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District Governor's Newsletter: JULY 2009

Hello Club Presidents,

July marks the beginning of a new Rotary Year. I want to thank PDG Bill Bowden for a tremendous year of service. His dedication and commitment to Rotary is obvious. I can assure you he left the district in great shape. He has left a great legacy for me to follow and I only hope that I too will leave the district better when I have finished my term. Thanks PDG Bill for your service to our district!

RI President John Kenny's theme for 2009-2010 is "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands". I had a chance to meet with many clubs already through their Installation Banquets and I have started my official visits. I can assure you, the future of Rotary in District 5750 is in great hands. I am very proud of our district. The commitment to Rotary is apparent and the willingness to serve abounds. Everyone has been very supportive and welcoming. I am looking forward to meeting with each one of you during the coming year.



We have a lot of things planned for this year. The first thing that will be changing is our District Website. The web address will remain the same: www.district5750.org but the format will be a little different. Starting in July, I want every club to report their attendance on the new website. This will be different than we have done in the past and I will get the details to each club president and secretary in the coming days. To make the website work more efficiently, I am asking that each club secretary sign onto the new website and update every member's email address. Once that is completed, communication in our district will improve tremendously. So for the next few weeks, I am asking that each club take the time to learn about the website and help make this a success. Please be patient. As with anything new, there is a learning curve, but worth the perseverance. More will be coming later on the website.

The Foundation Seminar is scheduled on August 8, 2009 at the Steed Center at Rose State College. I encourage every club officer, but especially the club Foundation Chair and the Club President to attend. The conference is designed to inform everyone about the Foundation and exactly how to apply for Matching Grants and District Simplified Grants. (CONT.)

PRESIDENT TAMIE BABB'S LETTER CONTINUED:

We have over \$18,000.00 this year to use for District Simplified Grants right in our own communities. During the conference you will learn about the great work done around the world through the Foundation. Please mark your calendars and I'll see you there. You will be able to register on-line through our district website.

Now is the time to submit nominations for District Governor who will serve in the 2012-2013 Rotary year. Please identify qualified candidates in your clubs and submit the application to PDG Bill Bowden. I will put the application on the district website or you can download it at www.rotary.org.

As I stated earlier, I have started my official visits for this year. I will put my Official Visit schedule on the website. I have already visited Perry and Billings. Both clubs are very active in their communities and I had a great time meeting with their members. I am looking forward to visiting Kingfisher, Cleveland and Alva this month. Guthrie is scheduled the first week in August. What a fantastic opportunity to travel around this great state and visit with fellow Rotarians! I am looking forward to every visit!

Remember,

"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"

DG Tamie Babb

DG TAMIE'S CLUB VISIT SCHEDULE IS LISTED AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

DISTRICT NEWS:

2009-2010 DISTRICT CONFERENCE: FROM DGE TAMME BABB -
SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT DISTRICT CONFERENCE:
April 30-May 1, 2010 in OKC at the Sheraton Hotel.
Check www.rotary5750.org for more information.

THE FOUNDATION SEMINAR: The Foundation Seminar will be held on Saturday, August 8 at the Steed Center on the campus of Rose State. 8:30 - 1:00; \$15.00 per person. To learn more, [click here](#). To register, [click here and log in](#).

ZONE GOVERNOR ELECT TRAINING CONFERENCE: Oklahoma City will host the Zone Governor Elect Training Conference **September 29 through October 3 at the Sheraton** in downtown OKC. We need some volunteers to greet the attendees as they arrive at the airport, as well as several people willing to transport guests from the airport to the Sheraton on Tuesday, September 29. The 400 visitors will receive goody bags. Please be thinking about items you can donate to include. If you can help with either one of those projects, please contact Michelle Schaefer at michelle@michelleschaefer.com.

ALL CLUB LUNCHEON: Also, put **Friday, October 2** on your calendar to attend the All Club luncheon at the Sheraton. The cost will be \$16.

