



Southeast Rotary News

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Care's Comments



From Our President

Wow - this past month has been very busy for our Club; involving Rotaract, the GSE Team from India, our clothing drive, many Seniors of the Month, Be Wise-Immunize at the Zoo, the Sparkle Tones from Roy Clark, District Assembly, and planning for events that haven't happened yet. Thanks are due to so many of you who have served in these important events.

In spite of all of that excellent work, many of you (at least 36 members so far) have still found the time to participate in **The First** (and probably only) **Un-ual Southeast Rotary Un-Banquet**. Thank you very much!

This part of my comments are to the other members – those of you who haven't yet made your fully tax deductible contribution to The Southeast Tulsa Rotary Foundation, Inc. Please get your check in soon, collect your "helping hand" sticker, and be counted among those Southeast Tulsa members who helped support such fine organizations as The Little Light House, Happy Hands, Roy Clark Elementary, Be Wise – Immunize Coalition, and many more! We are only asking for \$150 per member – although some members have found the means to give a little extra, which is also appreciated! Please, write the check now and either bring it to the next meeting or stick it in the mail to The Southeast Tulsa Rotary Foundation, Inc., PO Box 33025, Tulsa, OK 74153. Help us finish up this fundraiser and move on to the next project as we continue to practice the Rotary motto and this year's theme – **Service Above Self!** – Jan

TU Rotaract Chartered

Welcome to the Rotary Family. The members of the Rotary Club of Southeast Tulsa are proud to be the sponsors of the new Rotaract Club of the University of Tulsa, which was chartered February 2, 2006. The official chartering ceremony was held April 26 at the Sharp Chapel on the University of Tulsa campus.

The genesis of this club was TU freshman **Blake Martin** contacting **District Governor Ed Hardesty** about starting a Rotaract Club. Having previously started Interact Clubs and having attended RYLA both as a participant and as a leader, she was familiar with Rotary. She wanted to continue that involvement and share it with her fellow students. Blake's efforts have been impressive. Fourteen students attended the first organizational meeting; thirty-three are now on the their roster.

Ms. Martin is the club's President. The faculty advisor is Dr. Kristie Nix, wife of SE Rotarian, Kenyon Blunt.

To help celebrate their new charter, District Governor Ed Hardesty spoke to the fledgling members about the history of

both Rotary and Rotaract. **District Governor-Elect, Peggy George** was on hand to support the club. She will be their DG when they return to school in the fall.

There was a fine turnout of both Rotarians and Rotaractors to commemorate this very special occasion and we look forward to many joint efforts in both service and fellowship in the future.

The emcee/hostess/coordinator for the soiree was **President Jan**. She had help from Dr. Nix, Blake and several of our club members. Rotarians were also well represented by **Jack Wimbish, Scott Long, Cathey Fisher, Steve Curley, John Brophy, Jan and Michael** (Sunrise club) **Briggs, Price Brattin** and **Kenyon Blunt**.



President Jan with Blake Martin (with certificate) and Rotaract officers.

President-Elect Notes

2006-2007 Rotary Year Approaches

As briefly discussed, Rotary has adopted a new model for club organization. This model has proven to make clubs more successful. Each member should have a better opportunity to act upon the reasons they joined Rotary.

Ask yourself: "What is it I would really like to do in Rotary?" We'll plug you in!

Change of Horses Banquet

June 27th is the date. Renaissance Hotel is the place. You've already paid for it. It is our meeting that Tuesday.

We are extremely pleased to have our **District Governor, Ed Hardesty**, as our Keynote Speaker. Few people can present Rotary with such joy and enthusiasm. It is an honor to have our **Assistant District Governor, Glen Burnett**, as our Master of Ceremonies.

The event will transcend Club business, as we will have the unique opportunity to induct **incoming District Governor, Peggy George**. Rarely, if ever, have back-to-back District Governors hailed from the same club.

There will be recognition of the outgoing officers. The induction of the 2006-2007 Board of Directors include:

President: Steve Curley
Vice Pres./Pres. –Elect: Joe Staires
Secretary: Tom Hansen
Treasurer: Ron Phillips
Sergeant at Arms: Jack Wimbish
Director/Service Projects: Cathey Fisher
Director/Rotary Foundation/Int'l: Scott Long
Director/Club Administration: John Brophy
Director/Public Relations: Kevin Graefe
Director/Membership: Mike McCullough

District Assembly Summary

District 6110 Assembly was a terrific and informative event. While the Secretaries and Treasurers met in a separate training session, the rest of the group learned of Peggy's Goals and Objectives for the District, heard about the growth of the Dictionary Project and the excellent presentation from the GSE team from India, as well as information on membership and the foundation. A special treat was the finals of the 4 Way Speech contest, reason enough to attend. There were five terrific presentations, and the winner this year was Seth McDevitt, a senior from Sapulpa. Wrapping up the day was the business meeting and luncheon, with a wonderful presentation from Keynote Speaker, Carl Rosenbaum.

