

## First Woman District Governor Outlines Program



Peggy George  
District Governor

The first woman District Governor of Rotary District 6110 spoke last week, and reviewed the programs the district is pushing this year.

Governor Peggy George told us when her water heater gave

out recently, it reminded her of the millions of people around the world who do not have hot water.

She remembered the water well project in Nicaugara, the Wheel Chair Foundation, Polio Plus, and the teenagers she read about who were fighting and on drugs. For \$75, you can provide a \$500 wheelchair, for people who are homebound without them. The Rotary speech contests, scholarships and awards, and dictionaries say, "Rotary cares about you," she said.

The recent "war news" reminded her of the importance of Rotary efforts for world peace, Ms. George said.

The Rotary motto of "Service Above Self"

reminded her that it is "the same road we are traveling together."

"Black, white, women or men...we are on the same course," she noted.

Printed flyers for the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" program tell of Rotary projects in Zambia, Bangladesh, Peru, a water well in India, a tree nursery to increase family income for 700 farmers, kitchen equipment for an orphanage in Arequipa.

Rotary's Youth Exchange program for this district provides \$20,000 a year in scholarships. Rotary provides cataract surgery for people who have never seen their baby.

Less than \$10 a month per member will fund every program of Rotary, The district official said.

District 6110, with 77 clubs and 5,200 members, is one of the largest districts in Rotary, she reported.

"And Rotary continues to grow," despite the fact that other organizations are shrinking in members, she said.

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## Jane Woodliff Tells About Taste Of McAlester, Tonight



Jane Woodliff

Jane Woodliff told us Oct. 3 about A Taste of McAlester-A Taste of Oklahoma, which is this evening.

The event at the Expo Center is to benefit CASA, (Court Appointed Special Advocates.) CASA is a

private, non-profit organization which "speaks up" for abused and neglected children.

She said there are 11 restaurants, including three Italian restaurants, two wineries, a live auction and a silent auction, four specialty shops, plus musical entertainment. Tickets are \$20 a person.

CASA represents 85 male children and 91 female

children, Ms. Woodliff said. But there are 60 women volunteers and only 12 men.

"So we need male volunteers," she reported.

Volunteers take 30 hours of training. A judge reads their report and a DHS report. So the CASA volunteers "help make decisions on what to do with a child," she noted.

The money raised is to stay in this area.

"These children are not in trouble due to their own actions," Jane pointed out. And our support for them can "stop violence" in their lives.

CASA has \$46,000 to raise this year, she stated.

There were 140 children helped by CASA last year, and they expect to need to help "at least that many" this year.

The CASA office is at 1230 South Main, the old Farm Bureau offices, she said.

# MHS Coach Tells About State Championship Team



Julie James

Julie James, the MHS Girls' Volleyball Coach, told us Sept. 26 about the team that just won state.

The "Lady Buffs" won their first games in the 5A State Championships, over Glenpool, then beat

Bishop Kelley. The State Championship was against Bishop McGuinness. Although McAlester had been beaten by some of the teams earlier, the Lady Buffs defeated them all in the state competition.

Coach James told club members three weeks ago that

their goal was to "get to state." She said they "had a shot at winning this year." And they did.

Coach James said on Sept. 26, she told the team to "have fun" against Booker T. Washington, and they "played a good game," she said.

Regional competition was held in McAlester, Oct. 3.

The coach discussed a new rule that helps a short girl get on a college team. She also discussed a rule about fans yelling.

"You've got to find what makes your team click," she said.

The Lady Buffs learned to "fight back."

This is Coach James' 10th year. Her husband is a coach at Hartshorne High School.

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As Ms. George became acquainted over the past few years, with the work that needed to be done and the problems, she said she wondered why anyone would want to be a district governor. Yet she accepted the position.

Her goal is to provide a "helping hand around the world," she said.

"We didn't quite get there," in the goal for eradicating polio in 2005, she reminded. "No child is safe" until we "vaccinate, eradicate and celebrate," she said.

But last year, the cards to put coins in, raised \$15,000 she said.

Last year, an international Rotary meeting in San Diego showed that Rotarians have "the same goals and compassion."

She said the new president of Rotary International has a theme this year to "Lead the Way." The goals water, health and hunger, literacy and "the Family of Rotary."

She said that 70 percent of the children's deaths in

undeveloped nations are preventable.

"Literacy is the pathway to the future," she emphasized.

The district governor said 50,000 dictionaries have already been delivered to third graders in the district. She also told about a district awards camp and a speech contest with a \$1,500 prize.

"We must continue to grow our Rotary family," she urged. "Get new members and remember to keep the members we have."

She told a story about a man crossing a field when he saw a bull pawing the ground. He started running, with the bull behind him, and saw a tree, but the branches were 12 feet high. He jumped and missed a branch, but "caught it on the way down."

Rotarians, she said, can run faster and jump higher, to help their club, their community and the world.

Ms. George is a member of the Southeast Tulsa Rotary Club. She studied journalism at Tulsa University, worked at Oral Roberts University for 12 years, then started her own ad agency.

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## Attendance, Visitors, and Handshakers

Last week there were 56 in attendance. Tom Cobb was a club guest. Kellie Yates was a guest of Brent Yates. And Tallon, guest of his dad, Shayne Javersak.

On Oct. 3 there were 53 present. Kellie Yates was a guest of Brent. Paul Million had a guest, Chris Smith, and Evans McBride and Helen Wheeler were guests of

whoever the members-in-waiting are guests of.

And on Sept. 26, there were 52 present and one guest.

Last week, Banker Roi Nelson gave the dollar to Jeff Sellmeyer, who invested it. On Oct. 3, Wayne Hanway gave it to Don Harris, who blessed it. And on Sept. 26, the dollar was laundered so well that we didn't see it.