

# ROTARY DISTRICT 5750 NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2020



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Dear Rotarians

What an extraordinary year, in so many ways! Indeed, we've experienced a time in which "connecting" has more meaning than ever before. Our world was transformed literally overnight and through the strength of Rotary fellowship we have connected...perhaps better than when our lives were uninterrupted by the virus. As we celebrate fellowship this month, let's be thankful for such a tremendous organization that helped forge the bonds with our fellow Rotarians.

I invite all Rotarians of District 5750 to attend our District Celebration Luau on June 18, 6:30 pm. We'll celebrate together and recognize the efforts of clubs and our support of the Rotary Foundation. Rotary International President, Mark Maloney will be sharing his inspiration with us, so you won't want to miss it! It will be a great hour of fellowship. Details will be sent soon; and all will be able to attend in the comfort of your home sporting your favorite luau outfit. Be sure to have your favorite luau beverage, too!

As this Rotary year comes to an end, I encourage all Rotarians to consider one last donation to the Rotary Foundation. Currently, Rotary is ~ \$14 million (only \$11.66 per Rotarian) short of our End Polio Now annual goal in which the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation matches 2 for 1. We don't want to miss out on \$100 million, do we! Oklahomans have always been very generous, and this will be... (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

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...another shining example of how Okies provide support when needed.

Speaking of the Foundation, we were awarded \$25,000 in Disaster Response; so be on the outlook for a special grant to provide food in your community. There is flexibility and details will be sent in an email to current club presidents. The deadline to submit an application is June 29, so work with your club to utilize this great opportunity and be People of Action.

Throughout this Rotary year I've had the pleasure to meet so many Rotarians in our great district; and this has been one of the most rewarding experiences. One of the most notable qualities in all of you is the loyalty you have shown for Rotary. Loyalty is what makes for great people, winning teams and our topflight Rotary organization.

President Ronald Reagan said, "You've got to give loyalty down, if you want loyalty up." Perhaps a better way of this saying this is I firmly believe that respect is earned, honesty is appreciated, love is gained, and loyalty is returned...and all of you have earned my deepest respect and loyalty.

A word that describes the impact you've had on me is grateful. I know that many people helped me along the way, from my supportive family to mentors and Rotary friends. Many people helped shape this treasured year. This experience would have been markedly different without all that valuable support. Seeing what all of you have contributed reminds me that I could never have managed alone.

It has been an exciting and thrilling year of connecting with you and I am honored to have served with you. We have Connected the World; and I look forward our new year, Rotary Opens Opportunities. I wish all my fellow District 5750 Rotary family and Angela Rickman, District Governor 2020-21 the very best. Stay Connected!

Yours in Rotary,

Lance Singleton  
District Governor 2019-2020

# Rotary



**ROTARY  
CONNECTS  
THE WORLD**



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR CALENDAR

## 2019-2020

June 18, 2020	Virtual District Luau Celebration Special Guest Speaker, RI President Mark Maloney <a href="#">Register Online Here</a>
June 20-26, 2020	Virtual Rotary International Convention <a href="https://www.riconvention.org/en">https://www.riconvention.org/en</a>
June 29, 2020	\$25,000 Disaster Response Grant Submissions Due
June 30, 2020	Presidential Citation Information due <a href="https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/rotary-citation">https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/rotary-citation</a>
July 1, 2020	Start of new Rotary year!
July 11, 2020	Virtual President Elect Training Seminar 9—11 am, Via Zoom <a href="#">Register Online Here</a>



Together, We FIGHT COVID-19

District-wide Grant Project...HAND SANITIZER for first responders

# DISTRICT 5750 NEWS

## VIRTUAL DISTRICT LUAU CELEBRATION

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Join us in celebrating our  
2019-2020 Rotary year!

