones continues as Assistant Governor, serving clubs in Missouri. She joined the Club in 2020 and served as President twice, and is the Membership Chair of the Rotary Club of Mt. Vernon. She is a PHF +3 and a District Leadership Academy graduate.

Marsha retired in 2014 after a 30-year career in food service. With retirement came opportunities for service in the Mt. Vernon community. She is a member of the Community Betterment Council, serving as President, member of the Community Garden, Manager of the Farmer's Market, board member of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and Outreach



Chair of her church.

Marsha has been married to Samuel for 10 years. They enjoy doing Rotary together, along with other hobbies such as traveling, gardening, and entertaining. She is looking forward to another great year serving and having fun as AG to 5 clubs in Southwest Missouri.

### Cassville Rotary Club, Leigh Ann DuParri



**Leigh Ann DuParri** is the 2025-2026 President for the **Cassville Rotary Club** in southwest Missouri. She is a second-generation Rotarian. Her mother is a Past President and was the first female Rotarian in the Cassville Club.

Leigh Ann is a State Certified Real Estate Appraiser and is also the Broker for American Dream Realty. She is the second-year President of Four Corners Board of Realtors®, a 3-year Vice President, and a Director. She is a State Director and Past President of the State of Missouri Appraisal Committee and remains active in several local Realtor® committees. She is "Commitment to Excellence Certified".

Leigh Ann has been married for 22 years, and her husband, Bill, is in sales at American Dream Realty. They enjoy birding, camping, floating, and playing music. They participate in helping others by volunteering at the Hope Kitchen, donating to the Public Administrator's office, the Luc Boys Ranch, and other local fundraising events. Leigh Ann recently attended MAPETS and is honored to be the Cassville Rotary Club's new President.

#### Joplin Rotary Club, Chad Brueckner

Chad Brueckner is the 2025–2026 President of the Rotary Club of Joplin. Chad is the Trust Officer at Arvest Bank for Missouri and Kansas, where he guides individuals through creating and administering estate plans that preserve their legacy. In addition, Chad is a licensed attorney in Missouri, which complements his work in estate planning with strong legal expertise.

A dedicated Rotarian since 2018, Chad has served in several leadership roles—including Youth Services Chair, Club Administration Chair, Treasurer, and Board Member—and is honored as a Paul Harris Fellow. His commitment to Rotary's values is evident in his passion for service and community involvement.



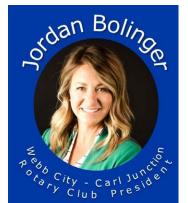
A lifelong resident of Joplin, Chad has instilled Rotary's 4-Way Test values in his daughter, Brookelynn, who is preparing to begin her college journey. He is also preparing to pursue an LLM in Tax Law from Villanova University, further enhancing his ability to serve both his community and professional clientele.

As President for the 2025–2026 fiscal year, Chad looks forward to introducing innovative programs that will modernize the Club and further strengthen its impact in the community.

# Webb City - Carl Junction Rotary Club, Jordan Bolinger

Jordan Bolinger is the 2025-2026 President of the Webb City - Carl Junction Rotary Club. She has been a member of Rotary since 2017.

Jordan is the Senior Manager of Key Accounts for Liberty Utilities.



She has been employed with Liberty for over 11 years and enjoys the unique role that she plays, connecting her organization with the communities it serves.

She has been married to her husband, Brett, for 17 years, and she has always called Webb City home. She has three very active kids, 16, 14 & 12, so life is very, very FULL!

Her favorite thing to do, without a doubt, is watching her kids compete in the activities they love. Jordan has a bucket list of destinations to travel to. The Grand Tetons have been a favorite, but she's looking forward to planning a visit to Utah very soon!

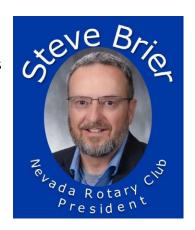
Jordan is extremely honored to be the incoming President for the Webb City-Carl Junction Rotary Club. She is looking forward to continuing the GREAT work that has been done in the past and leading the effort to grow their membership!

### Nevada Rotary Club, Steve Brier

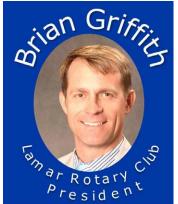
**Steve Brier**, President of Nevada Rotary Club 2025-2026. Steve has worked for Smithfield Hog Production for the past 30 years. Currently he is a Production Director overseeing 84,000 sows in 3 states. He is also co-owner of BS Ventures, a real estate development and housing rental company.

Steve has been a member of the Nevada Rotary Club for 17 years and has been active in the Flag Program.

Steve and he wife Karri have 3 grown children. They enjoy spending time with their grandchildren and going on Jeep rides. He is looking forward to simplifying processes with the Nevada Rotary Club and making it fun for all.



## Lamar Rotary Club, Brian Griffith



**Brian Griffith** is the 2025-2026 President of the Lamar Rotary Club, which he joined in 2013. "Service above Self" is standard for Brian, as he is an alderman for the City of Lamar and also serves on the local school board. Originally from St. Louis, Brian and his family moved to Lamar in 2012. During the day, he works for Shelter Insurance.

As a graduate of the University of Missouri, Brian was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Currently, Brian's wife, Camma, is an accomplished interior designer, and they enjoy entertaining in their turn-of-the-century home. They have two children, Cade, a University of Arkansas graduate, and Elliana, who will attend

Ouachita Baptist University in the fall. In his free time, Brian is an avid deer and turkey hunter. He also enjoys playing competitive pickleball and wakeboarding on Beaver Lake.

We look forward to Brian's leadership in Lamar!

### **Assistant Governor, Michael Addington**

**Michael Addington** returns as an Assistant Governor, serving clubs in Oklahoma. He began with the **Miami Rotary Club** in 2010

and served as president in 2015-2016. He also served as an AG from 2017 to 2019 and now again from 2025 to 2028.

RYLA is Michael's serious passion! He has taken 192 high school juniors to camp since 2013 and has helped four different sets of RYLA campers start Interact Clubs in four different high schools. In 2017, he was named the Youth Exchange Officer for the Miami club and helped his youngest son become the club's first exchange student. Since then, they have helped four other students exchange. He is also the Auction Chair for the club, raising funds for their many projects.



