

The Salt Shaker

HUTCHINSON ROTARY CLUB

NOVEMBER 2008

Adventures and athletics

The adventures of a Group Study Exchange team and an athletic director will be our topics for November meetings.

On **Nov. 3** the **GSE team** from Great Britain will tell stories and discuss their experiences during their tour of Rotary District 5690, Oct. 18 to Nov. 15.

The group, hosted by Hutchinson Rotarians during their stay here, will be visiting with local businesses and vocational counterparts Nov. 2-5.

The purpose of the worldwide exchange program is to promote international understanding and goodwill through person-to-person

contact.

Team members visiting are Malcolm Cooper, team leader, retired

housing consultant; Peter Small, personal advisor to young people; Annica Goddard, physician;

Delia Yapp, economic developer; Hayley Goodwin, attorney; and Amy Shenton, victim care official.

Generous Hutchinson Rotarians hosting our guests are Chris Orwoll, Russ Reinert, Ed Maschler, Trish Rose, Bob Boyd and Norm Bos.

Let's all give a big Rotary welcome to our guests from across the pond.



Back from left: Small, Cooper, Goddard, Yapp; seated are Goodwin, left, and Shenton.

Eric Sexton, Director of Athletics for Wichita State University, will speak at our **Nov. 17** meeting on his goal to continue a commitment to excellence for Shocker athletics.

Dr. Sexton, named Director of Athletics in April 2008, received degrees from WSU in business administration and a Master of Public Administration. He also earned a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Kansas in 2002.

A former member of the WSU golf team, Sexton was the Executive Director for Governmental Relations and served on the Board of Trustees at WSU.



Sexton

He is the son of Shocker football legend Linwood Sexton and the late Dolores Sexton. Sexton and his wife, Kathy, reside in Derby.

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.

November 3:

SPEAKERS: Great Britain Group Study Exchange Team

GREETER: Marcy Kauffman

INVOCATION: Jimmie-Wray Mead

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Linda Gronewaller

Nov. 17:

SPEAKER: Eric Sexton, WSU Director of Athletics

GREETER: Marty Fee

INVOCATION: Carol Berger

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Ann Bush

Oct. 31-Nov. 3:

District Conference, Wichita

Nov. 2-5:

Great Britain GSE team in Hutchinson

Dec. 1:

Annual Rotary Christmas Dinner!

Those wishing to make up a meeting may attend the club's board meeting at the Town Club on **Nov. 24**.

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

...FOR MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Tribute to Bill Shears

William H. "Bill" Shears Jr., 90, a member of the Hutchinson Rotary Club since 1996, died Sept. 20, 2008, at Hospice House in Hutchinson.

He was born April 21, 1918, in Hutchinson. A lifetime resident of Hutchinson, he graduated from Hutchinson High School in 1936, then received a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Kansas in 1940.

He enlisted in the Navy in December of 1941 and attended the U.S. Naval Academy. He was commissioned in mid-1942 as a Naval engineer and was sent to serve for one year on a Navy destroyer operating in the Solomon Islands during the invasion of Guadalcanal.

Following his sea duty, he was granted the opportunity to change to the Civil Engineering Corps and was assigned to the 133rd



U.S. Naval Construction Battalion, which became a part of the Fourth Marine Division. He participated in the "D-Day" invasion of Iwo

Jima. When the island was secure, he became the overall supervisor for the paving of all three airfields on the island including the two longest runways in the western Pacific. His battalion was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation,

and he received a commendation for outstanding service in action on Iwo Jima.

In 1946 he joined the Shears Construction Company and led the company to national prominence in 1964 when he signed a contract for the world's largest hot mix asphalt paving project on I-70 west of Salina.

In 1989 he sold the company but remained as a consultant for an additional five years.

He was a leader in his industry and was past president of the National Asphalt Pavement Association. He was a founder and major contributor of the National Center for Asphalt Technology at Auburn University, a director of the Associated General Contractors of America, past president of Kansas Contractors Association and past president of the Kansas Asphalt Pavement Association.

He was involved in many local activities, including eight years on the Hutchinson Board of Education. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of Grace Episcopal Church and Rotary.

Bill loved his KU Jayhawks, and always cheered on the teams.

In 1942 he married Ruth Clickner of Hutchinson. She died in 1975. He then married Zoe Stives in 1976. She died Aug. 20, 2006.

Memorials may be made to Hutchinson Community College or Hospice House.

October meetings

OCTOBER 6
Guests/Hosts
 Pattie Belton / Club

Make-up
 Bill Small, Pratt

OCTOBER 20
Guests/Hosts
 Liz Peirce / Ken Peirce

Sandra Haskell / Jim Haskell
 John Doswell / Kris Doswell
 Sally Tesluk / Linda Gronewaller
 Pattie Belton / Club
 Thad Bartley / Chris Orwoll

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

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