



District 5750 News



July 2010

District Governor's Letter

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

My God, what have I gotten myself into!! This being District Governor is going to be great fun, but a lot of work. Fortunately, it will be a most successful year. Not because of me, but because of the excellent district officers/staff and, most of all, because of our club presidents and their hard working members.

We all would be remiss if we did not give out a HUGE shout-out (I love the newest political term) to PDG Tamie Babb. Dr. Babb agreed to become district governor following the tragic loss of DGE Sherry Puffett. Tamie's exceptional leadership has left a most positive mark on our district that will endure for years. She also clearly caught the attention of RI leadership and has been involved in more than one RI level project. Not only will she continue to provide great support for us as a PDG, but she has a great future at the highest levels of Rotary International.



Forrest "Butch" Freeman
District Governor

In another note in this newsletter, DGN Will Beckman talks of the upcoming Aug. 14th membership seminar in Midwest City. We, as with most districts, have our membership challenges. Attendance at this seminar will be most beneficial to all clubs. Many thanks to district trainer Art Bode for sitting up the membership and foundation seminars on Aug 14th.

Look forward to seeing each of everyone of you at your clubs and district events.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Membership & Foundation Training Seminar

This year's District Membership and Foundation Seminars will be held at Rose State College Steed Center on Saturday, August 14th. There are some excellent presenters and speakers - some known throughout the Rotary World as being the best! Great knowledge for any member of your club leadership.

This is a ultra important FREE seminar that will assist Club Presidents, Vice Presidents, and all leadership learn about some of Rotary's best aspects! Don't miss this event!!!!

Registration and refreshments will begin at 8:30 and the sessions will start at 9:00. Pre-registration by name is not required. We do request that club presidents notify Art Bode, District Trainer, by e-mail at a-bode@cox.net with the total number attending from their club so that adequate refreshments and space are available. Any questions, please feel free to call Art at 405-454-6879 or anybody in District leadership for more information.

Great opportunity for District 5750 and your Rotary Club.



GSE Team Leader Needed! District 4920, Argentina

The 2010-11 G.S.E. Committee is now accepting applications for Team Leaders and Team Members to participate in Group Study Exchange during the spring of 2011. Our outbound team will be visiting District 4920, Argentina May 8, 2011 - June 6, 2011

Any Rotarian in District 5750 is eligible to apply for this amazing opportunity. Team Leader applications are due to GSE Chair Megan Elliott by Sept. 1, 2010 and can be found on the district website.

Team Member applications are due by October 1, 2010 and can also be found on the district website. Please start spreading the word of this fantastic program!

Team Member Eligibility requirements:

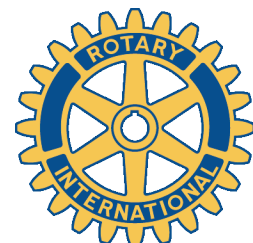
- ◆ Must be between the ages of 25 - 40 at the time of application
- ◆ Must have worked in your vocational field for at least two years by date of application
- ◆ Must be employed or reside within District 5750
- ◆ Cannot be a lineal descendant of a Rotarian
- ◆ Must be a US Citizen

If selected to take part in the 4 week exchange, Rotary covers the cost of travel to and from the host country, lodging while in the host district, travel and meals while in the district. Expenses not covered include incidentals and souvenirs.

For further information, please contact GSE Chair Megan Elliott:
melliott@acelfinancial.com
 405-590-1378

**District 4920
Argentina**

**Team Leader
applications due
Sept. 1, 2010**



Wings of Rotary

The District 5750 WINGS program is seeking students (preferable high school juniors or seniors to be in fall 2010) to be a team member to Japan for the District 5750 WINGS program. Outbound applications are due as follows:

- ◆ Team Leader: October 31, 2010
- ◆ Team Members: December 31, 2010

Cost per student: \$2200 includes airfare, train passes, lodging and meals.

All applicants will complete an interview process

- ◆ Applicants selected must attend some orientation meetings prior to departure.
- ◆ WINGS exchange students must attend at least one Rotary meeting before departure
- ◆ WINGS exchange students must learn basic phrases in Japanese such as "how are you", "thank you", "Good to meet you", "hello", "goodbye", and other similar phrases.

MUST HAVE VALID PASSPORT

For additional information or if you have any questions, please contact:

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**Team Leader
 applications due
 Oct 31, 2010**

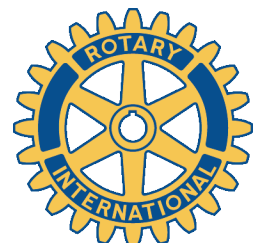
Membership

There is not an easy answer for building membership in a Rotary club. It is complex, and can be done in any number of ways, but there are a few things a club must do to grow. Primarily, your club meetings must be a meeting that people are willing to give up some of their valuable time to attend. Are your speakers interesting? This is necessary. Rotarians love to learn new things! Is the food good? How about the location; is it attractive, affordable, and easy to get to? Does your club have good fellowship, particularly with the new members?

