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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 Program

EVELYN NEIER
"Botanica's Children's Garden"

A garden designed and built just for children is on the way for Botanica, The Wichita Gardens. The Downing Children's Garden will be a special place for kids and adults to explore, learn, play, have fun, and discover the wonders of nature. The Children's Garden will be the first garden in the Botanica expansion project.

Evelyn Neier is a youth development specialist with Kansas State Research and Extension. She is the Junior Master Gardener Coordinator for Kansas.

Lawrence Open House

Submitted by Marc Howell

Rotarians helped Lawrence Elementary with their annual Open House by cooking 600 hot dogs, handing out food and proving ice cream sandwiches in the outdoor classroom. Special thanks to Tim Devine for providing books to give away, Bob and Tony Goebel for bringing the Star Lumber grill and to Chuck Bullock and TECU for proving 200 tickets to a Wingnuts baseball game for students. Pam Klos, from Lawrence was ecstatic about our participation and how well everything went. Thank you for everyone's hard work!

The following members were there to help: Roger Bowles, Nancy Chadick,David Dejong, Tim Devine, Jack Flesher, Bob Goebel, Tony Goebel, Marc Howell, Nicolette Moreno, John Mosley, Zella Newberry, Vern Klassen.

Club Information

Happy Birthday!
Ryan Bagheri ..... August 27
Jack Flesher ..... August 29
Guest
Sequis De La Torre ..... brought by Marv Fisher
Attendance & Membership Report
Last meeting: 69% Membership: 75
Last year: 61% Membership: 75
Make-up raffle: Pam Stanberry's name was drawn but she was absent
Happy Basket collections: $6.00 **Scooter Bowl collections:** $0
Holiday raffle: Lori Taylor won $6 in our raffle last week. The pot this week will be worth approximately $45 plus half of the meeting's ticket sells.

PolioPlus Jar

President Tim has come up with a PolioPlus Jar for our back table to create awareness for the PolioPlus challenge. The jar is available for you to donate your loose change each week to raise funds for PolioPlus. The jar will replace our Scooter Bowl which was used to collect Holiday Family funds from members who "scooted" early from our meetings.

Information taken from www.rotary.org:
Rotary has helped reduce the spread of polio throughout the world since 1985 when there were 125 countries with polio cases. Today there are only four endemic countries. Polio eradication is within our grasp. But if we don't eradicate the disease now, the risk of crippling and deadly polio outbreaks will continue to threaten the world's children.

The biggest obstacles to eradicating polio are the underfunding of the global initiative and insufficient political commitment from the remaining polio-affected countries. Rotary International believes the primary source for additional funds can and should be governments of polio-free industrialized countries. Your contribution through Rotary will help ensure that we keep doing our part to get the job done.

Rotary's $200 Million Challenge is the Rotary Foundation's response to the two grants totaling $355 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to help eradicate polio. Every dollar given to PolioPlus will be counted toward the $200 million match, which must be completed by 30 June 2012.

Upcoming Programs & Events

September 1 Speaker: TBA
September 8 FIRESIDE MEETINGS (we will meet in our member's place of business instead of RHCC)

Fireside Meeting Sign-ups

This is the last day to sign up for the Fireside meeting of your choice. Fireside meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. If you are **unable to attend** a Fireside meeting, please also indicate that on the sign up sheet.

HOSTS:
1. **Greg Carr,** Wells Fargo Advisors, 300 S. Main
2. **Tim McCown,** UMB Bank, 130 N. Market St.
3. **Jack Flesher,** Bever, Dye, LC **(FULL)**
4. **Augustine Iacopelli,** WSU, West Campus
5. **Gregg Greenwood,** Allied Laboratories **(FULL)**