

# The Salt Shaker

HUTCHINSON ROTARY CLUB

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## Service: Here and abroad

Service programs here and across the sea will be featured in January programs.

On **January 5**, **Aubrey Patterson** and **Evan Moodie** will discuss the **Young Professionals of Reno County** organization.

Patterson, YP chair, and Moodie, Advisory Council member, will share survey data and discuss ways the local business community can adapt to and retain younger employees.

The survey of young employees addressed their perception of life in Reno County, areas needing improvement, their relationship to the county, plans to stay in or move from the county, and their expectations of the YP organization.

The organization has more than 170 members ranging in age from 21 to 40+.

Organized in late 2007, YP strives to make a positive impact on the community.



Patterson

For more information, please visit the Web site: [www.yprenocounty.com](http://www.yprenocounty.com).

On **January 19** **LeAnn Clark**, retired teacher from Hesston, will speak on **Ethiopia Reads**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing literacy to Ethiopian children.

Clark will share the success of Ethiopia Reads and how Kansas children and communities can provide reading materials and a brighter future for Ethiopian children.

She became involved with the organization when she served as President of the Kansas Reading Association. She initiated a project to collect books for Ethiopian children. Through this collaboration, donated books now fill the shelves of Shola Children's Library, the first of its kind in Ethiopia.



Moodie

Ethiopia Reads now also operates a donkey mobile library in Awassa, and is responsible for many new school libraries in Addis Ababa.

Yohannes Gebregorgis, founder of Ethiopia Reads, was a recent finalist for the 2008 CNN Hero of the Year. She joins Rotary International and the International Reading Association in promoting worldwide literacy.

For the complete story on Clark and the program, please see the MEETINGS section of the Rotary Web site, [www.hutchrotary.org](http://www.hutchrotary.org).



*Ethiopian children celebrate over the books supplied to them by the Ethiopia Reads program. Only about 28 percent of Ethiopian children are able to attend school, and books are in short supply.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*Don't miss these upcoming events as well as this month's programs at the Grand Prairie Hotel, 1400 N. Lorraine. Serving begins at 11:45 a.m.*

### January 5:

**SPEAKERS:** Aubrey Patterson, Alan Moodie, Young Professionals

**GREETER:** Lisa Ward

**INVOCATION:** Wayne Lowe

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** Ann Bush

### January 19:

**SPEAKER:** LeAnn Clark, volunteer for Ethiopia Reads

**GREETER:** Ray Vernon

**INVOCATION:** Matt Stafford

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** John Montgomery

Those wishing to make up a meeting may attend the club's board meeting at the Town Club on **Jan. 26**

If you plan on attending, please call Dave Thomas at **665-1027**.

**...FOR MOVERS AND SHAKERS**

# Farewell to Bob Gottschalk

It is with deep regret that we say farewell to fellow Rotarian Bob Gottschalk.

Robert Aloysius Gottschalk, 77, died Sunday, Dec. 21, at Promise Regional Medical Center.

He was born August 7, 1931, to A.C. "Al" and Verona Cannon Gottschalk in Garden City, KS. In 1949, he graduated from Thomas More Prep High School, formerly St. Joe's Military Academy, in Hays.

He attended Kansas State University, and graduated in 1957 from Regis College, Denver, with a degree in business.

On August 18, 1956, he married Rosemary Kennedy in El Dorado.

Bob served in the Korean War as Master Sergeant and was honorably discharged in 1954.

He then lived in Colby where he was the owner of Gottschalk Implement which later became Gottschalk Motors.

He moved to Hutchinson in 1974 and began working at the Kansas State Fair. He served as General Manager of the fair for 23 years, retiring in 1997.

Throughout his tenure with the Kansas State Fair, Bob received numerous distinguished awards including the International Fairs and Exposition Association Hall of Fame.

He was President of the IAFE in 1995. He also received the Travel Industry Association of Kansas Distinguished Service Award in 1997.

He also served on the boards of the Hutchinson Town Club, TECH,

Friends of the Zoo, Chamber of Commerce, and was involved in many other community organizations. He was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, and the K-State Alumni Association.

Survivors include his wife Rosemary, of the home; daughter, Maribeth Reimer and husband Jeff, Hutchinson; son, Joe Gottschalk and wife Christi, Olathe; three brothers, James C., and Thomas L., both of Denver, and Timothy W., Garden City; and seven grandchildren, Ted, Libby, Mitchell and Ben Reimer, and Colby, Cannon and Claire Gottschalk.

He was preceded in death by his parents, stepmother, Muriel Blachly Gottschalk, and a sister, Carol J. Wasinger.

Memorials may be sent to Holy Cross Catholic Church, or Friends of the Kansas State Fair, both in care of Elliott Mortuary.

## December meeting / membership

### DECEMBER 15

#### Guests/Hosts

Beth Rimmer / John Rimmer  
Gladys Bos / Norman Bos  
Jim Horton / Club  
Anna Wu / Club

#### MAKE-UPS

Richard Shank, Lindsborg  
and Liberal

#### • Monica Bergmeier,

Central Bank & Trust  
(mbergmeier@centralbank-kansas.com)

#### We regret saying goodbye to:

- George Madelen
- Alan Lepard

We wish you the best in the future!

*Let's all remember to bring guests to our meetings. It's the best way to introduce them to our programs and the camaraderie of our club.*

### MEMBERSHIP

#### Welcome to our newest members:

- **Jade Piros**, Reno County Chamber of Commerce (jadybug@gmail.com)

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*Let's all ring in the  
New Year with Rotary!*