June 18, 2020 | 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

**Special Guest Speaker:**  
**RI President, Mark Maloney**



[REGISTER HERE](#)

## PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR (PETS) 2020

This year we will replace our in-person PETS with virtual PETS for the first time ever! While I am disappointed we were not able to meet as planned I am excited about the opportunity to work with our incoming presidents to help them with new ways to keep clubs strong. Virtual PETS will take place on Saturday, July 11th, from 9 am to 11am. We will have a full schedule from membership, foundation, inspiration and fun and I can't wait to meet with all of you!

[REGISTER ONLINE HERE!](#)

Angela Rickman  
District Governor 2020-21



## ZOOM SUBSCRIPTION... FOR FREE!



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Attention Rotary Clubs of District 5750...the district is offering to underwrite a one-year subscription for Zoom! That's right, FREE! By subscribing to Zoom with a one-user Pro subscription you can host up to 100 members and offer a call-in number.

So, what are you waiting for?

Rotary Global Rewards offers a 20% discount for Zoom, so use this link and subscribe today!  
<https://my.rotary.org/en/member-center/rotary-global-rewards/offers#/offers/featured> or directly

to Zoom at <https://zoom.us/buy?cartid=aho9ipZnQ> (one year subscription net cost will be \$119.92!) The discount code is ZoomRotary.

Please send your receipt for the one-year subscription to Lance Singleton at [lance@lancesingleton.com](mailto:lance@lancesingleton.com) and we'll get a check mailed to you. Be sure to include a mailing address and your club name.

Let's stay engaged!



## \$25,000 DISASTER RESPONSE GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Thank you to all who supported our Hand Sanitizer Project for our first responders! Those efforts made a real difference in our communities and we are proud to be People of Action in times like these!

The reason for our communication today is that we have another great opportunity to **help those in need by way of a Disaster Response Grant** offered by Rotary International. We applied for and received \$25,000! We have formed a special committee to oversee the use of these funds, and we have some exciting opportunities for your clubs to get involved; and again, be PEOPLE OF ACTION!

We are very aware that our clubs depend on fundraisers to bolster club finances, which are then used in your communities for special projects. We know that due to COVID-19, many of the planned fundraisers have been postponed or cancelled. With this in mind, we have come up with some creative ways for you to get involved and benefit from this Disaster Grant, even if matching funds are not an option for your club.

The focus of our grant is providing **food to those in need due to COVID-19**. We have a broad range of ways to help when it comes to providing food. Below we have outlined three potential ways for your members to get involved. Please note, if your club wants to present another idea on how to get food in the hands of those in need, we are open to creative ideas that would be a best fit for your community! Keep in mind, any idea brought to the committee must include a process of invoicing for product. RI does not allow the distribution of unrestricted funds in donation form.

Potential participation opportunities include:

1. Identify a food pantry or food bank in your local area and work with them to obtain food. This option would require some level of matching funds from your club as well as an invoicing process to show the purchase of the food for the pantry.
2. Identify a Meals on Wheels, or similar program, and work with them to obtain food for their efforts. This option could require some level of matching funds, but that could be minimized if club members are willing to volunteer time to help prepare, package or deliver food for the program. This option will also require an invoicing process to show the purchase of food.
3. Host a food drive for residents in your area. This option would not require matching funds. The grant money would be distributed to your club through actual invoices for product, to secure non-perishable food, and your club would then plan and host a drive-through grocery pick-up for those in need. One of our committee members has done this recently with a church group, and we are happy to offer planning ideas to help your food drive be a success.

Again, the above are just some ideas. We want to welcome creativity and flexibility so that each community is served in the best way possible. The attached form is required for your participation. Please complete the form and **return no later than June 29, 2020**. We will then respond and determine next steps for your project.

Thank you for your willingness to serve your local communities. Rotarians of District 5750 are answering the call, and I couldn't be prouder!

