



Southeast Rotary News

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Steve says:



Greetings!

It has been a terrific start to the New Year!

Thank you for supporting the call for volunteers to the Roy Clark events of this month. Taylor Seale, of Roy Clark Productions, told me this is the first time in the many years of doing benefit concerts that the volunteers who said they would show up and help for a benefit concert...showed up! What a terrific impression of Rotary to give others! We will soon know the financial results of the events and will be presenting a check to Roy Clark Elementary School at one of weekly club meetings. Watch your Portsider for the announcement.

Membership is the lifeblood of Rotary and our club. Who do you know that you could invite to a club meeting? For the next few weeks we will be encouraging you to invite a prospective member.... more about that in another area of the newsletter.

Thank you to the officers and directors who have agreed and were approved by the club to serve during the next Rotary year. As many of you know, Joe Staires, who is serving as our President-Elect this year will be unable to serve as President next year. I know Joe was looking forward to serving the club in this role. After taking on increased responsibilities with his employer, he ultimately decided that there were not enough hours in the day to serve in the manner he had planned. Our loss is the bank's gain.

At this point in time, the nominating committee, past Presidents, including Jan Care, and I would like to hear directly from you; 1) to nominate someone for the position, or 2) to nominate yourself. The planning and preparation time for leading the club occurs in these six months of the Rotary year. It is not too late to make the decision to serve.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to serve as club President, and a little more than half the year has already been spent. Your board and your participation have made my role a complete joy. I am looking forward to what the rest of this Rotary year has in store for all of us.

Steve

Something to think about:

*You make a living by what you get,
You make a life by what you give.*

Sir Winston Churchill



District Governor Nominee Named

A. C. Moncrief of the Rotary Club of Van Buren, Arkansas was nominated by the College of Governors as our District Governor Nominee. A. C. has been a member of the Van Buren Rotary club for 10 years, the Ozark, Arkansas Rotary Club for 3 years, and the Russellville, Arkansas Rotary Club for 7 years. A. C. served as President of all three of these Rotary Clubs and was Assistant District Trainer in 1992-1993 and an Assistant Governor (District Governor's Representative) in 1993. He has extensive banking experience, is a former business owner, and has been active and in leadership roles in numerous civic organizations. A. C. will serve District 6110 as Governor in 2009-2010.

Club Administration – John Brophy, Director

Programs/Events

Jan. 30th - Dr. Harold Harder, Founder of Blessings International Ministry - set up to dispense out-of date drugs to lesser developed countries.

Feb 2-4 - South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (a.k.a. SCRYE) HOMES needed for 2/2 and VOLUNEERS NEEDED.

Feb 6th - Phil Lakin, Tulsa Community Foundation - discuss various projects in the Tulsa area

Feb 13th - Four-way Speech Contest

Feb 20th - Dr. Mike Maxwell, Docvia - discuss new methods to access your doctor online

Feb 27th - Buddy Kleemeier, Kaiser-Francis - discuss energy markets, supply & demand

Card Draw \$1,324 – 26 cards

Dues Due, Why wait?

For those who pay dues semi-annually, statements have been mailed and are due now. It may be simpler, easier, to mail your dues check. Often, one intends to bring it to a meeting ... and a meeting and another meeting. Ah heck! Just mail it.

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Service Project – Cathey Fisher, Director

Young Leavitts Give to the Wheelchair Foundation

Savannah, Olivia and Emerson Leavitt shared their bounty with the Wheelchair Foundation. Adam Leavitt's children were given a gift of cash. A life-lesson ensued as they were to apportion their blessings. In addition to giving to their church and to a family-in-need project, Savannah, Olivia and Emerson wanted to help the children who need wheelchairs. The Wheelchair Foundation is \$65 richer. We, too, have been richly blessed by their example.

SCRYE this weekend

South Central Rotary Youth Exchange is a weekend where all Rotary Exchange Students and their hosts/sponsors are invited to gather in Tulsa. This includes Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, and Texas. Student housing is needed for Friday night, 2/2. If you want to be a chaperone and spend some time with this delightful group on 2/3, volunteers are needed there also.

