



Shovel Becomes Novel Tool of Trade

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Author and consultant Tom Massey hoists a shovel during a Tuesday meeting of the McAlester Rotary Club at The Meeting Place in McAlester. Massey uses the shovel to help illustrate the principles in his aptly-named new business novel, "The Shovel."

Story Oklahoma writer Tom Massey likes to show others a novel method to shovel their way to success. "I consider myself to be a transformational teacher, to help others transform their lives, to be positive, purpose-filled individuals," Massey said prior to speaking to the McAlester Rotary Club. Although he brandished a real shovel during the Rotarian's Tuesday gathering at the Meeting Place, the shovel of which Massey spoke was not a utilitarian tool. Instead it referred to his new book, with the word "shovel" serving as an acronym for the principles he espouses. "It's a business novel about a man

whose life was transformed," Massey said of his book, which he co-authored with Baker Force.

Massey, who lives in Purcell, operates Pacesetters Consulting Group in Norman. "I'm a business consultant in leadership development and I also do performance counseling," said Massey. He served as the guest speaker for the McAlester Rotary Club at the invitation of Wayne Hanway, executive director of the Southeastern Library System of Oklahoma.

Massey said he wrote "The Shovel" to illustrate some of the points which he believes will help individuals transform their lives. "We find that the best way to convey great truths is through great stories," Massey said. "We believe in the power of parables." Although he considers "The Shovel" a secular book, Massey said biblical principles are interwoven into it.

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Rotary Park Conceived at Fireside Meeting

Rotary Dec.22. Began with the singing of White Christmas led by Wayne Hanway



Bob Saunier

Bob Saunier presented the program. "How many know what a Rotary fireside meeting is?" he asked. He went on to explain that Rotary was founded in the early 1900's. Paul Harris and his friends gathered to visit in homes around the fireside. Today we call it a

Fireside Meeting when a handful of Rotarians come together in an informal setting to talk about Rotary. We know from

experience what good can come from these gatherings.

At a fireside meeting at the home of Don Lewis in February of 1975 the group came up with the idea of establishing Rotary Park. There was only one park in McAlester then, Chadick Park. The fireside group, Don Phelps, T.A. Bird, Bradley Million, Joe Possif, and Everett George, approached the club. The club responded. Rotary had 75 members and all 75 turned out, plus several boy scout troops, and converted an old bulldozed public housing project into rotary Park. They had to haul off debris and bring in topsoil. Many Rotarians gave substantial amounts of money to build the park and all its features, such as the amphetheater and the pond.

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Steve Smith introduced a student from Eastern

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Steve Smith

Steve Smith introduced a student from Eastern, Kelby Kennedy, who is the student government president, a member of the international honor society, and of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. From

Buffalo Valley, she is majoring in English and going to the

University of OK. Kelby wants to study international law and work at the United Nations on issues of International Law.

Steve also introduced Eric Thomas, who is head of the athletic program at EOSC. Eric developed a quality program at Eastern. (He said Kelby Kennedy is as good as it gets.) Eric played in the Tournament of Champions after New Years. During the winter break for basketball and baseball Eric remains busy. There are lots of renovations with both the facilities and the baseball fields.

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McAlester Defense Support Association

Rotary Dec. 8, 2009

McAlester Defense Support Association

This is an organization of individuals in our community who have seen, "a need for aggressive community involvement to support the defense industry in the McAlester area."

McAlester and the surrounding communities benefit from the jobs created each time projects are added or expanded at the Ammo plant. And these are well paying jobs that boost our local economy. And these jobs are not subject to being out-sourced beyond the borders of the United States, so they provide economic security for the region. According to their

research, the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant and the Defense Ammunition Center bring nearly \$200,000,000.00 to the area annually. This money in turn promotes the health of other businesses, hotels, housing, restaurants, retail, and more.

The McAlester Defense Support Association exists because community support has been demonstrated to have an impact upon those who make the decisions to increase or decrease the projects assigned to these facilities. Other communities would like to attract projects away from McAlester to

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Most Valuable Player Coaches MHS Girls' Basketball

12/1/2009

Tom Condit congratulated new students of the month and introduced the new basketball coach for womens' basketball at McAlester High School.

Crystal played for Southeastern OK State, NY Liberty National Basket Ball Association, then she moved to the Washington Mystics. She was voted most valuable player at the Olympic Sports Festival. She also won rookie of the year and Top 100 Athletes in OK. She is in the SE Oklahoma University sports hall of fame, and much, much more. More than once she was touted to have "A Glowing Career."

