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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 Speaker

BETH THUMMEL
WICHITA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Children's Home is Wichita's oldest charitable institution. It was founded in August, 1888, as the city's first orphanage for the "support and care of destitute and homeless children." The Wichita Children's Home offers the only emergency, temporary residential center for children in Sedgwick County.

Their Mission is to assure the safety and well-being of children and to create health families by providing: Assessment and Intervention Services; A temporary home for children at risk of abuse, neglect or homelessness; and Education, Prevention, and Advocacy Initiatives.

The Wichita Children's Home cares for victims of abuse, abandonment, and neglect, as well as runaways, children facing family crisis, or children who may be at risk in their homes. Children and youth from one day to 21 years of age and their families, receive assistance from across the state of Kansas.

Christmas Luncheon

The food, the music, the fellowship and the setting at our luncheon last week at the Airport Hilton all combined to create a wonderful kick off for this holiday season. Santa" (aka President Tim) even made an appearance to direct the choir in the traditional "Happy Birthday" song to our December birthday celebrants!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

December 15 **Speaker:** Dan Fredlund, KS Underground Gas Storage
LAST DAY to bring your gifts for our Holiday families
December 19 **Christmas Family delivery**
December 22 Our meeting will be held at Prairie Pines Christmas Tree Farm. Please RSVP today!
December 29 **NO MEETING** – due to the holidays
January 5 **Annual All-Club meeting at Lawrence Elementary**
January 12 **Speakers:** Edwin Van Petten & Sally Lundford, Kansas Lottery

$$ DILLONS DOLLARS $$

Dillons Dollars will be available for purchase at our meeting this week. By purchasing Dillon's Dollars, you can shop for groceries, fill your vehicle with fuel, give gifts to employees, or send grocery or gasoline money to your college kids AND help our Rotary Club impact the lives of children at Lawrence Elementary.

Here's how it works: Our club purchases in bulk, certificates good at Dillon's and Kwik Shop convenience stores all over Wichita (as well as Manhattan and Lawrence) at a 4% discount from face value. We then make them available for you to purchase at $25 increments at the first Tuesday of the month when our club meetings are at RHCC. When you're done shopping and ready to check out, you simply present the certificates to the cashier. That's it!

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Reaching out

Thanks to Tom Wagner, Project Coordinator, and all who participated in ringing bells for the Salvation Army last Saturday.

David Weber, Bob Broeckelman, Mark Hansen, Brian Goudie and several of our Interact students will be meeting at the Dillons at 21st & Amidon on Saturday, December 19th, to purchase and then deliver groceries and gifts to our Christmas families. If you signed up to purchase a gift for our Holiday families, please wrap the gift with the tag on the outside and mark it off the list when you bring it to the meeting. The deadline for bringing the gifts is December 15th!

CLUB INFORMATION

Happy Birthday!
Jamie Anderson ..... December 10
Guests
We had 24 guests at our Christmas luncheon last week
Attendance & Membership Report
Last week: 64% Membership: 72
Last year: 69% Membership: 77
Information from our November 24th meeting:
Make-up raffle: Walt Classen's name was drawn but he was absent
Happy Basket collections: $2.00 **Scooter Bowl collections:** $0
Holiday raffle: Bob Goebel won $15. The raffle will resume today and the pot will be worth over $60 if an Ace is drawn. Money raised from the raffle helps pay for groceries purchased for needy families during the holidays.

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2009-10 Rotary Theme