



The Sunriser ..... September 12, 2007

## Calendar of Events

### Meetings

- 9/12 Jane Rohweder, Make-a-Wish
- 9/19 Member's Workplace Visit
- 9/26 Kelley Scott  
Exec. Dir. of Clarehouse
- 10/3 Glen Shaw

### Other Events

- 9/11 5:30 Sunrise Board Meeting  
Carol Orr's House, 8236 S. 68th E. Ave
- 9/13-16 District 6110 Conference

## News Roundup

**New Sunrisers.** Sunrise's September 5 meeting included the installation of **Mary Spears** and **Len Lovell** as new Sunrisers. Welcome!

**District Conference Coming.** The 6110 District Conference will be held at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks 9/13 - 9/16. Sunrise's electors at the business session will be **Phyllis Scroggs** and **Herb Orr**.

**Golf Tournament to Precede District Conference.** See the District 6110 web site for more information and application forms.

**Shoes for Orphans' Souls.** We still need more shoes. Donations will go to the District Conference Sept 13-16, so don't delay!

**Visiting Workplaces.** Instead of having our regular meeting on 9/19, Sunrise will visit members' places of business. Check the lists at the 9/12 meeting to see where you're scheduled to be.

## Mayor Kathy Taylor Visits Sunrise

Tulsa's Mayor Kathy Taylor addressed Sunrise's 9/5 meeting. Among the points she made:



- Mayor Taylor characterizes Tulsa as a "team of citizens." She feels that a unique commodity in Tulsa is our community spirit. Other special features include:
  - The port
  - The Performing Arts Center
  - Golf tournaments.
  - The international airport.
- The city has 3,700 employees.
- Municipal employees are represented by six different unions. Taylor wants to develop a more cooperative relationship with the unions - working toward mutual gain. The city is consulting with American Airlines on its recent successes negotiating with multiple unions.
- Tulsa has a lot of energy. The economy is growing and there is good job growth.
- Taylor wants to grow Tulsa's economy one job at a time, with much of the effort going into working with existing businesses.
- Taylor is very supportive of small businesses and entrepreneurship.

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## 2007-8 Officers & Board

### Officers

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### News Roundup, Continued

**Gingerbread is Coming.** The event still needs sponsors. Think hard about prospects!

**Youth Exchange Auction.** The auction is online at: <http://www.ri6110.org/rye/QuickAuction/QuickAuction.asp>

It concludes on Sept 15 in conjunction with the Online Silent Auction at District Conference. If you have items to donate, please contact Terri Vaughn or Ken Colley at [Luucie21@yahoo.com](mailto:Luucie21@yahoo.com) or fax to 479-452-6502.

## Car Raffle to Benefit MSNI

A 2008 Pontiac G6 Convertible will be raffled off September 15th at the District Conference.

Proceeds will go to MSNI. Tickets are \$25 each — 5 for \$100.

Call 918-832-7968 for information.

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

### KIPP Tulsa, Continued

- She wants to develop a customer service culture in government.
- While the city government has no official authority with the school system, Taylor is working to develop a public-private partnership in education. A particular emphasis is mentoring programs.

**The Move.** City staff will soon move to a new home:

- The current city hall has not been maintained and need a lot of expensive work.
- The new building is much more energy-efficient and will get a more favorable rate on energy.
- The move will free up property all around the city for new development.
- The new location will be a one-stop shop for citizens doing business with the city.
- No tax increase will be needed to finance the move.
- Third parties will lease space in the building that the city will not need to use at first.
- The city needs to do careful pre-planning for the move and build a maintenance reserve.

**The River Project.** On 10/9 there will be a vote on Arkansas River Redevelopment.

- The funding would involve a re-investment of the 4/10% that was passed to lure Boeing to Tulsa but which was never implemented.
- \$117M in private funding has already been committed to the project.

**Q & A.** Issues discussed during the Q & A included:

- River development
- Bike lanes along city streets.
- Roads and bridges.
- Keeping the Drillers in Tulsa.
- Keeping kids out of jail
- Work force.
- The city's role in immigration policy.