INTERACT CLUBS: Marty Postic is encouraging district members to talk to their local schools about forming Interact Clubs for next year so that the framework is in place when the school resumes in August. Generally, the start up costs for the Interact Club is paid for by your club (banners, pins, badges, etc.). Says DGE Marty: "So where can you get 'more energetic hands for service'? INTERACT! How can you 'create a process for long-range membership growth'? INTERACT! How can you 'affect the lives of young people around the world'? INTERACT." Please contact him for more information. He is available to help in any way. You may contact him at 405-691-5080 or by e-mail at posticm@posticbates.com.



COMMITTEE NEWS:

Please check the home page of the website for the new committee members & club officers. You'll find them listed in the directory. I've linked it to the home page.

WINGS 2009 PRESS RELEASE: Oklahoma Students to Visit Japan as Rotary Ambassadors

OKLAHOMA CITY – For more than 25 years, high school students from Rotary International District 5750 in Oklahoma have enjoyed a unique, short-term exchange with students from Rotary District 2520 in Iwate, Japan. Hundreds of young people from both countries have crossed the Pacific Ocean to experience life in another country. The 2009 group, led by team leaders and Midwest City Rotarians Cliff Pope and Ed Miller, includes a dozen selected students, one of the largest envoys to date. The team will visit Japan July 21 through August 4.

Oklahoma students selected include Harrison Fulkerson, Norman; Matthew Kessler, Choctaw; Laura Miller, Midwest City; Jade Owen, Oklahoma City; Taylor Szymanski and Troy Szymanski, Edmond; Sally Rauh, Edmond; Leigh Smith, Oklahoma City; Josephine Wiggins, Terlton; Megan Wall, Oklahoma City; and Mark Zachery; Oklahoma City. Augustus Miller, Dallas, rounds out the student ambassador team.

In addition to Tokyo, Miller said the students will visit the Japanese cities of Shiroish, Kakuda, Hiogama, Osaki, Kurihara, Ishinomaki and Sendai. The students will be hosted by Japanese Rotarian families, spending one or more nights in several different communities. The Rotarians there will provide tours and sightseeing excursions, along with special events, parties, festivals, and banquets.

"The Japanese are fantastic hosts. The students will stay in their homes, taste their foods, experience their customs, view incredible sights, make lasting friendships, and even learn a few words of Japanese. It's a life-changing experience," Miller said.

Upon their return, the students will give a presentation about their experience to their local Rotary club, and may help in the student selection process for 2010. Participants must have completed at least their sophomore year of high school by the date of the exchange, and must demonstrate the ability and desire to be a good ambassador of the U.S. and its culture. Visit www.rotary5750.org for more information.



Bound for Japan. Selected Oklahoma high school students and local Rotarians will visit Japan July 21-August 4 as part of Rotary International District 5750 Wings of Rotary exchange program. The 2009 ambassadors include: (From left to right) Team Leader Cliff Pope, Megan, Sally, Matthew, Jade, Leigh, Augustus, Josephine, Mark, Laura, Harry, Taylor, and Team Leader Ed Miller. Not pictured: Troy.

Quick update: Randy Goodman is in charge of WINGS; Megan Elliott is in charge of GSE.

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WATER PROJECT COMMITTEE: PDG David Reid is again this year's chairman of The Rotary Foundation Water Project Committee. He is sending a message to all clubs in the district to see who has a water project they are passionate about. At the moment, TL Walker of the Ponca City Club has come to the table with a project in Haiti. This project would be networking with another global humanitarian organization. It could be a quite good project but before committing the district to such a project, we want to go to the clubs to see what other projects members might be interested in. If we get other ideas, we'll carefully look over each project and choose one we can promote and gain for this project throughout the district and truly change the lives of many people who need our help. If you have such an idea, please communicate it to PDG David with photos or other information to garner support for your idea. David's email address is: davidreid@cushingcitizen.com



CLUB NEWS:

Club information pages: http://rotary5750.org/html/club_information.html.

CLUB MEETING CHANGES:

BILLING ROTARY CLUB: Will now meet Thursdays at noon in the Main Street Café.

