

Tuesday, October 13, 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 Rotary District 5690: www.rotary5690.org Rotary International: www.rotary.org
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Today's Meeting

"HUNGER AWARENESS"

Our meeting will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church,
842 N. Tyler Road, just north of Central. (Don't go to RHCC)

United Methodist Open Door, Inc.

Speaker: Deann Smith, Executive Director

United Methodist Open Door began in 1965 as United Methodist Urban Ministry of Wichita by a group of Methodist clergy and laity who felt that the church should be more responsive to the advocacy needs of our society.

In 1981, the country faced serious financial problems that adversely affected the local economy. In response to the crisis, United Methodist Urban Ministry became even more involved in direct service to the community and in the process became a truly public charity supported by a diverse donor base.

In 2007, the agency changed its name to United Methodist Open Door to better reflect its purpose and mission to provide food, clothing and shelter. Today the agency continues to open our doors – and hearts— to more than 14,500 people in need each month.

Hunger Plus

Almost one in five persons on earth is affected by hunger. Hunger robs its victims of health, hope, and dignity. At home and abroad, it affects our most vulnerable citizens: the young, the elderly, the poor and the displaced.

Everyday, around the world, 35,000 people die from malnutrition or the effects of malnutrition. Without food, children do not have the energy to grow. Adults lack the strength to work or provide for themselves and their families. The elderly succumb to illness and disease.

Poverty, natural disasters, political turmoil, ethnic and tribal animosity are all causes of hunger. Whatever the cause, the world produces more than enough food to feed everyone. No man, woman or child on this planet has to go hungry.

HungerPlus is a natural outgrowth of Rotarian's desire for international peace and world understanding. The first step in making the world hunger-free by 2015 is to provide food for the hungry wherever the need exists. The second step is to serve others by assisting their efforts to be self-sufficient. HungerPlus works with and through Rotary to accomplish these goals. Breedlove Dehydrated Foods, Inc. located in Lubbock, Texas, is the first non-profit food dehydration plant dedicated to eradicating hunger. The plant dehydrates 500,000 pounds of food per week – that's 10 million servings! Breedlove dehydrated products, coupled with the vision and action of Rotarians, is making a life-and-death difference for hundreds of thousands of

poor and needy people of all ages throughout the world. All money donated to HungerPlus is used to feed the hungry and to develop their ability to be self-sufficient.

Funds from HungerPlus are used for purchasing and distributing food, nutritional education for the hungry, projects that promote sustainable agriculture, literacy and numeracy projects for the poor, projects to provide safe drinking water and solar stove distribution and education.

To promote awareness of this vital program, our club holds an annual HungerPlus meeting. Instead of our regular club meeting at Rolling Hills Country Club, we meet at another location and serve soup for lunch prepared by members who have volunteered to prepare it for us. The money we save by serving soup instead of our regular meal at the Country Club will be donated to the HungerPlus program. We raise additional funds by having members cast their \$1.00 vote for each of their favorite soups and desserts. Typically, between the soup & dessert contest and the meal cost savings, we are able to donate approximately \$700 to the HungerPlus program.

Rotary District 5690

Membership & Foundation Seminar

The seminar was held last Saturday at the Hutchinson Community College. Several of our members were spotted there. Photos courtesy of PDG Rod Kreie.



Phil Michel, Tim Devine, John Mosley DeAnn Sullivan led a session

OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Taken from www.rotary.org

Vocational Service focuses on:

- Adherence to and promotion of the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors, and the public.
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, not just those that are pursued by Rotarians.
- The contribution of your vocational talents to solving the problems of society and meeting the needs of the community.

During October, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service. Discussions on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational Service Month is an opportunity to begin year-long vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects.

