

Junior Rotarian program helps students connect

As a junior rotarian I went to Rotary Club 29's meeting, last Tuesday with my Father. What is a junior rotarian you ask?

Well, the Rotary student program is designed to help young people connect with business professionals working in their dream career. Specifically, The mission of the Junior Rotarian Program of the Rotary Club of Oklahoma City is to foster a sense of respect, responsibility, goodwill and integrity among young people through community service and effective training opportunities.

The Club 29 program is open only to high school seniors and each school counselor may nominate only two students. Selection is based on



academic achievement and leadership. I was proud apply and be selected to represent the [Oklahoma School of Science](#) and Mathematics.

I found it was ironic that the first person I met as I signed in was **General Billy Bowden**. General Bowden had just given the closing remarks at my Eagle Court of Honor, **Randy McDaniel**, our state representative whom I enjoyed paging for, stopped by our table to say hi. As we sat and ate lunch with **Homer Paul** and his brother, my parents continued to

introduce me to quite a few people. I really enjoyed talking to **Past President Tim Strange**.

The Junior Rotary program requirements aren't too onerous: three Rotary meetings and a community service event.

I think there is a short essay too. I am looking forward to Graduation Day lunch April 10 at the new meeting location of St. Luke's. As of March 1, the Petroleum Club will no longer host the Rotary lunch meeting.

After the announcement, **Robert Clements** presented a very interesting dive into the "Vital Signs of Central Oklahoma: A Decade in Review" (supported by the United Way). I learned a great deal about my community and its strengths and

weaknesses and let's be honest it was a nice break from studying multivariate and the lunch was a delicious grilled salmon.

I've enjoyed being a junior rotarian.

The activities have been interesting and useful. I encourage all readers that know juniors in high school to alert them to this opportunity and encourage them to apply.

