

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

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](http://www.rotarywestwichita.org) Rotary District 5690: [www.rotary5690.org](http://www.rotary5690.org) Rotary International: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
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## Today's Program

### Ronald C. Whiting, Executive Director Wichita Business Coalition on Health Care

Ron Whiting is the Executive Director of the Wichita Business Coalition on Health Care. The Coalition is collaborative organization made up of employers, health plans, hospitals, physicians, and other stakeholders who have joined together to better understand the factors driving cost and quality in health care and to facilitate the identification and pursuit of innovative strategies and initiatives that decrease health care costs and improve health care quality and efficiency in the greater Wichita, Kansas region.

Ron will discuss the factors that led to the development of the Coalition and the Coalition's approach to addressing health care issues in our community. He will also discuss some of the dynamics of health care, including the relationship between cost and quality, and the role of employers as the purchasers of health care in driving performance improvement in our health system.

Before taking his current position with the Coalition, Ron operated a strategic health care consultancy, providing consulting services in the areas of strategic planning and new program development. Ron has worked with a wide variety of hospitals, physician groups, funding agencies, and professional organizations. Ron's work has involved strategic planning for growth, new clinical program development, feasibility analysis, facilitating mergers and acquisitions, and quality improvement strategies.

## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A Map Painting at Lawrence Elementary** is planned for Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m. If you can swing by and lend a helping hand that would be appreciated. Our Interact students will be helping too!

Our **Annual Hunger Plus Meeting** will be held **next Tuesday**, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church (close to Central & Tyler). We could use a couple 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.

As the dues billing reflected, our membership voted to **increase dues** \$10 per quarter at last week's meeting. Please pay your dues by October 31<sup>st</sup> from the statement e-mailed to you last week.

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

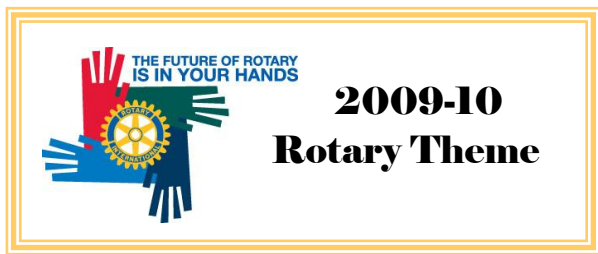
## Upcoming Programs & Events

- 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! Susan Bradley, Andover Rotary Club President will be at our meeting today to announce this event.
- October 20** **Speaker:** Carolyn Harrison, KS Health Ethics
- October 27** **Program:** Open World Team

**QUOTE FOR TODAY...**  
"I can be changed by what happens to me, but I refuse to be reduced by it."  
--Maya Angelo

## Club Information

- Happy Birthday!**  
Paul Blissett ..... October 8  
Chris Lair ..... October 12
- Attendance & Membership Report**  
Last meeting: 56% Membership: 75  
Last year: 59% Membership: 75
- Make-up raffle:** Bob Nelson's name was drawn but he was absent
- Happy Basket collections:** \$2.00  **Scooter Bowl collections:** \$0
- Holiday raffle:** Tim Devine won \$9 in the raffle last week. The pot will be worth over \$30.00 plus half of the meeting's ticket sales this week.



**Rotary District 5690**  
**Membership & Foundation Seminar**  
**Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**  
Shears Technology Center—14<sup>th</sup> & Plum Streets  
Hutchinson Community College  
To register, go to [www.rotary5690.org](http://www.rotary5690.org)