CLUB INFORMATION

No Birthdays this week

Roaming Rotarian

Bob Bundy Loveland Rotary Club
 Ralph Hight WSC – Sunrise Rotary Club

Visiting Rotarians

Susan Bradley Andover Rotary Club
 Matthew Lewis WSC – Sunrise Rotary Club
 Mike Alfors Newton Rotary Club

Guests

Justin Pekarek brought by Ryan Bagheri
 Phil Richardson brought by Paul Blissett
 David Sanders brought by Brent Groves

Attendance & Membership Report

Last meeting: 69% Membership: 72
 Last year: 63% Membership: 75

Make-up raffle: Dan Kreis' name was drawn but he was absent

Happy Basket collections: \$16.00 **Scooter Bowl collections:** \$0

Holiday raffle: Sharon West drew a Jack won \$15 in the raffle last week.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- October 15** **The First Annual Haus of Brews** presented by the Andover Rotary Club to welcome the German GSE
- October 17** **Map Painting** at Lawrence Elementary, 11:00 a.m.
- October 19** **Board Meeting**, Airport Hilton, 5:15 p.m.
Interact Meeting, Legacy Bank, 6:30 a.m.
- October 20** **Speaker:** Carolyn Harrison, KS Health Ethics
STAR Class: 11:15 a.m. in the Par Room at RHCC
 Topic: Vocational Service
- October 27** **Program:** Ukraine Open World Team
Extra Effort Awards – 5th Grade
- November 3** **Speaker:** Geri Appel, District Foundation Chair

Monthly Grocery Schedule

Organized by Vern Klassen

Each year, our members volunteer to purchase \$75 worth of groceries each to provide food to needy families at Lawrence Elementary.

2009-2010 Volunteers:

- August 2009** – Maurice Linnens & Bob Nelson
September 2009 – Augustine Iacopelli & David Weber
October 2009 – Bob Goebel & Ed Frey
November 2009 – Covered by our Thanksgiving Holiday Fund
December 2009 – Covered by our Christmas Holiday Fund
January 2010 – Brant Westbrook & Brian Goudie
February 2010 – Paul Blissett & Tim Devine
March 2010 – Greg Carr & Shelli Kadel,
 John Mosley & Gregg Greenwood
April 2010 – Covered by our Easter Holiday Fund
May 2010 – Bob Scott & Tom Wagner

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Map Painting at Lawrence Elementary** that was scheduled for last week was postponed due to weather. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 17th, 11:00 a.m. Let Paul Blissett know if you'll be able to help! Thanks to Paul for power washing the surface last Friday to get us ready!!

Our club will be hosting a **Ukraine Open World Team** October 24th through 30th. If you are willing to host one or more in your home any time that week, please contact Augustine Iacopelli. A **Farewell Banquet** will be held for anyone interested in attending on Friday, October 30, at the Airport Hilton. More details (time / cost, etc.) will be announced in next week's bulletin. Reservations need to be made by October 26th.

Dillons Certificates will be available for purchase at our October 20th Club meeting.

There will be a **Board of Directors Meeting**, Monday, October 19, 5:15 p.m., at the Airport Hilton. Board members: Please let Diane know if you can OR cannot attend to confirm we will have a quorum.



We have collected **\$47.68** of pocket change so far in our **PolioPlus Jar!**

MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

- Downtown Wichita Monday noon, Botanica
 East Wichita Wednesday noon, Wichita Country Club
 WSC - Sunrise Thursday 7:00 a.m., RHCC
 Andover Thursday noon, Terradyne Country Club
 Derby Friday noon, Derby Golf & Country Club
 eClub One www.rotaryclubone.org

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Taken from the ABC's of Rotary

Vocational Service is the "Second Avenue of Service". No aspect of Rotary is more closely related to each member than a personal commitment to represent one's vocation or occupation to fellow Rotarians and to exemplify the characteristics of high ethical standards and the dignity of work. Programs of vocational service are those which seek to improve business relations while improving the quality of trades, industry, commerce and the professions. Rotarians understand that each person makes a valuable contribution to a better society through daily activities in a business or profession.

Vocational service is frequently demonstrated by offering young people career guidance, occupational information and assistance in making vocational choices. Some clubs sponsor high school career conferences. Many recognize the dignity of employment by honoring exemplary service of individuals working in their communities. The 4-Way Test and other ethical and laudable business philosophies are often promoted among young people entering the world of work. Vocational talks and discussion of business issues are also typical vocational service programs at most clubs.

Regardless of the ways that vocational service is expressed, it is the banner by which Rotarians "recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations" and demonstrate a commitment to "high ethical standards in all businesses and professions." That's why the Second Avenue of Service is fundamental to every Rotary Club.