Crystal talked about the high school girls' basketball team, which she believes to be a very up-tempo team. Crystal was a tough player and expects she will develop a team of tough committed players. Starting this year with four seniors, she has challenged the players that they are beginning a new legacy here this year. Their first game is against Ardmore.

Calling for questions, Crystal was asked the question, "Do you think you can coach as well as you play." She said she believed she could.



Doug Auld also inducted another member into the Paul Harris Fellowship Bob Saunier

In addition to the program pamphlets were distributed about Polio, EREY, Securing the Future, and Make the World Better. Doug Auld called our attention to the contents of each and encouraged all present to become informed and involved.

Guests: Caroline Sheets and Chance Caney, students

of the month.

Ryan Dalley, guest of Gordon Harris

Attendance Report: 41 members, one guest speaker, one guest, and two students of the month for a total of 45

Secret Handshaker was Don Brumley Bob Thornton won the handshaker dollar.

Invocation by Bruce Hall

Senator Lerblanche Lays It On The Line

November 24, 2009



Senator LeBlanc

John Freeman, Program Chair, introduced Senator LeBlanc, who shared his concern that the nation's in trouble, and the state and city are in trouble. What are we going to do with the budget? 1st every program was cut by 7%. Revenue was less than anticipated. Then the Governor ordered a 5% cut across the board. That's 12%. Our constitution

mandates that Oklahoma balance the budget. We can't just print more money.

Governor Brad Henry wants new budget estimates for next year, calling a special session in January to look into future budgetary problems. Leadership in the senate and house wants deeper cuts. The Governor feels that deeper cuts are irresponsible without studying the ramifications first. He wants to identify areas to be cut rather than go across the board. Education has really been hurt. They have been cut 12% 7+5, and have no reserve funds to draw on. The federal stimulus package is great but we have to be careful to keep funding education and health services at a particular level or the federal funds will be withdrawn. Lottery money is only

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Membership Growth Must be Intentional

11-17-2009



John Wayne Clagg, native of McAlester, Grand Master of Masonic Lodge 96, and currently Grand Steward for the State of Oklahoma.

John Freeman, program chair, introduced a program about membership concerns of all organizations. John Wayne Clagg, a highly degreed member of the Masons addressed the club. Doug Auld, Paul Million, and several other Rotarians are Masons as well as John

Freeman. John Wayne Clagg is a native of McAlester, Grand Master of Lodge of 96, and currently Grand Steward for the State of Oklahoma.

All organizations have similarities, he stated. At every meeting each member gathers friends around and sits with them at the same table. Clubs quickly become exclusive rather than openly and consistently receiving new people. Organizations are shrinking – churches, civic clubs, fraternal orders. Members are passing away faster than new members are coming in.

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Library on the Move

November 3rd, 2009



Christine Sauro

Lynn Edwards invited Bob Fellows to share a bit of his own life's journey. At one time he worked at Sea Rim. He said good banking and good schools and finally good libraries met the requirements on their short list and resulted in dozens of plants around Sea Rim. Introduced Christine Sauro, the principal librarian at the McAlester Library.

She shared that the library

offers more than books and videos. Tutor.com is an afterschool tutoring program on line where children get live homework help at home. Many schools from around the region bring their students to McAlester's library for programs and events. The library has 3 meeting rooms, one large room plus two small conference rooms, and they are always in demand. More meeting space is needed. The library brings 125 to 200 kids into the meeting rooms to see clowns, storytellers etc. During the summer the library feeds children free lunches every day. After lunch at 1:00 the next group of performers comes.

10,776 people are served at the McAlester Library every year. "We have a big collection for a town this size. But even so, due to limited shelf space, decisions have to be made to weed and rotate the material."

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The tree feature on the east side was built by the scouts. The Shuller Foundation, an Eagle Scout project at the park, caught on fire and burned. Another scout project was rebuilding the flag room, which works very well. Scouting's 100th anniversary is next year. Gordon would like to establish a monument commemorating scouting to at Rotary Park.

Rotary held an auction an auction to raise money for the park and brought in over \$2500, which was used to build the kiddie park. Puterbaugh gave funds several times. The Gladys Murphy trail was a work in process for a while. JC Penny provided exercise equipment for the trail. At one point they had to replace the gravel with asphalt. The trail was designed to join Rotary's exercise park with the hospital cafeteria.

