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WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

3/19 SPRING BREAK No meeting.

3/26 CASSIE RAMSEY, U.S. ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS Real Estate Specialist.

3/29-4/1 RYLA Great opportunity for young leaders who are our future.

4/2 ROGER HALE Green Country Trio banjo artist. Music and Banjo Museum in OKC.

4/2 BLOOD DRIVE 17 donors!

4/9 RYLA PARTICIPANTS Ten enthusiastic RYLA veterans plus a "chief" from last year.

4/16 SANDY BERENSON Pottery maker.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Fridays Golf Meetings @ 7:30 a.m. Air Assurance, 1301 SW Expressway Drive

Apr 21 Saturday morning Trash Bash to clean our Mile. See Curtis Rothrock.

Apr 21 Saturday MSNI@ 7 am.

Apr 21 Be Wise Immunize at TASM.

Apr 23 Kim Goddard of BA Neighbors *ROD Bill Roberts*

Apr 28 Rotary Assembly, Springdale, AR.
Our 4-Way Test Speech contestant is a finalist and will present his speech.

Apr 30 Col. Gary Scott **Note: Off-site meeting-see p. 3. Armed Forces Reserve Center in Broken Arrow.** *ROD Dr. Clarence Oliver*

May 7 Rotary Golf Tournament Overview and update. Bring your donor contacts for the letter-sending campaign.

May 14 Congressman John Sullivan & Richard Hedgecock. *ROD Matt Hancock*

May 21 Mark Costello, Oklahoma Labor Commissioner

May 28 Memorial Day-No Meeting.

RYLA 2012 LIGHTS A BIG FIRE!

Matt Hancock, a new member of our club took on the management of our District 6110's RYLA program. He worked with Tracy Dean from the Pryor club to reach all district clubs and expanded the attendance to 190! These young folks are forever changed and really see how they can affect the world around them. They are already defining ways to become involved—including helping us with our projects.

View some of the videos here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ia2HR3bShs

These are really fun: ziplines, flash mob, roller coaster...you can tell that the young folks are bonding and learning how much they have in common. Matt knows how to connect with the youngsters and their leaders to make the program mesh with a purpose. He has a passion for challenging youth to be their best, and also challenges us, as Rotarians, to follow our passion to build leaders in our community. These young folks are ready to step up to that challenge.

See their facebook page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ryla-District-6110/353636264647497>.



Our 10 RYLA participants & returning chief stand with Matt Hancock at the end of the 4/9 meeting where they told us about the inspiration they gained from the camp and vowed that they would not drop the ball.



Meeting Speakers



Cassie Ramsey, realty specialist with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers enlightened us about the role of the Corp in flood control, military construction, emergency work under FEMA, coordination of power plants at dams, and other responsibilities of the 35,000 employees nationwide. 3/26.



Roger Hale, banjo picker and singer from way back in the Shakey's Pizza era performed for us on 4/2 and told us about the Banjo Museum in Oklahoma City, Bricktown area. We had fun singing along and seeing the bemused looks of our younger members.



Matt Hancock reveled in the success of RYLA and let our 10 participants tell about what they learned and how they planned to keep the energy burning. 4/9.



Students of the Month were awarded on March 26. Presentations were made to Lance Whitlow, Julian Henderson, Stefanie Renkema and Sarah Paige Whitson.

Sandy Berenson presented some of her pottery at the 4/16 meeting, and showed images from her studio illustrating the process of "throwing pots" She also gave a light overview of the Broken Arrow Arts and Humanities Council.



TTTBBS

Big Day for Rotary. April 21st is full of activities. MSNI work day; Be Wise Immunize at TASM, Broken Arrow Trash Bash mile clean-up. Lots of work to participate in. Also that evening is the Happy Hands Black and White Ball, a good way to support their program and have a fine evening at the Doubletree Hotel. Contact Darla: darla@happyhands.org

On 4/2, Matt Hancock accepted the BA Rotary check for \$3,500 on behalf of the YMCA. This will go to providing healthy activities for young folks in our city.



Presidential Citation. Nick Nail reports that our club is on track to receive a Presidential Citation for this year due to membership growth & retention, increased diversity and adequate donations to The Rotary Foundation.

Teka Montenegro. Terry Cupp is sorry to report that Teka has decided to go back home to Brazil before the end of her year. He and his family enjoyed having her with them and are sorry that she was not happy enough at school to stay until the end.

4-Way Test Speeches. Our speech winner, Alex Walker, will be competing against 4 finalists at District Assembly on 4/28. Six of us are attending the event at Springdale AR to cheer him on and meet other district Rotarians.



