

District 5750 News

February 2015

District Governor's Letter

Greetings fellow Rotarians!

There's a LOT going on in the district this month!

- If you are going to be your club's president, be sure you register to come to PETS. It will be back in Stillwater on March 6 and 7. Register at the link on the left of the home page.
- You can also register to go to Foundation Grants training on March 7, also in Stillwater.
- The Bi-District Foundation Banquet will be March 21 at the Postal Training Center in Norman. If you are a Sustaining Member, which means you have donated \$100 to the foundation this year, the tickets are \$60 per person. If you have earned your first or your next level of foundation giving, then you will be recognized at the banquet. Register at the link on the left of the home page.
- Club presidents, be looking at your Presidential Citation and Governor's Citation forms. They are both due by March 31. Submit the Presidential Citation to RI and the Governor's Citation to me.
- And of course, our new FUN district conference will be April 16-18 at the Grand Casino Resort in Shawnee! Register at... well, you know. Or you can print out a registration form and mail it in with a payment. In researching other district conferences, I found the cost is anywhere from \$200 to \$500 per person. Ours is... FREE to active Rotarians, and there is a very low ticket cost for a few events for guests.



Here are the activities for the district conference. Please let us know which ones you can attend so we can plan for food. We also have some needs, which are listed.

- If you plan to stay at the hotel (and we hope you do, we have to commit to a minimum number of rooms!) we have negotiated a discounted rate of \$99 for a luxury room and \$129 for a suite. All rooms have 42" flat screen TVs, iPads for access to all hotel services and gaming, a relaxing lounge chair and high-speed internet access. Go to www.grandresortok.com or call 405-964-7777 and use the promo code 150514ROTA. Cutoff date is April 3.
- **Hawaiian Luau: Thursday April 16 - 6 p.m.** Break out the flowery shirts and grass skirts and join your fellow Rotarians for food and fellowship by the pool cabana at the Grand Casino Resort.
- **Mini Golf Tournament: Friday, April 17 - 8:30 a.m.** Putting for Polio. Teams of 2 or 4, prize for the best costume! You just THINK you know how to play miniature golf, just wait until you see THIS golf course! At the Firelake Grand Mini Putt, 1702 S. Gordon Cooper. No charge to enter, but bring some cash because there will be lots of opportunities to make donations to Polio Plus! Want to make things REALLY fun? Have a team costume! (NOTE: We have \$25 sponsorships available for the various holes. You will have a sign at the hole, and you or someone from your company can staff the hole. We also need some prizes donated for the winners.)
- **All Club Luncheon: Friday, April 17 - 11:30 a.m.** Hear local newscasting pioneer and life-long polio patient PAM HENRY as our speaker for lunch. You can also meet Pam afterwards and get her autograph on a commemorative WKY promotional photo. We will also honor our deceased Rotarians at this event. (NOTE: Please send a photo and short Rotary bio of any club members who have passed away since May 2014 to michelle@michelleschaefer.com.) \$10 charge for non-Rotarian guests

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District Governor message continued...

- **Service Project: Friday, April 17 - 2 p.m.** A joint service project with our friends in the Shawnee Rotary Clubs! Change into your working duds, we'll travel down the road to Bethel Acres and volunteer to help repair damage from the 2013 tornadoes at the One Day Ranch, a no kill non-profit animal rescue, therapy, and education center. There will be a variety of tasks for all skill sets.
- **Blackjack Party: Friday, April 17 - 7 p.m.** Whether you're an experienced player or can't count to 21 without taking off your socks, come have fun at our Blackjack Party! You can use your "Rotary Bucks" to bid on great prizes! Tasty Barbeque buffet included. \$20 charge for non-Rotarian guests. (NOTE: We need donations for prizes which can be purchased with tickets won playing blackjack. We need small donations such as gift cards to larger prizes such as experiences and adventures.)
- **Past District Governor Breakfast: Saturday, April 18 - 7:30 a.m.** Private breakfast for our honored Past and Future District Governors.
- **Morning Plenary Sessions: Saturday, April 18 - 9:00 a.m.** See what is happening in our district, and hear from our President's Representative. (NOTE: We have some time to fill, let me know what YOU want to hear about or if you've heard an amazing speaker this year!)
- **Awards Luncheon: Saturday, April 18 - 11:30 a.m.** Hear speaker Trey Bowden tell us how to "Be a Giver" in our Rotary service. Then be there to pick up your club's awards for Governor's Citation, Club of the Year, and Rotarian of the Year. We will also recognize 25 years of Women in Rotary. And meet the next Governor! \$10 charge for non-Rotarian guests
- **Afternoon Plenary Sessions: Saturday, April 18 - 1:30 p.m.** Learn about the latest membership trends and work with other members to gather ideas to increase the membership in YOUR club!
- **Dinner with the Governor and Guests: Saturday, April 18 - 6 p.m.** Join Governor Michelle and other conference guests for dinner (pay your own) at one of the dining venues inside the Grand Casino.
- We'll also have a poker run during the conference; every conference event you attend earns a card, at the end of the conference there will be a prize for the best hand!

