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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

This Months Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dale Jirik 7/7
James McEntire 7/17
IlaRose Bosworth 7/17
George Schuler 7/18
Fred Rausch 7/19
David Brevitz 7/20
Peter Bellucci 7/29

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2010 Calendar of Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location/Time</i>
July 6 th , 2010	New Members Committee	Immediately following Weekly Meeting
July 8 th – 11 th , 2010	Key Club International Convention	Memphis, TN
July 17 th , 2010	Annual Golf Tournament	Lake Shawnee Public Golf Course
August 4 th , 2010	Circle K International Convention	St. Louis
August 13- 15 th , 2010	Kansas District Convention	Junction City

Upcoming Meetings & Speakers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Speaker Topic</i>
July 6 th (Tuesday)	Jan & Robert Maxwell	Report on 2010 Intl Convention
July 12 th	Greg Schneider	Demise of Rock Island Railroad
July 19 th	TBD	TBD
July 26 th	TBD	TBD

Submit speaker ideas or suggestions to George Schuler (g.schuler@cox.net)

Upcoming Interclub & Volunteer Opportunities

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contact Information</i>
July 8 th , 2010	Kiwanis Board Meeting	Kaw Valley Bank Boardroom @ 5:15
July 17 th -24 th	Christmas in July – Bell Ringers	Cpt. Chuck Yockey
July 17 th , 2010	Golf Tournament	Greg Sims/Ron Lierz
July 19 th , 2010	Kiwanis Bell Ringing	10 th and Gage Walgreens 10 AM to 6 PM
July 20 st , 2010	Topeka Rescue Mission	Dale Jirik
July 22 nd , 2010	Topeka Youth Court	Steve Ebberts SEbberts@Topeka.org

Please submit any information you have to add here to smossman@wradvisors.com

New Member Profile

Andrea Kosmicki

So it may have taken a couple of phone calls for us to find each other. The meeting was still a very pleasant one and I have a new restaurant downtown that I like.

Born and raised in Grand Island, Nebraska (editor's note, Go BIG Red!!) Andrea came to Topeka through her career. Her family had a long line of teachers and she had grown up wanting to be one herself. She just loves working with children and finding the best in each of them, especially the challenging ones. So after high school, she attended Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska where she earned her Teaching Degree.

At Concordia, she was a member of Circle K for 4 years and was the Lt. Governor for 2 of those. Some her favorite Kiwanis memories come from her time there. She made some lifelong friends, and was attending 8-10 events every month as Lt. Governor so it filled her social schedule with fun things to do.

When asked what would be an attraction for current and future college students she said the lifelong relationships and support you get, the great feeling of giving back to the community and for young men, the ratio runs about 4 to 1 women to men in the group.

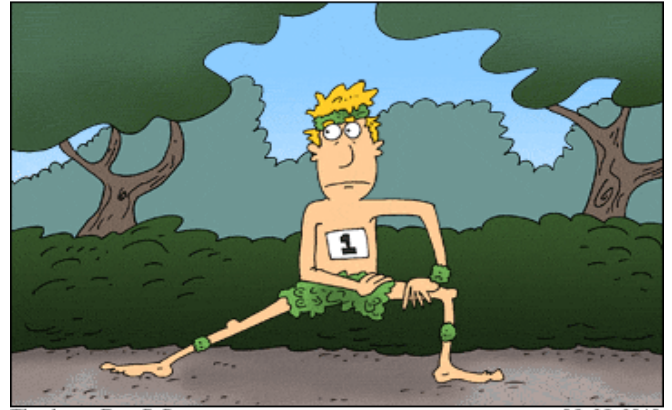
After college, the Lutheran School System had an opening here in Topeka. Her and husband Jacob moved to our fair city to take that opportunity. In her 2nd year here, her students wanted to start a Chess Club, with her Kiwanis background and the sponsorship of North Club; she took it a step farther and founded a Builder's Club in her school.

This is her current favorite part of being a Kiwanian. The ability to see all the kids work come together on a project and to watch the growth of the member children. A special place is held in her memories for the Charter Party, the effort those children put into it and see their progress.

After a few visits around, she found our Downtown Club to be a better fit for herself and her husband has found a home in North.

She describes herself as very practical and time-oriented, loyal and hardworking. I'd describe her as an asset to our group, and I look forward to many years of working with her and Jacob to better our community.

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ADAM DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THIS HUMAN RACE THING WAS ALL ABOUT, BUT HE INTENDED TO BE PREPARED JUST IN CASE

Christmas in July

The Salvation Army and our friend Captain Chuck Yockey need our help. There has been a 30% increase in requests for assistance this year and to compensate for the increase, the Salvation Army will be holding a bell ringing drive from July 17th to the 24th, concluding with a fundraising event that evening.

How can we help? Well the bells aren't going to ring themselves so talk to Chuck or contact the Salvation Army Office for time that you can volunteer.
charles_yockey@usc.salvationarmy.org

SALVATION ARMY SUMMER BELL RINGING

**MONDAY JULY 19TH
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

**WALGREEN'S 10TH & GAGE
LOCATION**

Sign Up by e-mailing jan.maxwell@srs.ks.gov

It must be summer.

