

# Rotary



## District 6110 Newsletter

### Special Edition - District Leadership Cavalcade!

By Wally Bloss

The new Rotary year begins July 1, with presidents and other leadership beginning anew. We have been featuring District Leadership for the new year on social media, and have assembled this special "Extra" Newsletter today on "New Year's Day". It's a long one so be sure to read to the end!

Let's say thanks to those who demonstrate that our District is comprised of "People of Action"



### Pam Crawford, Our New District Governor



Pam joined Rotary at the urging of her husband, Paul, in 2015. She was President of Bartlesville Daybreak Rotary Club in 2019-2020. During that year, Bartlesville Daybreak Rotary continued its tradition of receiving the Rotary Citation Award every year since its inception in 1992; Pam's year was a Gold Level Award. Pam and Paul attended their first International Convention in Atlanta in 2017 (which is where Pam had her Rotary moment! Ask her about her Polio shirt.). Their first international mission trip was the American Wheelchair Mission to Jamaica in March 2020. And Pam has taken family with her to Mexico in 2022 and 2023 to deliver wheelchairs.

Pam retired from Phillips 66 Company (Phillips Petroleum Company, ConocoPhillips) in May 2018. Most of the years were in Information Technology as she has 2 degrees in Mathematics (plus an MBA). Her career highlight is that she spent a little over 2 years in

Venezuela managing IT in the ConocoPhillips joint venture. The last 7 years for Phillips 66 were in Project Management.

Pam is currently on the board of the Bartlesville Regional United Way; she is a life member of the Girl Scouts and helps on her local fundraiser committee. She also has served the Session of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church off and on during her 40+ years in Bartlesville, is a Commission Lay Pastor in Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery, and was the Moderator of the Presbytery in 2020.

Pam has been married to Paul since 1993. They have 3 adult daughters and 6 grandchildren. They currently share their home with two shelties and an old cat that they brought home from Venezuela. Pam tries to stay healthy by exercising to walk/jog 5ks. She enjoys travelling, reading, music, attempting to garden, and trying to paint with acrylics.

We're excited for DG Pam's year beginning July first!

## **Aaron Brewer, Assistant Governor**

Aarob Brewer continues his success on th District Leadership Team as Assistant Governor for Area 8, serving clubs in Booneville, Ozark, Paris, and Van Buren, AR.

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

Aaron began his journey in Rotary in 2016 and is a Past President of the Booneville 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 like to wood, fruit and vegetable carve, and enjoys working on his 25 acre patch of land in Booneville.

We're glad for Aaron to continue on the District Leadership team!



## **Ananda Jayawardhana, Assistant Governor**



Ananda Jayawardhana is pleased to continue his service as Assistant Governor for Area 2, serving the Rotary clubs in Lamar, Coffeyville, Fort Scott, and Frontenac. He is a Professor of Mathematics at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS.

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

He served as the Pittsburg Morning Club president in 2014-2015, and since 2013, has chaired the Polio Eradication effort, raising over \$8,000. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and an honorary member of the virtual Rotary Club of Network for Empowering

Women.

Ananda received a PhD in Mathematics from the University of Missouri, Rolla in 1998 and has been a professor at Pittsburg State University since then, attaining the grade of University Professor in 2018. He has been the Faculty Senate President and the President

of the Faculty Bargaining Unit. Diversity issues are very close to his heart, and he has been involved in state-level diversity activities of the Kansas Board of Regents since 2007. He has served his professional organization, the American Statistical Association, and served as the national president of the Statistics Honorary Society Mu Sigma Rho. He has been married to Yaso, a surgical nurse practitioner at Freeman Health System in Joplin, for 31 years. Ananda and Yaso live in Pittsburg, KS. Ananda likes to eat, drink, and travel, which will serve him well as Assistant Governor! If you have an “interesting” beer for him to sample, he will gladly oblige!

## **Ben Ames, Assistant Governor**

Ben Ames becomes an Assistant Governor in Area 13, covering Rotary Clubs in Tulsa Southeast, Tulsa Southside, Bartlesville, and North Tulsa. Ben is from Bartlesville, OK, and grew up in South Coffeyville, OK, graduating from high school in 2003. He attended Coffeyville Community College, and Northeastern State University, majoring in Organizational Leadership.

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

Ben’s community involvement led him to Rotary. He joined the Rotary Club of Coffeyville in 2018. He served as club president 2020-2021. He helped continue guiding the club through the pandemic, during which they were able to celebrate their 100th year as a club. He enjoys being a Rotarian and believes in the mission and vision of the organization. Ben is a member of the Bartlesville Daybreak Rotary Club. Ben resides in Bartlesville, Oklahoma with his husband, Robert, and their two children. He enjoys spending time with his family, baking, and traveling. He and Robert enjoy spending time in New Orleans, or anywhere along the Gulf Coast. Ben found a passion for running in 2007, and has run several 5, 10, and 15k races, along with the Route 66 half marathon.



## **Beth Keck, Global Grants Chair**



Our district is pleased that Beth Keck will continue to share her expertise as Global Grants Chair on the Foundation Committee. Beth Keck’s affiliation with Rotary began when she was a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and studied at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Upon moving to Bentonville, Arkansas, in 2004, she and her husband, Ken Leonard, joined the Rotary Club of Bentonville. They are now members of the Bentonville Satellite Rotary Club.

As the District 6110 Global Grants chair, she works with clubs to advance Rotary International Service. Previously, she served at the district International Service chair.

She and Ken initiated the Bentonville club’s first global grant with the Rotary Club of Jodhpur Padmini, providing toilets and clean water to 2,000 school children in India. Beth and Ken also co-founded the club’s International Women’s Day celebration which raised more than \$30,000 in scholarships for local students.

Beth is a past member of the Rotary Club of Bentonville board of directors. She has facilitated three breakout sessions at Rotary International conventions on the topics of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), and vocational service, and has moderated



numerous Rotary International webinars on DEI. Beth served as vice chair of the Rotary International Global Networking Groups Committee from 2016-19 where she provided oversight and policy direction for Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups, and vocational service.

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

Thank you, Beth, for demonstrating that Rotarians are People of Action!

## **Bob Headlee - District Finance Committee Chair**

The District Finance Committee works with the treasurer and bookkeeper to set budgets, monitor expenses, and ensure the financial stability of the district. Bob Headlee returns as District Finance Committee Chair.

Bob was born and raised in Joplin, Missouri, graduating from Joplin Senior High School and then Missouri Southern State University with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Management.