Yours in Rotary,

*Lance Singleton*

District Governor 2019-2020

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## 2020 VIRTUAL ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Dear Friends,

Most all of you have heard me talk about attending a Rotary International Convention. They are amazing events! I have attended five of them and I know several others have been to conventions in the past. This year's convention was going to be in Honolulu. I will tell you that the biggest impediments to attending these amazing events are:

- Cost -- It generally costs \$300 - \$400 just to register. Hotels cost \$100 - \$300 a night. Meals are \$\$\$\$
- Time -- You will need a week just to attend the convention, not including any extra tours, etc.
- Travel -- Well... you can't DRIVE to Hawaii! Plane fare is \$\$\$\$ and do you REALLY want to travel in a plane now?

The COVID-19 crisis has allowed Rotary to evolve and offer a virtual convention, something I have pushed for more than five years. Quite frankly, I am not sure how it will work, but I invite you to participate. Traveling is great! However, this convention is FREE, and you can watch it from your bedroom, living room, or office. If you have a MyRotary login you can participate in this convention. Just go to: <https://www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu>

I have rearranged the online agenda below to only show you when all the events occur in the Central time zone. The "General Sessions" on Saturday, the 20th, and Sunday, the 21st, are just 90 minutes both mornings. The breakout sessions -- three each day on the following Monday through Friday -- are at various times, morning to evening, 8:00 a.m., noon and 6:00 p.m. Each will last 60 - 90 minutes.

Finally, keep in mind that all the sessions are being recorded so that if you miss one, you can go back to the RI website and see it later.

Let's all participate in what I believe will be the future of Rotary's Conventions!

Schedule at a glance

### **Saturday, 20 June**

General Session 1: Together, We Connect  
08:00-09:15

### **Sunday, 21 June**

General Session 2: Together, We Learn  
08:00-09:15

### **Monday, 22 June**

- 8:00 - Using Virtual Tools to Engage Members
- 12:00 - Engaging Rotary Alumni
- 18:00 - Greening Rotary Events: Be Plastic-free, Offset Carbon, and More!

### **Tuesday, 23 June**

- 8:00 - Grow Rotary Through New Club Types
- 12:00 - President-Nominee Session
- 18:00 - How to Start and Manage RAGM Micro-finance Projects/ (presented in Spanish)

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

*These Live Sessions will be recorded and made available for On Demand viewing*

Marty Postic, Jr., Past District Governor  
OKC Sunrise Rotary

### **Wednesday, 24 June**

- 8:00 - Adopt-a-River Initiative: A Rotary & UNEP Partnership Model
- 12:00 - Rotaract Elevated, Now What?
- 18:00 - Disruptive Innovation in Rotary Clubs / (presented in Spanish)

### **Thursday, 25 June**

- 8:00 - How to Submit a Great Global Grant Application
- 12:00 - President-Elect Session
- 18:00 - Digital Trends of 2021: Using Tech to Engage Millennials

### **Friday, 26 June**

- 8:00 - Engage Young Families with Service and Alternative Meetings
- 12:00 - The Rotary Brand
- 18:00 - Personal Growth Opportunities: Rotary's Alliance with Toastmasters



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2022-23 ANNOUNCED



Rotary District 5750 is pleased to announce our District Governor Nominee Designate as Deena Fisher of the Woodward Rotary Club. Deena will serve as District Governor in 2022-23.

Deena K. Fisher recently retired as the Dean of the Woodward Campus and Professor of History at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. She holds a doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Oklahoma State University and master's in Social Science Education and in School Counseling from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. In 2006, Dr. Fisher attended the "Institute for Management and Leadership in Higher Education" at Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is a contributing editor for the textbook, Oklahoma—Land of Contrast. In 2012, Fisher was inducted into the Journal Record Woman of the Year's "Circle of Excellence". She is a proud graduate of the Leadership Oklahoma Class of XXIV and has been an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma Psi Chapter for 25 years.

She serves on the Executive Board of Directors for Leadership Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits, and the Oklahoma Historical Society where she has been elected

President for a three-year term. In addition, she serves as a board member on both the Oklahoma African American Educators' Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Educators' Hall of Fame. She is an OKCEO Program Outreach Consultant Champion for the Potts Foundation in northwest Oklahoma.