PSO put in the lighting, which burns 24 hours a day. A tax exempt foundation was established to provide funds for the park. It is not a large sum. All are welcome to contribute. Rotary House was bought for \$25,000 dollars. Rotary converted the house to a "Ronald McDonald type" house for those who need it.

Maintaining the park is an ongoing project. The Amphitheater and Rotary House both had to be reroofed. Puterbaugh Foundation helped with funds, the city helped, as well as the Rotary club members. There is a current need to replace about 18 trees that were destroyed by the last ice storm. The Tulsa Rotary Club has been down here twice to help with Rotary Park and with east side of McAlester clean up after the ice storms. The hospital manages the property.

There are a number of improvements that might be made to the park. For instance, Bob would like to see the drainage canal that runs through the park and the city property on either end converted to a frizzby golf course. All Rotarians present were encouraged to get a copy of The Birth of Rotary Park.

Rotary Club Business

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[The Acronym]

He used each of the letters in the word "shovel" to make a different point....

SMassey said, "The first law of 'The Shovel' is to show up – show up with a positive attitude and a smile. People will remember very little of what you say. They won't remember what you did. They will remember how you made them feel."

H"The next is habits," Massey said. "Habits will make or break you," he said. "How many have a resolution every year to lose weight? I can't lose 25 pounds, but I can push that plate of food away. If I do that enough, what happens? If we want to attain good habits in our life, we have to nurture these on a daily basis," said Massey. "Develop some good habits."

OTurning to the letter "O," Massey said, "Own your actions. Find someone you want to be accountable to, somebody's who's not afraid to tell you the truth." Massey said it's preferable to find someone who's not afraid they will hurt your feelings, to give you a critique of work or actions. Be prepared to listen. "That way you own your actions," he said. "You don't blame your circumstances."

VTurning to the letter "V," Massey advised to, "Visualize your future. Dreams perish without vision," he said. "Most people aim for nothing in their lives

Nominated for offices:

Carl Scifres- President

Gary Boyd- Pres Elect

Lois Washington- VPresident

Jim Henley- Sec/Treasurer

Gail Watkins - Director

Clem Santine - Director

Greg McNall - Director

Evan McBride- Director

Evette Martin- Director

Mike Lober- Director

Thanks to Steve and Gail who filled in for those who could not make their appointments to ring the bells for Salvation Army. It was very cold and many stayed on shift longer to cover the gaps.

As we always tip the waitress a bit extra at Christmas, we passed the hat and collected \$150.00, which was given to her at the close of the meeting.

All were encouraged to get a Rotary International Credit Card because a percentage goes to Rotary every time you use it.

Paul Harris Fellowship goes to Bret Smith, the last one in our club to get medallion, because THEY NO LONGER GIVE THOSE OUT.

Carl Filskow matched points with the \$250 he has given for Paul Harris Fellows to earn one.

Larry Bishop won the chance but didn't get the pot.

Bob Saunier won the handshake \$1.

Guests

Ashley Sewell and Raggedy Anns Carol Bishop and Tera Chadsey

28 mem + 3 guests

and hit it with amazing accuracy." He said that cemeteries are filled with, "Books that will never be written, songs that will never be sung."

EMoving on the "E," Massey said it's important to do something extra each day. Even by reading a few pages a day, you can eventually read a book, he noted. "In 2007, one out of four people didn't read a book," Massey said. "Fifty-eight percent of high school graduates never read another book in their lives."

LAnd with "L," Massey said, "Learn to love what you do. One of the concerns I have as I go around the country is we're losing our enthusiasm for life. A great evangelist said, 'If you set yourself on fire, people will pay to watch you burn.'"

Massey closed with a final challenge: "Pour yourself into helping 10 other people."

"The Shovel," subtitled "From Tragedy to Transformation," is the first in a series of three books planned by Massey. The other two will be titled "Nothing Beats Rich" and "Wake Up America." Contact James Beaty at jbeaty@mcalesternews.com.

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Eric is proud of his record; 14 Kids graduated from the baseball program and 13 got athletic scholarships, the other is starting in a school in Arkansas. Eric is looking forward to warmer weather and the baseball season coming up.

Announcements

Salvation Army bell ringing list was circulated. Larry Bishop thanked all who participated. Larry did two shifts last week. He shared that it was children who asked their parents for money to put in the pot that most caught his attention. They were so happy to give.

Evette announced the toy drive that the United Way and the Post Office are working on together. She asked all to participate.

Members present – 42 + 7 guests

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benefit their own local economies, so McAlester needs to be proactive in building community support here.