Bob was in the grocery industry for most of his career. He was division President of Fleming Foods of Nebraska and President of Fleming Foods of Missouri; co-owned Bob's IGA with his wife Judy in Carthage, before selling to a regional chain; served as Director of New Business Development for MSW, Inc. before retiring in 2013.

Bob has served on several community boards and committees and presently serves as Chairman of Southwest Missouri's SCORE (which is a resource partner for the Small Business Administration) and the Chairman of the Southwest Missouri SCORE's Executive Committee.

Bob has been in Rotary for 24 years with membership in Rotary Club of Joplin and the Rotary Club of Carthage. Rotary responsibilities in Joplin have included: Red Badge Committee Chair, has served as a judge for the club's Four Way Speech Contest for several years, graduate of District's Leadership Academy, Secretary/Treasurer, President-Elect, President, Board of Directors. Presently serving on the club's Mentoring Committee as Chair, Foundation Committee, Golf Committee, Joplin Community Fund Board, and Chairman of the Rotary Sculpture Garden

Bob not only gives of his service, he contributes financially. He is a Rotary Foundation member, a Foundation Benefactor and Paul Harris Fellow +9. He and his wife Judy are members of the Rotary Foundation Bequest Society; level 3.

Bob and his wife Judy celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 1st. They have an adult son and daughter-in-law living in Colorado.

We welcome back Bob!



## **Brett Brough - AG Coordinator, and a LOT more!**

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

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

Brett worked for an oil field supply company moving 200 truckloads of steel monthly and handling inventory control and traffic before it was



computerized. He worked as a paralegal for several years and moved to Tulsa to work with a team in 1993. Brett has been a mortgage loan officer and a lease analyst in the oil and gas drilling business; and is now retired.

Brett and his wife Leisa Gebetsberger have been

married for 27 years.

Brett has been a Rotary Club of Tulsa Southside member since 1999 and completed 23 years of perfect attendance in June. He served his club as International, Club, Vocational, Youth, and Community Service Directors, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and Club President. Graduate of the Leadership Academy in 2018. Brett is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Paul Harris Society.

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

Welcome back, Brett!

## **Cathy Webster, Co-Chair District Grants, and, and, and...**

Cathy Webster just completed her tour as District Governor, but is not resting on her laurels! PDG Cathy returns to the Visioning Team, and will be Co-Chair of the District Grants Committee with PDG John Williams. She will be organizing the 2024 Kids at Conference at our District Conference and continues as a board member of MSNI. Cathy is also the Secretary for the 23-24 MAPETS board and for the 2024 MAPETS Steering Committee. Whew!

Cathy has been a member of the Rotary Club of Pryor, since 1998 and has served as club secretary, treasurer, president, club Rotary Foundation Chair, and the Club Foundation Vice-President. She is an MSNI Ambassador, multiple Paul Harris fellow, Sustaining Member, Major Donor, and a member of the Paul. She has attended nine Rotary International Conventions, two zone conferences, and served on three American Wheelchair missions.



Cathy was born in Salida, Colorado and moved to Oklahoma where both her parents were born and raised. She graduated from Harrah High School as Valedictorian, then attended Oklahoma State University, obtaining a BS in Biochemistry, where she also met her future husband, Bob Webster. She and Bob raised three children and built successful computer and software companies. Cathy also tutored math and science, taught at Rogers State University, and after obtaining her Masters in Geosciences, taught at the University of Tulsa.

She is a geologist and educator and enjoys being active in her community, serving on the local food pantry board, public school foundation board as a founding member, and various church committees. Besides enjoying the family of Rotary, she very much enjoys

spending time with her children, their spouses, and granddaughter Olivia, taking her Mom trout fishing in Colorado, gardening, hiking, reading, stained glass work, bird and wildlife watching, and travel. Cathy and Bob recently celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary.

## **Cole Adamson - District Administrator**



Cole Adamson continues as our District Administrator, staffing the District office in Tulsa.

Cole is a native Oklahoman who grew up in the greater Tulsa area. Born and raised as an OU fan, she graduated from Kellyville, OK in 2013. She attended Tulsa Community College studying Business Management before moving to a career in banking.

Cole worked in banking for many years before being recruited to manage the Credit and Collections department for the Moore DM Group. While working there, she took on many other roles within the accounting department and helped assist with real estate purchases.

In October 2020, she began working for our District as the District 6110 Administrator. She loves her job and looks forward to going to work every day! Cole was a part of the Rotaract Club of Tulsa for 5 years – in the past serving as Vice President, Secretary, Service Chair, Treasurer, and one of her greatest accomplishments – chairing Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate for 4 years.

Cole joined Tulsa Sunrise Rotary in May of 2019 and was active in both Rotaract and Rotary – the first time this has been done in District 6110. In October 2022, Cole transferred her membership to the Tulsa Southside club.

Lastly, Cole also moonlights as a volunteer for Tulsa Ducks Unlimited in her “free time” promoting wetland conservation. Cole has a sassy, beautiful daughter, Emma Joy, who gives her a run for her money. When Cole is not spending time with her family or attending a Rotary or Ducks Unlimited event, you can catch her traveling to see live music or curled up with her cat, reading a good book.

## **Danny Mitchell - District Rules & Procedures Committee**

Danny Mitchell was inducted into Rotary in 1993 and is a member of the Rotary Club of Tulsa Southeast where he has served in many positions, including President 2003-2004 & 2021-2022. He served as an Assistant District Governor, then as District Governor in 2011-2012 and served as District Trainer and Youth Exchange Officer. He currently serves on the Elections, Credentials and Parliamentary Committee, Facilities Committee, District Rules & Procedures Committee and Council of Past District Governors. He recently developed a major review of the District Manual of Procedure. He is a member of the Paul Harris Society and White Hat Society. Danny and his wife Peggy are Level 2 Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society.



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

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

Thanks to PDG Danny for his continuing Rotary Service!



## Dick Schrad - Assistant Governor



Dick Schrad begins his third year as Assistant Governor serving the Rotary clubs in Bella Vista, Grove, Vinita, Cassville, Northside Fayetteville, and Fayetteville. He is also a member of the District International Service Committee and serves as a board member and webmaster for the Bella Vista Club.

Dick first joined the Rotary Club of Davenport, IA in 1987, then joined Rotary clubs in Tipton, and Knoxville, IA where he was city manager in both cities. He retired in 2011 and left Rotary for about 5 years but rejoined in Clinton, IA in 2016 when he was hired as an interim city administrator. He then re-retired to Bella Vista and joined the Bella Vista club in 2017.

His membership in five different Rotary clubs through the years included President of two clubs. He has also served as Service Projects Director, Sergeant-at-Arms, Social Chair, and Membership Chair at various times.

