

District 5750 News



October 2014

District Governor's Letter

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Greetings fellow Rotarians!

We're all busy with our jobs, our lives and our Rotary clubs, and sometimes it's hard to step back and look at the big picture beyond our computer screens. October is Polio Awareness Month in the Rotary world, with special emphasis on October 24, World Polio Day. This is a disease that is far removed from our everyday lives, and thanks to the efforts of Rotary, it is becoming a distant memory for more and more people in endemic countries. The latest statistics show that there have been 10 cases reported in Afghanistan, compared to 14 last year and 6 in Nigeria when there were 49 last year. Unfortunately there has been a rise in reported polio cases in Pakistan, with 187 this year compared to 93 last year. But we're not giving up! At exit and entry points, permanent vaccination points are being used to reach internally displaced families as they leave their homes. While most of us are not able to actually go give vaccines, we can all help in the fight against polio by contributing to the Foundation and sharing the good news about the work that Rotary is doing to eradicate polio.



One way you can promote this message is to tune in to a live-stream global status update at 6:30 p.m. on October 24. The link is <http://ow.ly/A7OKy>. Let me know if your club plans to host a polio awareness event or fundraiser this month. Go to www.endpolio.org to download materials, letters to the editor and social media graphics. Remember that all polio donations are matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation!

Speaking of international projects, we have quite an impressive one happening in our district! Over the last few months, Hal Stevens been contacting all 38 clubs in our District to work as a team and fund a common project. This project is a Telemedicine Project located in Colombia, South America; and, it's being implemented with a foreign District that is a long term friend of Oklahoma Rotary. It is with great pride in all of the great Rotarians in our District that I am proud to say that, in doing so, we have made history! Looking as far back as the year 2000, we have never had a project where we all banded together, pooled our resources and our efforts, and supported a single project in these numbers. With the closing of funding for this project **we now have almost 80 percent of the clubs in our district participating**. That's an amazing show of teamwork and long term thinking!

Our goal with this project is to develop long term relationships with international Districts. You might ask why this is important and necessary; especially since many of the clubs who participated in our Coalition want to focus on projects in their own communities. Well, the way our Global Grants system works is that if we get foreign Clubs/Districts to fund 30% or more of a Global Grant project we can obtain matching funds from RI. These matching funds allow us to do larger projects and put in less of our own money to fund them. So, by helping to make international friendships we can develop future funding sources for projects we want to do right here in our own communities.

Our intent is to have our District, through our International Committee, help develop a...

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Governor's Message continued

...Global Grants project where we will get our international partners to help fund a coordinated project we do in each of our 38 Rotary Club communities. These individual community components of this Global Grant project will be used to raise our individual club profiles in our communities, engage our current members and attract new members. And, with your help by continuing to develop this/these international Rotary partnerships we get closer to making this goal a reality. Contact me or Hal if your club would like to be a part of this historic project!

Remember: Working together, with each contributing a little, we can accomplish a lot and Light Up Rotary!

Michelle Schaefer
2014-2015 Governor



DISTRICT NEWS

Announcement from the Governor - District Conference

Mark your calendars for the 2015 District Conference, to be held on April 16-18 at the Grand Casino and Resort in Shawnee! Anyone who knows me knows that I don't do things the way they've always been done, so I decided to do something completely different for our conference this year! We'll start with a Hawaiian luau on Thursday evening, have a fun event on Friday morning, do a service project on Friday afternoon with the Shawnee Rotary Club, have a blackjack tournament on Friday night where you can win some great prizes, and have a fun and interesting conference on Saturday! We want you to bring your family and stay at this brand new hotel, and enjoy the fun and fellowship with your fellow Rotarians! Watch for more information soon!

If you would like to help with making this a memorable conference, please let me know! We'll have fun!

World Polio Day

For World Polio Day, add your voice and spread the word that we are "this close" (99%!) to ending polio. Follow the conversation on the interactive map above. Post and tweet using #WorldPolioDay to raise your voice to support polio eradication. As supporters continue to share, the map will darken to show the global movement for ending this crippling disease.

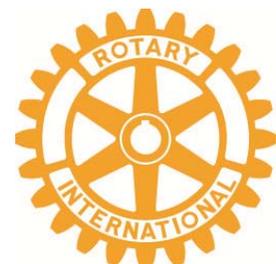
GLOBAL UPDATE

Where are we in the fight to end polio? What have we accomplished? Can we make history together? Find out on World Polio Day.

Join Rotary on World Polio Day, October 24, for a **live-streamed global status update** on the fight to end polio. Guests will include Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, celebrity ambassadors, polio survivors and special guests. Tune in at 6:30 CT to watch the live event and take part in the conversation.

