



Don't Forget Polio Plus, He says Former District Governor Tells How Rotary Helps Poor Nations



Brett Smith, Gov. John Brodbeck, and Gary Boyd - Photo by George Lampton

Former Rotary District 6110 Gov. John Brodbeck of Eureka Springs, Ark. told us Dec. 2 of the many Rotary-sponsored charitable events in impoverished nations, from a Computer Lab in a school in Nepal to backpacks for girl students in Bangladesh to a children's hospital in

Chile, to a nation where a youngster had a cleft palate, and the father did not have the money for an operation.

"Don't forget your Polio Plus....We're on the one-yard line," said the former District Governor.

"We led the charge....We didn't wait on the World Health Organization," or any federal organization. Bill Gates gave the matching grant, he reminded. It's sort of like the preacher who said, "We have plenty of money. But the bad news is that part of it is still in your pockets."

We can use the Rotary Foundation, he said, or Direct Deposit or "we can become a benefactor," he said. "That's why the Rotary Foundation exists," he noted.

In conclusion, the former District Governor looked around the room, and said, "It's good to see young, aggressive leadership."

Polio Plus Drive Results In 13 Paul Harris Fellows, 24 EREY



Gov. John Brodbeck and Brian Renegar
Photo by George Lampton

Gary Boyd, chairman of this year's Rotary Foundation Month or/and "Polio Plus" drive, Dec. 9. called the drive "extremely successful" with 13 Paul Harris Fellows.

One of the medals will go to a member who already has one and he is not in the picture, as are three others who were not there to have their pictures made.

George Lampton got his second Paul Harris Fellow, but was busy taking pictures of the other honorees. There were 24 members who

New Rotary Paul Harris Fellows



First Row Brett Smith* - Clem Santine - Brian Renegar - Loise Washington - Lynn Edwards **Second Row** Ronny May - Richard Gorman - Gary Boyd - Steve Brock - Larry Auld. **Missing Or N/A**-Brett Smith will not be a Fellow until his term expires. Not pictured-Roy Bynum, Mark Jordan, and Wayne Hanway George Lampton got his second Paul Harris Fellow.

were EREY (Every Rotarian, Every Year.)

Boyd said he first talked to the board members. Each of them pledged or gave, to EREY. Money from the current "Card Drawing Pot" will be used to make Brett Smith a Paul Harris Fellow at the end of June, when he ends his term as president, Boyd said. Other Paul Harris Fellows, as shown in the picture above, include Clem Santine, Brian Renegar, Loise Washington, Lynn Edwards, Ronnie May, Richard Gorman, Gary Boyd, Steve Brock, and Larry Auld. Missing from the picture, in addition to Lampton, are Roy Bynum, Mark Jordan, and Wayne Hanway.

Letters were written to every member and the "Rotary Minute" was given.

Boyd said he still is receiving money, and does not have a total yet, on the funds raised.

New Sheriff Pledges 'Active' Role, Crime Stoppers, Task Force Use

"I'm going to be active," and he said he will "need the community's support" newly-elected Sheriff Joel Kerns told us Nov. 25.

And a new County Jail will be ready in December, the Sheriff-Elect reported.

Kerns said the jail is "new" and "modern" he said. It will take 41

people to "run the jail."

Kerns said he will take office on Jan.2, and there will be an open house at the jail that day, he reported.

Kerns promised the use of "Crime Stoppers" and said law
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Attraction is already growing says Hanway

'Online Services' Are Now Available with Library Card



Wayne Hanway
Photo by George Lampton

Wayne Hanway, the director of the Southeastern Public Library System of Oklahoma, and a Rotarian, told us last week that the McAlester Library now has "Online Services," which has newspaper and magazine files, help with student homework, tracing your family tree, or antiques' reference, and biographies

available with your library card.

"Tumblebooks" will even read your children a story when the library is closed, Hanway reported.

The online services includes census records, military records, court, land and probate records. Immigration records, birth, marriage and death records also are available, as well as back issues of the "Tulsa World" the "Daily Oklahoman" and the McAlester newspaper.

The McAlester Library already "averages just over 2,500 computer users per month" at its 16 public access computers, Wayne said.

The library web page is used by an average of 140 users per week for "homework help...checking our catalogue, looking at local historic pictures and newspapers, and checking our events calendar."

The library here already e-mails a monthly calendar of events to more than 50 patrons. There also is a library "blog" for current events at the library. People with library cards can sign up for the

blog by an RSS feed from the library web site.

Free computer classes already have been held which included Basic Internet Searching, setting up an e-mail account at the library, how to assemble a new computer, online shopping and word processing.

The McAlester Library joined with 600- libraries, to participate in National Gaming Day, in November, using video and board games, to connect with families. The library also has "Movie Times." Family Fun Nights, art contests, Story Ties, craft days and reading clubs.

The Teen Librarian organizes meetings and events by e-mail. She is ready to move to texting.

The library is in the process of installing state-of-the-art fiber optic technology to increase its ability to handle the growing demands on its bandwidth, Wayne said.

Wayne also said there are several "laws" like "Murphy's Law" that apply to the library as well as other businesses.

A long overdue book will be returned, after a replacement has been ordered. Library theft detection systems attest to the Law of the Rip-Off, he said. A new magazine is often missing in 15 minutes. And there is no need to stock Elvis or Beatles' records.

The third Law of Conjectured Information says just because you want information doesn't mean it exists, he stated. In fact, it is the essential foundation for scholarly research.



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enforcement will have "a task force to work with."

The new jail will hold 218 people, Kerns said. He said he has asked Associate District Judge Jim Bland, a Rotarian, to conduct "Swearing-In Ceremonies" on Jan. 2.

Kerns said inmates will wear blue, red and orange uniforms inside the jail, so deputies can tell who they are. But they will be dressed as other inmates, when on work crews.

Kerns said that Darrell Miller and J.W. Young would be among his staff.

Emerson School Students Entertain With Carols And Christmas Songs

Second and Third Graders, plus a few from the Fourth Grade of Emerson School entertained us last week with Christmas songs and music.

The students were pupils of Mrs. Christina Braswell. They sang several medleys of Christmas carols and songs.

Also accompanying them were teachers Mrs. Douthitt and Mrs. Walker.

Attendance, Visitors and Handshakers *And The Big, Old Pot*

Attendance at last week's meeting was 40, including one guest, Glen Kramer, guest of Iva Due. On Dec. 9, there were 31, with no guests. On Dec. 2, there were 47, no guests. And on Nov. 25 there were 34. Bryan Trout was a guest of Brett Smith. Vic Wheeler was a guest of Helen Wheeler.

HANDSHAKERS- On Nov. 25, Gail Watkins gave \$1 to Jim Thompson. On Dec. 2, Mark Jordan gave a buck to Jim Henley. On Dec. 9, John Freeman gave a dollar, or was it Tim Whipps? Well,

anyway, last week, Tim gave another dollar to Yvette Martin. Or was it the dollar he got from John?

When we get to the Big Money, it gets even more confusing. Bob Basolo drew one wrong card. Ronny May drew the wrong one at least once. Fred Turner drew a smaller one, and the wrong one. With such accountability, good luck to Brett Smith and his Paul Harris Fellow.