As you can see there are many moving parts to the district conference, and I would happily give away a few small jobs in the upcoming weeks. Let me know if you can help!

Michelle Schaefer
2014-2015 Governor
District 5750



DISTRICT NEWS

PETS 2015

You are invited to attend a fun, fact-filled training seminar guaranteed to bring you success during your year as President. All Presidents-Elect for 2015-16 are required to attend this seminar and Presidents-Elect-Elect are encourage to attend as well. For more information and registration, please visit the District website at www.rotary5750.org.

PETS
March 6-7

ConocoPhillips Alumni Center
Oklahoma State University
Stillwater, OK



Grants Certification Training Seminar

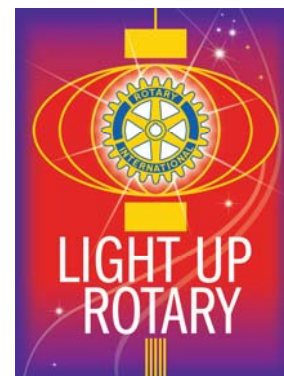
A special session on Grants Management, in conjunction with the Presidents Elect Training, will take place as part of the Certification Process for Rotary Clubs in District 5750 that want to participate in ANY Rotary Foundation Grant – District Grant or Global Grant. For the Rotary year 2015-16.

District Grants are much like the District Simplified Grant, but more flexible. Global Grants are like Matching Grants, but bigger and more elaborate in scope and life cycle. Unlike the current grant system where The Foundation handles processing and funds disbursement, the new Grant Model makes Clubs and the District responsible for almost all aspects of the grant, from planning to oversight to completion.

Hence, the need to specific and detailed training of everyone involved in the Grant Process. In order to be certified as eligible to participate in Grants, a Club **MUST** have TWO members attend an official Grants Management Seminar. The first Seminar will be held on Saturday morning, March 7, 2015. The seminar will last ½ day and be completed by noon.

Register online at www.Rotary5750.org

Presidents-Elect, this is included in your PETS Registration.



Bi-District Foundation Banquet

Don't miss the opportunity to attend the annual Bi-District Foundation Banquet. We will be joined by special guest Kalyan Banerjee, Past President of Rotary International and current Trustee of the Rotary Foundation as well as Ron Burton, Past President of Rotary International. Registration is available on the district website at www.rotary5750.org. Deadline for registrations is March 13th so don't wait!

Saturday, March 21, 2015—6:00 PM

NCED Conference Center & Hotel
2801 East State Hwy 9
Norman, OK 73071

Registration for sustaining members is \$60. Non-sustaining members may register for \$160 (including a \$100 contribution to The Rotary Foundation). All spouses or guests are welcome to join at a cost of \$60 each.

Presidential Citation & District Governor Citations

Club presidents, be looking at your Presidential Citation and Governor's Citation forms. They are both due by March 31 to District Governor Michelle Schaefer. Both forms are available on the District website in the left side calendar.



District Conference 2015

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!



Registration and a full schedule of activities is available on the District website. Register now to save your spot for this sure to be fun-filled weekend!



District 5750 Coalition STEM Project

Every club in our District has personally told me that you want to do an impactful LOCAL project. So, being responsive to the needs of our clubs, we are currently doing preliminary work to get a Global Grant which will give EVERY club that participates in our upcoming Oklahoma District 5750 Coalition STEM Project some level of matching funds. This matching could be anywhere from 10% to 100% of the funds each club commits to. The amount each club commits to will not be an open ended amount and will be limited by the ultimate size of the project. And, our goal is for this project to take place in each of our 38 local club communities!

The preliminary info I need to get started is the name of your local middle school, high school, or Vo-Tech that currently has a STEM program being offered and the name of the school Principal and/or primary contact for that program.

This Oklahoma District 5750 Coalition STEM Project will put money into your local school, raise the level of recognition of Rotary in your local community, and help fund a program that will train students for jobs that have a shortage of qualified Oklahomans. It will prepare and encourage our students to remain in Oklahoma and eventually fill high paying jobs when they graduate in the years to come. Additionally, each local school will be able to tailor their STEM products needed based on their individual local needs.