Michael became a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation in 2024 after committing to donate \$100 per month at the start of his presidency in 2015 and is a member of the Paul Harris Society. He attended the 2022 Houston Rotary International Convention. As a result of meeting a Ugandan Rotarian, he has led the club in two international projects: one in 2024, where his club built two 10,000-liter water harvest tanks for a hospital in Kisoro, Uganda, and another in 2025, where they refurbished a four-bed maternity ward in Pakwach, Uganda.

Michael has been married to his wife, Melissa, since 1994. They have two sons, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.

His hobby is fish: he has two saltwater aquariums, three freshwater aquariums, and an 800-gallon pond off his front porch.

#### Bartlesville Rotary Club, Laura Jensen



**Laura Jensen** will serve as the 2025-2026 President of the Bartlesville Rotary Club, a club that has served its members and community for over 110 years. Laura joined Rotary in 2017 and has served on the Grant Committee, Marketing Committee, and board for five years.

Laura has been with the Bartlesville Community Foundation (BCF) since 2017 and has served as the Executive Director for three years. In her position, Laura is responsible for leading the organization and coordinating more than \$2.6 million in funds distributed by the more than 200 funds hosted by the BCF. Outside of work and Rotary, Laura serves on a couple of City of

Bartlesville Boards, but is very intentional with her time to focus on her family. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Spencer. Together, they have two young daughters, and they spend as much time outside, running, playing, and simply being together as they can.

# Coffeyville Rotary Club, John Leonard

**John Leonard** is the 2025-2026 President of the **Coffeyville**, **Kansas Rotary Club**. He's been a member of Rotary since 1996 and also served as the President in 2003-2004. He has served several times on the club's Board, most recently as the public relations chairman.

John is the General Manager of KGGF-AM/FM, KUSN-FM and KQQF-FM.in Coffeyville. He is a widower who, along with his wife Sally, raised two children. He is currently the proud grandfather of three grandchildren.

John's goals are to increase the Club's membership by three in the



coming year and to explore new opportunities to serve the community.

#### **Grove Rotary Club, Syrena Nelson**



**Syrina Nelson** is the 2025-2026 President of the **Grove Rotary Club**. Syrina is the Vice President of Local Bank in Grove, bringing over 25 years of banking experience to the Grove management team. Syrina's reputation as an exceptional banker in Grove is unparalleled.

She has served on numerous boards, committees, and groups in various capacities throughout her career. Currently, she is a Club Board and Club Foundation Director, Lobsterfest/ Shrimpfest Chairman, Paul Harris Fellow, Ambassador of the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Grove YMCA Board of Advisors.

Nelson and her husband, Jason, are native to Grove, have raised their four grown children in the Grove community and now are enjoying the next season with their ten grandchildren.

Syrina is honored to be Grove's new President and expects to continue to expand the Grand Lake legacy.

### Vinita Rotary Club, Jeromy McMorris

Jeromy McMorris is the 2025-2026 President of the <u>Vinita Rotary Club</u>. He joined Rotary in 2022 and has enjoyed his experience working with others in the community, serving on the Club Board, and engaging in their annual events and fundraisers.

He is the General Manager/Managing Partner of Matthews Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram in Vinita. He has worked in retail automotive for 28 years.

Jeromy and his new bride, Melissa, are both Rotarians representing the auto dealership where they both work. Together, they have six children, the oldest is 29, and the youngest is 16.

Jeromy loves to golf when time allows and cooks one of the best

steaks you'll ever enjoy, should you get the chance. He is honored to become President and expects to add five new members.



# Assistant Governor and District Membership Chair, Michelle Robinson

Michelle Robinson continues as an Assistant Governor serving the Rotary club in Poteau, AR, and also as **District Membership Chair.** She was born in Annapolis, Maryland, and is the oldest of



four children. Michelle is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Paul Harris Society and Past President of the Rotary Club of Van Buren.

Michelle's career journey in insurance began while she was in college in Baltimore, Maryland, and has taken her through different states. She is now in Van Buren, Arkansas, working for a State Farm Agency.

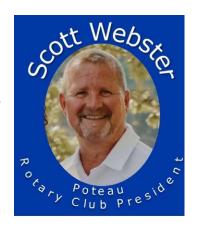
She has been the Ambassador Chairperson for the Van Buren Chamber of Commerce, a Youth Group Leader for her Episcopal Church, Sunday school teacher since she was sixteen, the Mayor of her village at Fort Irwin, CA Army base, the Enlisted Spouses' President, and the Family Readiness Group Leader for spouses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

Michelle has one granddaughter who is four years old. Her son Ryan is serving in the US Army, daughter Jessica is attending college in Ozark, and her 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!

#### Poteau Rotary Club, Scott Webster

**Scott Webster** is the 2025-2026 President of the **Poteau Rotary** Club. He has been a member of the Club for 24 years and this is his third time (!) serving as club president.

For the past 37 years, Scott has been a Financial Advisor. Scott and his wife, Dawn, have been married for 30 years and have three kids and two grandkids. They enjoy camping, waterskiing, bicycling, motorcycling, playing guitar, and horseback riding.



### Assistant Governor, Mike Homan



**Mike Homan** is a member of the **Rotary Club of Tulsa**. He serves clubs in Oklahoma as Assistant Governor for District 6110 in 2025-2026.

He served as President of the Rotary Club of Tulsa in 2017-2018 and served as Chairperson of several committees and as Board Chair twice. Mike is a Paul Harris Fellow +3.

Mike is a Geotechnical Engineer and a Senior Principal with Terracon Consultants, Inc., and has been practicing engineering for 40 years. Mike is also an Adjunct Professor in the Civil Engineering Department at the University of Arkansas.

Mike and his spouse, Ginger, have three grown children and two grandchildren. They are fortunate in that they get to see their grandchildren several times a week. He enjoys the outdoors and runs marathons with longtime friends around the world.

**Alexander Johnson** continues as the 2025-2026 President of the **Bartlesville Daybreak Rotary Club**. He joined the club in 2021 and is a Paul Harris Fellow. In his first year as President, he helped organize/start his club's evening Satellite Club.

