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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
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Today's Program

Wyldewood Cellars Winery

Wyldewood Cellars began in Dec. 1994, by the brother and sister team of John and Merry Brewer. The original site of the winery was in a turn-of-the-century building in the middle of Mulvane, Kansas. The original wine list consisted of four sweetness levels of Elderberry Wine, Sweet, Semi-Sweet, Semi-Dry, and Dry. Over time they added Elderberry Dry Reserve, Spiced Elderberry, Blackberry, Elderberry-Blackberry, Sand Plum, and Apple.

On the night of January 28, 1999, a tragic fire broke out next to them that ultimately destroyed the winery and three other businesses. Everything was burned to the ground.

Starting all over in November of 1999, Wyldewood Cellars opened their current location near Mulvane, just off the Kansas Turnpike Exit 33. The whole family gathered for Thanksgiving, pitched in to put in the flooring, paint the walls, set up displays, stock the shelves. The new building was finished and ready to open for business the day after.

Wyldewood Cellars now produces over 40 different types of wine. What began as a small winery, has blossomed into an Internationally recognized and awarded winery. Since their beginning, they have won over 300 International Awards. As Wyldewood Cellars climbed the ladder of recognition, John Brewer was asked to become a judge at International Wine Competitions. For many years he was the only international wine judge from the area. Wyldewood Cellar's Spiced Wine was featured and served at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Utah, and was awarded the Best Non-Grape Wine in North and Latin America, among many other Gold Medals.

Vote to Increase Dues

After much discussion, it is the recommendation from our Board of Directors to raise quarterly dues to $180 – a $10 per quarter increase due to our meal expense. A vote to approve this recommendation will be presented to the membership at today's meeting.

Open World Hosts Needed

We could use a few more Rotarians to host one (or more) of our Open World guests from October 24th through 30th. We will have 7 guests this year. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Augustine Iacopelli (augustine.iacopelli@wichita.edu) to fill out the host family form for Rotary International.

The 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:
1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Upcoming Programs & Events

Sept. 17– Oct 17 GSE Team (D1850 Germany) visits D5690
October 1 **Quarterly billing will be e-mailed**
October 6 **Speaker:** TBA
October 10 **District Membership & Foundation Seminar**
October 13 **HungerPlus meeting** at Ascension Lutheran
Speaker: DeAnn Smith, Open Door
October 15 **The First Annual Haus of Brews** presented by the Rotary Club of Andover to welcome the German GSE Team!

Colby Reynolds has agreed to be in charge of our white board calendar which is displayed at our weekly meetings. If you have any upcoming events you would like to post on it or pictures of current projects, please contact Colby.

Club Information

Happy Birthday!
June Costin ..... October 4
Roaming Rotarian
Phil Michel ..... WSC - Sunrise
Guest
Keith Hodges ..... brought by Paul Blissett
Attendance & Membership Report
Last meeting: 55% Membership: 75
Last year: 57% Membership: 75
Make-up raffle winner: Nancy Duling
Happy Basket collections: $7.00 **Scooter Bowl collections:** $1.00
Holiday raffle: DeAnn Sullivan won $9 in the raffle last week. The pot will be worth $29.00 plus half of the meeting's ticket sales this week.

Annual Hunger Plus Meeting

Organized by Ryan Bagheri

Tuesday, October 13, 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m.

Ascension Lutheran Church (close to Central & Tyler)

We still need FIVE more people to bring a crock pot of their favorite soup and several more to bring dessert or bread. The sign-up sheet will be available at our meeting or you can call or email Ryan Bagheri at 316.210.0267 or rabagheri@fedins.com.

Rotary District 5690
Membership & Foundation Seminar
Saturday, October 10th, 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Shears Technology Center—14th & Plum Streets
Hutchinson Community College
To register, go to www.rotary5690.org