Nick and Sonya are hosting. Maybe you could join them in a Friday night activity?

RYLA Application Cut-off TODAY

Rotary Youth Leadership Exchange is a weekend leadership camp open to High School Juniors. Applications are measured on leadership roles and activities. Typically, SE Rotary budgets to sponsor four attendees.

Contacts: Cathey Fisher or John Brophy.

(How do you contact them? One way is to use the directory found at www.setulsarotary.org)

Four-Way Speech Contest

See Marty Roberson for details. SE Rotary has had district winners in the past. Big scholarship bucks!

Be Wise, Immunize

Bob Featherston and Jack Wimbish will be seeking volunteers soon. This is a simple event in which to participate. It is fun. It lets you also interact with other Rotarians. It does so much good.

Membership – Mike McCollough, Chairperson

\$100 Dillard's Gift Card Can Be Yours

You, of course, realize when you bring a prospective member to a meeting, you and your guest pay nothing... nada...zilch.

Now, you can come away with \$100, too. Each time you bring a prospective member to a meeting (even if it is the same visitor for multiple meetings) your name will be entered into a drawing for a gift card from Dillard's. Incentive period ends with February 27th meeting.

Thank you to Cathey Fisher and Dillard's.

RI Presidential Citation Goals and You

We are committed to increase membership each year, as just one part of the RI Presidential Citation criteria (there are about a dozen others, also). This year, Membership increase is THE area that puts this citation at risk. One cannot remember when your club did not earn this presidential distinction.

The time is NOW, and timing is important! The membership report that counts is due March 30. New members must be on board by then.

Now, think about back-tracking that 3/30 date: At least a couple of meetings to check us out... a week for the applicant to get the application completed and returned to us.... A board meeting to vote on the submission.... Sending out 7-day notices four your approval.... Induction. Where did the month go?!

Your club's goal was very conservative: net gain of one member. We need to replace some very active, genuine members, like Steve Gray. We need to recruit like-minded

people who come on board for the right reasons. We need to put our best foot forward to show them the reasons.

GOAL: 4 new members. This will give us a net increase of one member and meet our Presidential Citation requirement and make us a stronger club.

Did you see the tri-fold information sheet and business cards designed to tell our Rotary story? Tools you can use!

Public Relations – Kevin Graefe, Director

Digital Camera needed

'Anyone have a digital camera to donate? There are so many missed opportunities that could be captured for P.R., the website and newsletter. If we could just keep a digital camera with our AV equipment, then we might capture the moment more readily.

A major mega-pixel camera is not required. We would need the capability to download photos to the laptop, either with connecting cable/software or a memory card with card reader. It would need a flash and hopefully some zoom.

Many have probably upgraded to more advanced digital cameras by now. We will take your castoff.

Foundation – Scott Long, Director

Fine & Dandy

Our club's Foundation looks to our fines and card draw as two sources of funding. This Rotary year we have received \$1,513 in fines and card draw.

If one subtracts the "no visitor at the table" fines, this total seems mighty meager. See Card Draw amount above.

Have you nothing to brag about? No advertisement to make? No birthday, anniversary or divorce to celebrate? No news article published?

A fun fine might be to pay a fine to tell a story on a fellow Rotarian. Give it some thought, but give.

You Can Check Your RI Giving Record

From the Rotary.org website you may set up access to the members-only section. From this section, you may review your R.I. giving. To set up access you will need to know:

District Number: 6110

Club Number: 2495

Member Number:

Your member number, if you do not know it, is found on the address label of your Rotarian Magazine. It is the first number on the second line. Or, you can ask Scott Long.

Rotary Club of S.E. Tulsa Website – Ed Hardesty, Master

Our club's website is a valuable tool. Take a look!

www.setulsarotary.org. **The ONLY place you find a club roster** is the online pictorial directory in the Members-only section. It is passworded to limit access to your contact data.

Your ID is your first initial and last name. Until you change it, the password is portsider. Contact Scott Long, Tom Hansen, Ed Hardesty or others if you want a tour or have questions.