Most Rotarians that drop out of a club do so within the first two years of their membership. Sometimes it is because they never feel like a part of the group. More times than not, they did not feel need. Make sure that your new Rotarians are attached to Rotary in a hurry. If you do not use them, you will lose them!

Do you have a Red Badge Program? Do you have a motivational new member orientation? Do you have a system to call those new members when they may miss one or two meetings? Do you have a job for them to do that will be meaningful? The most important thing that a Rotary club can do to increase membership is to talk about it! Make it a visible, regularly discussed goal, and you'll be amazed at how well your members support their membership goals.

Don't miss out on the Membership & Foundation Conference being held Saturday August 14 in Midwest City! More details will follow. Pete Snider the #1 Zone Membership Chair for the past year will be our guest speaker! Great opportunity for your club membership to hear how to make headway!



GSE Italy & Finland 2009-10

Reminder to all clubs that the GSE teams from Finland and Italy are back home and ready to share their trips with you. If you are looking for an interesting and fun program, contact the teams to schedule a visit.



Finland, District 1410
Team Leader, Jill Jones
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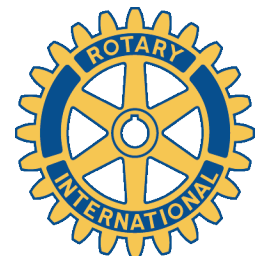
Italy, District 2080
Team Leader, Michelle Schaefer
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District Governor Visits

Upcoming club visits by DG Butch Freeman:

July 27, Tuesday noon - Cleveland
 July 29, Thursday noon - Alva
 August 3, Tuesday 7:00 a.m. - Del City
 August 4, Wednesday noon - Blackwell
 August 6, Friday noon - Chandler
 August 9, Monday noon - Guthrie
 August 10, Tuesday noon - Pawhuska
 August 13, Friday noon - Clinton
 August 18, Wednesday 7:30 a.m. - Capitol
 August 18, Wednesday noon - West Oklahoma City
 August 18, Wednesday 5:00 p.m. - Mustang
 August 19, Thursday 7:15 a.m. - Heartland
 August 20, Friday noon - South Oklahoma City
 August 23, Monday noon - Midwest City
 August 30, Monday noon - North Oklahoma City
 August 31, Tuesday noon - Yukon



CLUB NEWS

Midtown Rotary - Pay It Forward Tuesday

Join Midtown Rotary on Tuesday, August 10th at the S & B's Burger Joint. We will be the recipient of their "Pay It Forward Tuesday" and we need your help to make it a huge success! 10% of all sales that day will be donated to our club to help us with community projects.

S & B's Burger Joint
 Located inside ElectroLounge
 5929 N May Ave Ste 106
 Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Midtown will be having our meeting there that night so join us for an awesome burger (their fried green beans are amazing) and a drink!



East Oklahoma County - "Twi-Nite" Golf Tourney

The Rotary Club of East Oklahoma County presents:

The Third Annual "Twi-Nite"
 Golf Tournament
 Date: Friday August 6th, 2010

Format: Twi-Nite - 5:00 PM T-time at Choctaw Creek Golf course for the first 9 holes; 7:30 PM Dinner by Old Germany; 9:00 PM T-time for the 2nd 9 holes Night Golf. Teams will play the first 9 holes, break for the Dinner, then finish with the 9 Night Golf holes. You must specify on the sign up sheet if you are a Four or Five person team, if the fifth is a female.

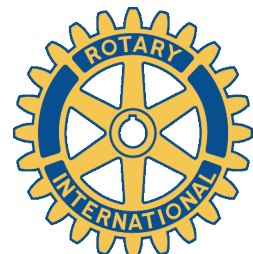
Cost:

- ◆ \$100 per player for all 18 holes plus dinner. Dinner is served at 7:30 PM only.
- ◆ Mulligans (2) and Throw (1) packages available for \$20.
- ◆ Also available: \$100 Hole Sponsors, \$250 Beverage Station Sponsor and \$250 Dinner Sponsor
- ◆ Spouses welcome for dinner at \$10 per person.

**Please RSVP for dinners when signing up for the Tourney.
 Beverage carts will be on hand throughout the tournament.**

This is one of two major Fundraisers for the Rotary Club of East Oklahoma County. All proceeds are used to support our humanitarian efforts in our local communities such as "Bikes for Kids", "Relay for Life", Scholarships, "My First Book Program", Helping in the rebuilding efforts of Jones High School, the Choctaw Firestorm Relief Effort as well as on an International scale such as the eradication of Polio World Wide. Your help is greatly appreciated! Be sure to Drink Responsibly and use a Designated Driver.

Sign up form, rules & additional information available at the end of this newsletter.