CHANDLER ROTARY CLUB: the Steer Inn restaurant in Chandler is closing on July 12th. The club has voted to now meet in the basement meeting room of the Chandler Cafe. Address is 912 Manvel St. in Chandler. Meetings will still be Friday at noon. There is parking in the back as well as a back entrance. If there is anyone else that we need to notify please let me know. Thanks. John Snider Chandler Rotary Club Secretary.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ROTARY CLUB OF EDMOND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER GOLF TOURNAMENT: The Rotary Club of Edmond will hold their annual golf tournament on **Wednesday, June 17th, 2009, at Kickingbird Golf Course, located at 1600 East Danforth in Edmond.** The cost is \$75 per player, which includes green fee, 1Z2 cart, lunch, range balls and tee prizes. Recognition and signage is provided for \$150.00 hole sponsorships. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, as well as closest to the pin, longest drive and lost of door prizes. This year there is a hole-in-one prize of a trip to Hawaii! Sign-in starts at 11:30 a.m., lunch begins at 12:00 p.m., and shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m. The proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club of Edmond Scholarship Fund which helps Edmond students. Contact Robert Gibson at 359-6880 or robert@luckinbill.com to sign up or for more information.

EAST OKLAHOMA COUNTY ROTARY TWI-NIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT: The Eastern Oklahoma county Rotary club will hold their **2nd Annual "Twi-Nite" Golf Tournament Friday, July 24 at Choctaw Creek Golf Course on Hiwassee between NE 10th and NE 23rd St.** Format: Twi-Nite - 5:30 PM T-time at Choctaw Creek Golf course for the first 9 holes; 8 PM Dinner by Old Germany; 9:30 PM T-time for the 2nd 9 holes Night Golf. Teams may play the first 9 holes only, the Night Golf 9 holes only or all 18 holes with

dinner in between. You must specify on the sign up sheet on the back. Four or Five person teams if the fifth is a female golfer. Cost: \$70 per player for either 9 holes plus dinner or \$100 per player for all 18 holes plus dinner. Dinner is served at 8 PM only.

Mulligans (2) and Throw (1) packages available for \$20. Also available: \$100 Hole Sponsors or \$250 Beverage Cart Sponsor. Closest to the pin prizes; long drive prizes, limited to 18 teams overall – so RSVP ASAP! The proceeds will be used to further Rotary's motto of "Service above Self." A few of the projects undertaken by the EOC Rotary, which meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Wine Cellar at Old Germany Restaurant, include a donation to the Jones Public Schools for help in rebuilding the High School; participating in the "My First Book"; awarding scholarships to graduating seniors; participating in the exchange programs Wings of Rotary for high schools juniors and the Group Study Exchange for adults under the age of forty. For more information on the club or its activities, please call Mike Turek at 390-8647. Come and be part of this new concept for a Golf Tournament! See web site home page for sign up forms.

WEST OKC ROTARY CLUB: Save the Date - **Spin Your Wheels 2009, August 8.** If you or your company is interested in sponsoring Spin Your Wheels 2009, please contact Angela Smith at ansmith@tccokc.org or (405) 470-2259. **We need your help! Host a FOOD DRIVE for Spin Your Wheels!** Collect these items:

- * Bottled water, Powerade, Gatorade, other sports drinks
- * Individually wrapped granola bars, nutritional bars, Clif Bars, Powerbars
- * Fruit - Bananas, oranges, apples (delivered by August 6 to The Children's Center)
- * Small boxes of raisins, trail mix, cookies

As you know, the Spin Your Wheels Bicycle Tour is West OKC Rotary's primary community service event. For the past 13 years (since the Tour's inception), The Children's Center www.tccokc.org in Bethany has been the beneficiary of funds. Last year, proceeds totaled \$60,000! Many local Rotary Clubs are involved in various capacities. Please go to our district website (www.rotary5750.org) for the 2009 Spin Your Wheels registration form and sponsorship form. We need VOLUNTEERS for the event so any Rotarians interested in volunteering for Spin Your Wheels may email me at hwalter@tccokc.org and via telephone at 405/470-2291. See web site home page for sign up forms.

CLUB NEWS:



DEL CITY: Here is a photo of Del City Rotarians (l to r in blue shirts: Scott Inman, Gery Walke and Lee Davis -Jerry Wooten, Jr. is not shown because he took the picture) at RYLA camp in June, with the two Del City High school students we sent to RYLA and the girl on the left who we sent to RYLA 3 years ago and who continues to return as a camp counselor.

