

"Broken Arrow Rotary:  
community engaged, committed  
and making a difference"

# Broken Record

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Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Broken Arrow



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Past President ..... Robyn Havener

**CALENDAR**

We meet both in-person at Broken Arrow First Methodist Church and online via Zoom. Meetings & links are announced in a weekly email.

2025

- 1/6 RYLA Presentations
- 1/13 Rebecca Olson, High Tower Accounting & Tax
- 1/20 **MLK Day, no meeting**
- 1/27 Cheryl Doyle, LIFE PACE, Live Senior Services
- 2/3 Four-Way Test Speech Contest
- 2/10 Valentines Day Cards & Trivia fun!
- 2/17 **Presidents Day, no meeting**
- 2/22 **Crowing Rights Trivia Contest at NSUBA. 6 pm**
- 2/24 Marvin Jones, Tulsa Oilers football Team
- 3/10 Open
- 3/17 Spring Break
- 3/24 Open
- 3/31 Lynnsey Childress-Wimp, Discover Lab

## Spectacular Holiday Season of Service!



*Shop With a Rotarian was held on 12/14. After the shopping was completed, the wrapping began. The setup and supplies donated by Walmart were perfect! Broken Arrow Neighbors arranged for the families who needed this help.*

**Shop with a Rotarian** was a great success for our club members and the community!

22 children were given \$100 for their family members' gifts. Parents were given \$50 per

child to buy each of them a surprise gift. What a fabulous way to celebrate Christmas in the true spirit of giving and service.

[More photos on pages 3 & 4 and on Facebook.](#)



**Ringing bells for Salvation Army** happened in front of Bass Pro Shops on 12/12 & 13. Our members and some of their family filled both days and helped raise funds for the Salvation Army cause...and it was fun!



**The Pancake Breakfast** is a long tradition for us to serve prior to the Christmas Parade. Serving line at left, below is the very early crew at Stu's kitchen.



## RECENT MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### 11/4 Dictionary Labeling

Our Rotarians gathered at the BAPAC to place labels in the Gazetteer/dictionaries that will be presented to each third grader in our area. Members then took the boxes of books needed for their selected schools. Photos of some of the deliveries are on page 4.



### 11/11 Veterans Day, no meeting

### 11/18 Rotary Refresher Day with Ed Hardesty

Ed Hardesty is our Rotary District 6110 Foundation Chair. Besides ensuring that the International Foundation is well-managed in our area, he educates about the value and how to donate so that grant funds are available to come back for our service projects. I can vouch for the simplicity and safety of automatic donation set up in your MyRotary account.



### 11/25 Thanksgiving week, no meeting *Social at Mod's Pizza.*

### 12/2 Dr. Rodney Hanley

Dr. Hanley is president of Northeastern State University and revealed a number of interesting facts about NSU. It was in existence before statehood, and currently has an enrollment of 8,002 students. Concurrent high school students number 277, undergraduates total 5,979, graduate students are 1,912 and professionals total 111.



### 12/7 Pancake Breakfast *Photos on page 1.*

### 12/9 Heidi Hartman

As leadership coach at Hartman Consulting, Heidi works at helping business leaders learn about their "EQ" emotional quotient, and how to effectively use that to guide their employees. Below is a quote about anger management.

"Anyone can become angry-that is easy. But to be angry with the right person, to the right degree and at the right time, for the right reason and in the right way...that is not easy"

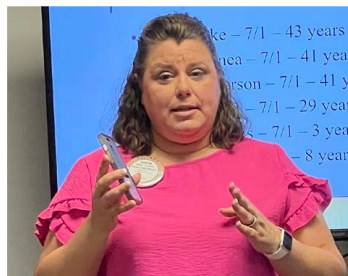


### 12/14 Shop With A Rotarian at Hillside Walmart

*Social afterwards at Broken Arrow Brewing. Photos on pages 1 & 4*

### 12/16 Club Assembly

Ash was unable to present his planned meeting, so our won Robyn Havener stepped in at spoke about several useful topics. She expressed the value of donating to the RI Foundation and how easy an auto-draft can be. She also showed the use of the "Ignite" app that easily connects members with each other, access payment areas and much more.



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## Josh McCoy earned his blue badge.



Josh has been very active in our projects and has completed all the requirements for full blue badge membership. It's great to have him as part of our team.

## Library Deliveries

Thank you Mike Scrimsher for continuing to arrange the gifts we give to our local schools. He recently delivered our speaker-signed books to libraries right after our December meetings.



## Lisa Engel leads the District to District team to Chile. She is joined by club members Corbett Campbell and Galen Engel.

Here is part of what Corbett put on his Facebook page. So many photos too!

"I left with Rotary District 6110 D2D Exchange with a team of eight in early December to visit Rotary District 4355 in southern Chile. After a 24-hour trip with a flight delay out of Tulsa, we arrived in Concepción to a warm and enthusiastic welcome from our Rotary hosts. From the moment we stepped into our host homes, we immediately encountered the warm community and collaboration of Chile. The heart of our trip was connecting with Rotary clubs, sharing impactful projects, and supporting local communities. One standout moment was Miguel Jacob presenting the Human Milk Bank project at Concepción University Hospital, addressing the critical needs of premature babies. We engaged with various Rotary clubs, exchanging ideas and banners, and grew new friendships. Beyond our Rotary activities, we immersed ourselves in Chilean culture and explored stunning sites like Villarrica Volcano, Saltos del Laja waterfall, and the historic estate of Isidora Goyenechea in Lota. We tried traditional Mapuche cuisine at Ilwen restaurant and I got roped into joining a Cuenca dance demonstration. Every day was filled with joy and memorable moments—like the time we found Les locked in the truck! Throughout the trip, we participated in meaningful projects such as donating to foster homes for Christmas and supporting community initiatives. Sharing meals, enjoying pisco sours with fellow Rotarians, and experiencing the warmth of Chilean hospitality truly embodied the Rotary motto: Service Above Self. This journey has deepened our commitment to making a positive impact and building lasting international friendships. I'm incredibly grateful for the amazing experiences, inspiring conversations, and the chance to make a difference together!

## 10/31: The Gardens in Central Park Groundbreaking.

Our club was well-represented at the official groundbreaking for this park amenity. Clarence Oliver would have been in the photo too, but was busy as one of the presenters. This will be a valuable feature in downtown Broken Arrow, and I hope our club establishes a visible image by sponsoring a part in the grounds.



## Rotarian David Pickel joins BA City Council.



*We are so proud to now have three city councilors as club members. This connection with the city strengthens our club's ability to enhance life in Broken Arrow and ensures our projects help build a better city for all citizens. Congratulations David as you step into Christi Gillespie's chair! We look forward to seeing results from her at state level and you increasing your local level involvement.*

## Rotary Ding-A-Lings, oops, Bell Ringers.

More photos from our Bell-Ringers for Salvation Army, continued from page 1. Thank all who sent photos and posted on Facebook.



We were fortunate to have good weather for both of our chosen service days, December 12 & 13.



# Shop With A Rotarian



# Dictionary Project

