

# The Salt Shaker

HUTCHINSON ROTARY CLUB

MAY 2009

## *New Beginnings. . .for many*

New Beginnings, Inc., a Hutchinson housing project that has brought new hope to so many, will be the focus of the **May 4** meeting.

The program for **May 18** will be announced later.

Shara Gonzales, President and CEO of New Beginnings, will present "20 years of decisions that have led to the discovery of 'the cycle of self sufficiency' and a 'housing continuum.'"

New Beginnings, celebrating its 20th



Gonzales

anniversary this year, provides emergency housing and has 97 units of transitional and permanent supportive housing, and an office complex that houses 11 nonprofit services in one location at 400 W. 2nd Ave.

Shara will detail, through video and discussion, decisions of the last two decades and the outcome that has made our community a better place to live for everyone.

Shara has a lifelong history of involvement in legal projects that cham-

pion individual and human rights, land and housing issues.

In 1980 one such project forged a new type of development for native people that brought together their traditional way of living with environmentally appropriate technology and construction.

She served as head of congressional offices that sought to revise a law that would have removed Indian people from their land.

Today, Shara uses these experiences to help the displaced and disadvantaged while working on a model of services and sustainable building to create sustainable lives.

## March / April meetings & membership

**March 30: Guest/Host**  
Noah Mead/Jimie-Wray Mead

**Visiting:** Dave Nygaard, Newton

**MAKE-UP:** Jade Piros/Wichita Downtown  
Bill Small/Great Bend

**April 6: Guests/Hosts**  
Ben Whitlow/Club  
Sharon Eggesberger/Ann Bush  
Marcia Stines/Nancy Shears  
Randy Myers/Ed Berger

Gary Newcome/Matt Stafford  
David Duree/Josie Thompson  
13 Young Professionals  
7 HCC students

**April 20: Guests/Hosts**  
Nancy Karst, Ben Whitlow, Mary Lee Moran, Kathy Ireland, KaAnn Ireland, Jo Glass, Amy Calhoun, Dorothy Kimplier, Vicki Foss, Jim Smith, Marc Trent, Craig Williams, Les Paul, Shannon McKeer/Club  
Diane Saunders, Larry Cupps,

Linda Lusk/Marcy Kauffman  
Carl Marks, Jeanette Marks/  
Jim Gilliland  
Tom Eigsti/Ray Vernon  
Dick Heitschmidt/Brad Rayl  
Dan Rasuie/Tom Dooley

### MEMBERSHIP

**Welcome to our newest member:**  
**Marc Ahrens**, General Manager  
of the Grand Prairie Hotel

## 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.*

### May 4:

**SPEAKER:** Shara Gonzales  
New Beginnings, Inc.

**GREETER:** John Caton

**INVOCATION:** Tom Dooley

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** Lynette Lacy

### May 18:

**SPEAKER:** To be announced

**GREETER:** Carol Berger

**INVOCATION:** Wayne Lowe

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** To be announced

Those wishing to make up a meeting may attend the club's board meeting at the Town Club on **May 25**.

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

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- better than  
May flowers!*

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# Looking back on 104 years

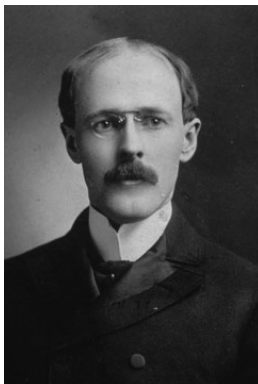
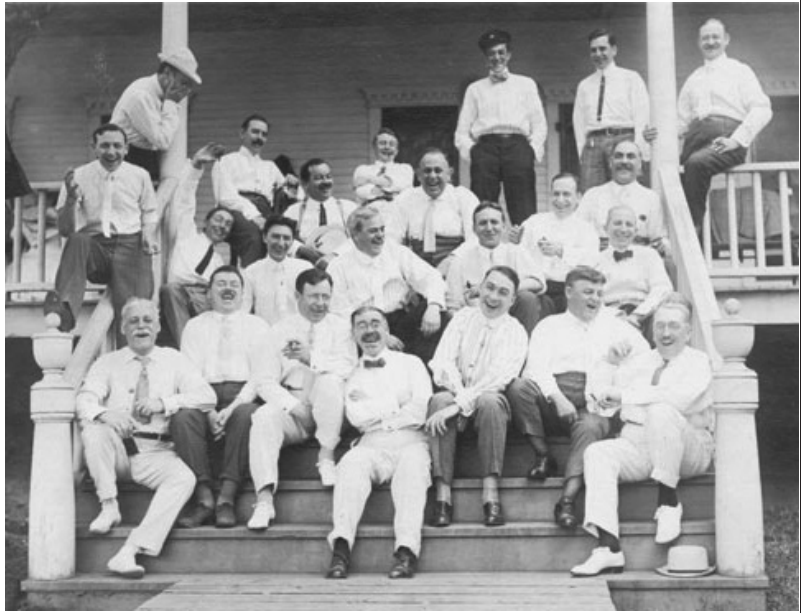
During the first Rotary club meeting on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey and Silvester Schiele met to talk about their personal experiences. Harris then unfolded his general plan for their club meetings.

This was the simple beginning of the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago. It was created because of Harris' wish to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth.

The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

In honor of that first club, Rotarians have preserved its original meeting place, Room 711 in Chicago's Unity Building, by recreating the office as it existed in 1905. For several years, the Paul Harris 711 Club maintained the room as a shrine for visiting Rotarians.

In 1989, when the building was scheduled to be demolished, the club carefully dismantled the office and salvaged the interior, including doors and radiators. In 1993, the RI Board of Directors set aside a permanent home for the restored Room 711 at RI World Headquarters in the Chicago suburb of Evanston.



*Top, even in 1910 Rotarians were having a grand old time; Paul Harris, above left, as a young lawyer in 1896; Rotary founders, above, with Harris on the far right. Below left is the first issue of "The National Rotarian," a 12-page publication; and below right is a 1939 edition of the magazine that now has a circulation of more than 500,000 worldwide.*

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