



# Round and Round

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## Upcoming Programs



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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?



### **September 30 — Lela Meadow-Conner — Executive Director of Tallgrass Film Association**

In 2003, lured by the thought of living in fly-over country and by her best friend, festival founder Timothy Gruver, Lela traveled to Wichita to produce the first Tallgrass Film Festival. She returned to produce the 2004 festival, and from 2005-2010 took on the role of Festival Director following Gruver's sudden death, commuting to Kansas every fall. In 2011, she was named Executive Director of the Tallgrass Film Association and relocated her family to Kansas. As Executive Director, she oversees festival programming, special events, marketing, social media, budgets, education, community partnerships and participates in fundraising. In 2012, the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Tallgrass Film Festival screened more than 190 films from 30 countries around the world and hosted more than 40 visiting filmmakers.

Raised outside of Boston, Lela attended California State University to study radio, TV and film. She worked at a boutique talent management firm, where she met Timothy Gruver. Lela went on to work for the executive producers of a Disney Channel series and a feature film producer. She was later tapped to join the world of movie marketing as a producer for Seismic Productions. Lela was integral in creating marketing campaigns for several award-winning films including "The Pianist" and "Lost in Translation." She joined Rohr Talent Public Relations in January of 2004, where she honed her skills in entertainment publicity. Lela has experience in event production, having created events for the Oscars®, Sundance Film Festival, and Golden Globes.

Lela attended UCLA for its Public Relations Certificate Program and later earned a degree in the culinary arts at Chicago's prestigious Kendall College.



### **October 7 — U. S. Congressman Mike Pompeo (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)**

Congressman Mike Pompeo is a second-term Congressman from the 4th District. As a teenager, he enrolled at the United States Military Academy at West Point. He graduated first in his class in 1986 and then served as a cavalry officer patrolling the Iron Curtain before the fall of the Berlin Wall. He also served with the 2nd Squadron, 7th Cavalry in the Fourth Infantry Division.

After earning a law degree from Harvard Law School, Pompeo returned to his roots in Kansas and founded Thayer Aerospace, where he served as CEO for more than a decade, providing components for commercial and military aircraft. He then became President of Sentry International, an oilfield equipment manufacturing, distribution and services company.

Pompeo serves on two major committees in the House of Representatives: Energy and Commerce, which oversees energy, health care, manufacturing and telecommunications, and the House Intelligence Committee, which oversees America's intelligence-gathering efforts. In Congress, he has been at the center of debates regarding fiscal responsibility and regulatory boundaries, particularly with respect to production, agriculture and small business.

Mike and his wife Susan are active leaders in the Wichita community.

### More Upcoming Programs

October 14	No Meeting — Columbus Day
October 21	Disability Mentoring Day — Steve Martinez — Dillon's Store Manager
October 28	Maura McEnaney — Author of Willard Garvey Biography
November 4	Dr. Josh Umbehr / Doug Nunamaker — Atlas MD



Follow our club's Rotary Youth Exchange student Megan Fox on her blog at <http://meganstriptoindiayay.blogspot.in/>, where she shares her experience living and studying in India. She departed the United States on September 24. (Hint: Don't miss the comments from her friends and family.)

## Congratulations!



### Birthdays

Larry Cooley	10/1
Sue Tirukonda	10/1
Skip Foley	10/2
Noreen Carrocci	10/3
Lynn Loveland	10/3
Monte Cook	10/4
Kara Hunt	10/5
Joe Johnson	10/5
Carl Martin	10/5
Bill Wilhelm	10/5

### Club Anniversaries

Gene Lygrisse	60 years
Warren Wandling	37 years
Dick Ahlstrand	27 years
Jeff Woods	11 years
Stephanie Flaming	1 year
Andrew Kovar	1 year
Jeff Lackey	1 year
Patricia McDonnell	1 year

## Monday Meeting Notes — September 23



Rotarians and guests had the pleasure of hearing from new WSU baseball coach Todd Butler on Monday. In addition to sharing his story, Todd imparted some pearls of wisdom gleaned from more than 20 years in the sport. In the picture on the right, Bill Wilhelm greets Todd after the program.



Rotarians were treated to a video produced by member Sierra Scott, in which Cloud Elementary students and librarian Frank Rodriguez thanked Rotary for caring about them enough to buy new books for each student year after year. From L to R: Reading is Fundamental supporters Judy Weatherall, Mark Koch, Frank Rodriguez and Harvey Childers.

### MESSAGE FROM ANN FOX EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR — HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**THE TIME IS NOW** to commit to a work date on the Habitat for Humanity Rotary build! Construction on the Garrett home begins in less than two weeks and volunteers are still needed on most dates the weeks of October 8 through November 1, Tuesdays through Saturdays.

In order to get the build off to a strong start, help is especially needed during the critical framing days of October 8 and 9. Please call Erin Tombaugh at 269-0755, ext. 119, or email her at [erin@wichitahabitat.org](mailto:erin@wichitahabitat.org) for more information or assistance with sign-up.

If you aren't up to construction, we need greeters from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. daily to check in volunteers. We also need food angels on most dates, to pick up, deliver, and set up lunches. **The build sign-up will be opened to community volunteers beginning Friday, September 27.**

All are welcome to attend the wall-raising ceremony from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8. Sincere thanks to the Rotary Club of Wichita and the Wichita Rotary Charitable Fund for making this project possible!

### 7 Day New-Member Publication

Unless three written and signed objections are received in the Rotary office within 7 days, the following applicants will be invited to join our club.

**C.R. Hall** – Owner, Hall's Culligan (John Knipp, Jack Feiden)

**Dan Biby** – Facilities Department Manager, Professional Engineering Consultants (Steve Hauck, Rod Young)

### ROTARY AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

In 2013, the American Red Cross, Central Plains Region, has responded to an increased call for blood and is faced with an urgent need to replenish their supply. Our club's board of directors established a committee to organize a blood drive to support this need.

In order to organize and schedule a blood drive this fall, we need an approximate head count of blood donors. Later this week you will receive an email from the Rotary office announcing this initiative and asking for a reply to gauge interest in participation. Be on the lookout for this email message and please consider donating life-giving blood to support our community.

Matt Schindler and Natalie Moyer  
Red Cross Committee Co-Chairs

### PHONE USE DURING MEETINGS AND THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Please be mindful of the message you convey when using your phones to text or catch up on email during the speaker presentations. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Many of our speakers invest significant time and effort preparing for their 30 minutes in front of our club. Let's give them the attention they deserve.