Prior to becoming a city manager, he was a partner in an exhibits firm that designed and fabricated specialty exhibits for museums and corporations in the Upper Midwest, including clients such as John Deere and Caterpillar.

Dick earned his BA at Creighton University and an MBA at the University of Iowa. He also served as an intelligence officer in the US Army with one tour in Vietnam, where he spent the majority of his time with the Vietnamese.

Funny story about Dick - while president of the Tipton, IA club, he challenged the membership to become a 100% Paul Harris Fellowship club. They did it and brought in a barber to shave his head and, as you can all see, it never really grew back!

Welcome back, Dick!

## Dolly Parton Imagination Library Leadership

The Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) is a program several clubs are using to promote literacy in their area. Three District Rotarians are taking leadership positions:



**Mary Richardson**

Mary Richardson from the Grove Rotary Club and her husband John moved permanently to Grand Lake Oklahoma four years ago. In her professional career, she worked as a group manager in engineering, manufacturing and recruiting. Mary joined Grove Rotary in 2019 and serves on several committees, including Vice Chair of the Grove Rotary Foundation & Co-Chair of the New Member and Orientation Committee, and now the "DPIL" committee chair. She is passionate about this important program to bring free books to all children from birth to five years old.

Mary likes to keep busy with gardening, church administration, and volunteering. They have 2 daughters and are always planning the next trip to see them in Florida. Her family has fond memories of living in South Korea for 2 ½ years, and they continue to travel internationally as often as possible.

Moving to Arkansas, Ken Savell from the Harrison Rotary Club notes that he is thoroughly enjoying retirement. He stays active in leading the Boone County Imagination Library and mission work through church, hiking and fishing. His wife, Melanie and Ken have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Ken joined Rotary in 1987 and is a 3rd generation Rotarian and a 2-time Paul Harris Fellow. He served as



Vice-President and President of the Harrison club. He is proud to be part of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, helping local children get their start in reading.



Earlene Smith provides leadership to the DPIL program in Kansas, having just completed her year as President of the Coffeyville club. She is a native of rural Coffeyville, graduated from high school and Junior college there and married Larry, a farmer/rancher. A couple of years later, they bought a farm 4 miles from town where they raised their three daughters. She works at Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas as the Workplace Health Coordinator.

Earlene and the Coffeyville club have supported the DPIL in their area with an initial grant of \$4500 and have supported them for 10 years through the club's fundraising efforts. She continues to serve on the

local DPIL board.

Where will the Dolly Parton Imagination Library show up next in District 6110?

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

Don Rose, Jr. continues as the chair of the District's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) team.

Don was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and reared in Tulsa, Oklahoma (Home of the 1921 Race Massacre), graduating in 1982 from McLain Sr. High School (The Mighty Scots). During that period of time, McLain was one of the predominant Black high schools in Tulsa.

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

In 1985, he enlisted in the military and was given a passport to see places that were stepping stones to the development of his own diversity. He obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant and received an Honorable Discharge after completing 10 years of active service.

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

In his spare time, Don loves to cook and is the proud owner of all the Ninja Foodi Air Fryer gadgets and uses them all to create healthy meals. He is a member of the Morning Star Baptist Church under the leadership of Senior Pastor Dr. Rodney A. Goss.

His life in the Rotary Club of Tulsa North has allowed him the opportunity to serve as Sergeant-At-Arms, Secretary and President.

Don notes:

- Diversity is a fact,
- Equity is a choice,





- Inclusion is an action, and
  - Belonging is an outcome.
- We're proud for Don to chair the DEI Committee!

## Ed Hardesty - District Foundation Chair



Past District Governor Ed Hardesty continues to serve District 6110! as our Foundation Chair.

Ed was born in Ft. Worth, Texas. He has been married to Jeanette, an Interior Designer for 51 years. They have two daughters in Texas and five grandchildren.

Ed retired from the Social Security Administration where he worked for over 38 years. He served as a District Manager from 1980 until his retirement in November 2010, serving in Texas and Louisiana before coming to Tulsa in 1995.

He is a graduate of Texas Tech University and enjoys playing golf and training and competing in obedience, rally, and agility trials with the family dogs, Bailey and Teddy. Ed's dogs have been

awarded multiple titles by both the American Kennel Club and United Kennel Club.

Ed initially joined Rotary in Alexandria, Louisiana, and became a member of the Rotary Club of Southeast Tulsa in 1996, where he served as Sergeant at Arms, Club Secretary, Foundation Chair, Vice President, and President. He served as District Governor in 2005 – 2006. He has served on the District 6110 Rotary Foundation Committee for over ten years.

Ed served as District 6110's delegate to the 2013 and 2016 Councils on Legislation. He also served as a Training Leader at the 2013 and 2015 International Assemblies in San Diego, and several other Rotary Zone 31 and Rotary International positions.

Ed, Jeanette, their children, and grandchildren are all Paul Harris Fellows, and Ed is a member of the Paul Harris Society. Ed and Jeanette are Benefactors, members of the Bequest Society, and are Level 2 Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation.

Let's welcome Ed to again demonstrate "Service Above Self!"

## Gary Pollmiller - Dictionary Project Chair

District 6110 is well served by many leaders, in addition to the Assistant Governors. One of the most successful projects we operate is the Dictionary Project, which Gary Pollmiller has chaired since 2006.

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

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

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

By profession, he is a retired Commercial Product Photographer following a fulfilling 40-year career. In his spare time, Gary enjoys attending live concerts, pro and high school



football games, and lake fishing for trout or largemouth bass. Gary loves spending time with his two children, their spouses, and his three fine grandsons. Since 1983 Gary has portrayed Santa Claus as his "ministry" for the elementary school students in the Parsons area.

## Heidi Johnson - Assistant Governor



Heidi Johnson is excited and honored to continue as an Assistant Governor for District 6110 serving the Iola, Pittsburg Sunrise, and Webb City/Carl Junction, and Joplin Rotary Clubs.

Heidi has served as the Sergeant at Arms, President Elect/Program Chair, and President of the Lamar Rotary Club since joining in 2017. Though in no way a pageant girl herself, Heidi has enjoyed serving on and chairing the Lamar Rotary Fair Queen Pageant Committee. The Pageant is a 60-plus year tradition in Lamar and provides scholarships, public speaking opportunities, and confidence-building opportunities for local young women ages 16-21. She also loves seeing the community at their most fun week of the year, the Lamar Free Fair, where she works in the Lamar

Rotary Club Rotary food stand most evenings.

