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OKC Rotary Club Dedicates New Centennial Fountain

The water fountain, a gift by the Rotary Club of Oklahoma City to the citizens of Oklahoma, was designed and installed by Sundance Water Design from New Mexico, on the east side of the new Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library.

During the dedication ceremony, Rotary Project Chairman Sam Hammons said, "We wanted to build a high tech fountain for a high tech library."

The leaping fountain uses jets of water leaping in synchronized patterns. It is controlled by a wind anemometer that signals the animation panel to discontinue long jumps of water until the wind subsides.



Lauren Bowman, granddaughter of Rotarian donor Sir William W. Talley II, enjoys the leaping water. Dedication of the Rotary Centennial Fountain took place Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at the Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library. (Photo by Janeen Woodall.)

Scenes From The Rotary Fountain Dedication



Harris is the name of the Rotary buffalo that stands near the Rotary fountain and in front of the RJN/Downtown Library atrium. Harris is part of the Spirit of the Buffalo campaign sponsored by The Nature Conservancy and Special Friends of Nature Conservancy. The Spirit of the Buffalo is an officially recognized partner with the State's Centennial Celebration.



Speakers at the Dedication- From left to right Rotary President Meg Salyer, Blake Wade from the Centennial Commemoration Commission, two unidentified people behind him, Rotary Presidents Jim Sharrock, 2004-2005; Alvan Porter, 1999-2000, Jim Clark, 2001-2002, MLS Executive Director Donna Morris and The Honorable Mick Cornett, Mayor, City of Oklahoma City.

Among the dignitaries present at the Rotary Centennial Fountain dedication were Commission members Penny McCaleb, Deanna Hannah, Alyne Strube, Dr. Ann Caine, Marguerite Ross and Scott Duncan and former MLS executive director and Rotary member Lee Brawner.



PRIMAVERA FESTIVAL - Spoticus was a hit at the Capitol Hill Primavera Festival in May. (Photo by Kelley Riha).

Views & Reviews: News from Your Staff Association



Derek Cash

The annual Staff Association meeting was held at the Golden Palace restaurant on June 11. About 28 people attended.

After a brief question and answer session, the annual report was accepted. A vote (including absentee) was taken on extending the terms (for Staff Association representatives) from two to three years, and the measure passed 42 to three.

Executive Director **Donna Morris** spoke for a few minutes. She said that the MLS will host a tour of the Downtown library for employees on the Saturday evening (Aug. 14) before the official opening on Aug. 17.

Plans now call for a library to be constructed on the south side of Oklahoma City, but it will be part of the Pioneer Library System. There will be a mill election next year.

Highlighting Staff

The following people and a brief description of why they were nominated follows. These staff members were nominated for the 2003 Outstanding Service Awards but did not receive the award :

Susan Stinson (SO) Susan has a positive, cooperative attitude. She is always patient, thoughtful, courteous and kind.

Tracy Stone (DN) Tracy assumes responsibility for tasks and carries through with them. She is a team-oriented worker who is thoughtful and courteous. I am always happy to work with her, because I know I will have a pleasant day and plenty of help from her.

Randy Wayland (SO) Randy takes the time to listen to our needs and demonstrates leadership by also encouraging us in leadership roles. He is open to suggestions and very willing to think outside the box.

Katherine Williams (RE) Katherine is very patient, understanding and dependable. She shows common courtesy and sees no difference in any person regardless of their background, culture or age.

Mary Beth Taylor, who was listed here as not winning - actually received the OSA in Oct. 2003. Sorry for the mistake and I have made several in this issue.



The Village

Trevor Dailey, page, has received a full scholarship to Oklahoma City University. Congratulations Trevor!!

MaryAnne Heard is taking a year's sabbatical to go to school to get her Master's Degree in Library Science. We are all going to miss her very much. We are in the process of planning a party for her. No details on that yet though.

Emily and I (Lisa Wood) turned one of our study carrels into the Volunteer headquarters for the summer. **MaryAnne** loaned her son's dorm fridge and the staff helped stock the room with snacks and drinks for the volunteers. It has really made the summer fun for our volunteers.

We have been having staff morale days here every week. We had a Hawaiian day, on which we all wore Hawaiian shirts and leis. We had Old Navy Flag Shirt day, (we all bought the same Old Navy Flag shirt and wore them on the same day). This week we

had sports themed day, and we all wore a sports shirt or a hat and a whistle.

The first day of summer reading we all dressed up as superheroes. I was Super-Grover (this included a cape and hat along with a Grover T-shirt).

Everyone else had on a variety of superhero T-shirts and costumes. We had the kids participate that day and gave them a Sonic coupon if they came in their superhero T-shirt or costume and signed up for summer reading. We have some pictures of that day.

I think next week is Crazy Hat Day. Then we are going to do Hippie Day, and then something special for the last day of summer reading, (we haven't yet agreed what that is going to be). Maybe toga day, maybe superhero day again.