McAlester Defense Support Association is a not for profit 501c(6) organization, with a limited membership of 50. Dues are \$1000.00 yearly. There are currently 23 members. Mark C. Jordan is the Chairperson of MDSA. Members were invited to complete the application or call 916-1647 to become a member.

Rotary Club Business

This reporter was absent on Dec. 8th, so no other club business was witnessed. However, Doug Auld gave me several brochures that he had presented.

E.R.E.Y. stands for Every Rotarian Every Year. The goal is for every Rotarian to contribute to Rotary Foundation at least \$2.00 a week or \$10,00 a month. And The Rotary Foundation has made it easy to do with TRF-DIRECT, direct deposit from any bank into TRF. These contributions count toward Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member, Paul Harris Fellowships, Paul Harris Society, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and Major Donor recognition.

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for new programs. \$300 million has gone into education from lottery money.

ISP only has 75% of the staff they need. We need more funding and we need reform. 26,000 people are incarcerated in OK; 9,0000 incarcerated in Kansas. Both states have similar populations. But 85% of OK incarcerations are drug related. In Kansas drug offenders are sent to rehab rather than prison as long as they keep a job, submit to drug testing, etc. Here the Drug Court is doing well, a program that might be expanded. Another problem is our requirement that every prisoner must serve 85% of their sentence no mater what. That means prisoners are growing older and costing more in health care.

Senator Lerblanche suggested that taking the Governor out of the parole process is not being soft on crime. The Parole board may recommend a person for parole but has to wait 5 to 6 months for the governor's signature. And when it crosses his desk he must ask whether the public will view this parole as being carefully weighed or simply being soft on crime.

Too often our legislature asks first, "What will this do for my reelection chances?" Rather than, "What will this do for the good of Oklahoma?" Now even the US congress is guilty of putting partisan politics ahead of what is best for the nation.



Gail, our faithful waitress, receives a Christmas Thank You from Rotary Club.

Guests – 2 students
CarolineSheets and Chance
Caney

Program - Eric Thomas,
Kelby Kennedy and her
mom Brenda, Vick Sally
Davis from Eastern and
Ward Harris, a member in
waiting.

Handshaker - Dick
Dudley won the dollar

Invocation- Mary
Shannon

Drawing – Randy Sauniers
didn't win.

Our Gift to the World: Polio Eradication is a brief summary of our Commitment, Progress, Challenges and Legacy with regard to our goal of Polio Eradication. "Five million children, destined to be polio victims, are walking today and enjoying a better life because of global immunization." Polio cases have dropped 99.8% since 1988. But there are four countries where polio is still endemic. Until polio has been eradicated there, the danger of it spreading worldwide continues. To get there will cost greatly. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded Rotary a \$100,000,000.00 grant for that purpose, and Rotary has responded with a commitment to match that amount over three years beginning 1 January 2008. One year down, two more to go. The brochure concludes, "With your help, polio will be defeated." Join the fight at www.rotary.org/endpolio.

The third brochure presented was Securing Your Future, which provided a good argument for including a contribution to Rotary Foundation in your will. "The original vision of Rotary was to create a better world." The good you do can surely live on in these bequests.

In reality the bills now are being paid with money that should pay future bills, and will have to be paid back. We do have over \$600 million in a rainy day fund that might be tapped.

Senator Leblanc suggested that all state legislators should give up their per diem during this lean time. "Everyone ought to make sacrifices," he said, "not just the people."

On a happier note, Pittsburg County has been blessed and cursed with the oil and gas boom. We have more supply than demand, but that may turn around over the long cold winter.

In other Rotary business, there were no guests.

Gary Boyd encouraged "Every Rotarian Every Year" to give to the Rotary Foundation. The easiest way is to sign up for automatic draft. He asked Doug Auld to come forward and reported that when you give \$1000 you are a Paul Harris Fellow. If you give \$1000 more you can appoint another as a Paul Harris Fellow, and so forth. Doug has been a Paul Harris Fellow and contributed enough for two more to join the ranks. He was appreciatively recognized for his giving.

All were encouraged to read the Rotarian.

Attendance – 25 + Speaker

Jim Thompson won the handshaker dollar

Mike wished us all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Importance of Oil and Gas Production

Oct 27, 2009

Lynn Edwards, Program Chair, Monte Bruce, who is the production superintendent Devon Energy

Monte Bruce gave program, explaining the importance of oil and gas production and revenues to southeast Oklahoma. He gave a Devon Energy overview.