There have not been a lot of notes or communications from groups or committees so this will be short than some of the previous offerings. As always, I welcome you inclusions, suggestions and commentary.

KIWANIS GOLF TOURNAMENT

****ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
TOPEKA CHARITIES****

**SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2010
“Shotgun start” begins 8:00**

LAKE SHAWNEE GOLF COURSE

*** Entry Fee \$70 per player ***

* includes green fees, cart, driving range,
player entry fee, and lunch buffet *

*Field will be flighted with no more than 12
teams in each flight

*Additional prizes will be awarded for
SPECIAL EVENTS

“Longest Drive”, and “Closest to Pin” on
designated holes

**** AWARDS CEREMONY and LUNCH
BUFFET following tournament in CLUBHOUSE

From Charities Budget

In June, we donated \$500 to the Kansas Youth Chorale. This is an organization that gives interested students the opportunity to practice and perform above and beyond the typical offerings of schools and churches.

Auditions are available. For more information on the Chorale or auditions contact Charity Rouse:

charityrouse@juno.com

or visit

www.kansasyouthchorale.org

Welcome

Steve Karrer is our newest addition to the Downtown family. I look forward to grilling him and putting his story here for you all to see.

In Case You Missed It

**Bill Anderson
Kansas Children’s Discovery Center**

Mr. Anderson joined us on June 1st and gave a very clear picture of the project they have undertaken. The Children’s Discovery Center is a self supporting foundation, 501c(3), that to date has raised \$6.4Million to fund this project.

Our fair city has leased the organization an area in Gage Park for the next 99 years at \$1 a year so that Topeka would no longer be 1 of 6 Capital Cities in the U.S. without a children’s museum.

Their vision aims at making this a regional attraction with a target age group of children up to 10 years old and the learning content of the facility and programs is going to be coordinated with the current curriculum of the surrounding schools. This is so that they can maximize the learning potential by making it relative to what they are already studying.

The design of the building is made to be green, using solar energy where possible, and passive heating. It is also meant to grab the attention of a passerby. It includes a large light tower and modern look.

Most of his discussion focused on the areas of the building itself including a Puppet Theatre and stage for Performing Arts; a science area that focuses on physics and wind and water energies.

It will also include a Career Center and a Builder Center where the students will complete projects using hand tools. (No power tools here.) There will be a Visual Art Center with Coloring Walls and tools to draw, paint and perform other creative artworks.

It isn’t all about the big kids though. There will be a Toddler Area so the little ones have their own set of activities that they can do.

Some of the more unexpected areas include a Financial Literacy area and a Grain Pit. The Grain Pit will include series of pulley, augers, conveyors and belts to move grain around the room.

Outside will be a Japanese Water Garden, a mulched exploration trail as well as a handicap accessible trail and a climbing area.

All in all, about 15,000 square feet of fun for the family with the intention of unplugging the kids for just a little while. They hope to open the doors in Spring 2011.

In Case You Missed It

Former Governor Mike Hayden Kansas Division of Wildlife and Parks State Park Cabin Project

His first day in the Army, Mr. Hayden drew KP duty and assigned to running a Potato Peeling Machine. Simple enough, he fired it up and got it running and then got chatting with a couple of his fellow soldiers and forgot to keep an eye on it. What resulted was a pile of potatoes, each about the size of a hail stone. He referred to it as his "Beetle Bailey Moment."

Funny story aside, the purpose of his visit was to let us know about the Kansas Cabin Program. This is a part of his push for better facilities in our State Parks to increase attendance in this modern era. The presentation included a slide show titled, "This Ain't Roughin It."

The program began with a retrofit cabin at Cedar Bluffs State Park in 1993. That went well and the project began to receive funding so in 1997 they added 5 cabins in the park at El Dorado. Since then the number of cabins has grown to 80 cabins in 17 of the 25 State Parks with the ultimate goal being 200 in 23 or the 25.

Typically they are built using Inmate Labor and one cabin is costs approximately \$75,000 to complete, including building, appliances, furnishings (also inmate built,) and the utility runs to hook them up.

At this point the entire project is self sufficient and no tax dollars, other than the wages paid to inmate labor, are used in the construction. In addition, in cooperation with the Greenbush Program, the inmates involved in the projects are tough a trade and become certified electricians, plumbers or carpenters and can use that skill to become a useful part of society upon their release.

Unfortunately, cuts to the KDOC budget and the popularity of these facilities has forced the program to use outside help. A contract builder is being used on some of the projects to pre-build the cabins to be assembled on site.

Prices to rent these cabins range from \$31 to \$110 per night depending on location and amenities of the cabin and can be reserved up to 1 year in advance.

The most amazing part of his program was that, to date, there has not been 1 incident of vandalism or neglect by the renters in the 17 years of the program. In fact, in most cases, the cabin is found in better state of repair that it was when it was rented. He attributes this to a sense of ownership people feel with the cabin.

I can't wait to try one for myself.

