

# Rotary Notary

News from East Wichita Rotary Club

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## Meet the City Manager

Bob Layton has a great sense of humor. As our new city manager, he has to.

He came to Wichita in February of this year and has just celebrated eight months in his current position. However, he'll have a long way to go before he matches his stay at his previous job as the city manager of Urbandale, Iowa, which he held for 24 years. Under his leadership, the city of Urbandale doubled in size.

Layton shared with Rotarians how he and his staff are addressing projected revenue shortfalls. Some solutions, such as reducing the number of School Resource Officers in public schools, were controversial when initially announced. But Layton patiently explained that the initial reason for having the officers in schools was to help students understand police officers' roles in serving the community. Instead, the SROs became in-house police at schools, exactly the opposite of the role they were intended to have.

Another issue frequently in the news is parking at the new Intrust Bank Arena. The city will use internet technology to provide maps and updates on available event parking. Police officers will help direct people to parking spaces and will be on hand for security purposes during arena events. The city and county are working together to ensure that systems are developed and work smoothly for both the enjoyment and safety of guests.

Long before he came to Wichita, Layton was inspired by famous Wichitan Jim Ryun to take up track and cross country in high school. His best time in the mile is 4:35. Earlier this year, he finished the River Run in 29th place with a time of 38:39. One thing he did not mention, however, was the fact that two city planners bested his time. Jess McNeely ran the River Run in 36:56; Scott Wadle's time was 37:01.



Observing County Commission members Dave Unruh and Tim Norton in the crowd, Layton joked that he would have to remove most of the slides from his presentation.

**Kevin Rathert Update:** Our friend and fellow Rotarian Kevin Rathert is doing well following a heart and liver transplant. We hope to see him early in 2010 at a Rotary meeting. So many miracles, small and large, have taken place to make this gift of life possible, including the fact that a leading cardiologist observed that Kevin needed not only a new liver, but a heart as well. Kevin is updating his blog, which you can read at [www.Carepages.com](http://www.Carepages.com). And if you'd like to help him and his family defray some of their travel expenses, please contact Cindy.

## DR. VERBOSITY

See if you can translate this well-known maxim, rewritten for a political speech by that great communicator, Dr. Verbosity:

*An addlepatated beetlehead and his specie divaricate with startling prematurity.*



Upcoming Programs: October 14 - Pam Siddall, Publisher, Wichita Eagle ♦ October 21 - Bill Moore, President, Westar Energy ♦ 25th Anniversary and Holiday Party on December 3 at the Wichita Marriott

## East Wichita Rotary 25th Anniversary Celebration Survey

Our past presidents are planning a fun gathering that combines a holiday celebration along with a look back at East Wichita Rotary's 25 years of service in this community. *Please* take a moment to send the following to Karen Norton at [norton75@swbell.net](mailto:norton75@swbell.net) or [karen\\_norton7531@hotmail.com](mailto:karen_norton7531@hotmail.com)

(Or print out and bring a copy to the meeting this week)

1. What do you think has been the best program at Rotary and why?
2. What has been the worst program and why?
3. Are there any memorable moments at a meeting you can recall?
4. If you have received a Rotarian of the Year award over the years, please advise!

## If You Want To See the KMOM Video.....

Jon Tilton and Ken Dillehay's presentation last week on the Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM) was a great example of how Rotarians demonstrate service above self. Due to some technical difficulties, however, you might not have been able to hear the presentation adequately.

Videos from several years of KMOM can be seen at this website: [www.ksdentalfoundation.org](http://www.ksdentalfoundation.org). And if you want to help next year in Independence, KS, Polly Peters is organizing a group of Rotarians to join her. The 2010 KMOM will take place on April 16 - 17.

## Welcome and Thanks

Welcome new member Jon Bachura.

Thanks to Britt Fulmer for the Invocation, Flag Salute and Four-Way Test and to Susan Addington for introducing our speaker.

## Dr. Verbosity Translation:

*"A fool and his money are soon parted."*

*Note: Rotary Notary assumes no responsibility if the feelings of politicians or their speechwriters are hurt. Dr. Verbosity will appear in this publication from time to time as his schedule permits.*