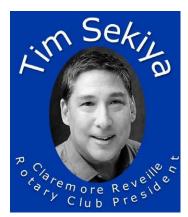
Alexander is the Director of Information Technology and an adjunct Professor at Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

He and his wife, Kaitlyn, have two children together, a black labhound mix named Albus, and a brand-new baby girl.

Alexander is honored to serve his club for a second year and is excited to build a sustainable foundation for membership growth in both his club and the new satellite club.



### Claremore Reveille Rotary Club, Tim Sekiya



**Tim Sekiya** brings a rich blend of nonprofit and for-profit experience to the 2025-2026 role of President of the **Reveille Rotary Club of Claremore**. Tim is the Executive Director of Volunteers for Youth, a youth mentoring and community-focused nonprofit organization. Previously, he served as Executive Director of Canyon Concert Ballet and Director of a prominent state restaurant association. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Azusa Pacific University.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Tim has volunteered with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Kiwanis Club. His experience and passion position him well to contribute meaningfully

to community engagement.

Tim is married and has two daughters.

### E-Club of Engagement, Kylie Ryan

**Kylie "Gator" Ryan** is the 2025-2026 President of the **Rotary E-** Club of **Engagement**.

She has been active in Rotary since 2013, when she attended RYLA District 6110 as a camper. Since then, Kylie has served the camp for 12 years, started the Gorilla Rotaract Club at Pittsburg State University, and has been a member of the Joplin Daybreak Rotary, Waldo-Brookside Rotary (Kansas City, MO), Eastern Independence Rotary (Independence, MO), and now the e-Club of Engagement. She is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and Instructor Specialist for the Professional Crisis Management Association (PCMA), where she travels the globe training staff who work with individuals with



intense challenging behaviors to implement safe prevention, de-escalation, intervention, and re-integration strategies and procedures to maintain client dignity, respect, and safety for all involved.

Kylie and her husband Eddie currently live in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area and have a 10-year-old lab/collie mix named Zeke. They love to travel home to Ireland frequently to visit family and friends.

In her free time, Kylie participates in CrossFit competitions and loves to go hiking when she travels for work. Most recently, she has hiked in Tonto National Forest in Arizona, and Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado.



Phyllis Rivers is the 2024-2026 President of the North Tulsa Rotary Club. She has been employed with Flintco Construction for 26 years in various roles throughout the company; for the last 4 years as Office Manager. She enjoys working with the many different people who come through the doors of Flintco. Phyllis has been a member of Morning Star Baptist Church for nearly 60 years. During this time, she has served as a Deaconess, Choir President, Choir Treasurer, Usher President, and a member of the Board of the Morning Star Federal Credit Union, as well as a member of the Tulsa Chapter of the Executive Women International (EWI).

Phyllis has been married to Larry Rivers for 43 years, and they have two adult daughters and five grandchildren. In Phyllis' spare time, she loves to fish, sing, and help those in need.

### Sand Springs Rotary Club, John Fothergill

**John Fothergill** is a member and the 2025-2026 President of the **Rotary Club of Sand Springs**, and has served for 19 years on the Event Management Team for Oktoberfest.

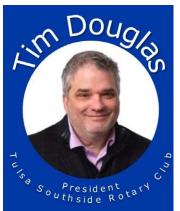
John is the Treasurer of Tulsa County. He is a graduate of Jenks High School and Northeastern State University with a B.A. in Finance. He is married and has two sons.

Before he came to Tulsa County, John worked for over a decade at the Tulsa City Council, where he was the Director of Constituent Services, Legislative Liaison, and Council Aide. He is a former City Councilor and Vice-Mayor of Sand Springs. He also served on the Tulsa Area Metropolitan Planning Commission, was a former Chair



of PatriotFest, and a former board member of the Oklahoma Municipal League. In his free time, John enjoys camping and serving as Committee Chair for BSA Troop 507 of Sand Springs. He also helps run a cow-calf operation on a 160-acre farm in Northwest Garfield County with his dad and brother and enjoys hunting Oklahoma's wide range of game with his family.

## Tulsa Southside Rotary Club, Tim Douglas



**Tim Douglas** is the 2025-2026 President of the <u>Tulsa Southside</u> <u>Rotary Club</u>.

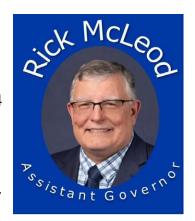
He is a real estate agent and has been in the real estate industry for nearly 17 years (from banking, to title work, and now, selling). Tim has been a part of the Tulsa Southside community for many years, on and off, totaling approximately 7 years. He has held the position of treasurer for three of those years.

He has two kids and a brand-new granddaughter. His son is in the Army stationed in Washington State, and his daughter lives in Coweta, Ok.

Tim loves to scuba dive and fish whenever he can.

Fun fact about Tim: He decided in 2017 to pursue a master's degree at the University of Oklahoma, and completed that in 2019. Then, in 2022 he felt the need to go for another one, and is about to complete a second master's degree with the University of Tulsa. Tim notes that it's an honor to be President and looks forward to the upcoming year.

**Rick McLeod** is an Assistant Governor serving clubs in Arkansas. He joined Rotary in 2001. Rick has been a member of two clubs: the **Rotary Club of Rogers**, where he served as president from 2008 to 2009, and is a charter member of the **Rotary Club of Downtown Rogers**, where he served again as president from 2024 to 2025. He's held several board positions in both clubs. Rick and his wife, Naomi, are natives of the Northwest Arkansas area; proud parents of five children, and grandparents to six grandchildren. They are both military veterans, Rick having served in the Army and Naomi in the Navy. Rick owns an insurance agency in Rogers, AR.



Rick and Naomi enjoy spending time with family and friends, as well as riding motorcycles across the country in their free time.

#### Bentonville Satellite Rotary Club, Angela Horton



Angela Horton, 2025-2026 Chair of the Bentonville Satellite Rotary Club. (Satellite clubs have a Chair, not a President, since they exist under the President of the parent club)

A Rotarian for the last 3 years, Angela has worked to bring the Bentonville Satellite Rotary Club and her community together. She is the Sales Manager of Generations Bank NWA. She worked in the non-profit sector for many years before a career change 7 years ago led her to the banking industry.

