

'Caring Hands Clinics' Operating On State Funds



Brad Stanton photo by George Lampton

Brad Stanton, CEO of "Caring Hands," told us last week that Oklahoma did not receive any money from federal appropriations for Community Health Centers last year, but the state has \$700,000 for three centers in the state.

The state funds should last until this year's appropriations of \$200,000,000 are assigned to projects, Stanton said.

The Caring Hands Clinic at Hartshorne has about 500 persons it has helped. It was started with a \$250,000 state grant. Although California received federal funding for 17 health centers and Texas received funds for seven, Oklahoma did not receive any, last year, he said.

Offices for Caring Hands are donated by the Shared Blessings organization in McAlester. The Hartshorne

clinic has 43 percent of its patients from McAlester, 39 percent from Hartshorne, and the rest from area towns, Stanton said. Because of recent gas prices, he said he is checking into the possibility of providing transportation for some areas.

The number one medical problem among the Caring Hands' patients is hyper-tension, the health official said. Cancer, Hepatitis, urinary infections and depression are also among top medical problems the clinic has encountered.

Although they have a limited budget, the Oklahoma Dental Foundation has scheduled a monthly visit by its mobile dental lab, using volunteer dentists.

Clinic officials are also talking to medical contacts at Oklahoma State University about cardiology care.

Stanton said the future of medical care for rural areas may be of the type that Caring Hands is offering.

Although the clinic is not "free," no one is turned away because they do not have medical insurance, Stanton reported.

President, Rodeo Changes Make Up Program On July 3



Steve Brock photo by George Lampton

President Steve told us his background at the May 3 meeting, and shared the podium with announcements, including those about this year's Prison Rodeo.

Steve said he was born here and "lived here all my life."

After revealing he was Valedictorian of his high school class in 1984, he said he attended college at Oklahoma University.

He worked for Noble Miller in the summers, and Noble had some comments during the talk, about his summer work.

Steve and Karla were married and she was offered a job that would bring her to McAlester. So they moved here, where he has worked at Miller Glass for 11 years.

He has been a bank director, a leader in the McAlester Boys and Girls Club, and he has been active in the First Baptist Church.

Steve recalled that since joining Rotary, he has taken part in the Flag Project, Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Christmas, and the highway cleanup the club once did.

"We can serve our fellow man," through Rotary, he said.

Greg McNall announced he will be "changing professions," from the Bank of Oklahoma, where he has been Senior Vice President.

He said he will be with SSI, the largest of 11 companies, and he hopes he will be staying here.

Helen Wheeler of the McAlester Chamber of Commerce, announced "It's Rodeo Time" and told about some of this year's events.

The Prison Rodeo will be Aug 17-18, she said, and tickets are available at the Chamber Office or "online."

Owasso To Host State Phase Of 'Leadership Summit'

An Associate Pastor the First Baptist Church at Owasso told us July 10 of Oklahoma efforts to bring the lessons of a "Leadership Summit" to help develop state leaders.

The pastor, Mike Napier, said on Aug. 9-11, the Oklahoma "Team" will be one of those around the nation, to host a television hookup with a group of sponsors of a leadership discussion by nine national business, religious, and former government leaders, including former President Jimmy Carter.

The broadcast is from Willow Creek, Ill. And this is Owasso's third year to host the state meeting.

Leaders can "grow" by five percent a year, in knowledge, ability, etc., Napier said. "If you are at 50 percent of 80 percent of your leadership potential, the question really is, when will you be at 100 percent?" he stated.

The leadership panel includes Jimmy Carter, Colin Powell, former female CEO Carly Fiorina, Michael E. Porter, John Ortberg, Floyd H. Flake, Marcus Buckingham, Richard Curtis, and Kirk Franklin. Several are church leaders and religious writers.



Pastor, Mike Napier

To get Colin Powell, former chief of staff, as a speaker, would cost \$75,000, the speaker reported. Tickets for two and one-half days, for non-members, if \$265, he said. The cost includes tickets to hear all the speakers and snacks, he said.

More information is available from the website, www.willowcreek.com/summit.

GET YOUR ASK IN GEAR! By Jack Maxwell District 6110 Membership Chairman

The sad statistic is that Rotary wide, 90% of us have NEVER invited someone to **SHARE ROTARY**.

Yet, Simple as it seems, all we have to do is **JUST ASK!**

It's easy to make a friendly inquiry to a friend, relative, acquaintance, business associate, church member, employee, Coach of a youth team, etc. if they know what Rotary is all about. I'm not talking about approaching total strangers and selling Rotary to them. I'm talking about making a conversation turn toward Rotary with the intent of seeing if they are service oriented and have a need that Rotary fills.

Then Just ASK'em to be your guest at the next Rotary club meeting.

Consciously survey people you know and associate with. When you identify someone that is service oriented, jot their name, address, phone numbers down, and make a prospect list. You may have to talk to them several times to find a convenient time for them to put Rotary on their schedule to visit your club. You may have to sell the Value of being a Rotarian.

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You will be surprised who will become members. Some individuals need a social circle for fellowship. Others feel like giving something back to the community that has made them successful. Others enjoy the hands-on, face-to-face aspect of serving others. Some feel Rotary allows them to participate locally in international projects.

What ever the reason a member joins Rotary, they still had to be ASKED! I've talked with many people who said, "I wanted to join but was never asked." Don't let that be a person that you know. You'll be surprised when you JUST ASK'em, how delighted and honored they are that you did.

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Two hundred women tried out for this year's rodeo, she reported.

The Choctaw Nation is sponsoring part of the program.

Events will include "Money the Hard Way," but not the Tub Ride. It was replaced by "Bull Poker," which promises to be as entertaining as "Money the Hard Way."

Volunteers will be selling tickets and advertising, she said.

Attendance, Visitors and Handshakers

There were 49 persons in attendance at last week's meeting. Dr. Charles Neff, new pastor of the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, was a guest of Noble Miller; Brian Renegar's sister Amy Powell, was his guest. Bob Thornton, a new member, awaiting indoctrination, also was present.

On July 10, there were 38 present. There were no guests or visiting Rotarians.

On July 3, there were 40 present. Mark Brodie was a visiting Rotarian. Mark Miller was a guest of Noble Miller. And Dr. Charles Neff was a guest of Noble. Paul Northcutt was a guest of Jim Northcutt. Vic Wood was a guest of Steve Smith.

HANDSHAKERS-Steve Smith gave the dollar July 3 to Helen Wheeler, but Don Brumley got it back to the men, to Thurman Shuller, July 10, and Richard Gorman got it to Jim Thompson last week. But the women are trying to get control again.