



The Sunriser May 14, 2008

Calendar of Events

Meetings 7:00 a.m. Wednesdays at
Trinity United Methodist Church
3737 S. Peoria

- 5/14 **Chuck Mai, AAA, Spokesman on Roads and Bridges Issues in OK**
- 5/21 **Janna Saunders, Fleet Feet**
- 5/28 **Todd Graham, TU Football Coach**
- 6/4 **Herb Orr and Don Walker Alliance for Smiles**
- 6/11 **Gregory Conway, Exec. Dir. Tulsa Boys' Home**
- 6/18 **Alisa Davis Bell, "James, Inc." Mother's excelling in school**
- 6/25 **Nancy Reno, Hypnotist Change Your Perspective**

Other Events

- 6/15 - 18 **RI Convention, LA**
- 6/28 **Change of Ducks See Details Below**
- 9/26 - 27 **District Conference, Joplin**

News Roundup

Hosting Opportunities.

- We need a family to host exchange student Marcel from June 1st until August 4th.
- Also, a delegation of Japanese exchange students will be in the district between 9/20 and 10/17 they will want to spend 3-4 days in Tulsa during this time, visiting museums, etc. We will need hosts for about 5 students.

The Rich History of District 6110

*by Steve Reid
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A few week back I found myself in the Phillips 66 museum in Bartlesville looking at a barber's chair that is similar to the one that Frank Phillips, the company's founder, used almost a century ago. Frank, who was prematurely bald, also sold a hair tonic he developed, called "Mountain Sage." One of Frank's customers, whom Frank shaved and trimmed, was a banker who had connections throughout the United States. Frank ended up marrying the banker's daughter ... one connection led to another and being surrounded by good people got Frank good information about opportunities in the search for "black gold" in Oklahoma.

From the Phillips 66 company museum I travel to Woolaroc, Frank Phillips' ranch. I was fascinated by the museum that he had created from the collections of his lifetime. I purchased a book about L.E. Phillips, Frank's partner in the oil and banking business.

Now, after having completed three books, the one on L.E., one about the life and times of Frank, and one on Waite Phillips, I am fascinated on how these brothers had an impact on many of the towns and cities that make up District 6110. I had no idea that Waite was an Okmulgee Rotarian before moving to Tulsa and that he also lived in Fayetteville ... and his daughter was healed in a hospital in Ft. Smith.

Further investigation led me to the Boy Scouts history. I gleaned the following:

1938

A magnificent gift was made by Waite Phillips, a campsite known as Philturn Rockymountain Scout-camp (later changed to Philmont Scout Ranch - see 1941) consisting of 35,857 acres of land on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountain Continental Divide, near Cimarron, NM. Scouts rendered unusual service in the New England hurricane and floods. The first grants from the Frank Phillips Foundation were made

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News Roundup, Continued

Ducks Will be Changing. Change of Ducks will be on Saturday, 6/28 at the Oaks Country Club. Cost of the event for Rotarians will be covered by the club. You will have to pay only for your guest's admission at \$50/person. [do the math — it's still a pretty good deal!].

MSNI Fund Raiser

This year's fund-raiser will involve raffling off a Mercedes C300 Sports Sedan!!! The drawing will be held at the District Conference in Joplin the weekend of 9/26-27. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. See Larry Biron or Herb Orr for tickets.

Buy Now to qualify for a 6/1 early-bird drawing for a big LCD TV!

NOTE: Send your announcements, events, ideas, or other items to johnhill@cox.net, or call John Hill at 808-0987. Thanks!

District 6110, Continued

in Oklahoma and part of Texas to extend Scouting. Membership December 31, 1,242,009. Total, members to date, 8,399,923.

1939

Philtorn Rockymountain Scoutcamp was opened for advanced Scout camping. Total members to date, 8,977,696

1941

With the declaration of war, the Government requested Boy Scout service for the distribution of defense bonds and stamp posters; collection of aluminum and wastepaper; defense housing surveys, victory gardens; distributions of air-raid posters; cooperation with the American Red Cross; and, by joint agreement with the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, services in three capacities - messengers, assisting emergency medical units, and fire watchers. Waite Phillips made another large gift — land, residence and ranch buildings, livestock, operating ranch equipment - contiguous to Philtorn Rocky-mountain Scoutcamp, bringing total acreage to more than 127,000 acres. The area was renamed Philmont Scout Ranch. He also presented the Philtower Building in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the income from which was to be used for operating and developing the camp. Total members to date, 10,165,060.

As we all know, Rotary International has played a large role in support of scouting.

1918

After the signing of the armistice, the slogan "The War is Over, but Our Work is Not" was adopted. Scouts rendered nationwide service in the influenza epidemic. The first service club sponsor of troops was inaugurated by Rotary International.

Editor's Note: I missed the 5/7 meeting. I was in the Dallas helping wrap up construction on a new minor league baseball park.

I had hoped to get some notes from the meeting for use in the Sunriser, but they haven't arrived.

So ... I've lifted this article from Sunrise's own Steve Reid. Thanks, Steve!

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