Darla Otto and Al Proo of Happy Hands accepted the \$2,000 check for their efforts in our Trivia Contest. In addition to a lot of good work and ideas, they had a video taken at the contest which is currently being edited and will be a great tool to build the contest up,

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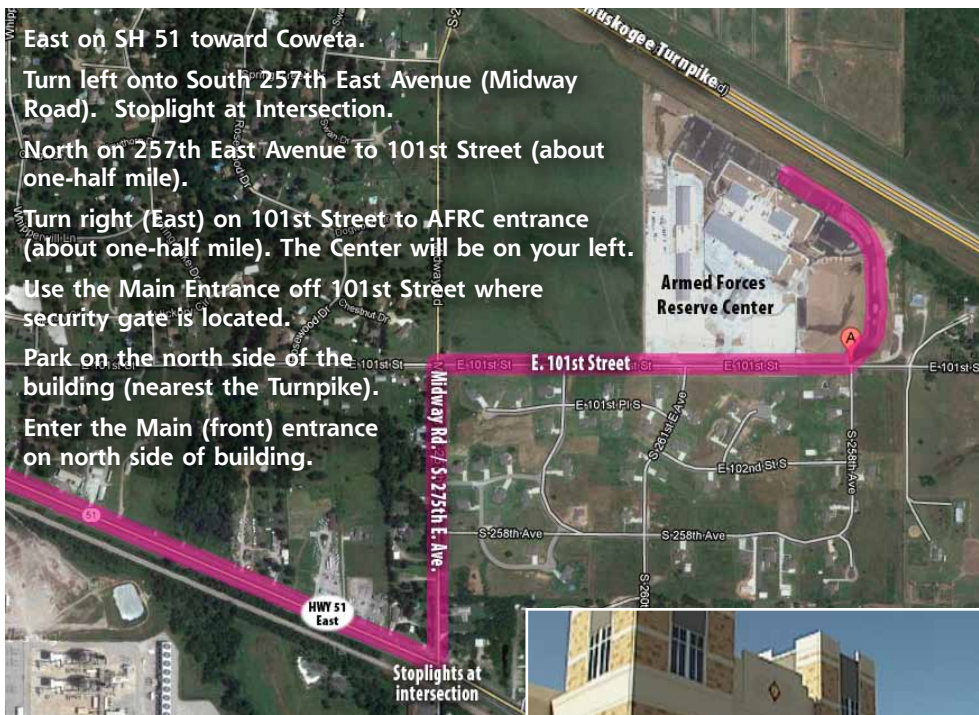
North on 257th East Avenue to 101st Street (about one-half mile).

Turn right (East) on 101st Street to AFRC entrance (about one-half mile). The Center will be on your left.

Use the Main Entrance off 101st Street where security gate is located.

Park on the north side of the building (nearest the Turnpike).

Enter the Main (front) entrance on north side of building.



New Armed Forces Reserve Center 4/30.

Rotary Club members will visit the new Broken Arrow Armed Forces Reserve Center on April 30 for a club meeting and tour of the new Armory, a \$65 million state of the art, 260,000 square foot facility. This is Oklahoma's largest such facility and the only one that houses four branches of military service. Military units are still in the process of moving into the new Armory. Construction started in 2009, taking two years to complete.



RICH

Rotarians Investing
in Children's Health



Our golf tournament has become so familiar that we've become complacent about it. Very few clubs have such a generous matching-funds donation source as we have in the Saint Francis Hospital South Foundation. If we don't appreciate them and each take a big part in growing the golf tournament, we will be like many clubs doing weekly functions that raise a few hundred each rather than the one-time, big draw of the \$20,000 match.

The request of the SFHSF that their matching funds go entirely to children's health is new and a splendid challenge to us to create great work under the RICH program title. However, this means that we have little

funds to use in other important needs in our community. We need to grow the tournament to create these funds.

One of the ways is to bring in new teams to compete. Another is to get large donors to sponsor things like the breakfast, lunch or contest prizes. The one that each of us can and must do is to participate in the letter campaign that was described to us in the 4/16 meeting. This is asking for donations of any amount and should go to anyone interested in Broken Arrow and the citizens who live here. That covers people you know and with your request, they just might kick in a little to help us grow the pot a bit.

The golf committee will collect your

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list of names and addresses next two weeks, merge them into the request letter, and bring it back for you to sign on May 7. The club will mail them out, so it's pretty easy—we just need you to provide the following for as many people as you can think would listen to you.

Your name _____

Friend's name _____

Business name

Full Address _____

Phone _____

email

Do it now!