Heidi is the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Lamar, overseeing the park system, the city lake, youth sports programs, and Thiebaud Auditorium. Previously, she worked in media and public relations for the collegiate athletics programs at Pittsburg State University, University of Florida, University of Minnesota and University of Missouri. She graduated from Lamar High School and received a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri. She loves living and working in her hometown and being close to her family, most importantly her two-year-old niece, Addison. She is also the dog mom to a "grumble" of pugs, Clyde and Maddie.

Heidi enjoys traveling with family and friends. She has taken two mission trips to Tanzania, enjoys monthly trips to Broadway tours in Kansas City and random drives in her Jeep. In addition to Rotary, Heidi serves on the boards of the Barton County Community Foundation, the Lamar Independent Foundation for Education, Immanuel (Lockwood) Lutheran School, and is the President of the Southwest Missouri Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

## Holly Holiman - Assistant Governor

Holly Holiman is returning as Assistant Governor for Area 5, which includes the Rotary clubs of Bentonville & Satellite, Downtown Rogers, Rogers, Springdale & Satellite, and Holiday Island. She will also serve on the Multi-Year Planning Committee and on Polio Eradication.

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

Holly joined the Rotary Club of Bella Vista in 2014. She served as membership chair and secretary before becoming club president in 2021-2022.



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

## **Janie Green - Assistant Governor**



Janie Green is next in our Leadership cavalcade for the 23-24 Rotary year, continuing her success as Assistant Governor. Janie was inducted into the Rotary Club of Broken Arrow in November of 2007. Prior to that, she had been to a few Rotary meetings in various clubs and had attended an International Convention. It was this last experience that convinced her that Rotary was an amazing opportunity.

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

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

Janie's first Rotary International Convention was in 2007 in Salt Lake City, and she's since attended Conventions in Montreal, New Orleans, and Hamburg. She shared the 2023 Houston Convention with her sister, Cathy Webster, the 2022-23 governor of District 6110.

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

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

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

Jayne has been a proud Rotarian for 31 years. She always says she was born to be a Rotarian as she and Paul Harris share the same birthday! (But in very different years, just to be clear)

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

She served District 6110 as Assistant Governor, proud graduate of the District Leadership Academy, founded the Club Visioning





program in our District, chaired the inaugural Women in Rotary Committee, and was honored to serve as the 2018-19 District Governor.

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

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

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

### **Joe Grisolano - Assistant Governor Coordinator**



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

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

Joe joined the Pittsburg Rotary Club in 2006 and served as Membership Chair, Club Administration Chair, President, and Assistant Governor. In 2018 he was named Pittsburg Rotarian of the Year. He is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Paul Harris Society. Joe graduated from the District Leadership Academy in 2022.

Joe has been married for 46 years to Debbie, a retired Unified School District #250 elementary teacher. They have two sons, a daughter-in-law, and three grandchildren. He enjoys singing in the choir of his small Methodist church.

Thanks, Joe, for continuing in District leadership!

### **John Rains - District Governor Nominee**

John Rains joined the "G-Line" when he was selected to serve District 6110 as District Governor for the 2025-2026 Rotary Year, making him the DG Nominee for 23-24. He noted that it is his honor and privilege to be selected, and as a servant leader at heart, he will employ his faith, family, professional, and Rotary experiences to foster an environment of friendship, mutual respect,



passion, and creativity. Serving our district's members, clubs, and communities will be fulfilling his heart's desire to further serve in this great organization, and the adventure of a lifetime for John and his wife, Cathy.

John was born in Tahlequah, OK, and has lived in the Green Country area ever since. He graduated from Sapulpa High School and went on to attend the University of Oklahoma, Tulsa Junior College, and the University of Tulsa, from where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration–Management Information Systems degree.

Vocationally, he began his career as a Systems Analyst for Conoco-Phillips, then partnering with a fellow Rotarian as Vice President of Sales and part owner of Austral Inc, an IT services company. Most recently he joined IMAX Corp (not the theatre) as Director of Information Systems before being promoted to Vice President of Sales and then President. He is a licensed Realtor® with HomeSmart Stellar Realty and manages his rental investments in the Tulsa area.

John has had wonderful Rotary experiences as a 24-year member of 2 different Clubs – starting with the Rotary Club of Sapulpa and then the Rotary Club of Tulsa. In addition to serving as President in 2016 -2017 for the Rotary Club of Tulsa, John was named the Rotarian of the Year in 2014 and received the James G Saied Service Above Self Award in 2017. He served as Assistant Governor and AG Coordinator. In addition to being the District Governor Nominee, he leads the Disaster Recovery Planning efforts for the District. With a blended family, Cathy and John have shared raising 5 children (and 3 exchange students) during their 24 years of marriage. They have been active with their children, church, community, and Rotary. Most recently, as empty nesters, they have enjoyed spending time with family, friends, and themselves during their RV lifestyle.

## **John Williams Jr - District Grant Co-Chair**



We are pleased that PDG John D Williams will continue his service as District Grants Co-Chair!

After graduation from the University of Arkansas, BSBA, 1971, John enjoyed a 50-year career in the life insurance business with Eichler Williams Insurance. John is a current member, Million Dollar Round Table, 37-Years; been a Chartered Life Underwriter since 1975 and in 1985 served as President of the Arkansas State Association of Insurance and Financial Services Professionals (NAIFA).

In 1992 and again in 2010, John received the Award of Excellence, the highest award given annually by the State Association of NAIFA to the outstanding Life Insurance Agent in Arkansas.

He has been a Rotarian for 50 years with 49-Years of Perfect

Attendance with Northside Fayetteville Rotary Club, Rotarian of the Year 1994, served District 6110 as District Governor 2012-2013, Assistant Rotary Coordinator Zone 31 for 3-Years, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow; member Paul Harris Society and Bequest Society; a Major Donor. He continues to serve as Chair of the District Grants committee. He has served as a Delegate to the 2019 Council on Legislation and again in 2022.

Devoted to children, John has assisted the children of Special Olympics, Polar Bear Plunge, Master of Ceremonies for 10-Years plus a Volunteer Basketball and Softball Coach, Fayetteville Boys and Girls Club for 12 years.

In 1999 after 28-Years of service, John retired as a Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, US

Army. His hobbies include music, travelling, watching old movies, and golf. John's wife Connie, is a Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Bequest Society and a Major Donor. She recently retired after a 40-year career as Head of the Guidance Counseling Department, Springdale High School. They have been married 48 years, with 2 daughters, Whitney and Sarah, and 5 grandchildren.

