



# Round and Round

Rotary Club of Wichita — Club 30

## Upcoming Programs



July 15 — Mike Smith — AccuWeather Enterprise Solutions

Mike Smith likes to be known as a husband, father, scientist, entrepreneur, author and speaker. Smith is one of America's leading experts in the field of extreme weather and its effects on people, business and society.

After a successful career in television meteorology during which he broadcast a live tornado for the first time, Smith founded WeatherData, Inc. in 1981. WeatherData quickly became known for its innovation, customer service and excellence in precision forecasting.

Smith achieved his board certification as a consulting meteorologist in 1984. In 1992, he received the American Meteorological Society's *Award for Outstanding Contribution to Applied Meteorology* for his innovative storm warnings. In 2000, WeatherData was honored with the Society's award for *Outstanding Contribution to Meteorology by a Corporation*. Smith has been awarded 19 U.S. and foreign patents.

Smith sold the assets of WeatherData to AccuWeather in 2006 in order to take his products and services to a larger audience. He remained as CEO of WeatherData after the sale.

In 2011, AccuWeather's traditional commercial business was united with WeatherData into the new AccuWeather Enterprise Solutions (AES). Smith became Senior Vice President and Chief Innovation Executive and he continues in that position where he consults with some of the world's most important companies. AES's clientele includes IBM, BNSF Railway, Ford, Macy's, Boeing, and many of the Fortune 100 companies.

A new chapter opened in Smith's career in 2010 with Greenleaf Book Group publishing his first book, *Warnings: The True Story of How Science Tamed the Weather*. His second book, *When the Sirens Were Silent*, is a monograph that reveals, for the first time, what went wrong with the storm warning system during the Joplin, Missouri tornado of 2011 where 161 people perished.

Mike is also a professional speaker who both educates and entertains audiences across the United States. He is married with three grown children. Mike and his wife, Kathleen, reside in Wichita.

### July 15 — WRCF Passing of the Gavel



President Mike Johnson



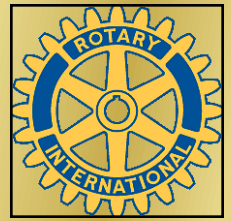
President-Elect Charles Eby

On Monday, WRCF President Mike Johnson will pass the gavel to new president Charles Eby. Many thanks to the 2012-2013 WRCF officers and directors for their service this year.

**Officers:** President Mike Johnson; Vice President Charles Eby; Secretary Brenda Blazer; Treasurer Richard Campbell; Club President Chris Goebel; Club President-Elect Gayle Goetz; Club Past President Sheryl Wohlford; WRCF Past President Jerry Aaron. **Directors:** David Brown, Marlin Penner, Allan Dunne, Jill Frasco and Kim Gattis.

#### More Upcoming Programs

July 22	Robin Macy — Bartlett Arboretum
July 29	Ryan Rubi — Former News Producer Turned World Traveler
August 5	Derek Schmidt — Kansas Attorney General
August 12	Business Fireside
August 19	Pat Roberts — U.S. Senator



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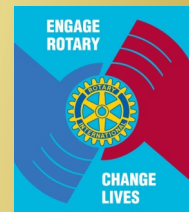
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### The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOOD WILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

# Congratulations!



## Birthdays

Eric Engstrom	7/15
Karyn Page	7/15
Emily Compton	7/16
Andrew Kovar	7/16
Ann Fox	7/18
Jeff Korsmo	7/18
Megan Wright	7/18
Mike Garvey	7/19
Russ Meyer	7/19
Dixie Madden	7/20

## Club Anniversaries

Charles Eby	26 years
Ken Lerman	26 years
Jeff Van Sickle	24 years
Liz Koch	18 years
Shelly Prichard	16 years
Jeff Spahn	16 years



Ever have trouble finding a place to clip on your Rotary badge?

Please let [Kitchel](#) know if you would like to purchase a clip-on chain to hold your badge for \$9.00. We will be happy to order one for you.



### Letter from the President

This 102<sup>nd</sup> year for the Rotary Club of Wichita is shaping up to be busy and exciting! Your board is already working on new initiatives that you will hear more about in Rotary Minutes over the next few weeks.

Many of you (30 to be exact) are involved in our new initiative – “Visioning.” The Visioning group is charged with strategic planning for our next 5 years. Many changes have occurred in our world since our last planning session in 2007. If we are to continue to be a viable organization, and one which brings value to our membership and community, we must plan for change! We are lucky to have accomplished and experienced Rotarians from Colorado coming to assist us in this initiative. Our first meeting will be July 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have issues you feel strongly about or think should be considered during these planning sessions, please submit your thoughts to Patty or me to be considered during our planning activities.

Remember, this is YOUR club and each of us must take responsibility to contribute to its continued health and growth which will enable us to fulfill our mission of service and fellowship.

President Gayle Goetz  
2013-2014

### Monday, July 8 Meeting Notes



Wichita Police Chief Norman Williams shared his perspective of the ever-changing landscape and challenges of local law enforcement.



President Gayle helped members mark their first 6 months in the club with the receipt of their permanent badges. From L to R: Bill Bequette, Ryan Flickner and Ben Smith.



Steve Yager introduced new member Jared Sprole on Monday. Jared is a co-founder and managing partner of Arcady Capital.