

District 5750 News



July 2014

District Governor's Letter

Greetings fellow Rotarians!

As I have done some talks at clubs recently, I often start by saying that I truly wish every member could be the district governor. That comment is usually met with looks of amazement and some relief that they aren't having to be the governor. Yes, it's a lot of time and work, but if every Rotarian could meet the people I've met, learned what I have learned and had the adventures that I have had through Rotary, they would be as excited as I am about this amazing opportunity for leadership in the next year.



I'm especially honored to be our district's third woman governor at the 25th anniversary of women being admitted into Rotary. I have met some of the women currently serving on the Rotary board of directors, and I think we will see a woman as the international president in the not too distant future.

One of the things a governor-elect worries about (besides "I hope I don't have to wear an ugly jacket") is "I hope they pick a good theme for me to promote." Well, not only do I love the governor's jacket, I am thrilled with Gary Huang's theme of "Light Up Rotary". As the first international president from Taiwan, his theme has a decidedly Asian flair, with Chinese lanterns and vibrant colors. He says he believes that Confucius could have been the first Rotarian, as he said "It is better to light a single candle than to sit and curse the darkness."

So, I challenge you to look around and see who you can share the light of Rotary with. I promise you some new and different ideas during this year. I look forward to hearing from you as we work together to LIGHT UP ROTARY!

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DISTRICT NEWS

Come Fly With Us

District 5750 Rotary clubs are serving as international partner or participating in five matching grant projects in Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Macedonia. You are invited to join several District Rotarians who are departing September 5th to attend project dedications in Budapest, Hungary, Cluj and Piatra Neamt, Romania and Skopje, Macedonia. OKC Rotarian Mary Jane Calvey (mjcalvey1@cox.net) plans to depart September 5th and return on the 16th. OKC Rotarian Bob Medley (bobmedley@cox.net) plans to depart September 14th and return the 25th. You are invited to join one or both Rotarians to learn firsthand the life changing result you and your fellow Rotarians make in our very small world.



Wings of Rotary



Important Rotary Insurance Information!

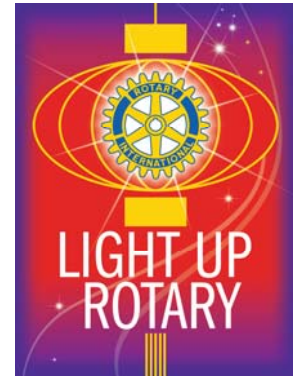
The general liability (GL) and directors & officers / employment practices liability (D&O/EPL) insurance policies provided to all U.S. Rotary Clubs & Districts have been renewed for the next Rotary year: 1 July 2014-15.

The 2014-15 certificate of insurance providing proof of GL insurance is now posted on the *Insurance Information Portal*. For events scheduled on or after 1 July 2014, U.S. Rotarians are encouraged to go to the *Insurance Information Portal* to obtain the certificate of insurance as needed. The instructions on how to complete the certificate of insurance have been updated for greater clarity.

While our annual update won't likely be sent until August/September, please note there is one important insurance coverage change relating to events with fireworks that we need help communicating to U.S. clubs within your district. Going forward, U.S. Clubs should not enter into any contract (or any other agreement) with any pyrotechnics company or any other company that detonates fireworks. **To be clear**, this does **not** impact any 2014 event with fireworks where the contract **has already been signed**. After the 4th of July weekend, RI Risk Management will be contacting clubs that **we know** have contracts with pyrotechnics companies.

Because of the high risk exposure (possibility of numerous claimants with severe injuries), our insurance companies are no longer comfortable providing coverage to clubs that sign contracts with pyrotechnics companies. However, vicarious liability coverage will continue for clubs that sponsor or are otherwise involved with events that include fireworks, so long as a different party signs the contract with the pyrotechnics company. Please note that insurance didn't and still won't apply to clubs who directly transport, deliver, store, set up, detonate, or clean up fireworks; however, the legal sale of pre-wrapped fireworks supplied by a licensed third party for fund raising purposes has been and remains covered.

