



# Round and Round

Rotary Club of Wichita — Club 30

## Upcoming Programs



**December 14 — Luke Koch — Stone Mason and Owner of Koch Construction Specialties**  
**Topic: Stonework in the Flint Hills: History, Business and Passion**

Lucas Koch graduated from Kansas State University in 1996 with a bachelors degree in parks and resource management. He began his career as one of the first park rangers for the newly formed Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve in the heart of the Flint Hills in Chase County. It is there that he developed a deep appreciation for the Flint Hills and the stone structures built by settlers in the late 1800's. Luke and wife, Susan, purchased an abandoned stone house in 1999. After completing a total renovation of their home, Luke began to receive requests for help in restoring other stone buildings and walls. Hundreds of projects later, Luke and his trained crew are sought out across the state to help preserve Kansas' stone heritage.

Luke is mostly self-taught, but has attended stone workshops and symposiums led by some of the best master masons from around the world, commonly referred to as "rock stars." The majority of Luke's work focuses on renovation of Flint Hills stone structures. He takes great pride in restoring them to a historically accurate standard, yet updating the structure to fit into today's world and to fulfill the needs of the client. Luke also regularly works in new construction. Over the last 15 years, his projects have included houses, barns, retaining walls, fireplaces, patios, root cellars, and a stone arch bridge. He particularly enjoys incorporating artistic design into his projects. His favorite type of work is dry stone construction, which uses no mortar, and the focus is on the use of hand tools to create a tight fit of stones.

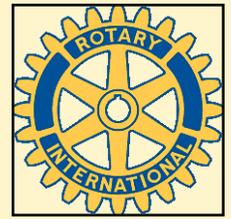
Luke resides in the Flint Hills, just outside of Cottonwood Falls with his wife, Susan, and their three children, Tanner, Laura and Bryson. Our member, Charlie Eby, is Susan's father and Luke's father-in-law.

### HOLIDAY SEASON

This will be the last newsletter of the calendar year. Due to the holidays, there will be no Rotary meeting on **December 22 or 29** and the Rotary office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's. If you plan to make a monetary donation before the end of the tax year, please make sure it is in the Rotary office no later than **December 22**.

As the year draws to a close, we would like to thank all of our members who make this club great, including the Club and WRCF board of directors, the committee chairs and members and our service project leaders and volunteers. Our programs continue to be second to none! Special thanks goes to our friends at Botanica and Corporate Caterers for providing a pleasant venue and good food each week.

From the Rotary office, Kitchel and I wish you a long and relaxed Christmas holiday with friends and family. Alas, the holidays will pass quickly! We will kick off the new year on January 4 with the announcement of a slate of new officers and directors for 2016-2017 and begin preparing for another exciting Rotary year! Wishing you all a Happy New Year!



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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?

## Congratulations!

### Birthdays

Jeff Lange	Dec. 15
A.J. Boleski	Dec. 16
Eric Melgren	Dec. 16
Vicki Bond	Dec. 17
Jeff Mills	Dec. 17
Ashley Cozine	Dec. 20
Roger Ramseyer	Dec. 20
Bill McAdoo	Dec. 22
Carrie Hendrickson	Dec. 23
Evan LaRue	Dec. 23
Eric Fahnestock	Dec. 26
Jon Rosell	Dec. 28
Buz Lukens	Dec. 31
Jan Luth	Dec. 31
Sam Muyskens	Jan. 2
Nestor Weigand	Jan. 2

### Club Anniversaries

David Arst	27 years
Geri Appel	25 years
John Lewis	22 years
Paul Austin	21 years
Marilyn Pauly	21 years
Sheryl Wohlford	21 years
Marlin Penner	18 years
Laurie Jones	17 years
Sharon Van Horn	14 years
Vera Bothner	9 years
Lynn Loveland	9 years
Joan Gallagher	8 years
Prisca Barnes	5 years
Charles Cole	5 years
Jim Graham	5 years
Bill Bequette	4 years
Mike Zamrzla	4 years
Lisa Dodson	3 years
Sonja Seidl	1 year
Deb Voth	1 year

### PROGRAM CALENDAR

**Dec. 21 & Dec. 28** — No Meeting due to Holidays

**Jan. 4** — Nick ONelio — Account Executive — Blue-Chip Unmanned Aerial Solutions, Inc. — Topic: *Look Up! The New Wave of Aviation is Here — Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)*

### ROTARY MEETING — MONDAY — DECEMBER 7



The spirit of Christmas was in the air on Monday as the Friends University Singing Quakers, led by director Dr. Mark Bartel, performed a series of seasonal selections. Thanks to those who contributed to the Salvation Army collection. More than \$24,000 has been raised .



New member John Breidenthal was a good sport when his father-in-law Doug Stark introduced him to the club. John is with Building Controls and Services, Inc. Welcome, John!



The Wichita Women's Rotary group gathered at the home of LewJene Schneider on Wednesday evening for their annual Christmas party.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Assistive Listening Devices:** Our club has purchased a new assistive listening system for use by members during the meetings at Botanica. The new system involves the use of a small receiver unit. Headphones or an over-the-ear speaker are plugged into the receiver, allowing the user to hear speakers more clearly and at a higher volume. The system also supports tele-coil or T-coil equipped hearing aides. If your hearing aide supports the tele-coil system, you will not need an earphone. The receiver will broadcast directly to your aide. Many aides are set up to work with the T-coil system automatically. Others require you to turn on the T-coil receiver. Your audiologist or hearing aid provider will be happy to help you make sure your hearing aide is set up correctly so that you can hear the outstanding speakers we have at Rotary every week. The new receivers and earphones (if needed) are available each Monday at the door.

### EVENT CALENDAR

**Dec. 15** — Rotary Club Board Meeting, Rotary Office, 11:45 am