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ROTARY CLUB *of west* WICHITA

Meets Tuesdays, 12:00 noon at
Rolling Hills Country Club
223 S. Westlink

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Rotary Club of West Wichita:
www.rotarywestwichita.org

Rotary District 5690:
www.rotary5690.org

Rotary International: www.rotary.org

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

TODAY'S SPEAKER

TIM RICHARDS

Customer & Community Relations Consultant Westar Energy

"What's Happening at Westar Energy"

Tim Richards has served as a Customer and Community Relations Consultant with Westar Energy, since 2009. His initial role was to represent Westar Energy, Inc. and its joint venture entity, Prairie Wind Transmission, LLC, in the interface with government and community development interests in the southcentral and southwest regions of Kansas in the promotion, planning, and construction of the Wichita to Woodward 345 kV electric transmission line for enhanced interconnection capability. He also helped represent Westar's interests in the development of the Flat Ridge and Ironwood wind facilities in Barber and Ford Counties respectively. Since 2016, Tim has worked primarily in the Wichita region in the implementation of Project Grassroots, a customer communication and information program available upon request for neighborhood and homeowner associations, civic organizations, and other similar groups.

Tim concluded an extended career in the public utility industry with his retirement in 2007 from Kansas Gas Service where he had served as Community Relations Manager in Wichita from the time of the company's inception in 1997 as a division of ONEOK, Inc. of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Prior to that, he had served with Westar Energy's predecessor companies KG&E and later Western Resources beginning in 1968, most recently as Wichita Assistant Regional Manager from 1979 to 1982 and Newton Division Manager from 1982 to 1997. This provided nearly thirty years of experience and opportunity in building and maintaining relationships with local governments, community and economic development organizations, and key business and community leaders in Wichita and surrounding communities throughout south central Kansas.

Tim is a graduate of Kansas State University in the College of Business Administration and also completed a Management Development Program at Texas A&M University. He was a member of the 1985 class of Leadership Kansas, twice served terms as a board member of the Kansas Chamber, and also served as a member of the Kansas League of Municipalities as an elected member of the Newton City Commission.

Tim and his wife Nancy reside in Wichita and together have two children and four grandchildren.

The 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Don't miss this year's Winter Social!



The Golden Girls

Roxy's



The Golden Girls

412 1/2 E Douglas

Friday, February 16, 2018

Show: The Golden Girls ~ Rated PG-13

Show time: 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Plan to arrive around 7:00 to socialize before the show
(show only - no meal)

MEMBERS: No charge / SPOUSE or GUEST: \$15

→Any reservations made and not kept will be charged \$30 each
Sign up at the meeting or e-mail Diane for reservations.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

It's time to nominate a fellow Rotarian for our club's 2017-18 Service Above Self Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize a fellow Rotarian for the outstanding contributions they make to the community, our club, social, religious, educational, business ethics, and/or other worthwhile activities which make Wichita a better community.

These current members who are past recipients are **not eligible**:
Bob Goebel, Roger Bowles, Mike Ludlow Michael Phipps, Shelli Kadel, DeAnn Sullivan, Paul Blissett, Mark Hansen, Mike Suellentrop, Phil Michel, Jack Flesher, Sharon West, Brian Goudie and Jamie Wise.

If you would like to nominate a fellow Rotarian, send an e-mail to Diane with the following information:

The **NAME** of the Rotarian you would like to nominate

The **REASON** you feel they deserve this award

Our Selection Committee, consisting of past recipients, will review all nominations to select this year's winner.

The deadline to submit is: February 13th

What is Rotary?

"Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world."

CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS & EVENT

- February 6 Speakers: Danielle Stephens & Erin Konecny, Danielle Studios, Inc., Old Town Underpass Mural Artist
David Weber Extra Effort Awards – Benton Elementary
- February 13 Speaker: Bryan Frye, Wichita City Council – District 5, "Update on Pracht Wetlands Park & Cadillac Lake Development"
David Weber Extra Effort Awards – Lawrence Elementary
- February 16 Winter Social at Roxy's – make reservations!
- February 19 Board of Directors meeting, 5:30 P.m. 7515 W. 37th
- February 20 Speaker: Katey Dorrah, Executive Director, MarkArts 11:30 – STAR Class, Topic: "International Service"
- February 27 Speaker: Dr. Justin Henry, Superintendent, Goddard School District

Save the date:



Saturday, May 12th, WSU Baseball Outing
Picnic and game in the pavilion

Last week's meeting...



The RITE (Rotary Intercountry Teacher Exchange) teachers spoke to our club. They arrived mid-January and will be here for 4 weeks.



Our David Weber Extra Effort Award was presented to a student from Benton Elementary



STAR Class Schedule

Organized by Mark Hansen

Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Meetings are held at 11:30 a.m. at RHCC before our club meeting.

February 20 – International Service

March 20 – No STAR Class this month

April 17 – Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange

May 15 – No STAR Class this month

June 19 – History of Rotary

July 17 – Community Service

January attendance: Mark Hansen, Colby Reynolds, Sharon West, Mindy Wagner, DeAnn Sullivan, Roger Bowles, Bob Goebel, Randy Bowles and Pam Chambers

STAR=Special Training for Action in Rotary

CLUB INFORMATION

Happy Birthday!

Zella Newberry February 1

Visiting Rotarian

Dalia Hale WSC-Sunrise

Guests

Amy Lash Esau Guest of Monty Allen

Isabela Nichel Guest of Terry Gardner

Rosalie Goebel Guest of Bob Goebel

David Atkins Guest of Pam Chambers

Attendance & Membership Report

Last meeting: 55%

Membership: 64

Last year: 51%

Membership: 61

Rotary Awareness Drawing Winner: Joey Timmer.

Holiday Raffle: DeAnn Sullivan won \$5.00. The pot will be worth over \$75 if an Ace is drawn. The money raised provides groceries for needy families during the holiday.



INTERACT PANAMA TRIP – SHOES

A group from our Interact club (7 girls, 7 boys + 3 adult sponsors) will be heading to Panama over Spring Break. The typically take flip flops to provide footwear for needy children but found a better solution this year! They will purchase sturdy shoes (\$16 per pair) that "grow" with the child so they can wear them for a long time. The shoes will be delivered to a school they will be visiting that has 100-150 students. If you would like to make a donation to help purchase these shoes, please make a check payable to the Sunrise Charitable Fund, Inc. and write "shoes" on the memo line.

Message from "The Shoe That Grows" website:

"Without shoes, children are especially vulnerable to soil-transmitted diseases and parasites that can cause illness and even death. Children who get sick miss school, can't help their families, and suffer needlessly. And since children's feet grow so quickly, they often outgrow donated shoes within a year, leaving them once again exposed to illness and disease."

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Our club awards three \$1,000 high school scholarships to graduating seniors in our area. The scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

- Graduating seniors who plan to attend a Kansas college/university/community college/trade school
- Proven involvement in school, church, and community activities
- Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.00 or above (on a 4.0 scale)
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher / administrator speaking to the quality of your work and study habits
- Cannot be an immediate family relative of a member of the Rotary Club of West Wichita
- Students must attend high school in West Wichita

Applications have been sent to the schools. Please pass along this information to any students you know! The deadline to apply is March 16.

In addition to our club scholarships, our Rotary District is also offering scholarships for up to \$1,000 each using earmarked grant money. They asked that you please encourage students to apply. Their deadline for applying is Feb 15, 2018 and the money will be awarded no later than March 15, 2018. You can find the information on our District website at <http://rotary5690.org>