Attending from the Rotary Club of Southeast Tulsa; **Ed Hardesty - District Governor, Peggy George – District Governor Elect, Danny Mitchell – Assistant Governor, Jan Care – President, Steve Curley – President Elect, and Ron Phillips – Incoming Treasurer.**

If you have never attended a District event, please put the next one on your calendar, District Conference in Tulsa, at the Renaissance Hotel September 14th thru 17th.

Community Service

Rotaract shoe drive

Already putting Rotary Service into action, the Rotaract Club of the University of Tulsa collected 115 pairs of both new and gently used shoes. These were donated to the Salvation Army. Although your club collected 124 pairs of new shoes during the Shoes for Orphan Souls project, there were quite a few shoes contributed by several Rotarians to the Rotaract project.

Clothes/Shoes Collection Results

With visions of naked Rotarians, **Dan Alaback** rallied us to bring in apparel for Domestic Violence Intervention Services and The H.O.W. Foundation. If you were on hand for the 4/25 meeting clothing was stacked high along the walls and shoes for the Rotaract project lined another wall. What an outpouring of generosity!

DVIS is a shelter for women who suffer domestic violence. In addition to basic clothing needs, outfits suitable for job interviews are a great help, as these victims often are striking out on their own for the first time. Throughout the year, DVIS can always use toiletries like soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. These ladies and their children often arrive with little more than the shirt on their backs.

H.O.W. Foundation serves men suffering from addictions. As part of the program and to raise money, these fellows are kept

busy with odd jobs and labor. If you have tasks throughout the year, give them a call. They have a resell store for household items in Broken Arrow, 91st at 145th street.

Be Wise – Immunize results

Be Wise – Immunize, Part II was held April 22nd at the Tulsa Zoo. This project is joined by other projects: health screening, car seat safety and bicycle safety. Each family with a child receiving a vaccination was admitted to the zoo free of charge.

138 children received 388 doses of vaccine. Add that to 54 children who received 148 doses at the Week of the Young Child Event. Total: 192 children received 536 doses of vaccine.

Rotarians on hand at the zoo were: **Mark Lawrence, Scott Long Price Brattin** and Jolinda Brattin, **Jeanie Bernbaum, Peggy George, Jan Care, Dan** and Tyler **Alaback, Frank Angier, Grover Bauer, Cathey Fisher, Merle Newton, Les Clutter, Mike Shawn and Rotaract President, Blake Martin.**

Club Service

The Rotary Family

Charlie Carroll received good reports from his doctor, and we are very grateful. Unfortunately, due to family reasons, he has had to resign from our club. We will miss him!

Kit Crowe finally has a diagnosis and although it will be an ongoing problem, at least he knows what he is dealing with and can get the right medicine. He won't be able to do as much work around the club meetings as we have grown accustomed to, so be sure and pitch in when you can.

Adam Leavitt's son has been released from the hospital following a broken leg. He is in a body cast. You can imagine the struggles with a two year old in a body cast. Our prayers should be for both his son and the family.

Jon Baughman's wife, Carol, lost her mother this past week. Our deepest sympathies to them and her family.

We will also want to continue to remember:

Bob and Jan Miller as she continues to work for improvement. Bob is providing most of the care, and he needs our encouragement, too.

Reece and Dana Morrel's baby Rachel as she continues with her recovery from this most recent surgery.

Merrijean Becker with her many health issues.

If you know about other concerns (or celebrations) within our Family of Rotary, please let me know so that we can keep everyone informed and make it possible for us to express concern and offer assistance where we can. –Jan

Programs/Events

May

23rd - ORU Athletic Director, Mike Carter & Roy Clark 5th Grade Graduation Party

30th - Tulsa PD, Identity Theft

June

6th - Jimmy Caldwell, on conflict resolution

13th – **Off site** @ the Little Light House

20th - Herman Luetete, on Identity Theft

27th - Change of Horses, Renaissance Hotel

Vocational Service

Roy Clark Elementary Graduation

Tomorrow, 5/23, brings the opportunity to make a difference, one child at a time. Come join the AdoptADads for a cook out and presentations. Many hands can still pitch in. Call **John Brophy** if you have some last-minute time available. Set up to clean up will be from 11:30 to 1:30 or so, lunch at 12:30. If you can help only part of the time, that is just dandy.

