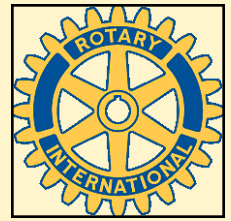




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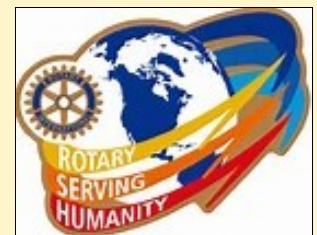
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The Four-Way Test

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



March 27 — Parvan Bakardiev
Wichita Grand Opera President & CEO

Topic: *Why Opera in Wichita?*

Parvan Bakardiev, together with his wife, American soprano Margaret Ann Pent, co-founded the Wichita Grand Opera in 2000 and has served as the company's president & CEO since that time.

Bakardiev is a graduate of the University of Music and Dramatic Arts in Vienna, Austria. As a vocalist, he performed with the Vienna State Opera, Bregenz and Salzburg Festivals in Austria, Florida Philharmonic, Symphony of the Americas and the San Antonio Symphony, among others.

As a recipient of a fellowship from the National Opera Institute at the Kennedy Center, Bakardiev moved to the United States and apprenticed with the San Francisco Opera under the tutelage of famed impresario Kurt Herbert Adler. Following his apprenticeship, he served as artistic administrator of the Houston Grand Opera, and later as founder and general director of the San Antonio Festival. He served simultaneously as the artistic director of the Tennessee Williams Fine Arts Center and the executive director of the Monroe County Fine Arts Council in Florida. During that period, he also served as an artistic consultant to the Kennedy Center and to the Boston, Berlin, and Sakai operas.

Over the course of his career, Bakardiev has produced multiple American and world-premiere works. He has appeared on the Today Show with Jane Pauley and on EuroVision with Sean Connery. He was the subject of an hour-long documentary by PBS called *Making an Event* which covered the founding of his San Antonio Festival. His work has been profiled in numerous European and American publications including the *New York Times*, *Newsweek* and the *Berlin Morning Post*.



April 10 — Alex Pemberton
Yellowbrick Street Team — Guerrilla Urban Redesign

Topic: *The Power of Little Plans: Growing Wichita from the Grass Roots*

As the founder of Yellowbrick Street Team and director of special projects for downtown Wichita, Alex Pemberton works to increase engagement through urban design interventions and creative place-making. The goal of Yellowbrick Street Team is to make cities more livable and lovable through small-scale, grassroots urban design improvements.

A native Kansan, Pemberton has lived in Wichita for over six years after moving to attend Wichita State University as a recipient of the Fran Jabara scholarship. He graduated with a bachelor's of business administration degree with majors in entrepreneurship, management and economics with an emphasis in real estate. His tireless advocacy for improved quality of life is reflected in active membership in Young Professionals of Wichita and the Greater Wichita Partnership's Perceptions Task Force.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3 — Evening Fireside at Kansas Star Event Center and Hampton Inn & Suites
(RESERVATIONS DUE MARCH 28)

April 17 — Tandis Bidgoli — Geological Scientist, University of Kansas — Kansas Geological Survey and **Steve Hausmann** — Farmer's Insurance Agent; Topic: *Earthquakes in Kansas*

April 24 — Geri Appel, Greg Sullivan, DeAnn Sullivan and Fred and Joyce Heismeyer;
Topic: *Report on Trip to Russia*

Congratulations!

Birthdays

Steve English	3/27
Scott Knebel	3/27
Terry Rupp	3/27
Patricia McDonnell	3/30
Brent Johnston	4/1

Club Anniversaries

Norm Sauder	44 years
Dale Allen	39 years
Bruce Gilkeson	39 years
Dave Anderson	33 years
Dick Gilmartin	33 years
Fred Tosh	33 years
Sue Pearce	25 years
Walt Berry	23 years
Emily Compton	17 years
Aaron Bastian	11 years
Judy Weatherall	8 years
Steve Hermann	5 years
Deb Coan	4 years
Heath Bechler	2 years
Dan Dillon	2 years
Angie Prather	2 years

MENU — MARCH 27

Chicken fried steak
 Chicken tenders
 Creamed potatoes
 Corn
 Salad
 Rolls
 Dessert

NEW MEMBER 7-DAY PUBLICATION

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

Cody Branham – Morris, Laing, Evans, Brock & Kennedy, Chtd., Associate Attorney (Sponsors: Doug Coe and Ann Fox)

Marci Hawks – Tallgrass Film Association, Executive Director (Sponsors: Natalie Moyer and Ann Fox)

Craig Smith – OXEN Technology, Business Development Manager (Sponsors: Ann Fox and Deb Stockman)

ROTARY MEETING NOTES — MARCH 20



Rotary gave a big welcome to Admiral Windwagon Smith XLIV Wendy Johnson. Her enthusiasm for Wichita and the Riverfest was infectious.



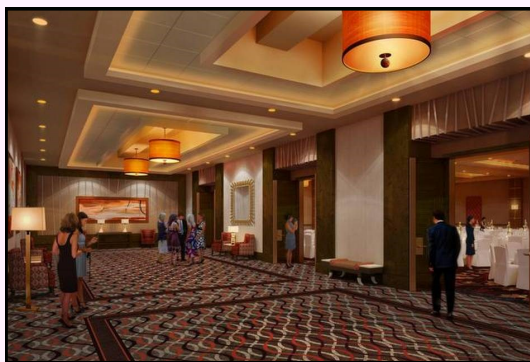
Robin Macy, Bartlett Arboretum owner, gave a delightful program that included performing an original song with her partner/husband Kentucky White.



Jack Feiden introduced new member Chuck Brewer. Chuck is the president of GSI Engineering. Welcome!



Members Jerry Aaron, Bill Gardner and Doug Stark comparing their colorful socks!



EVENING FIRESIDE — APRIL 3 KANSAS STAR EVENTS CENTER AND HAMPTON INN & SUITES 5 — 7 pm

Don't miss this opportunity to mix with fellow Rotarians, spouses and friends! We will enjoy refreshments followed by a tour of the Kansas Star Event Center and Hampton Inn & Suites. We will hear from representatives from the Center and the community about the improved quality of life offered by the Kansas Star Casino, Event Center and the Hampton Inn & Suites.

Please rsvp no later than **Tuesday, March 28** by calling (316-262-4375) or emailing [Kitchel](#) or [Patty](#) in the Rotary office.