### **Johnice Glisson - Assistant Governor Coordinator**

Johnice Glisson is in her second year as an Assistant Governor Coordinator after three years as an Assistant Governor. She is a 5th-generation Berryville, AR, resident and has been a member of the Berryville Rotary Club since 2014. She recognized the value of Rotary early in life as she tagged along to meetings with her grandpa, Paul Harris Fellow, Burt George. Now a Paul Harris Fellow +7, and member of the Paul Harris Society, Johnice serves on the club's board of directors, heads up RYLA recruiting and fundraising, is a past secretary and past president and a graduate of District Leadership Academy.



Johnice is a middle school teacher who likes to research genealogy and clean headstones in her spare time. She also serves on The Carroll and Madison Public Library Foundation Board. She is married to Trace Glisson and they have a 16-year-old son, Layton. We're glad she is back!

### **Laura Garrett - Assistant Governor**



Dr. Laura Garrett of Tulsa, will continue to serve District 6110 as an Assistant Governor, serving the Bixby, Tulsa Sunrise, Broken Arrow, Jenks, Skiatook, and Tulsa Rotary clubs. She is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Tulsa Community College and is a Community Educator for the Oklahoma Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Dr. Laura has a Doctorate of Education in Family Studies and Child Development from Oklahoma State University with a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology. She holds a Master of Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma and a Bachelors from Kansas State University. She is a certified Dementia Practitioner, and

serves as a Board Member for the Broken Arrow Senior Center.

Laura is a third-generation Rotarian and has been a member of Rotary since 1999. She has been a member of small clubs like El Reno, where she served as President, and has served as a board member at the Rotary Club of Downtown OKC, one of the largest Rotary Clubs in the world. She was named the Outstanding New OKC Rotary Member in 2017. In addition to her AG duties, Laura was recently appointed as the District 6110 Youth Protection Officer. She is a Paul Harris Fellow +2 and also is a member of the Zone 31 Membership Committee. She completed the Rotary District 6110 Leadership Academy in 2022. She is a member of the District 6110 Visioning Team. She presented at the 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston on the topic of "It's Generational: Rotary Relationships." She serves as the Team Captain for the Rotarians of District 6110 Team for the Tulsa Alzheimer's Walk. Laura has two children: her daughter Sarah is a graduate student at Washington State and her son Rob is an undergrad at the University of Southern California.

### **Laura Tapp - District Communications Co-Chair**



Laura Tapp is back as the Co-Chair of the District Communications Office, along with Rachelle Langley. Together they can make DACdb sing and can teach you how to, well, at least hum!

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

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

She enjoys all manner of natural science and, on a more relatable note, gets absolutely silly about cars! In her spare time, she enjoys living life and traveling. But if she's not doing that, you can find her on a patio enjoying a good book. In fact, during the year 2022, she read 152 books!



## Lisa Engel - Assistant Governor



Lisa Engel joined Rotary in 2002 - first in Concord, CA, then Grants Pass, OR, and now in Broken Arrow, OK. She has just completed her first year as an Assistant Governor in Area 14 and will continue to serve the Claremore Reveille, Bristow, Sand Springs, and Sapulpa Rotary Clubs. Broken Arrow uses the five-year progression, so she has been membership chair, programs chair, committees and socials chair, and President. She received the Service Above Self award in 2017-18 and Rotarian of the Year award in 2019-20. Lisa is a member of the Bequest Society and a Paul Harris fellow + 1.

She and her husband Galen, also a Rotarian, started an after hours satellite Rotary club, which has been very successful, though it struggled during the pandemic. In March, 2022, the Broken Arrow

club started a disaster relief-based satellite club which so far has been very successful and already has 13 members.

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

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

Welcome back, Lisa!

## **Matt Hancock, RYLA Co-Chair**

Continuing his service in DGE Pam Crawford's year is the Co-Chair of RYLA, Matt Hancock.

Matt has been a Rotarian since July 2010 in the Rotary Club of Broken Arrow, where he has served as club president and foundation chair. Matt is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Tulsa. He is the Chief Operations Officer (COO) for the YMCA of Greater Tulsa. Matt is a graduate of Oral Roberts University where he was a member of the Golden Eagle Baseball team and was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 2005 Amateur draft.

Matt lives in Avant, OK with his wife Tommie Jane, and their 10-year-old son Maddox, 9-year-old daughter Sawyer Jane, and 6-year-old daughter Devin Averie. He is entering his 10th year as chair for our District's Rotary Youth Leadership Award program and is currently serving as our District's Youth Services Chair.

Matt brings a vision of the future of Rotary and the importance of youth in our community to be true leaders by embracing our community and the true mission of all Rotarians as People of Action.

If you've never been to RYLA, (the Rotary Youth Leadership Award) make sure to schedule a visit for yourself!



## **Michele Gann - Paul Harris Society Coordinator.**



We are pleased that Michele Gann continues on the District Leadership Team and the Paul Harris Society Coordinator.

Michele has been a Rotarian for 15 years; 11 years in Eureka Springs, and 4 years in Bella Vista. She is currently a PHF+8, and will become a Major Donor this summer! She is a member of the Paul Harris Society since giving to the Foundation is something she strongly believes in. She served as secretary-treasurer in the Eureka Springs club and has been the Foundation chair for Bella Vista since July 2019. She is a Registered Nurse with a Master's in Healthcare Administration and has been a nurse for 40+ years. She works for a large cardiology group as a phone triage nurse.

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

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

## **Michelle Robinson - Assistant Governor**

District 6110 is pleased to announce Michelle Robinson will continue as an Assistant Governor serving Rotary clubs in Alma, Altus, Ft Smith, Ft Smith Southside, and Siloam Springs, AR. She was born in Annapolis, Maryland, and grew up in Maryland. She is the oldest of four children, the only daughter, and learned early the

responsibility of helping others.

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

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

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

She 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 youngest daughter Julie is attending college in Northwest Arkansas. Her husband, Kevin, is a retired Vicar for the Episcopal Church. Michelle devotes her heart to her family and Rotary service to make a difference in this world!

Welcome back, Michelle!



## **Pat Phillips - District Accounting Assistant**



Pat Phillips fills the part-time staff position of District Accounting Assistant at the District Office, keeping the books for the District Treasurer. Your club receives the District Dues invoices from her! Pat was born and reared in Coffeyville, Kansas, where she graduated from high school. After moving to Tulsa in 1966, she attended Tulsa Community College, majoring in accounting. One of her first jobs in Tulsa was at KOTV Channel 6. Pat then was named assistant manager at the Oaks Country Club.

