

The Salt Shaker

HUTCHINSON ROTARY CLUB

MAY 2008

Teen crashes and coal-fired plants

Teen auto crashes and the controversial Holcomb coal-fired plants will be on May's agenda.

On **May 5**, **Jim Hanni** (pron. Hay-nee), Executive Vice President, Kansas Region and Public Affairs of AAA Allied Group, Inc., Topeka, will speak on reducing teen car crashes in Kansas.

Hanni will report on the results of a new statewide independent research study of teens and their parents about their attitudes, knowledge, beliefs and behavior when it comes to teaching/learning how to drive and licensing restrictions.

He'll also report on how Kansas compares with other states on this topic, why teen crashes occur, the differences between urban and rural crashes, how teens and their parents feel about the proposed solution, myths and other preconceived notions about teen driving, and some possible solutions.

A native of Topeka,

Hanni joined AAA Kansas in 1987 and became its third vice president in 1991. Today AAA Kansas is part of the Allied Group serving members in seven states.

Active in AAA on the national level, he is a member of the governor's task force on

driving safety, and is serving on the Kansas Department of Transportation long-range policy committee and workgroup.

He is a graduate of Washburn and the University of Wisconsin graduate banking school.

At the **May 19** meeting, **Mark Calcara**, legal counsel for companies proposing the two coal-fired plants, will discuss the latest developments as this legislation moves through the Kansas house and senate.

The project is proposed for the 10,000-acre site of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation's existing 360-megawatt Holcomb Station,

located approximately four miles south of Holcomb.

The project includes two additional supercritical pulverized coal units, each capable of generating 700 megawatts.

The units will be owned by generation and transmission cooperatives Sunflower Electric, Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association, Inc., and Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.

These wholesale power suppliers serve more than 1.5 million consumer-owners of 66 electrical cooperatives in

seven states.

Calcara, practicing in Great Bend, specializes in corporate, agricultural, school and banking law, trust and estate planning, and business-related litigation. He received his bachelor's degree from Kansas State University, a master's from University of

Southern Mississippi, and his law degree from Washburn University.

He is a member of the Barton County and Kansas bar associations, and Kansas Association of School Attorneys.



Calcara

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

MAY 5

SPEAKER: Jim Hanni
AAA Allied Group
GREETER: Judy McCool
INVOCATION: Carol Berger
SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Mary Hemmings

MAY 19

SPEAKER: Mark Calcara
Legal counsel, Holcomb power plant project
GREETER: Mitch Brown
INVOCATION: Richard Chambers
SPECIAL RECOGNITION: John Montgomery

Those wishing to make up a meeting may attend the club's board meeting at the Town Club on **June 2**.

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

...FOR MOVERS AND SHAKERS

APRIL MEETINGS / MEMBERSHIP

APRIL 7

Make-up

Bill Small, Great Bend, Pratt

APRIL 21

Guests/Hosts

Deb Schmitz / Tom Dooley
Robert Dizberger / Jill Donner

Make-up

Richard Shank, Great Bend, Pratt

MEMBERSHIP NEWS!

Welcome to our newest member:

David Flowers

We bid farewell to: Steve Howell

Good luck, Steve!

FYI...

Bill Shears is in the hospital. Please keep him in your thoughts.

Proposed for membership:

Jim Horton, of Westar Energy, has been proposed by Conrad Koehler.

Marisa Honomichl, of the Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center, has been proposed by Chris Orwoll.

Members have *seven* days to respond to any board member concerning these proposed members.

Tour the Chalmers Center!

Our next corporate tour will be at the **Chalmers Cancer Treatment Center** from noon to 12:30 on **May 12**. The center is located southeast of the hospital. Lunch will not be provided.

Dr. Steve Braun will give us a behind-the-scenes look at the facility and the technology involved in radiation treatment of cancer.

This tour qualifies as a make-up meeting. Sign-up sheets will be available at the May 5 meeting, or you may e-mail Ron Hansen at drh@bh1.kscoxmail.com.

No June 2 meeting

Due to a scheduling conflict at the Grand Prairie Hotel, we must cancel our regular June 2 meeting.

Don't miss the other programs, however, on June 16 and 30.

Watch the June issue for details!

MISSING FROM THE BIRTHDAY LIST? CALL DAVE THOMAS, 665-1027.



May Birthdays

Gary Witham, May 30

Only one May birthday? Probably not. We'll be updating our birthday list, and will run a more complete list of May and June birthdays in the next issue.

Remember membership

Let's all remember to ask a guest to a Rotary meeting. That's the way we build our membership!

We have two great programs coming up in May. We'll look forward to seeing you – and you guest!

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