My past work, my flying in the Air Force, and our travel interests have taken me to all 50 states and 40-plus countries. But surprisingly, I have never been on a real journey, the kind where you pretty much stop what you know as normal life to spend months traveling to interesting and exotic places meeting fascinating people, experiencing remarkable sights and sounds, and doing things you’ve never done before. Until now!

Nancy and I are 7+ weeks into an amazing 6-month adventure that is simply called the District Governor’s Official Visits. A more appropriate name might be the Governor’s Existential Odyssey. 24K miles is roughly the distance around the Earth and is nearly the same distance traveled by the District Governor on official visits in our wonderful four-state District—so I’m told.

I’ve actually worked in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, and Missouri and thought I pretty much knew the territory. Not so, not even close. Most of the cities in our district are not on 4-lane highways, nor are they destination cities. We are so spread out that even those of us who have lived most of our lives in and around the geography of District 6110 seldom take the opportunity to travel an extra 10 or 40 miles to visit Poteau, OK, Independence, KS, Yellville, AR, Cassville, MO, or many other nearby cities.

Meeting and talking with the kind and welcoming people in our district makes any trip to any town worthwhile. But there is so much more. The truth is, you can be amazed and entertained wherever you go in District 6110. Day trip vacations can be just as enlightening and just as much fun as an international vacation—and a lot less expensive. I don’t have the space to list or discuss everything, but I offer these few sights and experiences as examples: the Talimena Scenic Byway (then eat at Wharehouse Willy’s in Poteau), the Pittsburg State University Veterans Memorial Amphitheater (includes a half-size replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall), Big Brutus (Can you find Nancy in image?), the Gaston Visitor’s Center at Bull Shoals Lake, the George Washington Carver National Monument, the Woolaroc Museum and Wildlife Preserve, the Saunders Museum, and the Riverside Park and Ralph Mitchell Zoo. These, though, are just the tip of the District 6110 iceberg!

Each official visit is chronicled on the Rotary District 6110 Facebook page where you can view images of Rotary meetings and area attractions. AND, while you are there, please LIKE the District 6110 Facebook page and read/view more about what’s happening around the district.
Notes from Nancy.....

After 20 club visits in July and more in August, a trip to DC and a weekend trip to Dallas, Larry and finally have a chance to reflect on the wonderful evening of May 27, 2015, District Governor Larry’s installation held in a historic hanger at the Arkansas Air and Military Museum in Fayetteville.

It takes a village to put on any district event. Connie Williams helped turn the evening into a feel of an old fashion picnic at the museum. Master of Ceremonies Chuck Culver kept the ball rolling. John Williams, mentor and friend, led the installation. Jay Craig’s standup comedy routine kept the audience laughing. And the outstanding musical talents from the Rotary Club of Fayetteville showed their true gifts to District 6110 guests—Jonathan and Kara Story provided piano and voice; Todd Jenkins sang a prayer of praise; Chaddie Platt told it like it will be as she sang to Larry a revised tune with Rotary words to “You Will Survive;” and the Cog Hogs barbershop quartet of DG Bill Burrows, Ray Boudreaux, Larry Long, and John Harrell wowed us all.

Thank you to our beverage sponsors County Line Liquors and Dog Party U.S.A., and the fine food from Penguin Ed’s. The evening was a great start to an exciting year. For a look at a more pictures from the evening, go to the Rotary District 6110 Facebook page.

Nepal Earthquake Contributions

Rotary District 6110 Treasurer Russell Robinson consolidated your very generous individual and club donations and wired $6,949 to the Nepal Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund! As you read this note, this significant donation is providing much-needed relief to those who continue to suffer the ravages of this terrible natural disaster.
Fall in Fayetteville: The 2015 District Conference and Foundation Golf Tourney

Join fellow Rotarians and their families for an *Inspirational Celebration of Rotary*. And, enjoy Fayetteville in the fall!

October 2-4, 2015  **Chancellor Hotel** on the Fayetteville Square
70 N East Ave, Fayetteville, AR 72701  (479) 442-5555
Co-Chairs Wendy Kumpe and Chuck Culver

**Friday, Oct 2**
11:30 Lunch and Annual District 6110 Foundation Golf Classic Four-Person Scramble  
(shotgun at 1:00) -- Tournament Chair: PDG John Williams  
**Stonebridge Meadows Golf Club**
Click here to download [Golf Classic entry and sponsor form](#)
3:00-5:30  Technology Workshop
6:00, 6:30, 7:00, and 7:30  Fayetteville Nightlife Excursion
6:00-7:30 Reception and Heavy Hors d’oeuvres for Major Donors, Bequest Society, and Paul Harris Society (by invitation)

**Saturday, Oct. 3**
9:00-5:00  Inspirational Celebration of Rotary and Rotarians
6:00-7:30  Reception and Heavy Hors d’oeuvre

**Sunday, Oct. 4**
9:00-2:00  Inspirational Celebration of Rotary and Rotarians
Adjourn  [Experience Fayetteville](#) or [Crystal Bridges](#)