Angela has four children: four grown and one nearly ready to launch. She lives in NWA with a library of books and a small jungle she affectionately calls "house plants", because "one more plant"

just means more oxygen.

When not in Rotary or at work, she can be found in the woods or near a body of water, pretending to be a writer and a painter. Angela is honored to be the Bentonville Satellite Rotary's new chair and hopes to continue their legacy of growth and community service.

## Bentonville Rotary Club, Mike Lindstrom

Mike Lindstrom is the 2025-2026 President of the Bentonville Rotary Club. He was introduced to Rotary through the Youth Exchange Program as a Rotary Exchange Student to Bolivia in 1998-99 from District 7180 in central New York State. After the exchange, Mike moved to Northwest Arkansas, earned a couple of college degrees, and started a family. Mike has been employed by a federal government contractor, Serco, for 11 years and currently serves as the Senior Manager of Quality Assurance

In 2021, Mike joined the Rotary Club of Bentonville, where he has served as a Youth Exchange Officer. Mike currently serves as the



District 6110 Country Coordinator, the person responsible for arranging one-to-one exchanges with other Rotary districts around the world. Mike and his family also host exchange students (currently hosting a student from Germany), and plan to continue hosting for the foreseeable future.

### Fayetteville Rotary Club, David Sager

for the Affordable Care Act (ACA).



Rotary Club. He is a native of Northwest Arkansas, born and raised in Berryville. David and his wife, Katy, currently live in Fayetteville, and each has one child: Alex & Noah. Both children are very active students at the University of Arkansas.

David is a Financial Advisor with Raymond James, serving clients in all 50 states. As a Branch Manager for Raymond James, he manages and leads financial advisors in the Northwest Arkansas and the River Valley area, stewarding billions in investment assets. In addition to his 24 years as a Financial Advisor, David has life experience ranging from real estate and financial investments to

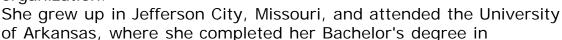
farming. He has experience in his own small business entrepreneurial ventures as well as financial portfolio management.

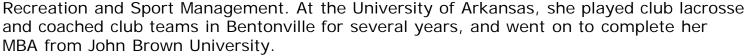
David spends his free time working on various DIY projects with his family, as well as refining his classic Chevy truck, boating on Beaver Lake, and riding with the Christian Motorcyclist Association. David values the time he spends volunteering with the Fayetteville Downtown Rotary, as well as singing and volunteering at his local church.

#### Northside Fayetteville Rotary Club, Emily Gentry

**Emily Gentry** is the incoming President of the **Northside Fayetteville Rotary Club** and also serves as the Youth Exchange Officer.

Emily is the President & CEO of the Mount Sequoyah Center in Fayetteville, AR where she has worked for 12 years. Before being promoted to President & CEO in January 2020, she worked in Hospitality and then transitioned to Programs, working with the camp, swim, and other recreational programming for the organization.





Emily is a member of PEO, BU Chapter. She and her husband, Mark, have a two-and-a-half-year-old daughter.





**Roy Johnson** is an Assistant Governor serving clubs in Oklahoma. He was born in Sacramento, California, and graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a degree in Business Administration.

Roy became a Rotarian in Gilroy, California, where he was a charter member of the Morning club. In his second year, 2006-2007, he became club President and quickly learned about running a volunteer organization versus a private, for-profit company. When he retired to Oklahoma in 2020, he joined the \_ and after two years, became Club President. Roy is a Paul Harris Fellow. Roy's career was in wholesale food manufacturing, where he

worked as a Brand Manager and eventually owned a wholesale bakery covering five states. After many years of leadership within the grocery industry, Roy retired and moved to Oklahoma.

Roy is an active member of The Church of Christ in Henryetta, where he devotes hours to

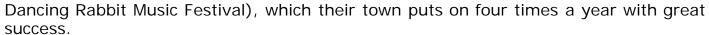


the Food Bank to benefit the community. He enjoys golf, morning walks, and working around his 60-acre horse ranch. He is always ready for good humor and loves to tell jokes.

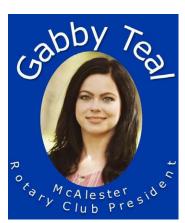
### Rotary Club of McAlester, Gabby Teal

Gabrielle "Gabby" Teal is the President of the Rotary Club of McAlester for 2025-2026. She has served on the McAlester Rotary board for 2 years and has organized fundraising and volunteer work for her club, as well as taking on social media platforms. Gabrielle is the Project Manager for a local non-profit resource center called Shared Blessings. She is a mother of 2 and has traveled all over the United States working in marketing and production.

She enjoys being actively involved in her community. While Rotary President this year, she is also President of her GFWC Jr's club, a Chamber ambassador, and works for a local music festival (The



Gabrielle is honored to be elected as the Rotary Club of McAlester's President. She plans to focus on building funds to be split between Rotary Club initiatives, making it more appealing for new members to join, and continuing to foster connections within the Rotary community.



#### Okmulgee Rotary Club, Sarah Amador

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**Sarah Amador** is the President for 2025-2026 for the Okmulgee Rotary Club. As an active member of the club, Sarah has helped lead numerous service projects, scholarship programs, and community events. She is passionate about youth engagement and strengthening connections between local businesses and civic organizations.

She is the longtime owner of M & M Machining and a dedicated community volunteer. She has a background in both manufacturing and retail, having also operated a beloved bookstore and coffee shop in Okmulgee for several years.

Sarah and her husband, Justin, live in Okmulgee with their twin daughters, Maggie and Madelyn. Her family is her greatest joy, and they enjoy traveling, supporting local events, and spending time with their dogs, Midge, Dude, Stuart, and Millie.

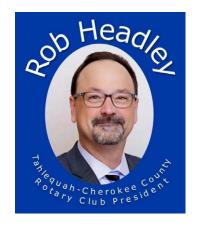
Fun fact: Sarah is a published author who writes thrillers and children's books—often inspired by her community, history, and a touch of magic.