Devon is a good Oklahoma company. It is a small company oil and natural gas exploration and production company that's

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Simply stated, he told us that, if you want your club to grow it will. If you don't it won't. Do you really want it to grow? A young person has around 200 friends. As we get older we lose friends, we move, folks die, etc. So what can we do? We have to be intentional about making new friends, and they need to be young so they can bring along some of their 200 friends.

In the Masons it takes 6 hours, and there are many, many things to memorize once you join. It is much easier to become a Rotarian, so why isn't the room full? Invite young people. Pursue young people.

Masons are committed like the Rotary club, to make the world a better place. Masons are no longer a secret organization. Secret words and handshake can be found on the internet.

Blue Lodge, degrees 1, 2, 3 – raise money to give to good causes, Scottish Rite – children's free health for language disorders –locally have two clinitians and a secretary.

Shriners are a transportation benevolence, and will raise money for children who are badly burned to travel to receive

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Emily Dunagin, president of Friends of the Library, said, "We have an incredibly great librarian, a good, efficient boss, and a visionary. She hired Kathy McGilberry as assistant librarian and expanded the programs offered. Formerly we the library had only one book discussion group – now we have 4. Our Library is a

great one. Chris hired a teen librarian. Now we have dozens of teens at the library every day. The opportunity to play the Wii draws them in. This opens the teens to exposure with all that the library has to offer."

A city of less than 50,000 people usually doesn't have enough staff for more than a one-floor library. More floors require more monitoring, and thus more staff. Our upper floor just can't be monitored. Currently the useable space is 13,065 square feet.

Here in McAlester 22,651 people are served by our library. They are McAlester residents plus others who come here to shop or for the medical services. For this many people 29,855 Sq feet is the recommended size. 27,000 to 28,000 sq ft would be better. If a library is on a busy street the usage doubles. Adequate parking is always an issue. For 22,651 visitors annually the recommended allowance would be 85 parking spaces. We now have 22 spaces.

Our current library location has no room for outdoor programming. The library and the Boys and Girls club do more for children in McAlester than any other institution besides public schools. We see 300 children almost daily in the summer.

growing up. Currently Devon is among the largest natural gas processors in the USA with operations in Canada, the Gulf of Mexico, Brazil, Azerbaijan and China. Devon Energy continues to find, develop, and produce natural gas and oil. Devon has grown from its beginnings with 185 employees to over 5000 today. Devon has also absorbed Ocean Energy, Mitchell Energy, Kerr-McGee, Northstar Energy, Anderson Exploration and others.

treatment.

IN OTHER NEWS

It was announced that dictionaries are almost ready. Look for them Tuesday after Thanksgiving week.

Gary Boyd announced the merits of Rotary Foundation and encouraged everyone to sign up. Anyone can debit a donation annually from a bank account if desired. Roy Biden and Clem Santine both received Paul Harris Fellowship awards, recognizing them for \$1000.00 given toward a more peaceful world.

Evette Martin introduced new member, Robert Stillwell, who was installed as a fellow Rotarian.

STATISTICS

Attendance 44

One Guest Speaker

Total 45

Handshaker – Mark Jordan won the dollar

Ticket winner – 955 – Richard who won the pot last time did not win the pot this time.

We have a plan to address these problems. The Boys and Girls club want to sell their building in Chaddick Park. It is all ground floor and has 28,000 sq ft. Chaddick Park is a great location with great outside space. This will benefit McAlester because the building will be refurbished. The existing floor plan is perfect. It has no columns, and yet is the size of two large gyms. There is a food service area and meeting rooms already in the layout. The library will keep the little pool and fountain and playground. No park land will be taken. And there is plenty of room on the south and west if expansion becomes necessary. Donations to Friends of the Library are being solicited. The architect suggests the cost of the project will be \$5,000,000.

Peter Fletcher, a classical guitarist, played at Carnegie Hall. A benefit concert was arranged for by Dr. Shuller. For \$20 per person, on Nov 19th 7:30 PM, Peter Fletcher will play at St John's as a Fund Raiser for the new library.

Liam added that the Boys and Girls Club are 100% behind this effort of the library. Statistics Show "If McAlester every hopes to be the Shining Star in this region we need to support programs like this."