If you need a certificate, please contact Michelle Schaefer at michelle@michelleschaefer.com



CLUB NEWS

East Oklahoma County - Twi-Nite Golf 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: Scholarships for High School seniors, Ready to Learn book program, Dictionaries for third graders, as well as on an international scale such as the eradication of Polio worldwide.

Format: Twi-Nite - 5:30 PM tee time at Choctaw Creek Golf course for the first 9 holes; 8:00 PM dinner by Old Germany; 9:00 PM tee time for the 2nd 9 holes Night Golf.

Teams will play the first 9 holes, break for 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, the fifth must be female. **Limited to 18 teams!**

Cost: \$100 per player for all 18 holes, which includes dinner. Dinner is served at 8:00 PM only. Mulligans (2), Throw (1) and Hole-In-One package available for \$25. Also available: \$100 Hole, \$250 Birdie, \$500 Eagle, and \$1,000 Double Eagle Sponsors

Flyer and sign up available at end of this newsletter



Edmond - New Meeting Location

Rotary Club of Edmond will have a new meeting place beginning July 16, 2014. We will meet at Mercy Edmond, 2017 West I-35 Frontage Road.



Edmond Summit - Skeet Shoot Competition

Edmond Summit has scheduled their 2014 Skeet Shoot Competition for Saturday November 1, 2014 at the Oklahoma City Gun Club. Entry fees will be \$50.00 per shooter on a 5 member team. The club is also selling tickets raffling a \$2500 Browning Citori 725 Feather O/U 12 GA shotgun to be awarded the day of the shoot.



Browning Citori 725 "Feather O/U 12 Ga.

Entry Flyer available at end of this newsletter

Perry - Benefit Golf Tournament

The Perry Rotary Club is hosting its annual golf fundraiser on Friday evening July 25, 2014 at 5:30PM. This is typically our only fundraiser of the year and the proceeds have allowed us to give away many scholarships and RYLA sponsorships, nine of them this year at \$425/kid.

9-Hole
6 Person Scramble
13 Team Limit

Friday, July 25, 2014
Perry Golf & Country Club
Registration begins at 4:30 pm, Shotgun start at 5:30 pm

Entry Fee: \$30 Per Player
(Includes Green Fee and Catered Dinner!)

Prizes:
Winning Team—\$75 Pro Shop Gift Certificate Per Team Member
Longest Drive—\$50 Pro Shop Gift Certificate
Closest To The Pin on #3 & #8—\$50 pro Shop Gift Certificate

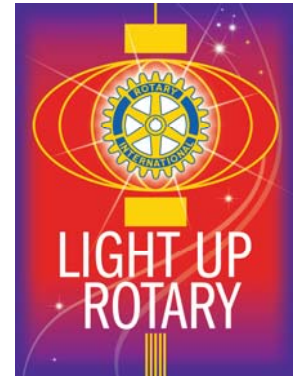
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East Oklahoma County - Scholarship Winners & Installation

The following students were awarded Scholarships from the Rotary Club of East Oklahoma County. They were recognized for their outstanding educational and leadership attributes displayed in high school.

- ◆ Dana K Wolfe, Choctaw HS
- ◆ Alexandra Sumaza, Harrah HS
- ◆ Lindsey Fijalka, Harrah HS
- ◆ Cassidy Gierhart, Choctaw HS



PDG Art Bode administers the oath of office to President Sammie Turek.

Edmond - Rotarian of the Year

Edmond Y executive director Mike Roark received the top honor from Edmond Rotary Club at its recent annual banquet -- the "George Mikesell Award" -- for demonstrating the principles of Rotary, which are truthfulness, fairness, benevolence and goodwill.

Roark was described as instrumental in bringing together the City of Edmond and the Edmond Public Schools, along with the Y, in building the recently opened Y Recreation and Aquatics Center at Mitch Park. He is a 10-year mentor for the Executive Preparatory Institute to work with current and future Y executives nationally, and has been Association of YMCA Professionals "Director of the Year" twice.

He is a Y coach and is a member of Crossings Community Church with his wife and two children, where the couple teaches Sunday School for fifth and sixth-graders. He is on the board of directors of the Edmond Character Council and is a graduate of Duncan High School and Cameron University.