Sarah is honored to serve as Elect and is committed to growing Rotary's reach and impact across Okmulgee.

# Tahlequah - Cherokee County Rotary Club, Rob Headley

**Rob Headley** is the President for the <u>Tahlequah-Cherokee</u> <u>County Rotary Club</u> for 2025-2026. He joined the club when he moved to the community about 5 years ago. He has served on the club board for the last three years and has enjoyed learning more about Rotary, as well as having the opportunity to serve his Tahlequah community.

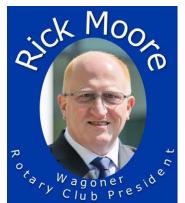
Rob grew up in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and then went on to graduate from Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, AR. He has spent the last 30 years working in the banking/lending industry primarily across locations in Oklahoma and Northwest Arkansas. Currently, Rob serves as the President of BancFirst for the Tahlequah market.



Rob and his wife Paige have four grown children and three young grandchildren. When not in NW Arkansas visiting his grandkids, you can likely find him hanging out at Lake Tenkiller. He enjoys fishing and anything Razorback sports.

Recently, the Tahlequah Rotary Club had the opportunity to partner with students from Tahlequah High School to start an Interact Club. Rob is proud of the work the students have put into starting and growing this club. He looks forward to continuing to provide support & resources to this club as they grow and serve Tahlequah together.

### Rotary Club of Wagoner, Rick Moore



**Rick Moore** is the 2025-2026 President of the **Rotary Club of Wagoner**. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and engages in events such as the annual Color Run, Pancake Day, Summerfest, and the Students of the Month program.

Rick is a lifelong resident of Wagoner, Oklahoma. While in high school and also participating in athletics, Rick began working as a janitor at Lancaster Insurance Agency. After high school, Rick continued working at Lancaster Agency while attending Northeastern State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

He was first introduced to the insurance industry through his coursework at NSU. He developed his expertise during a nearly 27-year career with State Farm Insurance. Following his retirement, Rick returned to his roots by purchasing the Moore-Lancaster Agency, becoming the fourth owner of a business that has been operating continuously since 1903—before Oklahoma's statehood.

Rick and his wife, Donna, have been married for 27 years. They have three adult children and a beloved toy poodle named Macy. Rick also serves on the Wagoner Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. A dedicated member of First Baptist Church of Wagoner, Rick has served as a deacon since 2003.

He is passionate about Masonic work and has held numerous leadership and honorary roles across various Masonic organizations. In their free time, Rick and Donna enjoy traveling and taking cruises.

### **Assistant Governor, Stewart Brunner**

**Stewart Brunner** returns as an Assistant Governor serving clubs in Arkansas. Stewart began his Rotary career in 1982 by joining the **Rotary Club of Harrison**. In 1985, he moved to Mountain Home and joined the Rotary Club of Mountain Home. He dropped out of Rotary (big mistake) for seven years and rejoined Mountain Home in 2000.

Since 2000, he has served in club and district leadership positions, including an earlier time as Assistant Governor. He is also actively involved with the American Wheelchair Mission and supports the Annual Fund and Polio Plus.

Stewart serves as the General Manager and Vice President of Twin

Lakes Radio, which operates three radio stations in the Northwest Arkansas lake country. Welcome back, Stewart!

#### **Bull Shoals - Lakeview Rotary Club, Rebecca Wilson**



**Rebecca Wilson** is the 2025-2026 President of the **Bull Shoals Rotary Club**. She has been an active member of the club for two years. She participated in the annual Pancake Breakfast, enjoyed hiking the Rotary Trail at Bull Shoals, and contributed time and effort to the Scholarship Committee.

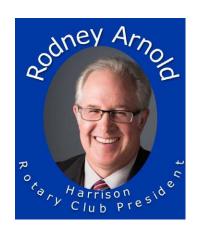
Rebecca is committed to service and looks forward to the opportunity to serve as President of her club and continuing to make a positive impact in her community.

### Rotary Club of Harrison, Rodney Arnold

**Rodney Arnold** is the 2025-26 President of the **Rotary Club of Harrison**, Arkansas

Rodney is the Vice President for Institutional Advancement at North Arkansas College. He has been a member of the Harrison Rotary Club for twelve years, a Rotarian for thirty-two years, and has a passion for youth exchange.

Rodney has been married to Mary for thirty-one years, and they have four children. Rodney enjoys golf, the stock market, and floating the Buffalo River.



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## Mid-Marion County Rotary Club, Ruby Speak

**Ruby Speak** is the President of the Mid-Marion Rotary Club for 2025-2026. She is the Victim Witness Coordinator for the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Prosecuting Attorney's office.

She is so happy to be a part of the Mid-Marion County Rotary, as she loves being a part of helping children achieve their goals. Mid-Marion County Rotary has done and is still doing so much for the community and she is pleased to help.



#### Rotary Club of Mountain Home, Allen Moore

**Allen Moore** is the new President of the **Mountain Home Rotary Club** for 2025-2026. He joined the Club in 2011 and has served as Treasurer and Interact Club Sponsor.

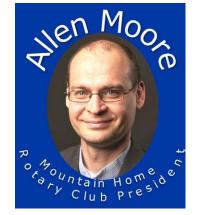
Allen was born and raised in North Central Arkansas. After high school, he began his career in banking, where he continues now in his 21st year.

He met his wife, Lauren, while attending Arkansas State University – Mountain Home, and they married in 2008. They have been blessed with one daughter, Hannah.

Allen has served as chair of the Mountain Home Area Chamber of Commerce and is currently a member of the ASUMH Board of

Governors and Alumni Association board. He also chairs the North Central Arkansas Economic Alliance board.

He looks forward to a great year!



## Assistant Governor, Suzy Morgan



**Suzy Sharpe Morgan** is an Assistant Governor supporting clubs in Oklahoma. Suzy's Rotary journey began in 1990 in Chickasha, where there was only one other woman in the club. She served as Club Secretary and had perfect attendance for three years. She was happy to become a Rotarian in the Tulsa Will Rogers Club, where she currently serves as the Immediate Past President and Grant Writer. Suzy completed the District Leadership Academy in 2023.

