



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CLUB

**#1621**

**LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS**

**July 11, 2018**

## **Club Officers**

### **President**

Tamara Sevcik

### **President-Elect**

Larry Martin

### **Vice President**

Maria Minchew

### **Past President**

Mark Gerges

### **Secretary**

DeEtte Lombard

### **Treasurer**

Kurt Seelbach

### **Sergeant-At-Arms** Karel

Sigtenhorst

## **Directors**

Tom Dials

Mary Gregerson

Timothy Moran

Blake Waters

## **Non-Voting Board Members**

Tom Gray

Mark Schoenemann

Teri Yunghans

## **Rotary Club Meeting Notes from July 11th**

Call to Order: President-Elect Maria Minchew

National Anthem with a recording by the Army Band (no piano player today)

Invocation: Mary Gregerson

Song: Karel Sigtenhorst led "America."

## **Visiting Rotarians**

None.

## **Guests of Information Committee**

None.

## **Guests of Rotarians**

Mike Robinson's wife Elsa was introduced by Karel, Mike was late. Jeff Pittman introduced his wife, Holly Pittman and his speaker, Stacy McCowen

## **Student Guests**

None.

## **Induction of New Members**

Terry Wojtalewicz was inducted, sponsored by Tim Moran

## **Announcements**

a. Maria reminded members about the District Meeting in Lawrence. If you are interested in administering the Grant program, you need to get the training at this meeting. Cost is free and alcohol will be served.

b. Maria also reminded members of the Strike Out Polio Event on July 27th at the T-Bones Stadium.

c. Maria also welcomed new board members that attended the board meeting last night, Dawn Weston and Pat Proctor.

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d. Toni Kramer thanked those who helped with park clean up at 10th Avenue Park on Saturday. Mulching was done this time and the park looks great. Trees were sprayed for pests.

### Birthdays

Don Murphy announced the following birthdays for July: DeEtte Lombard, Vicky Kaaz, Doug Harding, Mike Robinson, Joan Murnane-Randall, David Van Parys, Chris Prather, John Donovan, & Mike Griswold. Ron Booth was given a piece of cake because he missed the meeting in June when it was his birthday.

### Activities

Pot Drawing – Jim Madigan's number drawn on the second try, but he did not draw the joker.

### Rotary Minute

None.

### Program

Jeff Pittman gave his classification as supply chain engineer and explained that this is his real job, what he does for a living. He is also a state representative. He and Holly have three children and his father in law is Wayne Shehorn, Rotarian. He was sponsored by Dru Wheatcroft. He introduced his program which was Stacy McCowen from Candle Queen. She told us about her business, how she constantly evolves her business, and how she gives back to the community. Jeff nominated her for Women's Business of the Year because of her successful business and all she does for Leavenworth. Stacy gave an overview of how she got started in the business, essentially starting with making candles out of her home. She has a handicapped son and this allowed her to be home with her son and still have a business. But then people were flooding her home at all hours of the day so she needed to open a store. She has never applied for grants, paid for everything herself in her business. She shared her experience with Mr. Wonderful from Shark Tank and being featured in Inc Magazine. And the business model that if you are not changing, you are dead. She shared her Junk stock story and how she got started in that. She has camper and VW bus for no reason really. She has been featured by a KS City reporter (Fox 4 News) which brings her lots of folks out of Kansas City and she gives them a list of things to do in Leavenworth. Then she shared how Carol Bazemore confronted her to do a 5K run. Stacy is not a runner but her husband is so she decided to do it. She shared photos from 5K run, women come from all over so it brings a lot of people to Leavenworth. She has given \$50,000 to charities with this race. The race director is paid a small sum and they pay for their expenses, but the rest goes to charity. She loves to promote Leavenworth and she shared a picture of runners on 3 mile creek, the story of the 5K- gal who had a stroke and completed the race as a personal goal. She also shared the story of the overweight gal who wore shirt "I want to live" and was inspired to run the Queen's 5K Romp. Stacy also showed pictures of her Air BNB. They finished it at the end of May and in June it was booked 17 of the 19 nights. Again, it brings people to Leavenworth. It does have an elevator to the second floor, sleeps 3 comfortably. Her store also has access to the underground store fronts so they do tours of that. A recent tour raised \$1000 which went to Relay for Life, other donations were given to Unity in the Community. She has held Magical Unicorn parties, brings in little girls when mother's shop. Local artist does all the paintings on the outside

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of the building, makes a great Photo Op with angel wings. She runs Facebook contests. She is on her 4th website and her husband does all the shipping for that but she prefers the in-store stuff.

### Other Business

N/A

### Closing

Adjourn

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:

<b><u>Programs</u></b>  18 Jul – Cushing Foundation (Shari Hansen) 25 Jul – Faith-Based/Community Initiatives (Matt Nojonen) 1 Aug – People to People (Tamara Sevcik) 8 Aug – Katrina M. Lewis, Assoc Professor, K-State University Shelter Box Presentation (Larry Martin) 15 Aug – Club Assembly (Larry Martin)	<b><u>Special Events/Fundraisers</u></b>  19 Sep – Club Picnic
<b><u>Invocation</u></b>  18 Jul – Tom Dials 25 Jul – Shari Hansen 1 Aug - Tom Dials 8 Aug - Lori Simmons 15 Aug - Kurt Seelbach	<b><u>Meals on Wheels</u></b>  16 Jul – Linda Scheer/Brian Voorhees 23 Jul – Maria Minchew/ Patrick Altenhofen 30 Jul – Tamara Sevcik/Tim Moran
<b><u>Scribes</u></b>  18 Jul – Tom Dials 25 Jul – Tim Moran 1 Aug – Lori Simmons	<b><u>President's Priorities</u></b>  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.



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