

# The Salt Shaker

HUTCHINSON ROTARY CLUB

NOVEMBER 2009

## Aviation / Bioscience on agenda

It will be a month of aviation and bioscience at our *three* November meetings.

On **Nov. 2**, **Dave Franson**, Executive Director of the Wichita Aero Club since its inception in October of 2008, will be our speaker.

A veteran communications executive with more than 30 years of experience in the aviation industry, he is also president of Franson Consulting, a media and public relations firm he founded in 2004.

His client list includes Avidyne Corporation, Atlantic Aviation, Bombardier Learjet, Embraer Executive Jets, Hawker Beechcraft, Honeywell Aerospace, International Communications Group, Mooney Airplane Company, Winglet Technology and Yingling Aviation.

Prior to establishing his own company, he held a variety of aviation-related positions with the National



Dave Franson

Business Aviation Association, Allied Signal Aerospace in Los Angeles; Cessna and Bombardier Aerospace.

In November, 2006, **Tom Thornton**, our **Nov. 16** speaker, became the first president and chief executive officer of the Kansas Bioscience Authority (KBA), where he leads the effort to stimulate growth in bioscience research and business in Kansas through the investment of approximately \$580 million generated by the Kansas Economic Growth Act.

He previously served as president and CEO of the Illinois Technology Development Alliance, establishing it as one of the most respected technology development organizations in the country.

He also was senior vice president for Convergent Technology Group in Seattle, and managing partner for divine interVentures, an investment fund.

Early in his career, Mr. Thornton served as director of policy for U.S. Rep. J. Dennis Hastert, former



Tom Thornton

speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Speaking **Nov. 30** will be **Jack Pelton**, chairman, president and CEO for Cessna Aircraft Company, the leading worldwide manufacturer of general aviation aircraft. Headquartered in Wichita, Cessna has produced some 192,000 aircraft since its founding in 1927, including more than 6,000 Citations, making it the largest fleet of business jets in the world.

A native of California, Jack has more than three decades of aviation experience. He joined Cessna in November 2000 as senior vice president, Product Engineering, and oversaw Cessna's engineering and product development activities, including new aircraft development, design, experimental and production test flight, certifications and product improvements for all Cessna models. He was named president and chief executive officer in 2003 and chairman in 2005.



Jack Pelton

## 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 2:

**SPEAKER:** Dave Franson  
Executive Director, Wichita Aero Club  
**GREETER:** Lisa Ward  
**INVOCATION:** Carol Berger  
**RECOGNITION:** Irene Barkman

### November 16:

**PROGRAM:** Tom Thornton  
CEO, Kansas Bioscience Authority  
**GREETER:** Wayne Lowe  
**INVOCATION:** Sid Arpin  
**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** Trish Rose

### November 30:

**PROGRAM:** Jack Pelton  
President/CEO, Cessna Aircraft  
**GREETER:** Ed Maschler  
**INVOCATION:** Jimie-Wray Mead  
**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** Russ Reinert

Those wishing to make up a meeting may attend the club's board meeting at the Town Club on **November 22**. If you plan on attending, please call Dave Thomas at **665-1027**.

...FOR MOVERS AND SHAKERS

## Dolly promoting literacy at RI confab

Country music legend and philanthropist Dolly Parton will be a keynote speaker during the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, June 20-23.

Parton will speak at the morning plenary session on June 23 to promote reading among preschool children. She and the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library teamed up with Rotary International in March to help provide age-appropriate books each month to children from birth until age five.

Parton will speak to Rotarians about the importance of early childhood reading and how the collaboration with Rotary International has augmented the success



of the Imagination Library.

The singer developed a personal love of books while growing up in rural Tennessee, where she saw first-hand the toll that illiteracy can take on families.

"I am thrilled about our partnership with Rotary International," she said in March.

"Rotarians love kids as much as I do, so I truly believe we can do something extraordinary together to help even more children love to read and succeed."

Since its launch in 1996, the Imagination Library has provided more than 23 million books to preschoolers.

*For information on attending the convention, see rotary.org.*



## October meetings

### OCTOBER 5

#### Guests/Hosts

Dianne Winterberg / Club  
David McProud / Dave Thomas  
Rolando Mayans / Ed Johnson  
Randy Myers / Ed Berger  
Dave Claxton / Jay Schrock

#### MAKE-UPS

Bob Milner, Vienna, Va.  
Dan Dyck, SW Pacific City, Wash.

### OCTOBER 19

#### VISITING ROTARIAN

Shelly Duncan

#### MAKE-UPS

Dick Buzbee, Chevy Chase, Md.,  
Capital Hill, Washington, D.C.  
Bill Small, Pratt

### MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest member, **Dianne Winterberg**, of Prairie Way! We're glad to have you as a member!

Say goodbye to **Jack Schroll** who has moved to Olathe, Kan. Good luck in the future, Jack!

#### Proposed for membership:

- **Rolando Mayans**, First National Bank, proposed by Ed Johnson
- **David McProud**, of McProud Financial Group, proposed by Dave Thomas

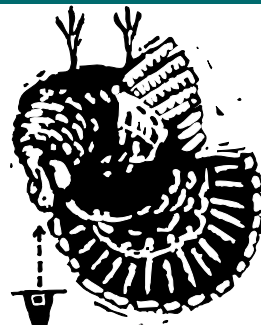
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holiday...but don't  
forget our three  
November meetings



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