She grew up in Chickasha, Oklahoma, and is a graduate of Phillips University with a BA in Religion and Sociology. She also received an MS in Religious Education from Oklahoma City University. In her

20+ years as a religious educator, she served churches in Chickasha and Anadarko. It was a position at Boston Avenue UMC in Tulsa that brought her and her family to Tulsa. Since retiring from full-time church work, Suzy has had a variety of jobs. She currently works part-time at Leadership Tulsa.

She has been married to Rob for 40 years, and they have two adult children. They also have three four-legged children: two German Shepherd mix rescues, and a Siamese cat. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering at Boston Avenue UMC, baking, and reading. She and Rob enjoy traveling, especially their annual trips to New Orleans and Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

Fun fact: Suzy has a commercial driver's license, a bartender's license, and is a notary public.

(Yes, she is a Rotary Notary.)

#### Jenks Rotary Club, Peggy Mitchell

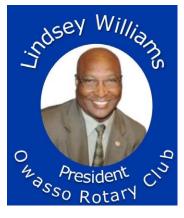
Peggy Mitchell is the new President of the Jenks Rotary Club. She joined Rotary in 2017 as a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Jenks. This was after following her husband, PDG Danny Mitchell, around on his Rotary career for more than 20 years. She has served as Club Secretary since the club chartered, and is now the Club President for 2025-26.

Peggy and Danny grew up in the Ft Worth/Arlington, Texas area. They met in high school and married in 1969. In 1983, Danny's job brought them to Tulsa. They have one daughter, Pam, who lives in the Tulsa area with her husband Mark Riddle, and three amazing grandchildren.



Early in her professional career, she held accounting and office management positions. She returned to school, earning an Associate degree in Computer Programming from Tulsa Junior College, and continued taking additional courses at OSU. In 1989, she began her career as an IT Systems Analyst at Sun Oil Company, retiring in 2016. Peggy and Danny together are Level 2 Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society. Individually, Peggy is a Paul Harris Fellow +3.

### Owasso Rotary Club, Lindsey Williams



Lindsey L. Williams Jr. returns as the club President for the Rotary Club of Owasso, 2025-2026. He previously served as club President and was awarded the 2023–2024 Distinguished Service Citation and the "New Project of the Year" award for the launch of the Vial of Life Saving Project. He is a Paul Harris Fellow. Lindsey holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and a Master's degree in Public Administration. He is an Event Host (Emcee), dynamic leader, speaker, and certified coach. A retired U.S. Army veteran, he leverages decades of experience to drive impactful change. Lindsey served Veterans with dedication and precision as a Veterans Claims Examiner at the Department of

Veterans Affairs, retiring in 2017.

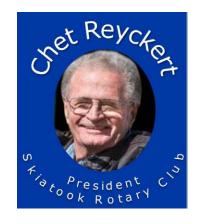
As President CEO of the Tulsa Elks Lodge, he expanded membership with 74 new members, spearheaded a major renovation project, and strengthened community engagement.

Lindsey has twice earned the prestigious "Distinguished Toastmaster Award as a public speaker. As President of the Keystone Toastmasters Club, he guided the club to Select-Distinguished Club Status.

### Skiatook Rotary Club, Chet Reyckert

**Chet Reyckert**, 83, is the 2025-2026 President of **Skiatook Rotary Club**. A member since the mid '80s, he has been President numerous times and is a multiple PHF, as are four generations of most of his family.

Chet and his wife Jeannie founded (and still operate) Skiatook Statuary in 1967, manufacturing ornamental concrete products that have gone coast to coast. He was inducted into the Osage County Historical Society's "Heroes and Legends" honorees in 2020. He is an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Skiatook and been a member of the Skiatook Chamber of Commerce for over a half



century. Chet summited Mt. Kilimanjaro in 2013 at 70.

Chet and his wife have been married for 64 years, have two children, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. They feel blessed to have had the opportunity to travel to all seven continents over the years and enjoy people, places, and experiences, not the least of which was witnessing evidence of Rotary at work in the most unexpected places, such as Tanzania in a Maasai village.

#### Tulsa Sunrise Rotary Club, Bobby Schultz



Bobby Schultz is the 2025-2026 President of the Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise. He has served in many capacities as a Rotarian. He has been a Rotarian in Okmulgee, Sapulpa, Enid, and his current club. Among the positions he has held are Newsletter Reporter, Secretary, Vice-President, and Foundation Liaison. Bobby is the Executive Director of Tulsa's Metropolitan Environmental Trust (The M.e.t.), which focuses on recycling, sustainability, and education. He is also a City Councilor in Bixby, Oklahoma. Previously, he served on the professional staff of three Boy Scout Councils over a 34-year career, serving as CEO/Scout Executive in both El Dorado, AR, and Enid, OK.

Bobby has been married to his wife, Dr. Lahoma Hicks Schultz, for over 34 years. Together they have two children and three grandchildren.

Among the many recognitions Bobby has received are the National Eagle Scout Association's "Outstanding Eagle Scout Award," the "International Youth Service Award" presented by Community of Christ, and "Honorary Commander" at Vance Air Force Base. He was also asked to throw the first pitch at a Tulsa Drillers baseball game.

# Assistant Governor, Ted Sego

**Ted Sego** is a new Assistant Governor, serving clubs in Arkansas. Service to others is what drew Ted to join the **Northside** Fayetteville Rotary Club in 1999. Following in his Dad's footsteps and focusing on Rotary's Service Above Self, Ted has served in various roles in the Northside Fayetteville Rotary Club, and was President in 2005-2006 and again in 2013-2014. Combining his time with the Navy and Rotary, Ted has visited international Rotary clubs in Thailand, Italy, Singapore, and Korea as well as U.S. clubs in San Diego, Norfolk, Jacksonville, and Washington, DC. Developing relationships with fellow Rotarians is always a rewarding



endeavor.

Upon graduating from Fayetteville High School, Ted attended the University of Oklahoma on a naval scholarship, earning his BBA in Marketing. He received his commission as a naval officer where he served in the Surface Warfare Officer community. His primary focus was in Weapons and Operations, and he won the East Coast Ship-handler of the Year in

1993. Ted's two favorite chants are "Go OU, beat Texas!" and "Go Navy, beat Army!" Ted is now a financial Advisor with The Point Financial Group in Springdale, Arkansas with over 15 years serving clients in the financial industry.

