

Tuesday, March 2, 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

NO MEETING TODAY

In order to help balance the budget, our board voted last November to cancel one meeting during a month that has 5 Tuesdays. Therefore, we will not meet this week. A meeting in June has also been cancelled.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- March 9 - Program:** Milt Pippenger will give a report on his trip to China
- March 15 – Board of Directors meeting,** Airport Hilton
- March 16 – Program:** Noreen Corrocci, Newman University
- March 23 – Program:** CIBOR
- March 30 – NO MEETING:** We will have Home Fireside Meetings throughout this week.



Congratulations!

Lori Taylor: New Paul Harris Fellow
Jack Flesher: Multiple Paul Harris Fellow

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HOME FIRESIDE HOSTS NEEDED

Home Fireside meetings are scheduled for the week of March 29th, we are asking for a few members to host a meeting in their home on the evening of their choice that week. A spouse or guest is also invited to attend with our members. We feel that this is a nice informal way for members to get to know one another better and it can be used as an opportunity to invite a prospective member to get a glimpse of Rotary.

This does not need to be an elaborate affair. It could entail anything from appetizers to a pot luck or light dinner. It is strictly up to the host. The club will reimburse up to \$6.00 per person attending. Another consideration is that a couple of Rotarians could go together to host a Fireside with one providing their home and the other helping with the food and refreshments. The times will be determined by the hosts. We do not need to hold all of the Firesides on the same evening. In fact, it will make it easier for more people to attend if we have them on different evenings that better fit individual schedules.

Thanks to the following members who have volunteered so far:
Nancy Duling: Monday, March 29, 6:00 p.m., Mexican dinner
Ed Frey: Wednesday, March 31, 7:00 p.m., Wine & heavy appetizers
Jodi Besthorn indicated that she would co-host with someone
We need to have at least 4 more hosts. If interested, e-mail Diane.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE) TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

The purpose of a Group Study Exchange is to promote international understanding and goodwill through person-to-person contact. Team members share personal knowledge of our area and experience the customs, vocations and lifestyles of the country they visit. While abroad, team members stay in Rotarian's homes and have the opportunity to meet their business and professional counterparts in the host country. They will also give presentations to Rotary Clubs and other groups about their trip experience. The Rotary Foundation pays for round-trip airline tickets and local Rotarians in the host country provide meals, lodging and group travel in their district. Team members are only responsible for their personal, incidental expenses.

A group of four Team Members and a Rotarian Team Leader will be traveling to Denmark. The team will leave Wichita on August 20 and return to the U.S. on September 18, 2010. Applications for team members are being accepted and due by March 31, 2010. Team Member applicants must be 25-40 years old, reside in District 5690, NOT be Rotarians themselves or have any close family ties to Rotary, gainfully employed in a recognized profession, and able to fulfill the expectations of the GSE before, during and after the month-long exchange visit to D1480.

Applications can be downloaded by accessing the Group Study Exchange section of the district web site at www.rotary5690.org. If you have any questions, contact Steve Woods GSEWoods@aol.com, 316-683-3561.



CLUB INFORMATION

- Happy Birthday!**
Lynn Ungles March 5
- Visiting Rotarian**
Tim Witsman (speaker) Wichita Downtown
- Attendance & Membership Report**
Last meeting: 56% Membership: 73
Last year: 41% Membership: 76
- Make-up raffle:** Roger Eastwood's name was drawn but he was absent
- Collections:** Happy Basket \$5.00
- Raffle winner:** Shelli Kadel won \$5.00 in the raffle at last week's meeting. Next week, the pot will be worth over \$223 if an Ace is drawn