If you can't join the live event, you can still be a part of this moment in history. Share your voice online, advocate to your government or create your own World Polio Day event.

Add World Polio Day to your calendar - October 24, 2014



4-Way Test Speech Contest

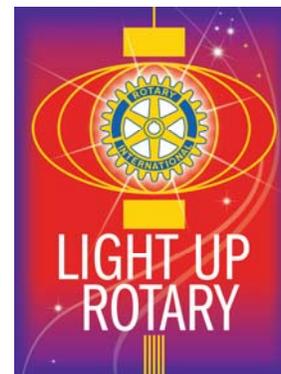
The 4-Way Test is one of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics. It asks the following four questions:

- "Of the things we think, say or do:**
- 1. Is it the Truth?**
 - 2. Is it Fair to All Concerned?**
 - 3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?**
 - 4. Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?"**

The 4-Way Test was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) and was adopted by Rotary in 1943 as a reality check for promoting high ethical standards in business, community and personal affairs.

The Video Contest:

New this year, we are seeking videos from high school students located within District 5750's boundaries of Oklahoma on how they apply the 4-Way Test. Rules and details will be on the district website soon!



District Safety Committee

Our district is committed to ensuring that we provide a safe environment for those we serve. We need to form a committee to develop district guidelines and policies for all clubs to follow regarding background checks when they are in contact with youth, handicapped, elderly and other vulnerable citizens. If you would like to help on this short-term committee, please contact Andy Lester, District Safety Officer, at alester@lldlaw.com.

Do Business with Rotarians!

Would you like to do business with Rotarians? Would you like to have Rotarians do business with you? Did you know there is a classification lookup feature on our web site? Enough questions, here are the answers! Go to www.rotary5750.org, log in or create an account if you haven't ever logged in, go to the Membership tab, then select member search. As a district, we will try to do business with Rotarians when we need to use printing, signs, banners, meeting space, etc., but we can't buy from you if we can't find you!

Show Your Rotary Pride

Are you looking for ways to show your Rotary pride!? Take a look at our District Resources page and download high res graphics to include in your emails or your social media pages such as Facebook or Twitter.



CLUB NEWS

Chandler - Shotgun Raffle

Chandler Rotary Club 2014 Raffle Shotgun: **New Beretta Outlander-A300, 12ga. Shotgun Semiautomatic, 28" Barrel Length, 2 3/4" or 3" shells**

Drawing will be held, October 24, 2014, at halftime of the Chandler High School football game vs. Stroud High School. You need not be present to win. You must be 18 yrs old. All proceeds go to local and international Rotary projects.

Call Kathy McCoy at (405) 258-4466 or Mike Goodman at (405) 258-1177 if you are interested in purchasing tickets.



Edmond Boulevard - Poultry for Polio!

In honor of Polio Awareness Day, Boulevard Rotary invites you to enjoy Eischen's Fried Chicken in Governor Michelle Schaefer's hometown of Okarche. Only \$12 cash per person!

Make a cash or check donation to PolioPlus and get your own **PURPLE PINKIE!**

Monday, October 20th—6 to 8 pm

For information, call Michelle Gee at 405-306-5662 or email srcs310@yahoo.com



Edmond Summit - Skeet Shoot & Raffle

Edmond Summit is making a push to get as many raffle tickets sold as possible in these last couple weeks before our Nov 1st raffle. We are also signing up teams and individuals for our annual skeet shoot at the OKC Gun Club Nov 1 from 8:00 til 1:00 with breakfast and lunch provided. If you or your family members are participating in the skeet shoot we need you to get signed up and your fee in as soon as possible to let us start getting the teams together. Sign up online at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Events/PublicRegistrationForm.aspx?accountid=2028&eid=66b2032f-25b9-4631-b114-eeb2555bc66&tid=1>

Here is a picture of the actual gun we are raffling at the skeet shoot. She is a beauty! The Browning Citori 725 Feather is a light weight field shotgun that is begging to be carried all day and built to be used for generations. The super thick, soft-but-slick butt pad assures you can shoot all day and be confident you won't need an ice pack when you get home. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50.00. Email gstreck-er@cox.net and we will get you entered for this great addition to your collection or the one gun that will do it all.



OKC Sunrise - World Polio Day

In honor of World Polio Day, which is widely recognized on October 24, the OKC Sunrise Rotary Club is having an awareness event that day where 10% of S&B Burger Joint's sales will be donated to the fight! The S&B's Burger Joint location near I-240 at 7745 S Walker Ave 73139 is the location; so come by between 11am and 2pm or 5pm till 8pm and help a good cause, learn, and even meet Oklahoma City's own charming Pamela Henry at lunch. Pam was a March of Dimes national polio poster child one year and many will remember Pam as a local TV newswoman. This event is part of Rotary's 27-year mission to eradicate the crippling childhood disease polio.