Ted is married to Andrea, a principal at Vandergriff Elementary School, and they have two grown children who are both currently getting their degrees at the University of Arkansas. Outside of spending time with his family in the outdoors, his greatest passion is serving at Cross Church, leading an outstanding group of usher teams and serving in the college ministry. Ted and Andrea open their home to over 50 college students for weekly Bible studies.

#### Bella Vista Rotary Club, Michele Gann



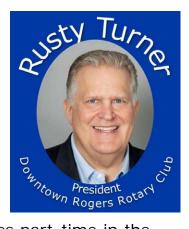
Michele Gann is the 2025-26 President of the Bella Vista Rotary Club. She has been a Rotarian for 17 years; 11 years in Eureka Springs, and 6 years in Bella Vista. During her time in Rotary, she has served as a club Secretary, Treasurer, and Foundation chair. Since July 2021, she has served District 6110 as the Paul Harris Society Coordinator and is continuing that role for the 2025-26 year. She recently completed the District Leadership Academy. Michele has been a Registered Nurse for 45+ years and has a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration. She retired at the end of December 2024 and seems to have already filled up her spare time!

She is a strong supporter of the Rotary Foundation: she is a member of the Paul Harris Society, a Major Donor, and a member of the Bequest Society. She notes, "The Rotary Foundation is what sets Rotary apart from other organizations; I am proud to support its efforts now and into the future".

Her free time is spent reading, riding her recumbent trike, and spending time with family and friends.

## Rogers Downtown Rotary Club, Rusty Turner

**Rusty Turner** is the President for 2025-26 for the Rogers Downtown Rotary Club. His first experience with Rotary was part of District 6110's Group Study Exchange team to the Republic of South Africa in 1991. He joined the Rotary Club of Rogers in 1992, where he served as a committee chair and board member. In 2019, he transferred to the Rotary Club of Downtown Rogers, where he served as membership chair, foundation chair, and secretary. Rusty chairs the Club's Charitable Grant Program, which has distributed more than \$20,000 to local non-profit organizations since its inception two years ago. He is a Paul Harris Fellow +1. Rusty worked 40 years in the newspaper business as a reporter and



editor, all in Northwest Arkansas. He retired in 2023 and now teaches part-time in the School of Journalism and Strategic Media at the University of Arkansas. Rusty and his wife of nearly 42 years, Anita, live in Rogers and have two grown sons and four grandchildren. They enjoy spending time with their family, singing in the Central United Methodist Church choir, attending Razorback sporting events, and traveling. Rusty is also a long-time patron, officer, cast member, and volunteer at Arkansas Public Theatre, a community theatre group based in Rogers. Rusty and Anita greatly enjoyed attending the Rotary International Convention in Calgary last month.



**Shannon Warren** is the 2025-202 President of the Rogers Rotary Club. She brings over 20 years of construction industry expertise to the club, where she has served as Sergeant at Arms for 1 ½ years and Club Secretary for 4 years, having been a valued member of her Rotary Club for 8 years.

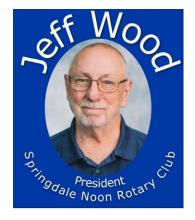
As Director of Business Development at Advantage Security Technologies, Shannon specializes in life safety systems, including fire protection, security, and access control for clients throughout Northwest Arkansas. Throughout her career, Shannon has successfully managed multi-million-dollar construction projects ranging from restaurant buildouts to major industrial facilities.

A graduate of the Dale Carnegie Course where she received the "Human Relations Award," Shannon is known for her outgoing personality and strong communication skills. When not working on construction projects or attending Rotary meetings, Shannon enjoys camping, hiking, boating at the lake, and great times with her beautiful granddaughter Kira. Her combination of technical expertise, leadership experience, and commitment to service makes her a valued member of the Rogers Rotary Club, and she looks forward to a great year as President.

#### Rotary Club of Springdale, Jeff Wood

**Jeff Wood** is the 2025-26 President of the **Rotary Club of Springdale.** Jeff joined the Springdale Rotary Club in 2002, served on the Board in 2012-14, and was elected to leadership in 2022. He chaired their major fundraiser, the Pig Trail Mud Run, in 2024 and became a major donor in 2022.

He moved to Northwest Arkansas in 1989, from Hot Springs, to work as sales manager for KIX-104 radio, after numerous years in newspapers, television, and radio. When the radio station was sold in 1997, he opened an advertising agency and continued to design advertising campaigns for clients in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Missouri for ten years.



Jeff has been married to Debbie Winbury for nearly 40 years, and they have two adult sons. They enjoy traveling, particularly to wilderness areas like Alaska, but also to New York City multiple times. This year, they are planning a week-long, bucket-list trip this New Year's Eve to a hotel overlooking Times Square for their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Assistant Governor, Governor Nominee, Tiffany Egdorf



**Tiffany Egdorf** is a 2025-2026 Assistant Governor, Assistant Governor Coordinator, District Governor Nominee, and Youth Protection Officer. (Whew!)

She has served in many Rotary roles and participated in many events, including the Rotary Club of Tulsa – President, 2024-2025; Club Treasurer; multiple club committees and chair positions, District Leadership Academy graduate, 2020, Zone 30-31 Emerging Leader Training, RYLA Leader, MSNI Board Member and Ambassador, and Paul Harris Fellow and Bequest Society Member. She is the CEO of The Connection Companies, consulting in all things non-profit.

Tiffany and her husband, Lee, live on 4 acres in Muskogee with their beagle (Hammond), chihuahua (Leo), and many wild animals, where they enjoy being outdoors. She is a trained dancer and has participated in and/or choreographed over 200 shows in her

#### Rotary Club of Coweta, Mark Harwood

Mark Harwood continues as the 2025-2026 President of The Coweta Rotary Club. He is a founding member of the Coweta club and has served multiple terms as the President, Treasurer, and, until recently, Secretary. He is also a Paul Harris fellow.