Capitol - Farewell to our Friend, Chuck Collins



Chuck Collins went to be with God on his 70th birthday, June 29, 2010. Chuck was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous for over 35 years and invested his life in helping others. He was a witty, kind and loving husband & friend. Chuck was a member of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Oklahoma NCADD, Governors Task Force on Drug & Alcohol Abuse and numerous allied and affiliations since 1975. He was a member of the Commercial Industrial Realtors, Rotary International, President of Capitol Rotary Club, Paul Harris Fellow, YMCA Board, St. James Vestry & Holy Apostle Vestry, Salvation Army Board, OKC Chamber of Commerce. He was a literacy volun-

teer and Red Cross OKC Bombing Volunteer Director Media Relations. Chuck is survived by his loving wife, Kathryn Slayter Collins of the home; in-laws, Odell & Pauline Slayter, Gary & Phyllis Slayter, Lance & Shawna Nuthman, all of Oklahoma City; cousin, Georganne Collins of Texas; and 3 nephews & 6 nieces & lots of cousins & friends. Chuck will be greatly missed by all.



East Oklahoma County - Foundation Created



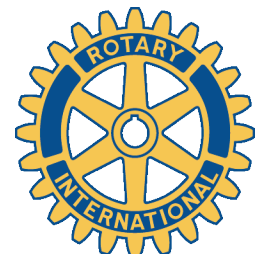
Treasurer Dwaine Penner, Past president Zeke Lay, and current president Dena Lay are presenting the first donations to the EOC Rotary Foundation. The donations were in memory of Bob and Marjorie Lay by their 3 sons, Terry Lay, David Lay and Zeke Lay. The foundation was started July 1, 2010 and will enable Rotary of EOC to further the goals of Rotary.

Edmond Summit - Kayla Blount Inducted

Kayla Blount was inducted as Edmond Summit's 13th club president when she received the gavel from the outgoing president, Aaron Bastian.

"I am very proud and honored to be serving as the new President of Edmond Summit Rotary. We just finished a wonderful year under the leadership of Aaron Bastian and I am dedicated and determined to carry on the momentum gained throughout this past year," said Ms. Blount. "In my life I have learned that no success has come without hard work, diligence and the great vision of our past leaders. My pledge is to continue to share the strengths, compassion and the great vision and mission of our club. This year I am going to encourage all of us to extend ourselves even further into the community."

Also inducted for 2010-2011 were Brian Blundell, Vice-President; Nicki Smith, Secretary; Aaron Bastian, Treasurer; and George Strecker as Sergeant at Arms.



Enid - Ambassadorial Scholar

The Rotary Club of Enid is proud to sponsor a recipient of the Ambassadorial Scholarship Award. Mr. Trey Wheeler is a graduate of Enid High School and a graduate of the 212th class from West Point Military Academy. He is commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army and was:

- ◆ Member of the West Point Parachute Team
- ◆ Academically ranked 43rd in a class of 1002 that graduated (only 76% of those that entered in the fall of 2006 completed the program)
- ◆ BS degree in Economics
- ◆ Ranked 2nd in physical fitness for the class

Trey has been awarded a \$25,000 scholarship to study abroad one year abroad in the fall of 2011. He hopes to join his fiancée in England as she is the Rhodes Scholar Valedictorian of West Point and will be attending Oxford.



Oklahoma City - Paul Harris Fellow



New Paul Harris Fellow Bradd Schwartz with PDG Bill Bowden.

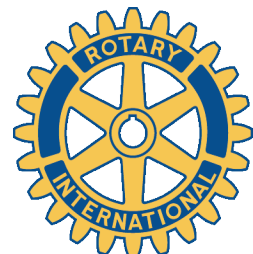
South Oklahoma City - A Successful Year

The Rotary Club of South OKC is proud as a peacock. This year our President, Brian Maughan, put together a group of members who led us to victory in increasing the membership to a record number, and thus put those kicked-back Midwest City Rotarians to work washing fire trucks.

In recap, our year was filled with projects or partnerships too lengthy to list, but three highlights were:

- ◆ Doubling our goal to the Wheelchair Foundation
- ◆ Honoring our proud men and women at the Oklahoma Veterans center in Norman by providing Christmas gifts to each one of these great Oklahomans
- ◆ Providing the Salvation Army with the most coats collected by any group or organization and helping coat-less men, women and children fight the winter cold

Our new President, Linda Carr, will start her year with a special day at her employer, BancFirst, with "Jeans for a Cause." All donations will go to Rotary Polio Eradication.



August 14, 2010
Membership & Foundation
Training Seminar

September 1, 2010
GSE Team Leader
Applications Due

September 14-19, 2010
Rotary Zones 21b-27
Zone Institute Training
Albuquerque, NM

October 1, 2010
GSE Team Member
Applications Due

April 28-30, 2011
District 5750
Conference

May 21-25, 2011
Rotary International
Convention



Weatherford - Donation to Help Local Schools

School Superintendent Bill Seitter accepts a check for \$5,390.00 from Weatherford Rotary Club President Radwan Al-Jarrah and Rotarian Torrey Curtis. The money was raised at the March 27 fundraising dinner, Rotary Serving “the Eagles,” and is intended to support the local education system with funds for additional supplies and for enrichment activities. This was one of many public service activities of the Weatherford Rotary Club this year.



Officer Installations



DG Butch Freeman installing Dena Lay as president of the Rotary Club of East Oklahoma County.

Sheri Guyse installing new Midtown Officers



Do you have exciting club news, photos or fundraising projects you'd like to share? Send in all of your information to share with the District on the website and in our monthly newsletter.

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