

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

The Rotary Club of West Wichita meets Tuesdays, 12:00 noon at Rolling Hills Country Club, 223 S. Westlink

Rotary Club of West Wichita: www.rotarywestwichita.org Rotary District 5690: www.rotary5690.org Rotary International: www.rotary.org
Executive Secretary & Bulletin Editor: Diane Walker

Today's Speaker

TIM WITSMAN

WICHITA INDEPENDENT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Tim Witsman obtained his BA from Brown University and his MA and PhD from Purdue University. He began his career as a professor in Georgia. Tim left academe to serve in a number of positions in Savannah culminating in Assistant City Manager. His next job was as Director of Budget and Management for the city of Chicago. He moved to Wichita to become the first President of Kansas, Inc. in Topeka. He returned to serve as President of the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce for 15 ½ years. Tim worked in the financial services for A.G. Edwards before assuming his current position as President of the Wichita Independent Business Association and Wichita Insurance Services in July of 2007.

Tim has been active in many civic and charitable organizations. He served as Chairman of the Board of the Salvation Army Advisory Board. His latest new project is serving as Honorary Commander for the Mission-Support Group at McConnell AFB. He also serves on the board of Mid-Continent Research for Education and Learning (McREL) based in Denver serving two terms as chairman of the board. Tim is a Rotarian and has been President of the Downtown Rotary Club. Currently he is a member of four local health care initiatives and the Purchasers Advisory Council of the Kansas Health Policy Authority, and serves on KDOT's Project Selection Process Working Group.

February is World Understanding Month

CLUB INFORMATION

Happy Birthday!

Michael Phipps February 23

In 1905, another important event happened on February 23:

Rotary International was founded in Chicago, Illinois USA. Rotary is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations

Lynn Ungles March 5

Visiting Rotarian

Barry Purdy East Wichita

Guests

Bo Heartl brought by Paul Blissett
Students/Teachers from Lawrence Elementary – Extra Effort Awards

Roaming Rotarian

Phil Michel Sunrise & Salina Rotary Clubs

Attendance & Membership Report

Last meeting: 63% Membership: 73

Last year: 71% Membership: 76

Make-up raffle: Dan Kreis' name was drawn but he wasn't wearing a Rotary pin

Collections: Happy Basket \$1.00

Raffle winner: Tim Devine won money in the raffle at last week's meeting. The pot will be worth over \$200 if an Ace is drawn this week.

Rotary Casino Night



Our Interact Club would like to thank you for your support through donations and participation!

We had over 70 in attendance at our Rotary Casino Night last Saturday evening. This event was chaired by Sunrise Rotarian Fred Warren, assisted by John Paladino. Other Rotarians who were instrumental in organizing and setting up: Mike Suellentrop, Mike Ludlow, Paul Blissett, Mike Crawford, Roger Bowles, Chris Bennett.

Attendees enjoyed a wonderful Cajun buffet before the games began. At the end of the evening, there were many wonderful and unique prizes (*ask Ed Frey about one of his*) available through a live auction, silent auction and a raffle from tickets earned from the gaming tables. Phil Michel won the Grand Prize drawing for a Royal Caribbean Cruise. Since the prize was donated by his business, Warren Travel, he put it up for auction.

It was a fun evening and money was raised for charitable projects for both of our west side Rotary clubs and the Interact club. Amounts will be reported once they are determined.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

March 2 – NO MEETING

March 9 - Program: Milt Pippenger will give a report on his trip to China

March 16 – Program: Noreen Corrocci, Newman University

March 23 – Program: CIBOR

March 30 – NO MEETING: We will have Home Fireside Meetings throughout this week. Hosts needed! Sign up at the meeting or e-mail me if you are willing to be a host.

WEST WICHITA ROTARY SUPER BOWL

Our thanks to **Paul Blissett** for organizing our Super Bowl Pool again this year! The drawing was held at last week's meeting. Over \$400 was raised that will go into our club's charitable fund for projects. Congratulations to the winners: **Terry Finger** won \$100 and **John Mosley** won \$200.