In Case You Missed It

Bob Beatty Professor from Washburn Univ. on a recent visit to North Korea

He opened his discussion by letting us know he would be moderating a Republican Debate for US Senate and asking us for questions that he may be able to use.

From there he began to tell us of his recent travels. Bob tries to make it to China about every 3 or 4 years to go on a lecture circuit of the Chinese Universities. This was the first time he has made that trip and did not require a translator. At this point, the Chinese students are being taught English since an early age and those students are reaching their college years. They understood his lecture and questions and were able to laugh (or not laugh) at his jokes.

He then traveled into North Korea for the first time. The general overview of his experience was that it was like returning to a free society when he got back to China.

There was no trouble getting a visa, N.K. allows 5 day passes. Mr. Beatty speculated that it might be intelligence related and, because of the questions he was being asked, he thought his guide may have been a government plant.

He drew a comparison between the two remaining Single Party Dictatorships in the world. Cuba, which has an almost resort like atmosphere. They are socially free and visitors are free to move about the country. North Korea, on the other hand, is very limited. You go from your hotel, to the bus, to the site and back with no side trips or freedom to stop and visit.

He believes this is because of a very tenuous balance the country must keep to maintain the control they have on information. The Kims have been in power for over 6 decades and the people have very little information about the outside world. Their televisions are hard wired to the Government provided channels with no information coming over free air and possession of a radio capable of picking up signals from other countries will land you in jail.

A visitor is surrounded by tension and fear. They are all view as spies and would have no other reason to visit their country. The idea of travel for experience is not in their culture.

Also, his theory is that many of the "dangerous" actions of their leadership, like the recent sinking of a South Korean vessel, is to further foster those beliefs. Commit an action, then report the news of the world's

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...reaction to it and not what we were reacting to. This would foster the belief that the world is out to get them and no one outside of North Korea should be trusted.

He also hypothesized that the best solution to the threat of North Korea is strong relations with China. China is the source of most aid to North Korea. Also, good relations with Russia, the other source of aid, are essential. Especially now that North Korea is nuclear capable.

The Question & Answer session included: How large is the North Korean military and how is it funded?

Surprisingly, it represents about 6 million soldiers or almost ¼ of the countries entire population. With no real facts to the numbers, he believes that it the aid from other countries probably goes to fund military and research first, then the government, then the people get what is left.

What is the purpose of their Nuclear Program? They want the power of having it in their pocket. Hypothesis: If we have nuclear arms, you can't ignore us anymore.

What would happen if the Kim's were gone? He believes the government would transform from the "cult like" family following to a more traditional military regime and the entire system would most likely fall apart because it would lose the religious nature of the belief system.

In Case You Missed It

Brendan Wiley - New Director of "The World Famous Topeka Zoo"

Talk about taking on a tough job. The media hammering you every chance they get, the hometown sentiment is definitely not on the positive and licenses and accreditation under attack before you even got your first cup of coffee. This is the challenge than Mr. Wiley has chosen to take on.

He began the discussion with a anecdote on "experts." While working for the Kansas City Zoo, he was sent to Sea World to escort the delivery of two sea lions, one male and one female for mating. Upon delivery they were placed in their habitat when a strange discovery was made. Vixen, the female, did not have the proper anatomy of a female. The "experts" had managed to send two males. Point of the story, being called an expert does not make you all knowing, just that you're supposed to know more than the average Joe.

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At the time of his visit to us, he was on the job less than 30 days so what he shared with us were some initial observations. He believes that all the pieces are here to restore the "glory" of the World Famous Topeka Zoo.

The community wants it to succeed. To do that, he believes that first; the level of honesty and openness must be of the highest level from his office. Secondly, the citizens must give him a chance to be honest and open with them. Sometimes, "We don't know right now, but we will find out," needs to be an acceptable answer instead speculation.

The next piece that needs to fall into place is for his team to win the hearts of the local media. It is essential for them to be able to tell the good news that happens every day in the zoo and not having the only stories ever reported be negative. Again he feels that begins with the expectations of truth and honesty from his office.

He feels that the team in place at the zoo knows how to get them there. When asked for a list of "hassles" that need fixed, 67 items were immediately brought to attention. When asked about their long term vision of what the zoo could be, none gave the same answer. The vision needs to be a focused group effort with the obstacles removed. That "Vision" is their focus for the next few months. Find and develop a path to restore the image of the zoo.

Another essential component will be the partnership between the Zoo, the City, the citizens and the "Friends of the Zoo" organization. Public funding will always be limited so the generosity of FOTZ members will be key in the level of success they can achieve. That is why the "Vision" must include input and collaboration between all of the parties. We must all be on the same path to succeed.

There will be obstacles. The economy has hurt the budget available to him. The USDA investigation going back to 2006 will most likely result in some kind of fine. There will always be organizations that claim animals aren't treated well enough. So together, as a community, we must accept these challenges and focus on the "Vision." Best put in his words, "Our children deserve the same memories we have of our Zoo from our childhood."

Good luck Mr. Wiley.

To help, volunteer opportunities are always available. Visit www.topekazoo.com and click the "Support Us" tab.