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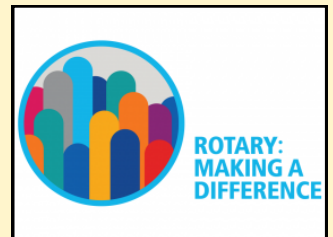
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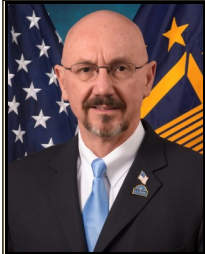
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### The Four-Way Test

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



**November 27 — Rick Ament, MSA, FACHE**  
**Medical Center Director — Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center**  
**Topic: VHA Modernization, Today and Looking Forward**

Rick A. Ament, FACHE, was appointed as the Health System administrator and Medical Center director for the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center, Wichita, KS, in December, 2016. In this capacity, he provides executive leadership to the Medical Center as well as all Veterans Health Administration services in South and Western KS. Ament is a seasoned healthcare executive with over 30 years of experience in both the private and public sectors.

Ament's experience includes numerous CEO roles, organizational turnarounds, strategic consulting and multi-facility operations. From 2015-2016, he served as the CEO of Select Specialty Hospital. From 2004-2007, and again from 2012-2015, he was the CEO of Beacon Leadership Group, a boutique healthcare consultancy specializing in operations improvement. From 2003-2004, he was the COO of Covenant Healthcare System. From 1999-2003, he was a regional vice president and market manager for Quorum Health Resources where he had operational responsibility for 11 rural hospitals. From 1994-1999, he was the CEO of Bay Area Medical Center where, in 1997, he and his team were recognized nationally as *Hospital Magazine's* Turnaround Hospital of the Year. In 1996, Ament received the Wisconsin Regent's award as the ACHE Young Healthcare Executive of the Year.

A proud, second generation Air Force veteran, Ament served as a Medical Service Corps officer from 1986-1988 and as an OSI special agent from 1982-1986. A 1982 graduate of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and received his BA in political science. He later received his MS in hospital administration from Central Michigan University in 1987. In 2006, he became a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.



**December 4 — Jeff Fluhr**  
**President — Greater Wichita Partnership**  
**Topic: Embracing Wichita's Transformative Moment**

Nine years ago a group of local leaders recruited Jeff Fluhr from Baton Rouge to Wichita to serve as the president of the Downtown Wichita Development Corporation, now Downtown Wichita.

Two years ago Fluhr's role was expanded to assist in creating the Greater Wichita Partnership, a new regional economic development organization focused on developing a unique, holistic approach to community growth that also encompassed Downtown Wichita. The Partnership is designed to align and focus efforts to make our region more competitive in job creation, talent attraction, entrepreneurship, workforce development and capital investment. The Partnership is built on teamwork and the idea that, when everyone is advancing in the same direction, the region can create a powerful force to effect change. Fluhr credits the numerous investors and community partners with creating that change.

Fluhr began in Wichita by working closely with the community and stakeholders to develop and implement Project Downtown: The Master Plan for Wichita, which was adopted in 2010, and has served as an economic driver for development. Since its adoption, total investment in Wichita's urban core has topped one billion dollars. In 2016, every dollar of strategic public investment was a catalyst for \$12 of private investment, totaling over \$76 million. Prior to coming to Wichita, he served as the Assistant Executive Director of the City of Baton Rouge Downtown Development District. He holds a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Kentucky and a master's degree in landscape architecture from Louisiana State University, with an emphasis on urban planning and business. Jeff is married to Melissa and they have two children.

# Congratulations!

## Birthdays

Don Olsen	11/27
Bill Livingston	11/28
Gabe Parham	11/29
Charles Cole	11/30
Don Henry	11/30
Chris Stong	12/2
Vance Garwood	12/3
Susie Santo	12/3

## Club Anniversaries

Rich Basore	32 years
Gary Plummer	15 years
Shirley Koehn	9 years
Allan Dunne	8 years
Kim Gattis	8 years
Desiree Morrell	6 years
Mary Beth Jarvis	5 years
Dustin Kuhn	5 years
Janice McClelland	5 years
Matt Schindler	5 years
LewJene Schneider	5 years
Eric Fahnestock	3 years
Kerry Smith	2 years
Joe Unger	2 years
Paul Lavender	1 year
Dave Tingley	1 year
Kevin Wilmoth	1 year

## MENU — NOVEMBER 27

Chicken Vesuvio (Mushroom & Garlic)  
 Meatloaf  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Green Beans  
 Pumpkin Cheese Cake  
 Tossed Salad & Roll



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**December 4** — Jeff Fluhr - Greater Wichita Partnership President

**December 11** — Dr. Mark Bartel and the Friends University Singing Quakers - Salvation Army Collection

**December 18** — Social Fireside at Illuminations at Botanica Gardens from 5:30 - 8:00 pm (No meeting at noon)

## ROTARY MEETING — NOVEMBER 20



Clay Small, former general counsel for PepsiCo Inc. and Pizza Hut, schooled us on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Mr. Small is also the author of the mystery novel *Heels Over Head*, which draws on his experience in the world of international business.



New member Garland Egerton, executive director of Inter Faith Ministries, was introduced by Alicia Holloway.



Warren Martin picked up his permanent badge from Past President Sheryl Wohlford.



Club anniversaries were celebrated on Monday. From left to right: Mary Beth Jarvis (5 yrs), Dustin Kuhn (5 yrs), Ron Cornejo (20 yrs), Past President Sheryl and Matt Schindler (5 yrs).



On November 16, Rotarians and guests enjoyed an informative program by Verne Harnish, the founder of the world-renowned Entrepreneur's Organization and CEO of Gazelles, a global executive education and coaching company. The program was sponsored by our club's Oliver Elliot Speaker Fund and the WSU Foundation.