Her primary work experience has been as controller at Cedar Ridge Country Club for 10 years and controller at Tulsa Country Club for 17 years. After leaving Cedar Ridge Country Club in 2007, she was employed at Cross and Robinson CPA's for 5 years before coming

to the Rotary District office as a part-time bookkeeper.

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

Thanks, Pat for your loyal service!

## **Preston Smith - District Treasurer**

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

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





He is married to Kim, and he noted they were married in Las Vegas by Elvis! They have four children; three girls and a boy. Anyone who has been to District events in the last few years has seen their two youngest girls who are 8 and 10; they have been to five district conferences and four MAPETS. Preston is a veteran of the US Navy and served as a nuclear reactor operator on a nuclear aircraft carrier. He enjoys golf, tennis, fly-fishing, and training bird dogs. He has a flight instructor license and enjoys teaching people to fly when he's not busy with taxes. Thanks, Preston, for keeping track of the District's funds!

### **Rachelle Langley - District Communications Co-Chair**



Rachelle Langley continues as Co-Chair of the District Communications office team, along with Laura Tapp, the other Co-Chair. They are the people to turn to for DACdb questions and training.

Rachelle is a member of the Rotary Club of Tulsa in District 6110. She was first introduced to Rotary when she went to work for the Rotary Club of Tulsa in 2014. In 2018, Rachelle became the District Administrator for District 6110 and joined DACdb in 2019 as a member of the Support Team.

She is a graduate of North Georgia University with a degree in Human Service Delivery Administration. Prior to working with Rotary, Rachelle worked in Student Counseling & Career Services with NGU, and as a nonprofit case manager, in adoption facilitation, and for the Department of Human Services.

Currently, Rachelle resides on Lake Keystone in Cleveland, OK with her husband, Bryan. Rachelle and Bryan enjoy traveling as well as spending time with their 5 children and 3 grandchildren.

If you are stumped with DACdb, Rachelle can help!

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

## **Ron Peterson - 4-Way Test Speech Contest Co-Chair**



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

Ron was born in a small Northwest Kansas community and has been married to Louise for 59 years. She is also a Rotarian. They have five children, twelve grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Ron's radio broadcasting career spans 56 years with positions in the Joplin and Columbia, Missouri markets. He was successful in putting 50,000-watt 95.1 KMXL-FM on the air in 1991. Ron, Louise, and

their son Ron Jr. co-own Mike FM and Fabulous 1490 AM KDMO 93.5 FM.

He served as President of the Missouri Broadcasters Association in 1986 and was honored by the association as the 2005 Distinguished Broadcaster of the Year. Ron is presently Chairman of the McCune Brooks Regional Hospital Board of Trustees, who manage a \$20 Million public trust for the City of Carthage. Ron's hobbies include winemaking, outdoor cooking, woodworking & being with his grandchildren.

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

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

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

## **Roy Wood, Leadership Academy Dean**

Dr. Roy Wood will serve as the District Leadership Academy (DLA) Dean for 2023-24. His varied career includes work as an educator, executive, and Naval Officer. He served 24 years in the Navy where his assignments included tours in submarines and surface ships. Ashore, he served as a project manager in a Naval shipyard, an operations officer and test director for the Navy's high-energy laser weapon prototype and as branch chief for advanced surveillance systems.

After retiring from the Navy in 2001, he worked as a technical consultant to the Navy's radar and sensor directorate, helping to initiate and manage a \$1.6 billion shipborne radar project. In 2007, he was asked to join President George W. Bush's administration as Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for International Technology Security.



Following that, he was selected as Dean of the Defense Systems Management College at the Defense Acquisition University where he served 7 years before becoming its Vice President.

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

Roy enjoys reading, research, and writing and stays active by running and cycling. He recently completed the Tulsa Flats 50-mile bike ride and finished 10 half-marathons after turning 50.

We welcome Roy to his new position – call him Dean!

## **Sonia Larimore - Assistant Governor**



Sonia Lariore is excited to continue her position as Assistant Governor to four Rotary clubs in Miami, Independence, Neodesha, and Parsons.

Sonia has recently left the healthcare field, running assisted living homes for more than 25 years. It was never a job, it was more like a chance to spend quality time with good friends and catch up over a cup of coffee. She loved being with the senior population. At the end of July she will begin her new career working on a new AI pilot program that will help keep people out of nursing homes.

Larimore honed her people skills early while working at her family's restaurant, the former Bone's Steakhouse, in South Coffeyville, OK. In 1985, she opened her own drive-in burger joint and operated a catering truck – which she sold in 1989.

A week after earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resources Management in 1998 from Oklahoma Wesleyan University, she started her career with Windsor Place at Home Care. Five years later, she moved on to serve as director of Guest Home Estates VIII in Erie, KS. Three years later she returned to Windsor Place Coffeyville for her final 17 years in long-term care. For eight years she enjoyed training service and therapy dogs and hopes that with the change of career that she will again be able to enjoy her other passion, training dogs.

Sonia is a 2022 graduate of the District Leadership Academy, a multiple PHF, a Paul Harris Society Member, she is a member of the MNSI board, she also serves on the District Visioning Team. She volunteers at RYLA and was blessed to attend her first American Wheelchair Mission in 2023. She is serving her final year as Assistant Governor for the district.

Sonia is also a 2006 graduate of Leadership Coffeyville and serves on the Coffeyville Regional Hospital Board of Trustees and serves on the Coffeyville Chamber of Commerce Board.

She has been married to Rod Larimore for 29 years and they have two sons and two granddaughters. They also have 2 cats and for dogs, three of those are standard poodles and one golden doodle that serves as her husband's service dog.

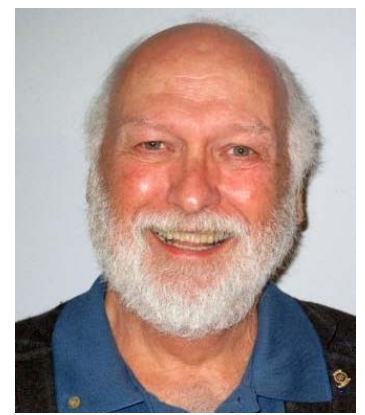
Thanks, Sonia, for continuing your service to District 6110!

## **Stan Evetts - Assistant Governor**

We are pleased to welcome back Stan Evetts as Assistant Governor, serving Rotary clubs in Muskogee, Owasso, Pryor, Tahlequah, and Wagoner.



Stan retired from Country Financial where he spent 20 years as an agent/financial representative. Prior to that, he spent 27 years in various insurance company positions working primarily for carriers as an underwriter, marketing representative, and manager. He joined the Rotary Club of Broken Arrow in 2001 and has held positions including Treasurer and President, and currently is their Rotary Foundation Chair. Stan was an Assistant Governor from 2013-2016.



