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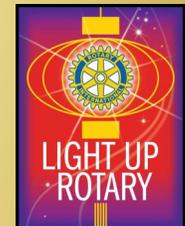
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The Four Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?	Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?	Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



August 18 — Bryce Baker — Security National Life Insurance Company
Topic: *Winning Revitalization Strategies for American Downtowns: An Outsider's Perspective on Wichita's Tactics and Teamwork*

As the global economy continues to expand, the competitive forces that drive demand for talent are ever-changing. No longer a matter of purely regional competition, the fight for quality talent is on a national and international scale. Security National is a participant in the real estate industry across the country and witnesses first-hand the effect of global competition from coast-to-coast. The need for strong collaboration from civic, business and community leaders has never been more important than it is now. Dynamic, exciting and vibrant communities win the top talent, and Wichita has its share of each of these components. Working together, and looking at this community through a different lens may just be what it takes to bring everyone together in the effort to make Wichita the place the next generation is also proud to call home. Bryce Baker will be using examples from some of his experiences in other communities in setting visions, building collaboration and moving initiatives forward.

Bryce Baker is the Vice President of Real Estate for Security National Real Estate Services, Inc. and leads the real estate investment pursuits for the company. In this role, Baker is responsible for all aspects of the business from acquisition through disposition of each asset. The real estate holdings include residential and commercial assets located across the U.S.

Prior to joining Security National, Baker was the leasing agent and development manager for Hamilton Partners in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he was responsible for development and acquisition activities within the local market. His principal duties were to source and negotiate the purchase of multi-family sites, manage the entitlement, development and construction process, secure financing, and acquire existing communities for rehabilitation.



August 25 — Dr. Kenneth Kriz — Wichita State University
Regents Distinguished Professor of Public Finance,
Topic: *To Tax or Not to Tax:*
A Nonpartisan Review of Sales Tax Effectiveness, Economics and Uses

The City of Wichita's proposal to enact a local option sales tax to pay for water infrastructure improvements and economic development "closing" funds has sparked a considerable amount of controversy; now we'll get the chance to vote on it in November. Wichita State University Kansas Regents Distinguished Professor of Public Finance Kenneth Kriz will examine the historical use of local option sales taxes through the state of Kansas, focusing on uses similar to what's proposed here, as well as address the economics of infrastructure provision and financing and the incentives that would be created by using sales taxes to fund infrastructure improvements.

Dr. Kriz takes a look back at the historical usefulness of economic development incentives over time, as well as the growth and use of the relatively new concept of "closing" funds in U.S. cities and states. Finally, this timely presentation closes by examining some of the tradeoffs inherent in a new sales tax, again focusing on incentives created by the use of the sales tax to fund infrastructure and economic development.

Dr. Kriz joined WSU's faculty in 2013. He conducts research focusing on subnational debt policy and administration, public pension fund management, government financial risk management, economic development incentives, economic and revenue forecasting, and transition economics and public finance. He is a frequent presenter at public economics and public budgeting and financial management conferences and has published more than 30 journal articles and book chapters along with a textbook on quantitative research methods in public administration. He has consulted with several public and nonprofit organizations on financial and economic matters, most recently completing a project assisting the Kansas Office of Legislative Post-Audit in their evaluation of economic development incentive programs throughout the state. Dr. Kriz served as Vice-Chairperson of the City of Omaha, Nebraska Civilian Employees Retirement System from 2006 to 2011. Additionally, he was a Fulbright Scholar in the Republic of Estonia during academic year 2004-05 and a Fulbright Senior Specialist in the Czech Republic in 2008.

September 1 — No Meeting in Observance of Labor Day

Congratulations!



Birthdays

Stan Churchill	August 11
Allen Dunne	August 11
Geri Appel	August 13
Jim Grier	August 13
Monte Vines	August 13
Jerry Aaron	August 14
Dave Burk	August 14
Jim Graham	August 14
James Herrman	August 14
Arlen Honts	August 14
Steve Anthimides	August 15
Sam Seward	August 15
Barney Poole	August 16
Howard Redburn	August 16
Marsha Hills	August 17
Dick Coe	August 19
Karen Fleming	August 19
Tom Purcell	August 19
Luis Rodriguez	August 20
Allen Clouse	August 22
Kurt Harper	August 22
Mike Relihan	August 23
John Trowbridge	August 23
Georges Ausseil	August 24
Craig Simon	August 24

Club Anniversaries

Stan Churchill	45 years
Russ Meyer	39 years
Vic Schimming	39 years
Don Allison	36 years
Keith Anderson	36 years
Rick Dixon	36 years
Bill Cozine	22 years
Brenda Blazer	17 years
Steen Mortensen	10 years
Mark Eby	8 years
Jan Luth	4 years

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

DONORS STILL NEEDED!

Our club's annual American Red Cross blood drive will be at Botanica Gardens on September 10 and 11. Please schedule your donation with the Rotary office now!.



**American
Red Cross**



Message from Tara Clary

August is Membership Month!

August is Rotary Membership Month, and even though the month is coming to a close, recruiting should be a main focus of all Rotarians, all year-round.

I am so proud our club is reversing national trends in Rotary membership. Our numbers are up and continue to climb. We are attracting younger members, who are enthusiastic and eager to offer their talents to the many causes we support. We are drawing in established professionals who weren't involved simply because they hadn't been asked. There is a great buzz around our club and what we're accomplishing, and I still don't think that buzz has reached its peak.

By this time next year, my hope is that our club will be 425 members strong. To do this, the membership committee has again adopted the mantra of "one a week." One new Rotarian should be joining our club each week of the year to meet this goal. This helps us account for a few inevitable losses throughout the year as well. Our membership team is mighty and diligent, but **we cannot achieve this goal without your help. Take a moment and think of 3 people who might want to join us.** Call or email them *today*. Set a calendar reminder to follow up. Enlist the help of our committee. We are here to support the membership effort in any way we can.

August isn't simply membership month...it's a kickoff to a yearlong membership initiative: 425 by June 30, 2015. Let's get started!

Tara Clary
VP of Membership

Membership Committee Members:

Tara Clary
Ebony Clemons
Lillian Gattis
Steve Hermann
Dustin Kuhn
Sierra Scott
Josh Smith



NOTES FROM MEETING ON AUGUST 11



Steen Mortensen received his 10-year pin from President Arlen Honts on Monday.



Our speaker, Valerie Wise, with Wichita Airport Authority, visits with Roger Ramseyer after her presentation on the impact of Southwest Airlines on ICT.



Monte Vines talks with Valerie's co-speaker, Mike Lopez, air service consultant and vice president of Seabury APG, after the presentation.