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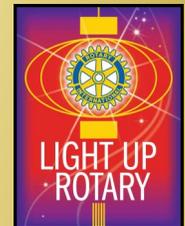
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The Four Way Test

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



November 3 — Nate Birkemo — Pilot / Mechanic, Mission Aviation Fellowship

Topic: Bush Pilot In the Congo: Mixing Flight, Faith and Service

Nate Birkemo and his wife, Terra, live and work flying missions in one of the most volatile and potentially dangerous countries in the world – the Democratic Republic of Congo or DRC. Wracked by civil wars and political instability, a new threat now arises as the first cases of Ebola have now been reported in the DRC.

Nate and Terra are in their second term with the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). They serve the people of DRC in ways ranging from flying essential supplies to remote locations, evacuating critically ill villagers to hospitals for treatment, or to a DRC village to share their faith. Born into a mission-oriented family, Nate grew up with an interest in this type of work and later earned his aviation maintenance technician and pilot's licenses. He worked in Wichita for 7 years at the Cessna Employees' Flying Club in Wichita, gaining experience in maintenance and flight of Cessna single engine aircraft before joining the MAF to serve as a bush pilot.

Both Nate and Terra went to college in southwest Missouri at College of the Ozarks. Employment with Cessna Aircraft Company brought Nate to Wichita in 1998 and he and Terra were married the following year. Nate is now in his ninth year of service with MAF. He returned from his last mission several months ago and looks forward to returning to the DRC in early January of 2015.

Nate and Terra have two children and call Wichita home.



November 10 — Craig Rhodes — GLMV Vice President

Topic: Frank Lloyd Wright in Kansas

Frank Lloyd Wright said, "I know that architecture is life; or at least it is life itself taking form, and therefore it is the truest record of life as it was lived in the world yesterday, as it is lived today, or ever will be lived." Without people with a desire to build, we would not have architecture.

Craig Rhodes, vice president and studio lead at GLMV Architecture, will discuss Wright's Kansas roots and the Kansans who interacted with him throughout his entire career, from the early 1890s to well beyond his death in 1959. Craig will discuss the five buildings Wright designed around Wichita and Kansas, his design legacy, and his relevance for today and the future... and perhaps we'll uncover a few surprises and more than one tongue-twister along the way.

Craig A. Rhodes, AIA, of GLMV Architecture, is a fifth-generation Kansan. Many may know him for his prolific career in zoo design, but before he was dreaming up Elephants of the Zambezi River Valley or the Slawson Tiger Trek, he was a kid building backyard treehouses. This youngster considered contracting to be his calling until a fateful book report. Ten-year-old Craig chose to report on The Wright Brothers but close to the due date, realized he'd mistakenly picked up Frank Lloyd Wright's biography. With no time to make an exchange, he dove in, discovered the difference between design and construction, and was hooked. Craig earned his Bachelor of Architecture from K-State. Wichitans can find his extensive design experience showcased throughout town – most notably at the Sedgwick County Zoo and a number of banking institutions. He's traveled globally to create innovative, immersive designs for zoos and aquariums, earning national recognition, but he is quick to note his roots were planted 20 years ago right here in our hometown.

Congratulations!



Birthdays

Harvey Sorensen	November 3
Chris Clark	November 5
Martha Linsner	November 5
Wayne Chambers	November 6
Dale Diggs	November 6
Warren Wandling	November 7
Matt Johnson	November 8
Steve Wilbur	November 8
Dick Ahlstrand	November 9
Charles Lloyd	November 9

Club Anniversaries

Dick Cummings	50 years
Fran Jabara	50 years
Mark Reed	23 years
Richard Campbell	19 years
Kurt Harper	19 years



Message from Rotary Board Member Jim Holt

Ready, set, almost time to go. We need your help to make it happen. Stephanie Flaming is leading our effort this year to get dictionaries into the hands of Wichita school children. It is not the same old program!

In order to maximize the number of books we supply in the RIF program, we need to focus our giving to those most in need of dictionaries. This will be the second year we will distribute approximately 2,700 dictionaries to third-graders in the 33 Title I schools only. We will have new opportunities to provide service above self.

Metro Courier has again generously agreed to store and deliver the boxes of books to the schools. The plan is to distribute the books by classroom. We will need perhaps two or three volunteers for each school so the books can be distributed in each third-grade room.

WHERE DO YOU COME IN? We need **volunteers to arrive at Metro Courier at 4949 S. Lulu by 10 a.m., Friday, November 28**, to affix the Rotary sticker to each book. This process will take about 2 hours, and it's an excellent way to get rid of your Thanksgiving food hangover. Family and friends are welcome!

We need **volunteers to coordinate with Stephanie regarding the school (s) at which they are willing to help distribute dictionaries**. If you are interested, please let Stephanie know by e-mail at membership@nonprofitchamberks.org or stephanie.flame@cox.net. If you have questions, contact her at 440-6744.

Remember, this project is financed by the Wichita Rotary Charitable Fund. You have made this project possible by making the voluntary quarterly payment to the WRCF plus whatever other contributions you have made to WRCF. Thank you for your continued support of Rotary's projects in Wichita!

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 17 *Voices from the Plains:*
Opera Performers Samuel Ramey & Alan Held
- Nov. 24 Col. Joel D. Jackson —
Mission Briefing from McConnell AFB's Col. Joel Jackson
- Dec. 1 Mike King —Secretary of
Kansas Department of Transportation
- Dec. 8 Dr. Mark Bartel and the
Friends University Singing Quakers' Christmas Concert —
Salvation Army Christmas Collection
- Dec. 15 Dr. James Smith, Religion
Professor, Friends University
- Dec. 22 No Meeting Due to Holiday
- Dec. 29 No Meeting Due to Holiday
- Jan. 12 Jim Sud — Executive VP,
Growth and Development,
Whole Foods Market

Notes from October 27 Meeting



Monday our club sponsored the second annual Disability Mentoring Day. Fifteen high school students with special needs were matched with Rotarians to spend the morning learning about working in the real world. The students and their transition specialists joined us for lunch followed by an excellent presentation on hiring the disabled employee by Erin Riehle, Founder and Executive Director of Project SEARCH.



President Arlen presented Ron Brown with his 20-year pin on Monday.



Jennifer Szambecki and the Kansas Turnpike Authority hosted students for Disability Mentoring Day.