



Southeast Rotary News

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Care's Comments

FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

This is it – my last comments. Well, probably not my last comments, but my last “Care’s Comments”. Thank you for letting me share my year as President of the wonderful Rotary Club of Southeast Tulsa with you in this way.

Last week’s Change of Horses Banquet was a celebration of the completion of one year and the beginning of another for both our Club and our District. **Steve Curley** did a wonderful job of pulling it all together, and it was a good indication of the exciting year we have to look forward to with him as President. It was great to have **Ed Hardesty** back with us after his tremendous year of service to the District! We will certainly miss Peggy George, but know that her year will be full of opportunities, as well.

Remember that spreadsheet of Member Participation in Service above Self? Soon it will say 2006-2007 and will be wiped clean. There will be people to help and service projects to complete. We’ve proven year after year that we can do great things together. So you don’t even need to wait to be asked, just “**Lead the Way!**”

President-Elect Notes

2006-2007 Rotary Year Board

As you know, 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.

There are two new, important places on the Board of Directors:

- ❖ Membership – **Mike McCullough**. In addition to helping you in recruiting members, Mike’s team has slots for tracking classifications, membership data, and Rotary Information.
- ❖ Public Relations – **Kevin Graefe**. How can we get the news of our Club’s value to be in the public eye? You can give Kevin a hand.

There is no longer an International Service board position. The activity has been moved Service Projects, a daunting committee headed by **Cathey Fisher**. If your heart (and project ideas) begins next door, across the street, across the state, or across the globe, Cathey will help you put your heart into action.

Other Board of Directors slots are: Past President – **Jan Care**, President-Elect – **Joe Staires**, Foundation – **Scott Long**, and Club Administration – **John Brophy**. More on these opportunities to serve, later.

Change of Horses Banquet

This year’s COH gala provided several significant moments that became part of your club’s history. Thank you to **Steve Curley**, our host, and **Ed Hardesty**, our uplifting Keynote Speaker.

The purpose of the occasion is to induct a new President and Board of Directors. Below, Jan is joyous in her relief while Steve takes the lectern, and mantle of President.



A rarity of unknown portions, back-to-back District Governors hail from the same club, OURS! **Ed Hardesty** inducts **Peggy George** as the new DG of District 6110.



This year’s Vocational Achievement recognition went to **Jim Mizell**. The award recognizes a Rotarian who uses their profession to exemplify the purposes of Rotary. There is a banner displayed recognizing the recipients of this award. Jim and wife, Debbie, are on the right.



Bobbie Cotten was inducted as an Honorary Rotarian by Bill Mason.



Bob Featherston, a Charter Member of Southeast Tulsa Rotary, has returned. Russ Robinson and Tom Hansen inducted him.



Membership/Attendance

Prolific – According to **Tom Hansen**, if there were a family tree in Rotary, **Jim Mizell's** "descendants" would make up over 15% of our current club roster.

Our club's attendance record YTD is 76.36%. This is very commendable. Historically, SE Tulsa hovers around 80% each year. Again, a huge *THANK YOU* to **Kit Crowe** for calling us to remind us to make up. Before to this project on several years ago, our attendance percentage was significantly less.

We will Miss You Mike

Mike Shawn is now working in Owasso. He will be a shot-in-the-arm for any club he joins. Thank you, Mike. We will try to stay wise, continuing to see the kids get their immunizations.

Identity Theft Protection

Tulsa PD spoke to us about this hot topic. One very useful way to curb your risk is mail checks from a public mailbox, not from the street. Likewise, use direct deposit when you can.

To stop those nagging credit card offers, which can turn into stolen identity, use this website to opt out of receiving unsolicited mail:

www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/alerts/optoutairt.htm

Or call 1-888-5-OPTOUT (567-8688) for more information.

To stop telemarketers, visit www.donotcall.gov, or call 1-888-382-1222. This call blocking should be renewed every 5 years.

Programs/Events

June 27th – Adam Gobbo, veteran of Iraq war

July 4th - No meeting

11th - Tulsa Thunder Soccer Team

18th - Jerry Scherer, BCBS, Healthcare issues

25th - Big Brothers and Big Sisters

Vocational Service

Clark Elementary

You, of course, have checked out the Gallery section of our website to see the exciting pictures take at the Clark Elementary 5th grade graduation

Foundation/International Service

SE Tulsa Ranks 5th in Foundation Giving

Your club was 127% of it commitment to Rotary Foundation giving. Foundation giving includes our Paul Harris donations, Polio Plus contributions, as well as committed giving as in The Paul Harris Society. There were two local clubs who are similar in size and commitment that stood out. Southside was 346% of their commitment, while Sunrise was 182%. Broken Arrow was very close to us.

Community Service

A Past on Which to Build a Future

The COH dinner also brought to mind the many Community Service projects in which you have participated. The program outlined our giving and Jan referenced the chock-full participation spreadsheet.

Club Service

The Rotary Family

Jim Kessler is battling cancer and chemotherapy. He and his family can use all the prayers you can muster.

Norm Cass is undergoing rehabilitation to recover strength caused by his hip surgery. Wife Pam says his spirits are good and he is making headway. His stay at the Country Club of Woodland Hills is underdetermined, yet hopefully will be a short one.

Rotary Family Trivia – Did you know **Jim Kessler** is **John Brophy's** father-in-law? Did you know **Norm Cass** is Rod Smith's brother-in-law?

Dues will be Due

July and January our club pays RI and the District dues. That tab is almost \$3,500. Can you say "cash flow"? Thou shall not terry in paying, OK?

Why Does One Join Rotary?

There is a website dedicated to statements from Rotarians around the world, sharing why they joined Rotary. The comments are as varied as the countries from which they come. There is a common thread. Below is an example found at www.rotaryfirst100.org/why:

Fellow Rotarians,

When I grew up as a little boy in Sweden, my father was a member of a small town Rotary Club. When I was eight, we moved to a suburb outside Stockholm. As soon as our new house was ready, it was filled with new friends, who I had never met before. They were all Rotarians and my father had transferred to the local Rotary Club of Huddinge, near Stockholm.

Since I became a Rotarian, I have experienced that Rotarians can visit any Rotary Club in the world and immediately be accepted as friends, even if we have never been there before.

There is a special bond between Rotarians everywhere in the world. We are united in Fellowship, Camaraderie and Service. Rotary's Founder Paul Harris once said:

If you have love for your fellow man in your heart, you are potential Rotarian.

Rotarians have compassion and we care for those who are less fortunate. That's why we help them in our Rotary Service.

I have found that the essence of Rotary can be summarized in the word "Service". We contribute to what is good for society. That's why I am a Rotarian.

Matts Ingemanson

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.

Check it Out!

District 6110's web site, www.ri6110.org is chock full of interesting items and what is going on in the District.