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

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

### **Stan Grigsby, Assistant Governor**



We are pleased to announce that Stan Grigsby joins the District Leadership team as Assistant Governor, serving Rotary clubs in Nevada, Chanute, Fredonia, Pittsburg.

Stan's first career was as a meteorologist in the Navy. Upon retirement from the Navy, he worked for a number of companies in the Washington D.C. area. The focus of that work was research regarding the interaction of Navy systems with the environment. After moving to Kansas, Stan taught physics and engineering at the University level. Now, he is semi-retired, and working on projects related to Navy simulation and on projects related to economic

development in Rwanda.

Stan joined the Rotary Club of Iola, Kansas in 2012 and served as President for the 2015-2016 year. He continues on the club board and maintains the club web site. In District 6110 he co-chairs the district committee for the environment in addition to his AG duties. Stan is married to Donna Grigsby, also a Rotarian, and they have two daughters, four grandchildren, one great-granddaughter.

He enjoys amateur radio, restoring a '46 chevy pickup and reading.

Welcome to Stan Grigsby!

### **Tamara Miller - District Conference Chair**

Tamara Miller will reprise her role as District Conference Chair, YAY! She was born and raised in Traverse City, Michigan, and graduated with a BS in Sports Medicine from Central Michigan University. Tamara is a Senior Director with Pampered Chef, and has been a consultant for 25 and a half years.

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

Tamara is a second-generation Rotarian, and a member for 20 years. She has served as Secretary, Vice President, President, Past President of the Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise and all roles on the Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise's Foundation Board. She served as an Assistant Governor for 3 years and co-chaired or chaired District Conference for 5 years. She is a graduate of the District Leadership Academy and a Paul Harris Fellow x 8 as well as Paul Harris Society Member. Tamara has been married to her husband Eric for 28 years, and they have three boys.



## **Terry Bushay - Assistant Governor**



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

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

In 2009, he changed to the Holiday Island club, while the club was struggling, to help it succeed. There, Terry served as Sergeant-at-Arms, President for two years, and Foundation Chair for almost a

decade. He is a graduate of the first 6110 District Leadership Academy.

He has been married to Rosemary for 37 years. He loves golf, pickleball, fishing, all things Rotary and they love traveling! Terry also has a great sense of humor!

Welcome back to the team, Terry!

## **Tiffany Egdorf - Foundation Banquet Co-Chair**

Tiffany Egdorf will co-chair the annual Rotary Foundation Banquet aside DG Pam Crawford – an excellent event for sure!

Tiffany is the CEO of Connection Consulting, specializing in non-profit and small business consulting. She previously served as the President & CEO of the Lindsey House. She has a Bachelor of Science in Dance Management from Oklahoma City University, a Master of Arts in Ministry and Culture from Phillips Theological Seminary, and Masters in Healthcare Delivery Sciences from the University of Tulsa.

She is a graduate of Leadership Tulsa, the Rotary District Leadership Academy, and the Tulsa Police Academy. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma Police Foundation, Lifegate Freedom Recovery Ministries, and MSNI. In addition, she volunteers with the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary and the Knights Templar.

Tiffany served multiple terms on the Rotary Club of Tulsa Board of Directors, has chaired the Shop with a Cop and Above and Beyond Committees, among others. She is a Club Foundation Fellow, a Paul Harris Fellow, and an MSNI Ambassador.

Tiffany is happy to be living, working, and enjoying herself among great friends and family. She loves traveling, dancing, reading, gardening, and volunteering. She shares life with her husband, Lee, and their beagle, Hammond.

Fun fact – Tiffany is a competitive ballroom dancer and has choreographed over 100 shows and dance numbers.

We look forward to a great banquet!



## **Tim Holder - Assistant Governor**

We are pleased that Dr Tim Holder will continue as Assistant Governor serving Rotary clubs in Henryetta, McAlester, Okmulgee, and, Poteau. He will also co-chair the district's Polio Eradication committee.

Tim graduated from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, and Family Practice Residency in



Corpus Christi, Texas. He is Board Certified in both Family Practice and in Hospice and Palliative Medicine and is the Medical Director of Supportive Care Solutions of Tulsa. He was previously Medical Director for Supportive Care and Survivorship at Cancer Treatment Centers America - Tulsa from 2013 to 2020. He has over 20 years of experience

in Hospice and Palliative Medicine/symptom control and management.

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

Tim served on the board & as President of the Muskogee Morning Rotary Club from 1999-2000. He helped the club achieve 100% Paul Harris Fellow designation through their participation and fundraising for an International Matching Grant. When the Morning Club disbanded in 2002, he transferred to the Muskogee Rotary Club until his induction into the Tulsa Sunrise club. Tim has also held the office of Chair for Membership Development and International Service. Tim is a Major Donor and is an Ambassador for the MSNI.

He is married to Kaia, his wife of 33+ years. Kaia is a cellist and previously played in the Fort Smith Symphony. They have 3 daughters. Tim has a heart for international mission work, having worked in East Africa, Nicaragua, and India.

It's great to have Tim continue in service on the 23-24 Leadership team! We are pleased that

## **Todd Jenkins - District Youth Exchange Chair**

Dr. Todd "Bowtie" Jenkins returns as chair of the Rotary Youth Exchange C committee and is jazzed that we are back helping youth on their life-expanding international exchanges.

Todd currently serves as a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Executive at a Fortune 100 company and as a Global Inclusion Trainer, Strategist, and Speaker with Bowtie Leadership, Inc. As a consultant, he has worked with several companies, such as Walmart, Google, Facebook, American Airlines, Deloitte, etc., oil and gas companies, small and large non-profits, and entrepreneurs.

He graduated with honors from the University of South Carolina with two degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Sociology, a Master of Science from Illinois State University, and a Doctorate from the University of Arkansas. His research area focused on minority professionals, retention, and perception of their supervisor within the workplace. He attended Harvard University to complete his post-doctorate studies as Harvard Fellow and was recently appointed to Harvard Business School as a Research Director. Also, Dr. Jenkins serves as a faculty member for the Executive Institute on Inclusion and on the Diversity Business Journal Review Board.

Dr. Jenkins is a proud Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow from the Rotary Club of Fayetteville. He has served as the former Rotaract Advisor, Interact Sponsor, RYLA presenter, Youth Services Chair, two terms on the Club Board of Directors, and graduated from his District and Zone Leadership Academy. Dr. Jenkins is currently one of the youngest Youth Exchange District Chairs in Rotary International and gained his passion





through his new generation exchange to Brazil. He has been honored and often invited to speak at various Rotary districts, zones, and international conventions. Dr. Jenkins serves on multiple boards locally and internationally in education, business, and inclusion initiatives. He proudly serves on the first Rotary International Committee- DEI Taskforce to align Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion assessment, strategy, goals, and initiatives.

