

ROTARY REPORT

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All Clubs Meeting

Our first All Clubs Meeting was well received by over 70 attendees. Rotarians gathered to share ideas and update information in order to move our clubs and district forward.

D5770 Forms eClub

Our District is forming an eClub! OK-E: the Rotary Club of Southwestern Oklahoma is recruiting members who want to get in on the ground floor. Constitution and Bylaws are under construction. Contact Membership Chair Jim Mason for details! (masonj@elkcity.com)

Satellite Booming

The Ada Sunrise Satellite group continues to grow, adding several new members this fall. Could your club reach potential Rotarians by forming a satellite in your community or one nearby? Perhaps a select group of teachers who would like to meet after school a couple of times a month to discuss service projects?



Waurika Rotary 100% PHF

Waurika Rotary is the latest club in our District to receive 100% Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Congratulations to President Carter Waid and District 5770 Foundation Chair Mike Blevins and Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator David Shirley on this outstanding achievement! See our District 5770 Facebook page for more photos from this meeting.

Ada Sunrise Fireball

Part of the crowd gathered for awards after the annual Fireball Memorial run and walk in Ada July 4, 2016.





Our Foundation turns 100 years old!

At the International Convention in June, 1917 then-President Arch Klumph proposed that Rotarians could make a difference in the world if they established a fund for that purpose. Attendees ratified his proposal, and our Foundation was born.

The Rotary Club of Kansas City has collected funds to purchase a gift for President Arch. After its purchase, the group had \$26.50 (about \$536 today) left. They made that money the first contribution to our Foundation.

To date, Rotarians around the world have collectively spent well over a billion dollars to make the world a better place for all people.

Help celebrate our Foundation by contributing an extra \$26.50 (just over 51 cents a week) to our Foundation this year. And join us in Atlanta June 10-14 for our International Convention where we'll celebrate the anniversary of our Foundation.

Shawnee, Ardmore Celebrate 100 Years of Service

The two oldest clubs in District 5770 complete 100 years of service this spring. Shawnee's anniversary is a couple of months before Ardmore's. Shawnee marks their centennial with an ambitious and appropriate public project, while Ardmore seeks to renew the spark that has kept the club going for a century.

For more details about both clubs, come to our Rotary Roundup May 19-20 at the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center in the Stonecipher School of Business at East Central University in Ada.

Wewoka, Seminole Serve Holiday Meals

Seminole County Rotarians will celebrate their holidays in service this year. Both Seminole and Wewoka Rotary Clubs serve community meals on Thanksgiving and/or Christmas Days. Rotarians will set up, serve, deliver, and clean up for anyone in their communities who cares to join in the meal. Now THAT's Service Above Self!

Ending Polio

Because one Rotarian in one club had an idea (and shared it with others who supported his dream,) we are "this close" to eradicating a disease which once crippled or killed over 350,000 people a year. As this is written, only 27 cases of Polio have been reported this year. As Bill Gates puts it, none of this would have happened without Rotary.

Rotary and its partners have immunized over 2.5 billion children. The estimated economic impact is over \$9 billion a year. The impact on those lives—and their families—is immeasurable.

Rotary and its Polio Plus Partners estimate the "end game" to assure the world is polio-free will cost around \$1.5 billion. Foundations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match contributions, and a number of other governmental and nongovernmental funding sources will help us reach our goal.

We can do this!

Council on Legislation Offers Flexibility Options for all Rotary Clubs

Every three years representatives from every Rotary District in the world come together for a week in Evanston, IL to consider proposed changes in the way Rotary operates. These changes become part of the Rotary Manual of Procedure and govern how Rotary International, Districts, and Clubs should operate. Past District Governor Glenda Thomas represented our District at the Council on Legislation last spring.

Glenda reported on the COL adoptions at our All Clubs Meeting at the Canadian Valley Technology Center in Chickasha last month. Most of the adoptions resulted from proposals submitted by Rotarians through their clubs and Districts.

The COL adopted a number of non-mandatory change options in an effort to help clubs adapt to the needs of their members and their communities. Clubs choosing to adopt any of these options should amend their bylaws to reflect those changes.

Clubs may now:

meet in person, online, for a service project, or for a social event—all may be counted as meetings.

meet weekly or at other intervals, so long as they meet at least twice a month.

disregard attendance requirements, so long as members stay current with their dues.

encourage Rotaractors to join as Rotarians (Rotaractors may now also join Rotary.)

disregard the classification system and recruit members who are in good standing in their business
OR community with a penchant to serve

Clubs are not required to adopt any of those flexibility options. Clubs may select only those options they feel are helpful.

Can these options help your club?

The COL also adopted one request from Rotary International. Dues will increase \$4 per year for three years in order to upgrade technology and software at RI. By the end of December, a new grants application tool will roll out. In January Rotarians will notice new public-facing pages at rotary.org. By the end of June, Rotary Club Central should be completely redone, enhancing both performance and presentation. Changes for 2017-18 include club and administration page improvements, which Club Secretaries, Presidents, and District Governors will much appreciate.



District 5770 is Working on...

- developing an eClub. You can help by submitting contact information for former members of your club who were good Rotarians but could no longer meet with your club. Send information to District 5770 Membership Chair Jim Mason (masonj@elkcity.org)
- meeting the Sayre Rotary challenge. Sayre has challenged all clubs to contribute \$12.50 per member to help with Louisiana Flood relief. The area hit by catastrophic flooding is the District that sent \$50,000 and drove trucks of supplies to help Moore tornado recovery.
- improving our website. Your helpful suggestions should be sent to District MIIT Chair C.E. Jones (cejones@cox.net)
- subscribing to virtual meeting software. This software will reduce or eliminate “windshield time” for members of District Committees. It will also enable bimonthly President meetings throughout the year, facilitating communication and helping further develop leadership throughout the District.
- reviving our Foundation Recognition event. We’re looking at a venue toward the center of the District and a date sometime in March. If you are interested in helping, please contact District Foundation Chair Mike Blevins (mikeblevins@cableone.net)
- improving the frequency and content of our District Newsletter. We need help contacting clubs for news items and upcoming events, as well as formatting the document. If you’re interested please contact John Richardson (john@bold-multimedia.com)
- participating in a Global Grant project. Send any leads to District Governor Bob Greenstreet (bgrnst@cableone.net)
- programs for our upcoming Rotary Roundup May 19-20 in Ada. The Roundup replaces our District Conference. Send suggestions for panels, programs, activities, and speakers to Conference Chair Nancy Thomason (nancybucks@yahoo.com)
- initiating semiannual billing for District dues beginning in July. Billing semiannually should ease cash flow for all clubs.
- helping you and your club have the best Rotary Year possible. Let us know how we can help!

Finally, a Note from the Governor

We live in divisive times. As a member of a non-political, nonsectarian organization, your focus on making our world a better place through humanitarian service and respect for all people is much appreciated. Thank you for being part of the solution as we join together to improve our world one person and one project at a time. Together we can accomplish great things.