World Polio Day follows a succession of significant developments that have made 2014 one of the most important years in the history of the polio eradication initiative.

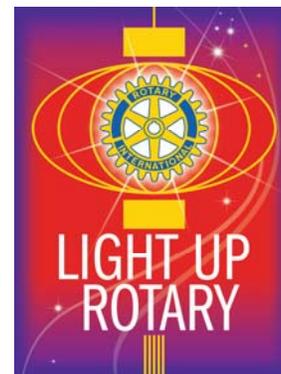
The message to world leaders is clear: support the final push to achieve eradication now while the goal has never been closer. Otherwise the world and perhaps America face the potential consequences of a new polio pandemic that could disable millions of children within a decade.

Pam Henry is no threat to anyone and if anything she is a resource and inspiration to us all, according to OKC Sunrise Rotary Club members: <http://tinyurl.com/pjf4w2p>. And, since 1985, Rotary has contributed nearly \$1.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. The disease remains endemic in three countries -- Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- although other countries remain at risk for imported cases.

"Polio is sort of the forgotten menace, and while World Peace may be hard, the end of World Polio is nearly here. So, let's see this through on October 24 so Polio IS through," says Bob Frakes, President of OKC Sunrise Rotary Club. The club meets every Thursday at 7 am at the Hampton Inn just a mile from S&B's Burger Joint. A highly infectious disease, polio causes paralysis and long term deterioration, and is sometimes fatal. As there is no cure, the best protection is prevention.

For as little as US 60 cents worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life. After much international investment and the successful engagement of over 200 countries and 20 million volunteers, polio could be the first human disease of the 21st century to be eradicated. For more information, visit endpolio.org.

So, come to S&B's Burger Joint on October 24 to meet Rotary and eat to help end Polio!



Del City - Tree Trimming



Del City Rotarians recently spent their Saturday morning tree trimming.



Edmond Summit - Peace Officer of the Quarter

Edmond Summit Rotary's Peace Officer of the Quarter award for the 3rd quarter 2014 was presented to Midwest City Police Officer; Sgt Terry Tilley

Sgt. Tilley is a school resource officer in the Midwest City School District. He has worked with Midwest City School students for 15 years, and for 12 years has directed a program to raise awareness of drunken/distracted driving. Sgt. Tilley was a paramedic for Midwest City prior to becoming a police officer. He told the club they were almost guaranteed every year around prom time to have a fatality accident involving alcohol or distracted driving. This led him to begin the in-school program. The program takes place every April around graduation and prom time. In it, students witness the results of drunk and distracted driving from start to finish.

Students who have experienced this program report it has had a lasting effect on their outlook on drinking or texting while driving. Sgt. Tilley pointed out that now; six times more accidents are related to texting or cell phones than alcohol. This is probably because the cell phone is a more constant distraction whereas exposure to alcohol may only be an occasional occurrence.

Sgt. Tilley accepted the Peace Officer of the Quarter award on behalf of his police department for allowing him to put on this program every year. The department feels that if just one person in the audience decides not get behind the wheel of a car while impaired, possibly saving a life, then it is worth it. Keep up the great work Officer Tilly and Midwest City!



Edmond Summit - Mobile Meals & Orvis Risner



Edmond Summit Rotary presented a check for \$1000.00 to Piper Riggs at Edmond Mobile Meals Friday September 12th. Contributions from donations from "happy dollars" and a generous donation from an Edmond Summit Rotarian will make it possible for Mobile Meals to provide meals for over 300 individuals. Edmond Summit was also recognized as an EDfest Festival donor at this year's EDfest held October 3rd in downtown

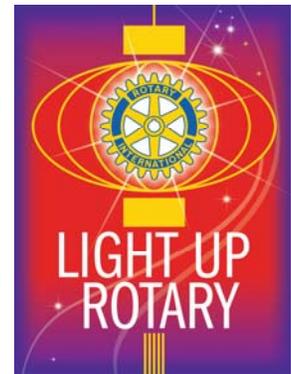
Edmond. Volunteers from Edmond Summit also provide approximately 150 man-hours of service annually delivering Mobile Meals.

Sept 3rd, Edmond Summit Rotarians Julie Hovis and Suzy Thrash delivered a shipment of books to Edmond's Orvis Risner Elementary School. Dana Whitcomb, the media aide was there to receive them. The school was very appreciative of the excellent addition to their library. Edmond Summit donates a book each week in honor of the speaker for that week. Over 200 books have been donated to Edmond schools through this program.