In her community, she is an active board member of the United Fund, Friends of Historic Fort Supply, Plains Indians and Pioneers Museum, William S. Key Correctional Institution Citizen Advisory Board, and Woodward Industrial Foundation Advisory Board. She is a past chair of the Woodward Chamber of Commerce. In 2009, Dr. Fisher was recognized as the "Woodward Citizen of the Year".

Deena has been an active member of the Rotary Club of Woodward since 1996 where she has served as Club President twice, Vice-President and Secretary for eight years. Under her Presidency, the Rotary Club of Woodward won the Gold Chapter Award. In addition, she has chaired Membership, Club Service and International program committees. She served four terms as an Assistant District Governor for Rotary District 5750, and served on several committees including District Governor selection, District Vocational Education, District 4-Way Test Judge, and participated in the District Rotary Leadership Institute. She received the "Light of Rotary" District Award in 2014-2015. Deena is sustaining member and a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. She says that it is the philosophy of Rotary that means the most to her as a Rotarian. This is followed closely with the deep bonding of Rotary friends she has met over the years.

Most importantly, she has five grandchildren who are the sunshine in her life.



## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION—CHANGES TO GLOBAL GRANT MATCH

An important change is being implemented to global grant funding for 2020-21.

The global grant program has been very successful and has grown at an incredible pace since its launch in 2013. This growth, however, means that we expect the demand for global grants to dramatically exceed the capacity of the World Fund.

The  
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Foundation



Because of this, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have decided that World Fund resources will be used to match only District Designated Fund (DDF) contributions. This match will remain at 100 percent. The match on cash contributions to grants will be eliminated, effective 1 July 2020. Global grant applications that have been submitted but not yet approved on 1 July will still receive the World Fund match for cash contributions.

Contributions to the Annual Fund are invested to produce DDF and the World Fund. Cash contributions in support of a grant do not. By supporting the Annual Fund, members can ensure a steady supply of both DDF and World Fund resources for the global grant projects that change people's lives.

In addition, due to the incredible efforts of Rotarians to address the COVID-19 pandemic, we've fully expended this year's global grant budget. When the pandemic hit, global grant submissions rose 33% as Rotarians moved into action. It has truly been inspiring. Please know that despite this pause in approvals, we'll continue reviewing applications so that we're ready when we resume grant approvals on 1 July.

## WEATHERFORD - CAR SHOW

Please join us in celebrating the 30th Anniversary Heartland Cruise Car Show on June 19-20, 2020 in Weatherford. Kick off Father's Day Weekend Friday evening in Towne Centre with a Welcome Party, Registration, Food Trucks, Craft Vendors and ending the night with a spectacular Cruise with cash giveaways! Saturday events will include: Burnout Contest, Loud Exhaust Contest, Children's Activities, Inflatables, Poker Walk, Food & Craft Vendors, Tons of Giveaways & Much More!

There will be 20 vehicle classes with awards for the Top 3 in each class & goody bags to the first 300 entries! All makes, models and special interest vehicles are welcome! Register your vehicle by June 1st, 2020 to receive one free annual event t-shirt!

The annual car show is being hosted by the Weatherford Rotary Club and Heartland Cruise Car Club. All proceeds will benefit the Weatherford Police Department D.A.R.E. Program. To register a vehicle, become a vendor or sponsor our show, please visit our website at [www.heartlandcruisecarshow.com](http://www.heartlandcruisecarshow.com).





## OKLAHOMA CITY - MAY TEACHER RECOGNITION

**Elizabeth Boomer**, a 10 year teacher currently instructing pre-AP English and Debate at Harding Charter Preparatory School, is the May 2020 Teacher of the Month. Elizabeth received her Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Central Oklahoma, and has held several Harding leadership positions, including Senior Class Sponsor, and Interim English Dept. Head.