Tim Airhart designed and provided Certificates of Encouragement for each 5th grader. These were signed by Teresa Kigert, Principal, Lindsay West, Ass't. Principal and President Jan. John Brophy played courier. Larry Laminate did his thing. What a super idea and thoughtful remembrance for the children!

If you are thinking of becoming an AdoptADad next year, this is an excellent opportunity to check it out!

Foundation/International Service

GSE Team – India: Great Success

The Group Study Exchange – India presentation SE Tulsa Rotary enjoyed was just a small part of a busy three days. Though we were the host club, their tour was a very coordinated effort by Rotarians throughout District 6110.

President Jan was leader and did an excellent job of planning, coordinating and follow-through. Most of all, she saw to it our guests were made welcome and honored.

Club members who pitched in to provide transportation and hospitality were **Les Clutter**, **Peggy George**, **Bill Keith**, **Scott Long** and **Ken Mayton**. **Jon Baughman** was to open his home and be a guide, but had to relent when there was an illness in his family.

The mainstays of the GSE Team's visit were **Dr. George Thyvelikakath** with wife Mary, and **Bill Lawson**, both of the Sunrise Club. They opened their homes, entertained, took the crew to dinner, and were just plain great hosts. What a gift of time and sharing! The entire party dined at India Palace as guests of the owner, **Guldeep Singh**, Rotary Club of Tulsa.

We want to recognize these hosts for their contributions: Bob Portiss with the Port of Catoosa, Mike Bartlett with Xeta Corporation, Dr. George and Ken Mayton with ORU, and Trisha Kerkstra with Renaissance Hotel. If you recall our guests' professions are: Marketing in Communications, Hotel Management, and University lecturers in Economics and Behavioral Studies. President Jan matched their vocations to their activities extremely well.

Pony up for MSNI

Medical Supplies Network is raffling off a 2006 Ford Mustang GT Convertible. (The Mustang was nicknamed *the Pony*, in its heyday). Chances are \$25 per entry, or 5 for \$100. Drawing will be September 16, at the District Conference. Entry forms and information can be found at www.msni.org.

Folio for Polio Results

"Two bit – four bits – six bits – a dollar! That's how it went as SE Tulsa Rotary turned in \$353, mostly in quarters, in support of DG Ed's Polio eradication fund raising efforts. Ed emphasizes there is still time to donate. Your club ranked 9th out of 76 clubs in District 6110.

J.B. and **G.B.** broke ranks and just wrote generous checks. (Thank you!) **Jeannie Bernbaum** hauled in about seven folders. Picture Treasurer **Jack Wimbish** hauling \$150 dollars in quarters to the bank. Now picture him wrestling with the folders to retrieve the quarters that were taped in with the security of Fort Knox. We may leave our \$200 cell phone laying around, but Lawd help us, if we would risk a quarter falling out of the folder!

Thank you Jack and club members for giving your time and money, once again.

Rotary Team to Romania Being Formed

June 10th is the deadline for four non-Rotarians and one Rotarian (leader) to apply for the Group Study Exchange to Romania. Tentative date for departure is mid-September. For more information contact **Scott Long** or **Rick Eggert**, District 6110 GSE Chair at rheggert@cox.net

Larry Laminate Open for Business – Graduation mementoes, new luggage, summer trips, family reunion favors, corporate outings, camp belongings. Order your luggage tags now!

Rotary Club of Southeast Tulsa Website

Our club's website is a valuable tool. Take a look! www.setulsarotary.org. There is news you can use, links to other Rotary sites, and Members-only section. Ed Hardesty is the Webmaster. Please send feedback and information to be posted to the site to Ed at Edwin.Hardesty@ssa.gov.

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. Directions to accessing the members-only section are in previous Newsletters - available at our site.

Check it Out!

District 6110's web site, www.r16110.org is chock full of interesting items and what is going on in the District.

Editor's Note

Southeast Rotary News is a monthly publication of the Southeast Rotary Club of Tulsa, distributed to members and posted on the Club's website the fourth Monday of each month. Please send information and articles to SE_Rotary_Publications@cox.net.

Rotary Make-up Locations

Please remember to make up meetings you have missed! Make up within 14 days before or after a missed meeting. You can make-up online, www.rotary.org, attend a Board meeting or attend a service project.

A list of area clubs may be found at the back table. For times and locations at your fingertips, there is a link on our website, and a link on the District's web site.

www.setulsarotary.org/setr/areaclubs.asp