Mark has been a dentist for over 20 years and works in his private practice Coweta Smiles.

He is married to Ashley, who works in the office, and they have two children, Jaylah and Jett, along with their two dogs, Chief and Phoenix. They enjoy spending time at the lake and tinkering with cars, and occasionally make a few passes at the drag strip.



### Muskogee Rotary Club, Nita McClellan



**Nita McClellan** is the 2025-2026 President of the Muskogee Rotary Club. She has served as Co-Chair of the club's Party in the Park committee for the past 13 years, which is their international fundraiser focused on providing clean water. Their most recent water project raised \$90,000 with the help of matching funds to install clean water fountains in Lebanon's elementary schools. Nita also serves on the Trivia Committee, raising money to send kids to RYLA. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and has brought two new members into the club. She previously worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs as the Communications Director. She retired in 2022 after 37 years of federal service. She lives in Wagoner with

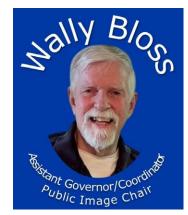
her husband, Darvin. They enjoy spending time with family and traveling. They have one grown son, Bryan, and one daughter, Bailey, who has married and has blessed them with two grandchildren.

Nita and Darvin have become avid supporters of Monarch butterflies by planting milkweed and encouraging others to do the same. In her spare time, Nita is a fitness instructor teaching Barre and Silver Sneakers.

Nita is excited to be Muskogee's President and hopes to increase membership and establish a new committee focused on scholarships for high school students.

### Assistant Governor/Coordinator, District Public Image Chair, Wally Bloss

Wally Bloss continues as Assistant Governor, serving clubs in Missouri. He also continues as District Public Image Chair, assisting clubs to inform the world about Rotary. He also publishes the monthly District Newsletter, soliciting information from clubs (like bios and pix of every club President!) New this year is the role of Assistant Governor Coordinator, supporting four Assistant Governors. He is also the secretary for the Rotary Club of Joplin. He is a past President of the Rotary Club of Joplin, which he joined upon his retirement to Joplin in 2013. Prior to that, he was the President of two other Rotary clubs in St. Joseph, MO, (Rotary Club #32), and Logan, Utah, where he served as the Scholarship Chair



for District 5420. He is a graduate of our District Leadership Academy. He and his wife, Leecia, are Level 2 Bequest Society donors and Paul Harris Society members. He is the Board Secretary of the Rotary Clubs of Joplin Sculpture Garden and completed a 3-

year assignment as Assistant Regional Public Image Coordinator for Zone 31. Wally holds a BS in Human Relations from Missouri Valley College and an MS in Community Development from the University of Missouri–Columbia. He spent most of his professional life managing non-profit organizations, primarily in the arts. He received the "Governor's Leadership in the Arts" award in Utah. Wally is a Past President, current Treasurer, and Membership Chair of the Missouri Citizens for the Arts statewide advocacy organization, and has served on Arts Grants Panels in four states. He is never without a song and is a quiet positive motivator of people, often employing his offbeat sense of humor to get a job done.

Fun Fact: Bobby McFerrin invited Wally to sing with him on the stage in Utah.

### Carthage Rotary Club, Scott Silvers



**Scott Silvers** is the 2025/2026 President of the <u>Carthage Rotary Club</u>. He joined the Carthage Club in 2021 and is a Board member, local Rotary Foundation Director, and co-chair of the annual Bratwurst event conducted on the square during the Maple Leaf Festival.

Scott is a business banker for Arvest and a 41-year Carthage resident. He and his wife, Karli, are raising two children. He is an avid baseball fan and enjoys supporting the St Louis Cardinals and attending games with his family. Scott is also a coach for his son's Little League team.

He is looking forward to a great year in Carthage.

#### Joplin Daybreak Rotary Club, Vanessa Williams

Vanessa Williams is the 2025-2026 President of the Joplin Daybreak Rotary Club. She has been a member of the Joplin Daybreak Club since 2020 and served as the Public Relations Chair and as a board member since 2023. She is a Paul Harris Fellow. Vanessa is a closer and processor for Meridian Title Company, with 25 years of experience in the real estate title business. She and her husband, Tim, have one grown daughter, a Saint Bernard, and a Chihuahua. They enjoy spending time at Grand Lake. Vanessa is honored by the opportunity to serve as Joplin Daybreak's President and looks forward to a great year!



# Mt. Vernon Rotary Club, Justin Bellis



**Justin Bellis** is the 2025-2026 President of the Mt. Vernon Rotary Club. Justin has been a part of Mt. Vernon Rotary for a little over a year. He enjoys helping with several club projects, including food distributions, the car show, the funnel cake booth, and many other projects that fund scholarships to high school seniors.

He is an Independent agent/broker with LifeMark Advisors, helping people with Health and Personal Lines Insurance. Justin and his wife Brandi will celebrate their 26th wedding

Justin and his wife Brandi will celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary in July. They have three kids who keep them busy with school and activities. He aims to add at least five more members to

the club and hopes to establish a companion club this year.

#### District Governor-Elect, Laura Garrett

**Dr. Laura Garrett** advances to District Governor-Elect for the 2025-2026 Rotary year and will be our District Governor in 2026-2027. Dr Garrett has served as the District 6110 Youth Protection Officer for several years, is a facilitator on the District Visioning Team, and graduated from Rotary District 6110 Leadership Academy in 2022. Her home club is Tulsa's **Will Rogers Rotary Club**. She serves as a keynote speaker at the state and national levels in the area of gerontology and volunteerism. She was a speaker at the RI conference in Houston in 2022 and the South-Central Rotary Youth Exchange Conference in 2025.



Laura serves as an Associate Professor of Psychology at Tulsa Community College and as a Community Educator for the Alzheimer's Association. She holds a Doctorate of Education in Family Studies and Child Development from Oklahoma State University with a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology. She has a Master of Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma and a Bachelor's in Consumer Affairs with a Secondary Major in Gerontology from Kansas State University. Laura is a Certified Dementia Educator and serves on the board of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Her daughter is a PHD candidate in Ravensburg, Germany, and her son will enter law school in the fall.

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