During her college career, she had the chance to visit six different countries and continues to search for opportunities to travel. Her father painted a beautiful mural in her classroom.

Elizabeth continues to support students by tutoring ACT prep classes and serving as co-coach of the Harding speech and debate team, which has generated six national qualifiers over the past six years.

Elizabeth believes the best way to reach her potential is to help others achieve their own potential. She and her husband are avid puzzlers and board game aficionados. Congratulations, Elizabeth!

## OKC MIDTOWN - MIDTOWN MURAL

The Oklahoma City Midtown Rotary is proud to support the Midtown Mural Wall, in honor of health care and essential workers' contributions.

Over the past weekend, Midtown gained a new mural wall. Located just east of the SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital at NW 9th and Walker Ave, the #MidtownMuralWall aims to bring hope and optimism in the time of COVID-19.

Local artists Dusty Gilpin and Tank Ramirez completed the west facing side of the mural this past weekend thanking medical and frontline workers for their efforts and sacrifices during this global pandemic.

This weekend (May 8th, 2020) the east side will be completed with a piece thanking essential Workers by artist Rhiana Deck. This project was funded by the OKC Midtown Rotary Club, and completed in partnership with the Midtown OKC Association, Downtown OKC Partnership, Lingo Construction Services and Midtown Renaissance OKC.



## EDMOND SUMMIT—TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Edmond Summit Rotary awarded its annual Teacher of the Year award to local elementary teacher Lisa Parmer after she received multiple community nominations.

"It is our job as Rotarians to give back to those who have given to others," said George Strecker, president of the Edmond Summit Rotary. "Parmer is most deserving."

Parmer teaches second grade at Heritage Elementary in Edmond and was described as passionate and one who creates a legacy of service to her students. She received a \$1,000 check along with a Service Above Self award from the club which was given by Strecker and fellow Rotarian and Edmond Public Schools Superintendent Bret Towne.

"I believe in establishing a real relationship with my students in a learning environment where they can feel safe to be themselves," Parmer wrote in her school bio.

The Edmond Summit Rotary Club gives an annual award to teachers each spring. The club meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at Citizens Bank of Edmond, however, they are currently meeting through Zoom.

Check out the club's Facebook page for up-to-date information and detailed information about weekly programs.



## EDMOND - SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Each year, the Rotary Club of Edmond recognizes Edmond seniors by awarding up to 4 deserving students \$2000 each. This year was no different with the Club selecting four Edmond seniors. The Club wishes to congratulate this year's recipients.



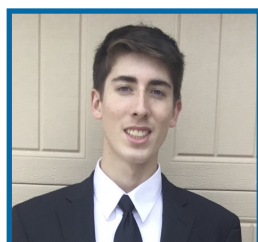
Marissa Morton is a senior at Oklahoma Christian School; she is planning on majoring in Biology at Oklahoma Christian University and then pursue a career in Physical Therapy.



Ngozi Omeke is a senior at Edmond Santa Fe High School; she plans to attend the University of Tulsa and major in Nursing. She then has plans to attend Baylor University to become an Anesthesiologist Assistant.



Mackenzie Goings is a senior at Edmond Memorial High School; she plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma and major in Healthcare Administration.



Joadel Genuzio is a senior at Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy; he plans to attend the University of Oklahoma and pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He would also like to earn a minor in Electrical Engineering and then move on to an MBA.

### **Charles D. Lamb Service Above Self Scholarship**

The principal motto of Rotary, "Service Above Self", best conveys the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. The Charles D. Lamb Service Above Self scholarship was awarded to an Edmond student who exemplified "Service Above Self" through his or her contributions to the community and has future potential to continue to further the Rotary mission.

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

The scholarship, named in honor of Mayor Charles Lamb was awarded to Marissa Morton. Lamb was known to have a servant's heart. Lamb's wife Cheri, said that her late husband's "greatest joy was watching and encouraging young people."

