



District 6110 December Newsletter

Holiday Greetings, Rotarians!

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month. We all know how much Rotary is doing on this front and not only with Polio eradication, but our members also combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, and diabetes. Prevention is also so important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.

In the past, December's theme for the month was Family. We are a family and we need to keep in mind the spouses of our members who have passed away. Consider inviting them to your club's holiday party! Many clubs will also have their party during one of their club meetings where the children of members will be invited... along with Santa Claus! Be sure to include your Interact and/or Rotaract clubs, too!

Just as a heads up, January is Vocational Service Month. This Avenue of Service seems to get very little attention these days...and it was one of the most important reasons that Paul Harris started Rotary. Look in to having a club meeting at one of your members' place of business or have a career day for high schoolers. As always, you can get some great ideas from the RI website.

We've had plenty of comments on this video newsletter. Rotarians seem to enjoy it, but some also miss the written version that they could print off and keep with them or share with others. So, starting with this December newsletter, we will be posting the script on the District website for your use!

Incredibly, I have only 4 more official visits to our District Clubs. It has been such a joy to visit all of you... and be so inspired! One of the questions I'm asked a lot is, "What are other clubs doing for fundraising efforts?" I've heard a lot of them and have taken notes at every board meeting. Once I complete my official visits on December 18th, I'm going to put together a list of fundraisers and the clubs who do them. We'll be putting them on the District website, too. This way you can just browse through them; see if there's something that interests you; and be able to contact the club to get some details from them. You'll also be able to see if it's a club that's in close proximity to you, as you won't want to do the same thing that a neighboring club is doing. Another great way to check out club fundraisers and projects is to check out Rotary showcase on the RI website.

Last Saturday, I attended the interviews for the outbound exchange students. Oh my gosh... what an amazing group of young people. Our Youth Exchange committee does an incredible job of organizing this process. Thank you, PDG Danny Mitchell, Duff Weddle, Rodney Strong, Bowtie Todd Jenkins and Vicki Lombari. Thank you, too, to the Rotarian volunteers, and former outbound students, for

spending so much time in discerning if these candidates will be a good fit for exchange, as well as educating them. If your club hasn't sponsored an outbound student or hosted an inbound student, please discuss this with your board and members. It's an incredible experience for all concerned...and will help bring peace to our world.

I want to congratulate the Tulsa Will Rogers club for an extraordinary holiday gathering this week. It was their goal to invite all the clubs in the Tulsa area for fellowship and good cheer. They had a good turnout with representatives from at least 6 local clubs. A good time was had by all! All proceeds benefitted the Medical Supplies Network.

Finally, the new Rotary mission statement is a great way to close out this holiday newsletter: Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities....and in ourselves. My wish for all of you is for a blessed holiday full of joy, family and friends....no matter how you celebrate it.