

Tuesday, November 10, 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)  
 Executive Secretary & Bulletin Editor: Diane Walker

## Today's Speaker



**ALAN LEPARD**  
 Senior District Executive  
 White Buffalo District  
 Quivira Council, BSA

Alan Lepard finds himself a resident of the Wichita area for the past eleven years. He is the Senior District Executive for White Buffalo District with Quivira Council, Boy Scouts of America. This role definitely includes building fires and tying knots, but really focuses on recruiting youth & adults, training adults, and gathering supporting from the community.

Born and raised in Ohio, Alan moved to Wichita after his college years, where he met and married Sheri, who teaches special education in Valley Center. He brings much experience to his role in serving West Wichita and Sedgwick County: he earned the Eagle Scout Award as a teenager, has worked on summer camp staffs for several years, and previously served the Hutchinson, Newton and McPherson area.

Alan and Sheri have two sons, Nicholas, age 7, and Markus, age 3. They enjoy hiking, biking, sports, and church activities.

**ANNUAL BOOKSHELF BUILDING**  
 at Bob Goebel's workshop, 335 Fairhaven  
 Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm.  
 Project organized by Roger Bowles



Come help build bookshelves for the first graders at Lawrence Elementary. The more workers we have, the faster it goes! If you haven't been involved with this project, it's fun just to see the process. Our Interact students will also be helping us.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- November 16 Board Meeting:** 5:15 p.m. at the Airport Hilton  
**Annual Bookshelf Building**
- November 17 Speaker:** Janet Wright, Wichita Festivals
- November 19 Thanksgiving Family delivery – 2 volunteers needed**
- November 24 Speaker:** TBA
- December 1 Program:** Annual Christmas luncheon at the Airport Hilton with Friends University Concert Choir. We will start the sign-up sheet at this week's meeting. Everyone attending will need to make a reservation! David Weber will also have the Christmas wish lists of selected families for those who would like to purchase a gift for them.

## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

### The Rotary Foundation's Beginning

*Taken from the ABC's of Rotary*

Some magnificent projects grow from very small seeds. The Rotary Foundation had that sort of modest beginning.

In 1917, R.I. President Arch Klumph told the delegates to the Atlanta Convention that "it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world." The response was polite and favorable, but the fund was slow to materialize. A year later the "Rotary Endowment Fund," as it was first labeled, received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, which was the balance of the Kansas City Convention account following the 1918 annual meeting. Additional small amounts were annually contributed, but after six years it is reported that the endowment fund had only reached \$700. A decade later, The Rotary Foundation was formally established at the 1928 Minneapolis Convention. In the next four years the Foundation fund grew to \$50,000. In 1937 a \$2 million goal was announced for The Rotary Foundation, but these plans were cut short and abandoned with the outbreak of World War II.

In 1947, upon the death of Paul Harris, a new era opened for The Rotary Foundation as memorial gifts poured in to honor the founder of Rotary. From that time, The Rotary Foundation has been achieving its noble objective of furthering "understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations."

It is staggering to imagine that from those humble beginnings, The Rotary Foundation is now receiving more than \$40 million each year for educational and humanitarian work around the world.

## CLUB INFORMATION

### No Birthdays this week

#### Roaming Rotarian

- Augustine Iacopelli ..... Sunrise Rotary Club
- Mark Hansen ..... Sunrise Rotary Club
- Jack Flesher ..... Sunrise Rotary Club
- Mike Suellentrop ..... Sunrise Rotary Club

#### Visiting Rotarian

- Gerri Appel (speaker) ..... Wichita (Downtown) Rotary Club

#### Guests

- Mike Crawford ..... brought by Paul Blissett
- Bob Avers ..... brought by Paul Blissett
- Michelle Miller ..... Lawrence Elementary

#### Attendance & Membership Report

- Last meeting: 61% Membership: 72
- Last year: 61% Membership: 76

**Make-up raffle:** Ann Welborn's name was drawn but she was not wearing her Rotary pin.

**Happy Basket collections:** \$9.00  **Scooter Bowl collections:** \$0

**Holiday raffle:** Zella Newberry won \$7.00 in the drawing last week.