## CHANDLER - MEETINGS RESUMED & SCHOOL DRIVE

Chandler Rotary Club began meeting this past Friday. There were few of us able to meet, but we all enjoyed being together even though we were distanced at different tables. Because our regular location at a local coffee cafe still closed, we are meeting at a local Methodist church in the fellowship hall. District Governor Lance Singleton had sent our club via mail a recognition banner since all members are sustaining members and we are giving \$100/member. We so much appreciated being able to celebrate this. We heard from one of our student Rotarians about the end of the school year for her and all the students. We have begun collecting some donations for school supplies that we are able to buy in bulk, which teachers in our school systems will be able to give to their classrooms. These pens, pencils, scissors, glue and other items will help defray that cost by their parents. We sent in a request for foundation funds too since our donations will be significantly less in hopes we reach our goal. We give Thanks to the district and foundation for all that has already been given in the past. Be safe to all.





## ENID - MEETINGS & RECOGNITION

The Rotary Club of Enid held its 3 meetings in May online via Zoom. We heard from the City of Enid City Manager on the COVID-19 reopening plan for Enid. Trent Misak with ERDA on the 2020 Census and then Lydia Kelly the Executive Director of Loaves and Fishes on how the \$10,000 donation from the Rotary Club of Enid helped with the huge increase in the need of food for families in Enid.



Enid Rotarian Brady Sidwell, Founder and President of Sidwell Strategies recently joined the Federal Reserve Bank - Oklahoma City Branch Board of Directors.



## OKC MIDTOWN - MEETINGS & SERVICE

OKC Midtown has been meeting virtually while unable to meet in person!



Our club assisted in the pickup and delivery of hand sanitizers for the Homeless Alliance (2 drop-offs) and OKC Fire Department personnel.



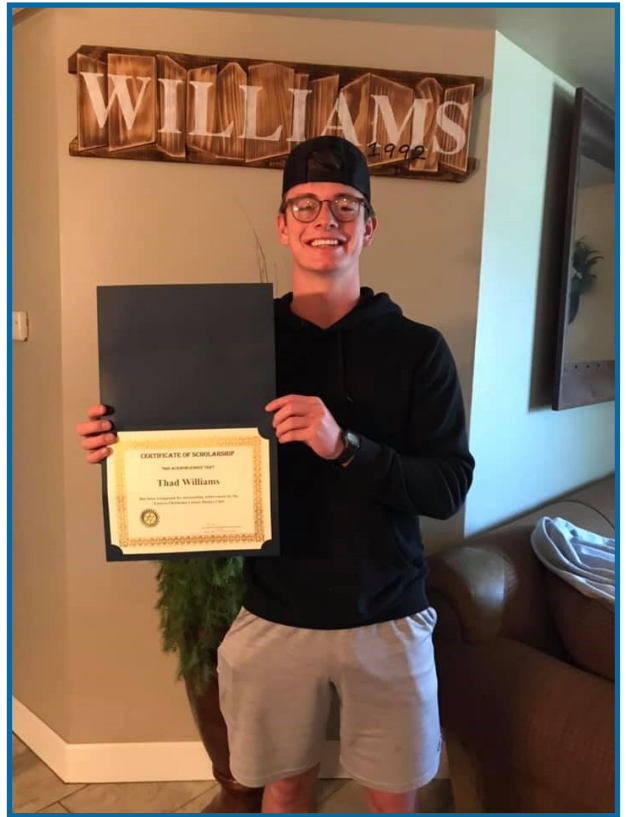


## EAST OKLAHOMA COUNTY - SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

East Oklahoma County had the pleasure of presenting five scholarships to graduating seniors recently.



Faith Swan, Harrah High School



Thad Williams, Choctaw High School



Riley Gentry, Choctaw High School

Not pictured: Jackson Blessington of Harrah High School  
and Kennedy Cox of Luther High School