Today he is known as Dr. "Bowtie Todd," who has given inspirational talks and education to audiences of all sizes and backgrounds throughout North America, Asia, South America, and Europe. Dr. Todd Jenkins is a proud husband, father, author, servant leader, and conversationalist who believes in his philosophy "bowtie" it all together, serve and simply be a gift unto the world! Dr

## **Tracy Dean - RYLA Co Chair**



Tracy Dean is returning to Co-Chair RYLA with Matt Hancock. Tracey joined the Rotary Club of Pryor in 1999 and has held the office of Sergeant of Arms, Vice-President, and President. She served as an Assistant Governor from 2009-2012 and has been the co-Chair of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) since 2012. Tracey is the behind-the-scenes force for RYLA handling administration duties of the campers from registration to cabin assignments, name badges, and camper/parent contact. She is a Paul Harris Fellow +5.

Tracey was born and raised in Tulsa, graduating from Monte Cassino High School. She attended William Woods College in Fulton, MO, obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Paralegal Studies and was a member of Chi Omega National sorority. She retired from the travel industry in 2004 when she became a "professional volunteer."

She has previously served on the Board of Directors of the Pryor Area Arts & Humanities Council, Rogers State University Foundation, Thunderbird Youth Academy, and the Pryor Area Chamber of Commerce, where she graduated from the Mayes County Leadership Academy. She has served on the Board of Governors of the Oliver Dewey Mayor Foundation and is a member of Monday Forum (General Federation of Women's Club) where she served as President. She serves on the City of Pryor Hotel/Motel Tax Board. For her volunteer efforts, Tracey received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Pryor Area Chamber of Commerce, and Citizen of the Year from the Pryor Sertoma Club. Tracey and Gary, her Rotarian husband of 30 years, enjoy traveling, cooking, gardening, and opening their swimming pool to the neighborhood kids.

## **Vicki Lombari - staff administrative assistant - Youth Exchange Committee**

Vicki Lombari is the staff administrative assistant to the District 6110 Youth Exchange Committee and a member of that committee. She has lost track of how many times she has been introduced as the "glue" that holds the team together, and as the "institutional memory" of the district YE committee. Along the way, she became an honorary member of the Fayetteville Rotary Club and was honored with a Paul Harris Fellow from that club. Her vocation is teaching and writing. No matter what job she has held, the job eventually morphs to include teaching and writing. A creative thinker and compassionate listener, Vicki has served as an assistant at BatchMaster, a software company, the D6110 YE Committee, and, more



recently, the Joyful Healing Center.

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

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

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

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

## **Wallace Williams - Resolutions Committee Chair**



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

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

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

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

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

He has held several leadership positions with the Mid-America PETS organization.

Wallace's love for Rotary has inspired him to attend every RI convention since 2001. He says that he looks forward to meeting and interacting with fellow Rotarians from around the world. Wallace and his wife Anne have been married for 52 years and have two adult sons, one daughter-in-law, and a grandson.

## **Wally Bloss - AG, Public Image Chair**

Wally Bloss returns as an Assistant Governor and continues doing Public Image work for our district and Zone 31.

Wally spent most of his career managing non-profits; the last 20 years in the arts. In St Joseph, MO, Wally ran the Allied Arts Council and joined Rotary Club #32 – and later became President. He moved to Logan, Utah to run an Arts Council with an 1100-seat theatre, where he later received the Governor's Leadership in the Arts Award. He joined the Logan Rotary Club and became President



there. He was the District 5420 Scholarship chair and assisted with the 2011 RI Convention in Salt Lake City. In 2013, he retired to Joplin, MO, and in a few years became President of that Rotary Club. In his "retirement," he has chaired and served on several local and state arts organizations' boards, did a 3-year volunteer gig at a KRPS public radio, and performed with his wife, Leecia, in community theatre.

Wally is a graduate of the District Leadership Academy and will continue as Admin of the District 6110 Facebook page, District Newsletter Editor, and the District Public Image Chair. He continues as an Assistant Regional Public Image Coordinator (ARPIC) for Zone 31 with responsibilities for four districts. He was awarded "District Rotarian of the Year" in 2022. He is pleased to again be an Assistant Governor for the Aurora, Neosho, Carthage, Joplin Daybreak, and Mt Vernon Rotary Clubs.

He has been bugging leadership for bios and pix, then posting them for this project. He and his wife, Leecia, are multiple Paul Harris Fellows. He also wonders who reads this, and will award \$25 PHF funds to the 2nd person who mentions this to him.

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



## Warren Lovinger - District Governor Elect



Warren Lovinger became the Governor Elect of District 6110 on July 1, 2023, and will serve as Governor in 2024-2025. Warren has been a Rotarian for over 42 years—having joined the Nevada, Missouri Rotary Club in 1980, soon after moving to that community. He grew up in Warrensburg, Missouri, graduated from Central Missouri State University, went on to the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland, and then completed a Residency at Barnes Hospital of St Louis, Missouri. Warren met Marilyn Ratzlaff in St Louis, at the church where they were both members, and they were married in 1979. After moving to Nevada, Missouri, they were blessed with four children. Three are now practicing physicians in Missouri, while the fourth lives in

Switzerland. Seven (soon to be eight) grandchildren provide great joy to the senior Lovingers. Their other interests include gardening, growing pecan trees, travel, and community service.

Warren served twice as President of the Nevada Rotary Club, where Marilyn is also a member. They believe in the importance of stewardship and recently became members of the Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society. Warren completed the District 6110



Leadership Academy in 2021 and recently served as Assistant Governor in Missouri. His community involvement in Nevada has included 18 years on the Board of Education, co-founder of the Osage Prairie YMCA, youth sports coaching, and serving as a Presbyterian Elder. He has been a "Citizen of the Year". Most recently, the Lovinger family has been promoting economic development in their region.

Warren practiced Internal Medicine for 40 years in Nevada—providing outpatient, inpatient, consultative, and long-term care services. He served in many physician leadership roles locally and at the state level—including serving as President of the Missouri State Medical Association in 2017-2018. He feels that this experience helped prepare him for the rigors of being the Governor of Rotary District 6110. He and Marilyn are excited about the opportunity to visit Rotary Clubs and the many wonderful Rotarians in our large four-state District during 2024-2025!

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