EDMOND SUMMIT: Congratulations to Brian Blundell, Stephen Eck, Tim Wheeler and Avilla Williams - our newest Paul Harris Fellows - making Edmond Summit Rotary now a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club! Congratulations to Edmond Summit's 2008-09 Rotarian of the Year, Kayla Blount. "Always ready to serve, always first to volunteer, always willing to do whatever is necessary to help make a difference", said Club President Holly Henson. "Kayla served as club secretary, hosted our Oscar Fundraiser and new officer social, helped with the Road Rally, HOPE Center, Endeavor Games, organized our 10th Anniversary Celebration, had perfect attendance and attended most every district event - ALL in just 18 months since joining our club!" Kayla Blount is a Paul Harris Fellow and will serve as Pres-Elect this year. Congratulations, and Thank You, Kayla!



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

2009 ZONE 21 B and 27 DGE/N TRAINING AND INSTITUTE INFORMATION: Link to information on the Zone Institute that will be in OKC in 2009. <http://www.zones25-26.org/2009Institute/Index.htm> This is HUGE for our District. **This fall, Sept 29-Oct 4th at the OKC Downtown Sheraton.** All Club Luncheon at the OKC Downtown Sheraton on Friday noon, Oct 2nd. RI President Elect Ray Klingensmith of Kirkswood, MO will be the speaker. District Governor Bill is looking for sponsorships to help cover the costs of the Institute. If any of you would like to advertise and help, please send the check to him. You will be honored at the Institute.



ROTARY DISTRICT 5750 WEBSITE NEWS

Our temporary home page on the website has the new district directory for 2009-2010 and current district events. Please check it out.

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT

http://www.rotary5750.org/html/2005-2006_newsletters.html

For more, go to www.Rotary5750.org

PRESIDENT'S AND PRESIDENT-ELECT'S

BREAKFAST: 1ST FRIDAY EVERY MONTH. Courtyard at Marriott; 1515 NW Expressway; 7:45. Questions? Ask Courtney courtneyhome@cox.net

Remember: E-mail information to rotary@wheatcom.net or barbara@wheatcom.net and your website/newsletter company will receive it.

GOVERNOR'S CLUB VISIT SCHEDULE – SEE NEXT PAGE

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DATE	DAY AND TIME	CLUB
July 6	Monday Noon	Perry
July 9	Thursday Noon	Billings
July 14	Tuesday Noon	Kingfisher
July 28	Tuesday Noon	Cleveland
July 30	Thursday Noon	Alva
August 3	Monday Noon	Guthrie
August 5	Wednesday Noon	Blackwell
August 7	Friday Noon	Chandler
August 11	Tuesday Noon	Pawhuska
August 14	Friday Noon	Clinton
August 19	Wednesday 7:30 AM	Capitol
August 19	Wednesday Noon	West Oklahoma City
August 19	Wednesday 5:00 PM	Mustang
August 20	Thursday 7:00 AM	Heartland
August 24	Monday Noon	Midwest City
August 31	Monday Noon	North Oklahoma City
August 31	Monday 5:30 PM	Bricktown
September 1	Tuesday 7:00 AM	Del City
September 1	Tuesday Noon	Yukon
September 8	Tuesday Noon	Geary/Hinton
September 15	Tuesday 6:00 PM	Midtown Rotary
September 17	Thursday Noon	Cushing
September 17	Thursday 6:30 PM	East Oklahoma County
September 18	Friday Noon	South Oklahoma City
September 23	Wednesday 7:00 AM	Stillwater Centennial
September 23	Wednesday Noon	Newkirk
October 7	Wednesday Noon	Edmond
October 13	Tuesday Noon	Woodward
October 14	Wednesday Noon	Gage
October 19	Monday Noon	Enid
October 22	Thursday Noon	Stillwater Frontier
October 27	Tuesday 7:00 AM	Edmond Summit
October 27	Tuesday Noon	NW Oklahoma City
October 27	Tuesday 6:00 PM	Stillwater
November 4	Wednesday Noon	Weatherford
November 5	Thursday Noon	El Reno
November 9	Monday Noon	Ponca City
November 10	Tuesday Noon	Cherokee
November 17	Tuesday Noon	Club 29