In other Rotary business, Gary Boyd discussed the business of Rotary foundation. Our stated goal is a donation of \$100 per member. Doug Auld had so many points over his Paul Harris giving that he was able to make another Rotarian a Paul Harris Fellow last year. This year he has given so much he can make another a Paul Harris Fellow. Every Tuesday this month we are going to officially present honorary Paul Harris Fellows Steve Brock and Ronnie Mae were awarded Paul Harris Fellowships this week. The purpose of the Paul Harris Fellows donations is to allaying suffering, improve living conditions, and allow educational opportunities around the world

Richard LeBlanc won the pot. His half was \$405.00..

39 members, 2 guest speakers, 2 guests = 43 Total

More Educational Opportunities in Oklahoma

Oct 20, 2009



Sheri Hundley, Coordinator, Academic Advisor and Counselor from Southeastern Oklahoma State College

Steve Smith, program chair, maintained an academic focus in today's program. He introduced Sheri Hundley, Coordinator, Academic Advisor and Counselor from Southeastern Oklahoma State College and Valerie McWhorter, academic advisor at the McAlester Campus of East Central

University. Each spoke about their respective institutions.

Sheri Hundley is a McAlester native and has been with Southeastern Oklahoma State for 4 years. Enrollment this fall was 112 students. Degrees in Education, Dental Studies, Applied Arts and Sciences, Criminal Justice, Business Administration Management are currently available. Masters of Business Administration, Psychology and Sociology Degrees are in the works.

Valerie McWhorter has just begun employment with East Central University. She provided information about courses currently offered on that campus.

Steve Smith brought us an overview of the McAlester Campus, which celebrated its 10th year last spring. The McAlester campus offers 160 classes total. There are 4 opportunities for associate degrees, 9 Bachelors and 5 Masters level degrees.

Some funding benefits were shared. The Choctaw Nation



Valerie McWhorter, academic advisor at the McAlester Campus of East Central University

provides resources for Choctaw students to go to College. The Gear up program provides \$6 million, which pays flight and housing expenses for students' trips to Washington DC.

One principle need is a building for an allied health center to train for health vocations.

In Other News.

New Rotary Rosters, hot off the press, were available for members.

Bruce Hall introduced our newest member new member, Gordon Powell Harris, from Boulder Co. 40th His wedding anniversary is Nov 5th. He has 2 Sons. His wife, Nancy, is currently still in Boulder, but plans to join him soon. Presently District Executive Director of BSA, past Rotary Club President, has served through several clubs in various places over the years.

Invocation- Doug Auld

Statistics for Oct. 20 Meeting

Members present- 42, Guest Speakers- 2, Guests Students- 2 Julie Winn and Jeff Williams, Others - 0, Total - 46

Handshaker - Clem Santine - Dollar goes to Shane Javershak, Lottery- Mike Lowber

McAlester High School Volleyball Coach Brooke Hall Returns By Wayne Hanway

Oct. 6th 2009

McAlester Rotary the program was presented by, McAlester High School Volleyball Coach Brooke Hall, who played volleyball at MHS and moved back here from Kansas to be the coach. She introduced several of her players. They are ranked #6 in the state and later in the day would be hosting the regional volleyball tournament, with high hopes of going to state.

Randy Saunier introduced new member Kacey Smith, who works for Ouachita Mountains Resource Conservation & Development. Her husband, Ben, works for Tenaska at Kiowa. They have one daughter, Kennedy, and are expecting a second child.

Student guests from McAlester High School for October are Julia Wynn and Jeff Williams.

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Current production levels are 65% gas and 35% oil and NGLS. The entire enterprise value is \$38 billion. Rig activity saw 194 rigs in operation in 1996 and 2441 in 2008.

Corporate Headquarters in OKC employs 1500 people. Calgary has 900 employees;

Houston 1000 employees; and in the field offices 2,100 employees. Devon is larger than Southwest Airlines, Marriott, and much bigger than Williams in OK.

Devon drilled 131 wells in 2008 and 35 in 2009 in OK. Oil and gas is a 40 billion dollar industry in OK. In line with Rotary principles, Devon contributed 175000 dollars in charitable contributions by 2008.

In other Rotary business, Clem Santine made a dictionary report. Lois Washington reported on "Saving a Life," which was information about the Rotary Foundation

Greg McNallt gave the invocation.

Lynn Edwards, Program Chair, introduced his 3 guests, who are all Friends of Girls and Boys Clubs, Jerry Lynn Thompson, and David Knight

Guests were Scott Walker, director of Shared Blessings, Kelly Yates Rotary Ann of Brent Yates and Vernon Willis and two Student guests

Total 50, 2 students, 3 program guests, 3 other guests, 42 members, Handshaker, Wayne Hanway - Greg McNault won the dollar.