

The Salt Shaker

HUTCHINSON ROTARY CLUB

MARCH 2009

Energy, banking & the treasury

March programs will be full of relevant economic information from speakers for our *three* meetings this month.

On **March 2**, **Ed Cross, Executive Director of Kansas Oil and Gas Industry**, will speak on "Oil & Gas: A Brave New World for Energy Consumers and Energy Producers."

He will discuss the need to find more and different sources of energy and the need to be efficient and conserve.



Gross

He also will explore key energy issues, examine oil and gas market structures, look at emerging new world realities in energy markets, and summarize impacts on the Kansas oil and gas industry.

Cross will outline the need for a comprehensive energy strategy that includes conservation, efficiency, alternatives, oil and natural gas – all providing a bridge to an alternative energy future.

On **March 16**, **Earl McVicker, President of Central Bank & Trust**, will talk about the current economic and banking environment.

McVicker also serves as Chairman, President and CEO of Central Financial Corporation and its subsidiary, CB&T of Hutchinson.

More than 30 years in the banking industry, he has been instrumental in chartering several new community banks in states throughout the south and southwest.

Currently serving as a director or advisory director of several community banks, he is past chairman of the American Bankers Association and past President and Chairman of the Kansas Bankers Association.



McVicker

On **March 30**, **Dennis McKinney, Kansas State Treasurer**, will emphasize the importance of working with Kansas leaders to strengthen the state's

economy, increasing good-paying jobs for Kansans, and encouraging fiscal responsibility.

Prior to becoming state treasurer on Jan. 5, he represented the 116th House District of Kansas, which includes Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, North Harper and southeast Ford counties. He was appointed to the Kansas House of Representatives in May of 1992 and was successfully reelected for eight terms. McKinney served as Kansas House Minority Leader from 2003 through 2008.

In his leadership role at the Capitol, he served on the State Finance Council, Calendar and Printing Committee, Interstate Cooperation Committee, and the Legislative Coordinating Council. He previously served on House committees focusing on transportation, energy and environmental issues.



McKinney

Don't forget to bring a guest!

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.

March 2:

SPEAKER: Ed Cross, Kansas Oil and Gas Industry
GREETER: Linda Gronewaller
INVOCATION: Kim Moore
SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Mary Hemmings

March 9:

Orientation for new members and current members wishing to attend.
Social: 5:30 p.m. / Dinner: 6 p.m.
Hutchinson Town Club

March 16:

SPEAKER: Earl McVicker, Central Bank & Trust
GREETER: Aubrey Patterson
INVOCATION: Richard Chambers
SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Joe Ontjes

March 30:

SPEAKER: Dennis McKinney, Kansas State Treasurer
GREETER: Russ Reinert
INVOCATION: Carol Berger
SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Sid Arpin

Those wishing to make up a meeting may attend the club's board meeting at the Town Club on **March 23**.

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

...FOR MOVERS AND SHAKERS

February meetings / membership

FEBRUARY 2

Guests/Hosts

Sharon Eggerberger / Ann Bush
 Rick Reeve / Ann Bush
 Mark Yapp / Tony Walenz
 Erin Gould / Club
 Erin Huddlestun / Club
 Will Tobin / Carol Berger

MAKE-UPS

Bill Small, Wichita
 Richard Shank, Greensburg

FEBRUARY 16

Guests/Hosts

Virginia Elliott / Kim Moore
 Kenny Mork / Ed Maschler
 Cindy Keast / Club
 Monica Dillon / Club
 Pat Becker / Randy Stange

*Let's all remember to bring
 guests to our meetings
 and introduce them
 to our club!*

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest member:

Les Zimmerman, Consultant
 You can welcome Les at:
 zimmermanl1943@gmail.com

We regret saying goodbye to...
 ...Lisa Gleason and Mark Buckley.

We wish you the best in the future!

Stuffed toys: A bridge to friendship

Rotarian Jack Ham has collected close to 75 Beanie Babies over the years, and was ready to part with his furry little friends, including his favorite, Wilbur, a plush, pink pig he was attached to because of Ham's last name. He wanted to give the stuffed animals to children who had limited or no access to toys.

Ham, a member of the Rotary Club of Houghton, Michigan, shared his desire to donate his collection with fellow club member Lieutenant Colonel Dallas L. Eubanks. Together, they came up with an idea of sending small stuffed toys to U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan to distribute to local children.



A soldier from the 82nd Airborne Division serving in Baghdad, Iraq, distributes donated stuffed animals at a girls' school in the city. (Photo courtesy of Dallas Eubanks)

Eubanks says giving gifts to the youth overseas has a positive impact on the children as well as the soldiers, which he experienced during his tour of duty in Iraq in 2003-04. "It helps us bridge the gap with them, and it helps the

soldiers feel like there is hope for tomorrow," says Eubanks. "These gifts show the children that we are not all bad guys with guns and bullets."

Ham and Eubanks presented the idea to their club, and within nine months the club had collected more than 4,200 stuffed animals from around the country.

Go to "rotary.org" to read more on this story.

Orientation session March 9

Whether you're a new member of the Hutchinson Rotary Club or a veteran, you're sure to learn something new about Rotary at the orientation session March 9.

A social hour begins at 5:30 and dinner follows at 6 p.m. at the Hutchinson Town Club.

If you wish to attend, please contact Jim Cannon, **728-1310**, or Dave Thomas, **665-1027**, by March 3.

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 meetings!*

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