Midwest City - Dictionary Project

The Midwest City Rotary Club recently completed a Dictionary Project for all 3rd Graders in town. A total of 1,302 Dictionaries were given to area students. Each child's name was printed in the Dictionary and was personally presented by our Rotarians. Dictionaries were delivered to the following elementary schools : Ridgecrest, Christian Heritage, Barnes, Schwartz, Midwest City, Soldier Creek, Crooked Oak, Steed, St Phillip Neri Cleveland Bailey Life Christian Country Estates Oak Dale Spencer and Good Shepard Lutheran. Big smiles abounded by both students and Rotarians!



Oklahoma City - Gift of Life Dedication

Club 29 Rotarians Larry Stone & Bob Medley attended the "Gift of Life" project Dedication in Budapest, Hungary.. Bob is pictured with the president of the Budapest Hungary Rotary Club, Dr. Katalin Gero, and Olga, a little girl who has benefitted from medical treatment she received at the Children's Hospital in Budapest. The Gift of Life project involves bringing children with health issues requiring heart surgery to Children's Hospital in Budapest for the necessary treatment. These children are from Hungarian speaking areas outside Hungary (Romania, Serbia and Ukraine) where this type of surgery is not available.



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

March 5-7, 2015
President-Elect Training
(PETS)
Stillwater, OK

March 31, 2015
RI Presidential Citation
due to DG Schaefer

April 15, 2015
District Governor
Citations due to
DG Schaefer

April 16-18, 2015
District Conference
Grand Casino
Shawnee, OK

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

South Oklahoma City - Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon

Planning has begun for the SOKC Rotary Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon November 7 at the incredible Vast restaurant at the Devon Tower Downtown.

The Rotary Club of South Oklahoma city has hosted a smaller, more intimate Veteran's Day luncheon for many years. Now, we're taking it to the next level. But we cannot do it alone. The success of this inaugural event will be credited, in large part, to our sponsors who lend their name and financial support to it.

But what a great cause!

We are excited to announce that a full 100 PERCENT of the profits from this event will go to the Veteran's Center in Norman (which serves all of central Oklahoma), and will help provide programs and purchase items to enhance the lives of the heroes that served our country. Many of the veterans the center serves have little or no family support.

A full list of sponsorship opportunities follow this newsletter, as well as information regarding tickets and table reservations. For additional information or to purchase a sponsorship please contact the following:

Jack Werner, PhD 405-412-786 or Chasity Oen 405-366-3296 coen@bankfab.com

Whether it's a premier Medal of Honor package, or centerpiece sponsor, we invite you to consider participation at some level. Not only will you be supporting a great cause, you'll also enjoy hearing from our Guest Speaker noted author and U.S. Army Linguist Kayla Williams. Plus military-themed entertainment, a special presentation of our flag colors, recognition to military supporters in our community, and more.

We look forward to seeing you at the inaugural Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon on November 7.

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2014 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Medal of Honor \$7,500

- (2) Reserved front row tables of 10 at event
- Prominent placement on all pre-event promotional materials
- Placement on SOKC Rotary web page and social media related to event
- Placement on any signage at event
- Prominent placement/recognition in event program
- Logo placement on sponsor slide, on screen at the event
- Mention at beginning of luncheon
- Presentation of honorary veteran's supporter award during luncheon
- Program speaking opportunity at upcoming SOKC Rotary meeting
- (4) Signed copies of Kayla Williams' book

Silver Star \$5,000

- (2) Reserved VIP tables of 10 at event
- Logo placement on all pre-event promotional materials
- Logo placement on SOKC Rotary web page and social media related to event
- Logo placement on any signage at event
- Recognition in event program
- Logo placement on sponsor slide, on screen at the event
- Mention at beginning of luncheon
- (2) Signed copy of Kayla Williams' book

Call of Duty \$2,500

- (2) Reserved tables of 10 at event
- Recognition in pre-event promotional materials
- Recognition on SOKC Rotary web page and social media related to event
- Recognition in event program
- Recognition on sponsor slide, on screen at the event
- (1) Signed copy of Kayla Williams' book

MIA-POW Missing Man Table Sponsor (5 available) \$500

- (2) Single Tickets

Centerpiece Sponsor (2 available) \$750

- (2) Single Tickets

Reserved Table \$1,250

Single Tickets \$100

For more information or purchase a sponsorship contact:

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Nov. 7, 2014
11:30am - 1pm

VAST Restaurant
Devon Tower

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