As you can imagine, This Oklahoma District 5750 Coalition STEM Project is a major undertaking that will take time and effort to develop and coordinate. So, I plan to spend a lot of time listening to each of our clubs and defining and facilitating this so you can all have something you will be proud to present to your community.

Please get with your incoming Presidents and start working on this as soon as possible since this will take us into next Rotary year.

My contact email is: hal@networkequipment.net and my cell is: (405) 210-4363



Springtime in Wine Country

Spend a week with Rotarians in Hungary; celebrating a project in Szekszard, Hungary at a maternity hospital. We will be flying into Budapest, leaving the 9th of May, arriving on the tenth. We will spend the night there and travel to Szekszard on the 11th. The Rotarians from that community will welcome us and our friends from Budapest at their Rotary meeting on the 12th. We will spend some time seeing the country-side and celebrate the project dedication on the 15th followed by a luncheon, then traveling back to Budapest on the afternoon of the 15th (about a two hour drive). There we will interact with our partner Club in Budapest City. We will spend the 16th touring beautiful Budapest, returning home on Sunday the 17th.

Approximate airfare is \$1400. Mary Jane Calvey has reserved flights through American but those who wish to use miles on other airlines are welcome to do so. Hotels will be arranged by our Rotarian friends and are usually reasonably priced. We need to know as soon as possible because there are not too many hotels available in Szekszard.

For additional information, please contact Mary Jane Calvey at mjcalvey@rwmsinc.com

An Opportunity to Help in Panama

The Scabies eradication project is gearing up for the spring efforts on 4 islands off the east coast of Panama and we need your help. March 21 and 22, March 28 and 29, April 11 and 12, April 18-19 and April 25-26th are all dates when our sister club in Panama City could use our help. We need to arrive a day or two early and fly out with the Volunteers from Panama on those weekends. It is possible that you could do two weekends, with some time to relax in Panama in between as well as visiting the Rotary Club meeting (lunch on Wednesdays).

This is somewhat short notice but flying to Panama City is easy, since they are in our time zone. Please check with Mary Jane Calvey as soon as possible to co-ordinate who will visit when. The work involves help with co-ordination, administering the medications, occluding bedding and clothing etc. This is not glamorous but it is very rewarding to know that we are helping eradicate a disease that has been a scourge to the San Blas islanders for generations. Mjcalvey@rwmsinc.com, 405-401-4443.

Rotary Expanding Innovative & Flex Club Pilot

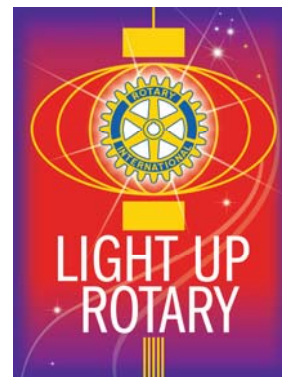
The [RI Board of Directors](#) is expanding the [Innovative and Flexible Club pilot](#) from 200 to 1,000 clubs beginning **1 July 2015 through 30 June 2017**.

The [Innovative and Flexible Club pilot](#), will evaluate the impact of various changes to meeting format, leadership structure, membership qualifications and requirements on a club's ability to sustain and increase membership, implement successful programs and service projects, and support The Rotary Foundation.

To participate in this pilot, clubs must:

- Have chartered before 30 June 2010
- Be in good financial standing
- Have at least 20 members
- Not be participating in the [2011-17 membership pilots](#)

The deadline for submitting a [pilot application form](#) is 31 March 2015. District and club officers will be notified of clubs selected to participate in June 2015.



CLUB NEWS

Chandler - Irish Stew Fundraiser

Join the Rotary Club of Chandler for their annual Irish Stew Fundraiser!

Friday, March 13, 2015 - 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
 First Christian Church, 614 Manvel Ave.
 \$7 per person

Menu:
 Great Beef Stew
 Crackers, if Cornbread is not for you
 Home-made desserts
 Iced tea, water, coffee



Guthrie - Annual Spaghetti Feed

The Guthrie Rotary Club will be holding our Annual Spaghetti Feed on Thursday, March 26 at the 1st United Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 102 E. Noble in Guthrie. We will serve from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and in the evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adult tickets are \$7.00 and children under 12 are \$3.00. Proceeds are used for local scholarships. Come join us!

Mustang - New Meeting Time

Mustang Rotary is now meeting at Noon on Tuesdays at Tax Now - 1321 E State Highway 152. Join us for a fun meeting make-up!

