



# Round and Round

Rotary Club of Wichita — Club 30

## Upcoming Programs



### July 22 — Robin Macy — Bartlett Arboretum

Bartlett Arboretum steward and enthusiastic environmentalist Robin Macy returns to the Wichita Rotary Club July 22. She'll have new tales to tell since her last appearance eight years ago, and perhaps a song up her sleeve. She and her guitar-singing husband and Wichita business owner Kentucky White play roots music that harkens to an earlier time, influenced by their ongoing work at the historic Belle Plaine arboretum.

The arboretum is a century-old bountiful patch of nature now listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. For more than 30 years, Robin has traveled up and down I-35 performing bluegrass music with various groups – some more famous than others. A veteran educator for 29 years, Robin now pays homage to the good Earth as a full-time gardener and through word and song. Her three solo releases, beginning with the 2008 *Songs from the Garden*, are anthems that celebrate the agrarian life, featuring vintage instruments, other-era duets and lessons learned from living on and loving the land. For more information visit [www.BartlettArboretum.com](http://www.BartlettArboretum.com).



### July 29 — Ryan Rubi — Former News Producer Turned World Traveler

Ryan Rubi is a former television news producer turned full-time traveler. Frustrated with his career in Louisville, Kentucky, Ryan turned down a job in Boston to begin a 10-month journey that's taken him to Central America and Southeast Asia. He has not only conquered some of his fears (like scuba diving), but has also managed to escape from robbers unscathed in Guatemala and created a Web site to inspire others to travel.

Ryan is a Wichita native and graduated from Wichita State University in 2007 with a Bachelor's in Communication. He worked for two years as a news producer at KAKE-TV before moving to Louisville and working three years as a news producer at the ABC affiliate WHAS-11.

Now that he's home, Ryan is readjusting to life in the States and figuring out where his next destination may be.



### August 5 — Derek Schmidt — Kansas Attorney General

Derek Schmidt was elected the 44th attorney general of Kansas and took office January 10, 2011. Before being elected attorney general, Schmidt served 10 years as a Kansas State Senator representing the 15th district in Southeast Kansas. During his last six years in the Senate, he served as majority leader for the Republican Caucus. He also worked in private practice with the Independence law firm Scovel, Emert, Heasty & Chubb. Earlier in his career, Schmidt served as special counsel and legislative liaison to Governor Bill Graves, assistant Kansas attorney general for consumer protection, legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum and legislative director and general counsel to U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel.

Schmidt is a graduate of Independence High School and studied at Independence Community College. He earned his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Kansas, his master's degree in international politics from the University of Leicester in the United Kingdom, and his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Schmidt currently serves as co-chair of both the Consumer Protection Committee and Social Networking Task Force for the National Association of Attorneys General. He is a Rodel Fellow in Public Leadership with the Aspen Institute. In 2006, he was the first Simons Public Humanities Fellow at the University of Kansas. He has been a Henry Toll fellow with the Council of State Governments and is a graduate of Leadership Kansas.

Schmidt and his wife, Jennifer, are the parents of two young daughters.

### More Upcoming Programs

August 12 Business Fireside  
August 19 Pat Roberts — U.S. Senator



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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

Paul Longhofer	7/22
Harvey Childers	7/26
Jake Shaffer	7/26
John Lewis	7/27

### Club Anniversaries

Carl Davis	15 years
T.J. Arant	2 years
Claudia Blackburn	2 years
Carrie Hendrickson	2 years
Sarah Dugan	2 years
Amie Ross	2 years
Marci Werne	2 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.

### QUARTERLY STATEMENTS

You should have received your July 1 quarterly statement by now. Dues are payable in 30 days after the statement date. Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

### WICHITA ROTARY CHARITABLE FUND (WRCF)

Last Monday, outgoing WRCF President Mike Johnson spoke about the WRCF and why it is so important to our club. Following is a recap:

The WRCF was started in the 1980s, and led by Fran Jabara as club president. Fran invited 10 past presidents to join him in contributing \$10,000 each. From the initial corpus of \$110,000, the fund now exceeds \$1.3 million.

The fund is governed by a separate board of directors and adheres to a conservative investment policy and prudent spending policy. The spending policy takes into account the average fund balance during the past 20 quarters and allows for 75% of annual contributions to be expended on service projects in the following year.

The Rotary Club of Wichita has typically not done major fundraising for projects, instead relying on the generosity of members in the form of contributions to the WRCF.

Several of the projects accomplished through the WRCF last year include:

- Purchased and distributed 10,000 books to Title I elementary school and Child Start preschool children.
- Provided 4,000 Scholastic dictionaries to all third graders in USD 259.
- Funded and taught a Junior Achievement financial literacy class to students in grades 1 through 5 at Washington Elementary.
- Sponsored high school student Elizabeth McGettrick to Rotary Youth Leadership Camp.

In addition, our club partially funds and builds a Habitat for Humanity house every other year. Our next build starts in October.

After Mike thanked members for their donations to the fund, incoming President Charles Eby urged members to continue, or consider starting, the quarterly voluntary contribution of \$62.50 to WRCF. Charles also asked members to think about obtaining or upgrading a paver in the Centennial Plaza at St. Francis and Second, and noted restricted donations to WRCF are always welcome!

### Monday Meeting Notes — July 15



Incoming WRCF President Charles Eby thanked outgoing President Mike Johnson for his year of service.



Elizabeth McGettrick thanked the club for her sponsorship to the Rotary Youth Leadership camp (RYLA) in May. She is pictured with RYLA Chair Joanne McClelland and her parents, Michael and Michelle.