

Christmas social to coaching

Our first December meeting will actually be our holiday social **Monday, Dec. 3**, followed by Gene Stephenson, men's baseball coach for Wichita State University on **Dec. 17**. We will not meet on New Year's Eve.

Our Christmas dinner at The Highlands starts with a social at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7.

Socialize first, then be inspired by featured speaker **Jackie Stiles**, WNBA All-Star and WNBA 2001 Rookie of the Year, who will share the secrets behind her stunning personal success while explaining how others can apply these lessons to their own lives.

For more information on this special event, call Dave Thomas at 665-1027.

On **Dec. 17** **Gene Stephenson**, Men's Baseball Coach for Wichita State University, will be our guest speaker.

When Stephenson arrived at Wichita State after his hiring in the spring of 1977, he found nothing – no team, no field, no equipment, no tradition,

not even a baseball. The program had been dormant for seven years and had no history of success.

Stephenson wasted no time in showing everyone what kind of program he could build at WSU. During his very first season, 1978, the Shockers posted a



43-30-1 record. Today WSU's program is one of the best and most recognized in the country, and Stephenson is respected by his peers as one of the top coaches in

Division I college baseball.

Before coming to Wichita, Coach Stephenson spent five years at the University of Oklahoma serving as an assistant coach, recruiting coordinator and hitting instructor. He helped guide the Sooners to five Big Eight Conference championships and five College World Series appearances.

Stephenson, a 1968 graduate of the University of Missouri, attended his first year on a football scholarship. He found more success in baseball, leading the Big Eight in hitting one year and earning all-league honors and All-America honors from the American Baseball Coaches Association in 1967 as well as serving as team captain.

After a year at his alma mater as a graduate assistant on the baseball staff, Stephenson served a three-year stint in the United States Army, spending one year in Vietnam.

Stephenson and his wife, Paula, have been married 42 years. They have two children, Jay and Ginny, and four grandchildren.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Don't miss the Dec. 17 program at the Grand Prairie Hotel, 1400 N. Lorraine. Serving begins at 11:45 a.m.

DECEMBER 3
6 P.M.
THE HIGHLANDS

SPEAKER: Jackie Stiles, WNBA All-Star

DECEMBER 17

SPEAKER: Gene Stephenson, WSU men's baseball coach

GREETER: John Montgomery

INVOCATION: Bill Anschutz

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Lynette Lacy

There is no board meeting in December!

NOVEMBER MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP...



NOVEMBER 5 Guests/Hosts

Linda Harrison / The Club
Nathan Delzer / The Club
Jim Ontjes / Lee Spence
Lowell Peachy / Bob Schraeder
Carol Carr / Ed Johnson
Phil Miller / Josie Thompson
Isabel Schmedemann / Gary Witham
Angie Robinson / Teresa Cofer
Darrell Kauffman / Marcy Kauffman

Visiting Rotarian

Jimie Wray Mead
Muskogee, Oklahoma

NOVEMBER 19 Guests/Hosts

Jack Sampson / Jay Schrock
R.A. Edwards / Jim Gilliland
Karen Gilliland / Jim Gilliland
Lowell Peachy / Bob Schraeder
Randy Myers / Randy Stange
Jimie Wray Mead / Ed Johnson
Isabel Schmedemann / Gary Witham

Make-up

Richard Shank, Kingman

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest members:

Ed Maschler, with Catalyst Creative Services; **Chris Orwell**, with the Cosmosphere; and **Tim Givan**, with First National Bank! (We apologize to Tim for misspelling his name in last month's newsletter.)

Judy McCool, with Astle Realty, has been proposed by Jack Schroll; **Jimie Wray Mead** has been proposed by Dave Thomas.

Members have *seven* days to relay any comments on these proposals to the Board of Directors.

The Six-Question Rotary Member Survey

Thank you for completing and returning the survey (mailed to all members in November).

We are grateful for your feedback and for your generosity to the Rotary Foundation – thank you for being an active and involved member of our club.

For those who haven't returned a survey, it's not too late! If you need an extra copy or have questions, please contact Joe Ontjes at ontjes@gmail.com or 669-9354.

New-member orientation dinner

Monday, January 14, 2008 • The Hutchinson Town Club
Social Hour 5–5:45 p.m. • Dinner and Discussion 5:45–7 p.m.

All new members or those who have never attended a Rotary Orientation Dinner are invited to join us for a social hour followed by dinner and an informal discussion about Rotary International as well as our local club.

The dinner is free and your presence qualifies for a make-up attendance credit. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Jim Cannon at 728-1310 or jamesc@canvalue.com.

Know someone with a polio story?

Our club is co-sponsoring an exhibit on the history of polio in Reno County. This exhibit will open at the Reno County Museum in March 2008.

If you or anyone you know has a personal story, photos, newspaper clippings or anything else for possible inclusion in the display, please contact Joe Ontjes at ontjes@gmail.com or 669-9354.



December Birthdays

Bob Fee, Dec. 1
Franklin Fee, Dec. 1
Bill Warner, Dec. 6
Ed Johnson, Dec. 11
Brenda Maxey, Dec. 13
Mark Buckley, Dec. 22
Carol Berger, Dec. 25

Happy birthday to all!

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