We are getting a very special visit from The Cat in the Hat (the real costume, not the one the System owns). Barnes and Noble is loaning us (for free) every month for the next few months, the costume that they rent. We will get to have a costumed story time one Monday every month. This month is Cat in the Hat. I will have to check to see what it is for the next few months.

The City of The Village is starting work on putting in a park on the empty corner lot of the library property. Surveying is being done, with the hopes that groundbreaking will be soon.

We were recently able to purchase a Brio/Thomas train table for the children's area with a grant from WalMart and a very generous discount from Learning Tree. It has been a wonderful addition to our children's area.

Lisa Wood

Much thanks to Lisa for sending in to Shelflife all the exciting things The Village Library staff are working on.

If you have information about your library, please e-mail me at nlytle@metrolibrary.org.

We appreciate anything you can send us.

Promotion

LaWana Morgan

From Page to
Circ Clerk, RE

Transfer

Cheryl Cherry

From F-T CircClerk,
RE, to 3/4-T Circ
Clerk, DN

FYI

Sympathy

To **Simona Long**, DC, whose father died in June in Romania.

Sympathy also to **Heidi Johnson**, Tech Processing, whose mother passed away in Germany while **Heidi** was there visiting.

Sympathy also to **Kelley Riha** whose grandmother passed away this July.

Hello To

Jessica Prather Page, SO

Amy Wade Page, RE
Danielle Walker Page, SO
Stacy Schrank Employee Development Coordinator, Planning

Crystal Roper Page, DC
Kelley Wolf Page, DN

Good Bye To

Daphene Keys Library Mgr, RE

All MLS Employees (and one guest) are invited to a staff tour & reception of the new Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library Saturday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. Please RSVP with Fran at 606-3727. Business attire.



Volunteers! Sign Up Now for Book Passing on Aug. 13 at 7:30 a.m.

Heidi Port has sent every MLS employee an event employee sheet to sign up as a volunteer for the Grand Opening Book Passing on August 13.

MLS needs 50 employees to set up registration tables, mark the Book Passing route, set up refreshments, check in volunteers at one of five stations, answer questions before, during and after the event and help with clean-up.

You must ask your supervisor for approval to participate as an event employee.

Employees can either attend as an Event Employee, or they can take AVL and participate in the Book Passing with the public. You can sign up for the Book Passing on the website at www.metrolibrary.org.

People

JULY Birthdays

SAISRI MCCORMICK	7/01
NICOLE E. CAMPBELL	7/01
CHRIS W. SMITH	7/01
LOIS W. MCKENNA	7/02
BARBARA D. JONES	7/03
PRIYA M. DESAI	7/03
DEB THOMPSON	7/05
SIMONA LONG	7/07
EMON D. CHAVERS	7/07
GAIL GARLOCH	7/09
ELIZABETH KESSLER	7/10
TUPPER DO	7/11
ALMA LOUISE BROWN	7/12
LAWANA MORGAN	7/14
KELLEY E. HOFFMAN	7/15
MARY A. ANDERSON	7/17
DENISE A. COURTS	7/19
S. COLLETTE HANKINS	7/20
HEIDI DANIEL-MORGAN	7/22
CLIFTON BROADWORTH	7/23
LENA C. LOPER	7/23
SHIRLEY HENDERSON	7/23
DIANE RICE	7/24
JANET E. BROOKS	7/24
GLORIA J. TURNER	7/26
DENYVETTA DAVIS	7/26
BARBARA NAMMINGA	7/26
KRISTINA F. ROBERTSON	7/27
DENESA C. YOST	7/28

JULY Anniversaries

JANET E. BROOKS	7/1/1980
URSULA A. WARD	7/1/1982
RONNA C. DAVIS	7/19/1982
FRANCES V. HARBERT	7/8/1985
ANITA F. ROESLER	7/28/1985
KAREN R. BRAY	7/7/1986
DAVID L. MACK	7/2/1990
ANGELA M. PAELTZ	7/15/1992
PATRICIA WHISENHUNT	7/25/1994
MARY L. DAUGHERITY	7/28/1994
LAURA ANN WYLIE	7/5/1995
DAGMAR M. PEERY	7/7/1997
WOODROW HOWARD	7/7/1997
CAROL MOODY	7/28/1997
WHITNEY B. ROBERTS	7/8/1999
PAULA A. HANNAPEL	7/26/1999
KIMBERLY A. RICKEY	7/10/2000
RUSSELL L. PIERCE	7/17/2000
MANDANA ROSHAN	7/27/2000
MELISSA CORMAN	7/1/2001
JOHN LEROY HILBERT	7/16/2001
LISA M. WOOD	7/16/2001
MARY J. SHOLLY	7/29/2002
VIRGIL K. KOSKIE	7/14/2003
MARIA E. WATKINS	7/21/2003

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