



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CLUB

#1621

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

March 21, 2018

## Club Officers

President  
Tamara Sevcik

President-Elect  
Larry Martin

Vice President  
Maria Minchew

Past President  
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DeEtte Lombard

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## Directors

Tom Dials  
Mary Gregerson  
Timothy Moran  
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## Non-Voting Board Members

Tom Gray  
Mark Schoenemann  
Teri Yunghans

## Rotary Club Meeting Notes from March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Call to Order: Tamara Sevcik

Invocation: John Robinson

Song: Karel Sigtenhorst led "All Through the Night"

## Visiting Rotarians

None.

## Guests of Information Committee

None.

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Tom Dials introduced Ginger Ballaibe who runs the Pioneer Pals program on Ft. Leavenworth. Timothy Moran introduced his daughter Shannon Moran. Rick Hansen introduce Patrick Altenhofen, Director of Operations, Cushing St. Lukes. Mark Gerges introduced his son Alex Gerges.

## Student Guests

None.

## Induction of New Members

None.

## Announcements

- a. Tom Dials made a pitch for Stan Cherrie by giving an update on Relay for Life
- b. Maria Minchew gave a brief Irish Stew recap. Numbers aren't finalized as there are still some outstanding bills. If you have any words of advice for the Irish Stew for next year, get those to Maria. Tamara added her thanks.
- c. Tamara has 2 items left on the silent auction from the Irish Stew: 1. Night at the T-Bones suite (minimum bid was \$400). Houses 26 folks in the suite. 2. Two tickets to theatre in town- minimum bid was \$50. These two items will be auctioned off at one of our upcoming meetings.

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- d. Mike Roth thanked Tom for the update on Relay so he didn't have to cover this. Instead he talked about the March Madness fundraising event. He reports that Tamara is in the lead. Hopes he has all the brackets from everyone that wanted a bracket but if you believe you were to have a bracket and not just a donation and you do not see your name listed as such, let him know.
- e. Mary Gregerson reminded everyone about the First City Film Festival that takes place this weekend and especially the VIP event on Friday night. Kiwanis is doing food so come hungry!
- f. Tamara read a thank you from Sister Vickie Perkins, Interfaith Shelter, for the \$10,000 we donated.
- g. Tamara wanted to know who was getting emails via Club Runner by a show of hands. Apparently, there are some issues with some folks receiving emails.
- h. Tamara requested all ladies go to the stairs for a photo and this was taken. These are being collected for the District Conference to celebrate women in Rotary for 30 years.

### Activities

Pot Drawing – Jo Burkett was the lucky winner but she did not draw the joker.

### Rotary Minute

None.

### Program

Rick Burns, who has interests in Afghanistan programs and also US Global Leadership Coalition, introduced Sean Sorbie - Director of Veterans Outreach of this agency. Sean is from Tampa originally but currently from Washington DC. Sean is a former marine and one of his roles was to handle funerals for marines, even was involved in President Reagan's funeral while stationed in the DC area. The coalition consists of 500 corporations. His Powerpoint was entitled "The International Affairs Budget". He explained what the agency was and what it does. It currently gets funded 1% of the total federal budget. The coalition exists for the purpose of fighting deadly diseases like HIV, Ebola and Zika, it supports diplomats, boosts trade and economic development, educates children especially girls, prevents child marriage, helps vulnerable countries to respond to disasters, etc. It also works to prevent the spread of violent extremism, maintains American influence, builds security partnerships, creates trade opportunities, and safer environments for charitable works. He fielded some questions at the end of his talk including question from Doug Tystad – "how do you do your advocating". He stated that they educate & bring in leaders, trying to get the word out about their organization and how their local community is contributing to the effort as well. They hold a National Summit in the spring and he travels around the country and meets with Veterans. Don Murphy asked if there is a particular hot project and Sean says they are always advocating for the budget. We should be spending 10% more on international. If you are former military, you can sign up and they will send you notes, things to contact your senator about. It's low interference in your life but will help if they get all these notes from members. Nonpartisan organization but gives Americans the ability to influence in the world. Contact Sean to sign up. If you want to send note to Senator Moran, please do as there is a shortage of 200 ambassadors. Unfortunately the Foreign Affairs budget is the first to get targeted for cuts. [Ssorbie@usglc.org](mailto:Ssorbie@usglc.org)

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## Other Business

Tamara announced that at District Conference, we are going to do a Service Project which is packing up hygiene packets for women. For the next couple of meetings we will pass the basket as we are trying to collect \$5000 - \$5 from each Rotarian. DeEtte says this is only one part of the project, we are also celebrating women in Rotary for 30 years. Ellen clarified that women have only been allowed in Rotary for 30 years. Tamara said you can give more than \$5. Tamara made a pitch for getting as many of our members as possible to the District Conference on 27-28 April. The 27th is the biggest thing!

## Closing

Adjourn (Tamara Sevcik)

Recitation of the Four Way Test by the members:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it BUILD GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
- Will it BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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## Upcoming:

<p><b><u>Programs</u></b></p> <p>28 Mar – Army Leader Exchange Program (Jim Madigan)          4 Apr – Ginger Ballaibe: Pioneer Pals (Tom Dials)          11 Apr – TBD (Mark Gerges)          18 Apr – United Way (Larry Martin)          25 Apr – Principles of Insurance (Tom Dials)          2 May – Bonner Springs Garden Club (Mary Gregerson)</p>	<p><b><u>Special Events/Fundraisers</u></b></p> <p>Meals on Wheels needs folks to sign up for March/April deliveries...see Maria Minchew!          7 April --- 20<sup>th</sup> St. Tfwy cleanup; sign up with Mike G. --- come on out and help the effort.          14 April --- Bi-annual non-perishable food drive --- sign up with Brian V.          27/28 April --- District Conference          28 April --- Relay for Life: help push the Rotary Team further ahead in the fight against cancer!!          5 May --- OTC Med Drive --- sign up will come out via Clubrunner</p>
<p><b><u>Invocation</u></b></p> <p>28 Mar - Wendell Maddox          4 Apr - Mike Sevcik          11 Apr - Mike Lehnher          18 Apr - Shari Hansen          25 Apr - Maria Minchew          2 May- Mike Lehnher</p>	<p><b><u>Meals on Wheels</u></b></p> <p>25 Mar – Tom Dials/Randy Johnson          2 Apr – Jo Burkett/Don Murphy          9 Apr – Linda Scheer/Brian Voorhees          16 Apr – Tom Dials/Brian Voorhees          23 Apr – Tamara Sevcik/Tim Moran          30 Apr – TBD</p>
<p><b><u>Scribes</u></b></p> <p>28 Mar – Randy Johnson          4 Apr – Lori Simmons          11 Apr – Tom Dials          18 Apr – Tim Moran          25 Apr – Shari Hansen          2 May – Randy Johnson</p>	<p><b><u>President's Priorities</u></b></p> <p>Have fun, be inspired/inspire, and make a difference! Invite someone to Rotary to see what they are missing. Tell people about our club and what we do in the community.</p>



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