

Tuesday, November 3, 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
Executive Secretary & Bulletin Editor: Diane Walker

Today's Speaker

GERI A. APPEL

Rotary District Foundation Chair

Geri A. Appel is co-owner with her husband, Rotarian Ken Lerman, of North American Marketing, a business seminar and speaking company which promotes and conducts business-related programs nationwide. She also works with Ken in his consulting business. Geri and Ken have been in business together since 1988. Prior to that, she was a Vice President with BANK IV Wichita, the state's largest bank holding company at the time.

She is the founding President of the International Credit Association of South Central Kansas, is a former board member of the Wichita Independent Business Association, the American Institute of Banking and the Wichita Habitat for Humanity Board.

Geri is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Wichita (Downtown) where she has been a member since December, 1990. She has served as the Club Rotary Foundation Chair and the New Member Orientation Committee Chair. She is the Associate Editor of the District Newsletter. Geri also reads for Wichita Rotary's Reading is Fundamental Program, hosts and assists with Group Study Exchange Teams, and works closely with the Club's Interact Club at Wichita East High School as well as the club's Haiti Project. She is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Paul Harris Society Member, a benefactor and a member of the Bequest Society of The Rotary Foundation.

Geri served as our District 5690 Governor for 2002-2003, overseeing the activities of the 30 clubs in Kansas and the Oklahoma panhandle. She has served the District in many committee positions over the years, and she has attended numerous Rotary International Conventions. She was District 5690's representative to the 2007 Council on Legislation and has been elected to that position again in 2010. She has served as the Official Representative of the President of RI. Currently, Geri is District 5690 Rotary Foundation Chair and she is also a Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund Strategic Advisor in Zone 25 (2006-2010). She is a recipient of both her club and District 5690's Service Above Self Award.

Geri is a founding member and Treasurer of the *Rotary Global History Fellowship* (www.rghf.org). In 2003-2004, Geri served on the Zones 25-26 Houston Institute Committee, as District Governor Trainer and Sergeant at Arms. For the 2004-2005 Zone Scottsdale Institute Committee, she served as District Governor Trainer and Chair of the Presentation Banquet. For the 2006-07 Zone Denver Institute and the 2007-08 Institute in Austin she served as District Governor Nominee trainer as well as being responsible for the program booklet. This year, 2008, she is the Chair of the Institute Program and the program booklet (again).

Geri was born and raised in Leoti, Kansas and is the oldest of 7 children. She enjoys reading, weightlifting and traveling.

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

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Thanks to our 2009 Open World Project Chair, Augustine Iacopelli, and ALL who helped with the planning, hosting, driving and activities!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- November 7** The Lawrence Elementary Outdoor Classroom is ready for a fall clean up day – weeding, raking leaves, mowing, picking up trash, etc. Let Lori Taylor know if you can help.
- November 10** **Speaker:** TBA
- November 16** **Board Meeting:** 5:15 p.m. at the Airport Hilton
Annual Bookshelf Building – mark your calendar!
- November 17** **Speaker:** Janet Wright, Wichita Festivals
- November 24** **Speaker:** TBA
- December 1** **Program:** Annual Christmas luncheon at the Airport Hilton with Friends University Concert Choir

CLUB INFORMATION

Happy Birthday!

- Dan Kreis November 5
- Chuck Bullock November 8

Roaming Rotarian

- Bob Goebel Berryville Rotary Club

Guest

- Ty Roberts brought by Alan Leopard

Attendance & Membership Report

- Last meeting: 53% Membership: 72
- Last year: 72% Membership: 76

Make-up raffle: Bob Nelson's name was drawn but he was absent

Happy Basket collections: \$4.00 **Scooter Bowl collections:** \$0

Holiday raffle: One of our Open World guests drew the Ace and won the pot of \$54 in the raffle last week.