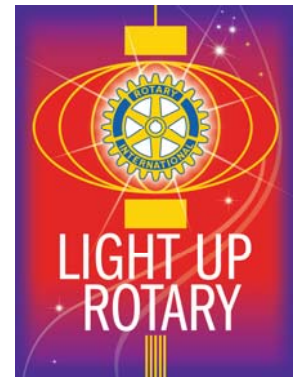
Midtown - Spelling Bee(r)

Join Midtown Rotary on February 27 at The Paramount on Film Row in downtown OKC for our Fifth Annual Spelling Bee(r)! This fundraiser combines a beer tasting with brews from local Anthem Brewery and an adult spelling bee with a \$500 grand prize. We'll also have food from The Paramount available and a great array of silent auction items. The event will start at 6pm, and spelling starts promptly at 7pm. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door. We are also offering a designated driver ticket for \$20. Check out our website at www.okcmidtownrotary.org for more information and to purchase your tickets.



Chandler - Apple Dumpling Adventure

January 22, 2015 - It was Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure for the 2nd Graders today. It's a neat way for the kids to learn about The Four-Way Test that Rotarians think, say and do.



East Oklahoma County - Mid Del Youth & Family Shelter

Past President Donna Groves, Past President Bobbie Freeman and President Sammie Turek present items to the Mid Del Youth and Family's emergency shelter. Darla Cheek accepts the personal items along with bicycles and helmets for the Shelter.

The items were purchased using club funds and a district grant.



Guthrie - Annual Spaghetti Feed

One of EOC's 2 major fundraiser's, the Valentine's Dinner, was held February 9th.



March 6-7, 2015

President-Elect Training
(PETS)
Stillwater, OK

March 7, 2015

Rotary Foundation Grant
Writing Seminar
Stillwater, OK

March 21, 2015

Bi-District Foundation
Banquet
Norman, OK

March 31, 2015

RI Presidential Citation
due to DG Schaefer

March 31, 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

Mustang - New Members

Mustang Rotary has inducted 4 new members and reinstated one new member in the past three months. The main reason for the additional membership is that the Mustang Club has gone to a lunch meeting. Things are really getting exciting in Mustang. We would also like to see guests from all over to attend a really good meeting. Remember: the more there are, the more service-oriented projects you can undertake. New members are Lyndle Smith-Realtor Broker, Scott Dean-Financial Planning, Rob Foley-Mortgage banking, and last but not least is Traci Chapman-free lance reporting.

Come by and visit!

Mustang - Club Brings Smiles to Families

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Club brings smiles to families

The Mustang Rotary Club presents a special gift to a local family of 14; club works behind the scene to help those in need

By Traci Chapman
Contributing Writer

An area family received a belated Christmas gift last week, when Mustang Rotary Club members gave them a motorized truck.

Ron Linzey is the father of 14 children, ranging in age from five months to 21 years, he said. The family were guests at the Rotary's weekly Tuesday luncheon, where they were welcomed by members and presented with the gift.

As the younger family members surrounded the motorized vehicle, Rotary President Fred Ayers told those gathered about Rotary's mission and how the gift came about. Rotary Clubs across the globe are philanthropic, working "quietly behind the scenes" to help people in need, Ayers said. Rotary spearheaded the movement to provide polio vaccinations worldwide and specialize in helping communities dig water wells and implement sanitation practices, as well as other

assistance.

"You can go to a foreign country and see a garbage truck with a big Rotary logo on it," member Karl Mengers said. "I never really realized how far-reaching it is until I saw that - Rotary helps so many people in so many places."

To achieve its goals, Rotary brings together business and professional leaders, who work as a team to identify and then implement projects that can benefit both the local community and other areas, Ayers said. Mustang Rotary currently has nine active members, who meet for lunch each Tuesday; Ayers said they hoped to increase their membership in the near future.

"We used to hold meetings in the evenings, but that was difficult for people to get to," he said. "We've switched to a lunch meeting and hope that will help with membership and attendance."

There are more than one million Rotarians across the globe, and Oklahoma City's



The Mustang Rotary Club pictured with the Linzey family. The club presented the family with a motorized vehicle as a special gift last week. *Staff photo by Traci Chapman*

chapter is the biggest in the world, Ayers said. He hopes some of the spirit of that chapter and its success in gathering members spreads to Mustang, he said.

"It's a great organization,

and we do a lot of good," Ayers said. "It's a very worthwhile investment of anyone's time."

Ron Linzey said Mustang's Rotarians had done something truly

special for his family, as his children took turns driving their new prize around the parking lot after lunch.

"We just hope you'll get as much joy out of it as we did trying to figure out what to

do with it," Ayers said.

Mustang Rotary meets from noon to 1 p.m. each Tuesday at Tax Now, located at 1321 State Highway 152. For more information, call Ayers at (405) 323-9722.