**To Register for the District Conference:** Register online via the Oct. 2-4 District 6110 Conference entry on the D6110 Website Calendar or the DACdb District Calendar. Or, register online by opening the e-mail you received from Terri Pollmiller on August 6 entitled: “ROTARY - DistConf2015 Registration.” Or, contact District Administrator Terri Pollmiller at [tpollmiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tpollmiller@sbcglobal.net) or 918-481-6110.
The Rotary Club of Springdale’s New Satellite Club

The Rotary Club of Springdale, AR looked for ways to attract new members and increase participation with existing members, so they decided to create a satellite club that meets in downtown Springdale. The Rotary Club of Springdale Satellite Club meets on Thursday mornings for breakfast, while the main club continues to meet Mondays for lunch. The satellite club’s efforts to build a downtown presence fit well with the city of Springdale’s efforts to revitalize and grow the downtown area.

The satellite club is a nice compromise between maintaining the strength and fellowship of a large club, with the more intimate setting of a small startup, without causing current membership to have to choose sides. This also gives the Rotary Club of Springdale an opportunity to seek out new members that may have scheduling conflicts with the larger club. The satellite group is still involved in the larger club’s activities and programs as they wish, but can also do their own projects and activities that fill different needs. The satellite club has seen some wonderful results in the past few months and all are excited for the future.

Race Across America for PolioPlus

Rotarian Bob McKenzie, who is well-known in Rotary District 6110 for cycling long distances for PolioPlus, is challenging the district to help him put together a District 6110 cycling team to compete in RAAM, Race Across America. Bob believes the team can involve other Rotary districts across America to raise millions of dollars for PolioPlus, but Bob needs people, equipment, and, of course, money from District 6110 Rotarians and clubs to enable a team, cycling for District 6110 and PolioPlus, to compete in RAAM. Bob’s letter, found here, explains everything.

Bella Vista Sunrise, has for many years, raised outreach funds by providing a Picnic type meal (Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with trimmings) for our Community Band’s Outdoor concert attendees. Our club served 225 meals at the July 4th concert held last Saturday (July 4, 2015). It is indeed refreshing to view our city’s mayor “Flippin” hamburgers and the local newspaper’s Editor playing “The Cookie Monster” handing out dessert cookies. There are usually at least 5 concerts a year providing us with a good portion of funds which we use to support local charities.
John Kreissler: Perfect for 50 Years

As we begin the 2015-16 Rotary year, the Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary Club had the exceedingly rare privilege of celebrating Rotarian John Kreissler’s almost unfathomable accomplishment of 50 consecutive years of perfect attendance. John’s accomplishment was recognized at the club’s July 1 meeting (photo to left, Club Secretary Mike Lewark and John). John was invited to join the Rotary Club of Lamar, MO in January, 1965 and was inducted by D6110 PDG Marion ‘Bud’ Moore. PDG Bud had 28 years of perfect attendance and John remembers thinking that was an incredible record, yet, on June 15, 1965 he started what would be 50 years of perfect attendance.

To achieve the 50 years of perfect attendance record, John has made up at many clubs, around the district and the world. He found that wherever you are in the world, there is always Rotary club nearby. John has been a member of five clubs: Lamar, MO, Falls City, NE, Pittsburg Noon Club, KS (where he served as President in 1975-76 year), Joplin, MO, and Pittsburg Sunrise Club, AR. John has served in many capacities at the district level and led a Group Study Exchange team to Finland in 1988.

Fifty years of unblemished attendance is far more than a record of punctuality or presence. For John, it was a 50-year commitment to humanitarian service to local communities and to the world at large. And best of all, the commitment continues. Well done, John!

RYLA to Interact to Rotaract

One of many recent stories illustrating how RYLA promotes Interact and Rotaract took place at Heart O’ Hills in Welling, OK, the site of RYLA, and in Pittsburg, KS, the home of the Pittsburg State Gorillas. Counselors (called Chiefs and CITs, short for Chiefs in Training) Kylie and Brad returned from RYLA to Pittsburg State University on Sunday all fired up about starting a Rotaract Club. As the story goes, they got on social media Sunday evening and by Monday evening, they had 30 students interested in joining. Pictured below is the charter ceremony for the new Pittsburg State Rotaract are Kylie, and Christine of the club plus the Presidents of three area clubs (Carthage, Pittsburg, Pittsburg Sunrise), Assistant Governor Mindy, and the District Governor Long. There are 92 charter members! RYLA is the impetus behind many Interact clubs throughout the district, too.
District Governor Official Visits through September
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August is Membership and Extension Month...It’s a time where we promote and emphasize the importance of exciting and effective service projects to build and strengthen our clubs. Rotarian service is sometimes the best kept secret...not only to the public, but sometimes even our membership. It’s important our members understand the impact our projects have in our world—the little boy who is a “latch key kid” who grows up to be the first person from his family to graduate from high school; or the mother standing next to a well Rotary has provided tells a Rotarian “Now maybe not so many of our babies will be dying.” The greatest impact is perhaps unspoken—the number of children who have not died because of the polio vaccine Rotary provided. Imagine a world without Rotary! You do make a difference.