Local attorney Jay Buxton was selected as the organization's new president, succeeding Daniel Chavez, local insurance representative, who remains on the Rotary Board as immediate past president.

One perfect meeting-attendance award far exceeded 12 others -- Sandy Chappell with 24 years of meeting attendance.



Edmond Summit - Peace Officer & Potluck Breakfast



Edmond Summit Rotary Club continued their tradition of honoring the law enforcement community by awarding the Peace Officer of the Quarter Award to three Oklahoma Highway Patrol Troopers for the teamwork they displayed during a traffic chase where shots from the suspect injured two of the officers. The suspect, later determined to be on a drug induced rampage, was ultimately cornered by the officers and stopped after being fatally wounded in an exchange of gunfire.



From Left to right, Trooper Christopher Bunch, Trooper Brandon Seward, Rotarian Presenter Joe Elam, Trooper Ryan Smith.

Members of Edmond Summit Rotary recently gathered to lay mulch at The Edmond Hope Center and Hopefully Yours. The mulch was put down in an effort to conserve water needed to maintain the health of trees and shrubbery around the two facilities. The crew was first bolstered by a potluck breakfast.



Cushing - Summer Reading Program

“When is the swim party?”

That is one of the first questions we get when we enroll children in the Summer Reading Program. The Rotary Club Swim Party at the Cushing Aquatic Center is the most anticipated event of the program!

The Summer Reading Program at the Cushing Library is held every summer during the month of June. The children read books at their reading level as determined by parents. Prizes are given for reading a determined number of books and children participate in the Awards Ceremony where certificates and prizes are given.

The children also have opportunities to participate in activities geared toward the yearly theme of the Summer Reading Program. This year’s theme was a western theme entitled, “Saddle Up and Read, Bookaroo!” The children experience themed nights like Wild West Night and Pioneer light as well as movies every Thursday.

All the fun culminates with the Rotary Club Swim Party, a cool, refreshing reward for the fun of reading!

So what were our totals this year? The 6-12 year olds read 1,070 books and the 3-5 year olds reading 280 books (with parental help) for a total of 1,350 books read in the month of June!



Midwest City - July 4th Flags

Four times a year, Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th and Veterans Day, the Midwest City Rotary Club places flags at 500 plus residences and business in town. It is a great source of pride for our community and a wonderful team building exercise/ fundraiser for our club!



Oklahoma City - Caring Van

Patrick Raglow, Brooke Townsend & President Robert Clements with the Caring Foundation's new van, the recipient of the 2013-14 Rotary Club 29 Project.



DISTRICT EVENTS

July 12, 2014
Club Officer & Foundation
Seminar
Steed Center
Rose State College

July 18-22, 2014
RYLA
Central OK Christian
Camp

September 9-14, 2014
Zones 21b-27 Training
Denver, Co

January 1, 2015
2015-2016 Club Officers
Due to RI

March 31, 2015
RI Presidential Citation
due to DG Schaefer

April 15, 2015
District Governor
Citations due to
DG Schaefer

June 7-10, 2015
RI Convention
Sao Paulo, Brazil

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Oklahoma City - 104th Rotary Inaugural

The Honorable Jerome A. Holmes becomes the 104th president of the Rotary Club of Oklahoma City July 1st, 2014 at a dinner held at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel. Past President Robert Clements received his past president's pin



West Oklahoma City - Farewell to a Friend



Chris Pierce was a member of the West OKC Rotary Club from the early 1980s until shortly after he retired from First Bethany Bank and Trust a few years ago. He was always the first to sign up to volunteer to help with parking for our Spin Your Wheels Bicycle Tour and always financially sponsored Spin Your Wheels. Even after he stopped his membership in West Rotary, he would send in a check to support Spin Your Wheels. His youngest son, Camden, also would volunteer for Spin Your Wheels helping in the PR office during the weeks leading up to the event. Chris held every officer position on the board of directors. He and his beloved wife, Vanessa, always were so hospitable and generous as they welcomed guests into their homes for our annual West OKC Rotary

Christmas Party. Despite his busy work and family schedule, he always made Rotary a priority and faithfully attended our Wednesday noon meetings. Chris was an active and proud member of West OKC Rotary. We will miss him dearly and have many great memories of him.