

East Wichita Rotary Club:
Gettin jiggy wid it

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Rotary Notary

FEATURED ROTARIAN: JIM SIEBERT

Employer-Self, and can I say my boss is the best, he let's me work at my pace and allows time off when I need it. *What does your company do*-Video productions and photography. *Worst job*-In the beginning when I was seeking a career, I worked for Lein Chemical Company for a half day where I cleaned every toilet at the airport. Sometimes it takes the experience to know what you don't want to do. *Most memorable job*-Being a videographer takes me into different worlds as I tell their stories. There is a lot going on in Wichita and Kansas and I have had the privilege to tell those stories

Strangest thing you eat- You could put spinach on just about anything and I'll eat it. Wish I had the body of Pop-eye. *Favorite movie*-Being on the Tallgrass Film Festival Board, each year I see new up and coming films that teaches me lessons in life and new ways of looking at things through the camera eye. *Favorite book*-Any book by Carl Hiaasen. *Your favorite quote*-Everybody is ignorant just in different areas, an adaptation of a Will Rogers quote. It helps you to learn and understand other people and their abilities. *Your nickname*-Mr. Old Town from my involvement in the early years of the development of Old Town and

the column I wrote in the Old Town Gazette. *Born*-Wesley. *Raised*-College Hill. *High school/college*-East/Wichita State. *Most interesting place you've visited*-Rotan. And anytime I scuba dive. The underwater world is peaceful and beautiful. God did a good job down below.



Jim and his wife swam with dolphins on their 10th wedding anniversary

BIRTHDAYS

DAVE SPROUL	4/2
TIMOTHY O'SULLIVAN	4/7
JESS FRIEZE	4/13
OWEN MCEWEN	4/13
SUE PEARCE	4/20
MARC CAMPBELL	4/23
SY FISCHER	4/26

CALENDAR

- March 16- Patricia McDonald, Director of the Ulrich Museum of Art
- March 23-No Meeting
- March 30- Jeremy Hill, Director of the Center for Economic Develop-

Without geography, you're nowhere

Business Brief-Jim Biehler said his 18-year old company, Suburban Landscape Management, can do everything you need on or around your lawn: irrigation, lawn and

tree applications, snow removal, and lawn care. Jim said for each new Rotarian-customer in the next 60 days, he'll donate \$25 to our club. **Janet Pack** said The

Wichita Children's Home fund-raiser, Classic Cars for Kids, is April 7. **David Mitchell** will display his gorgeous 1958 Corvette. Tickets are only \$100 each.

PROGRAM: Fire Dog

Wichita Fire Dept. Capt. Stuart Bevis was here but wasn't the star of the presentation. It was his dog, Sporty, a black lab, who loves to eat, sleep, and locate accelerants for the fire department.

"We put the wet stuff on the red stuff and we break stuff," Stuart said of the fire department.

Stuart, a 24-year fire veteran, had extensive training with Sporty, who is now a part of the Bevis family and even acts as the alarm clock each morning for

Stuart's 11-year old son. "Sporty's desire for food is second only to that of fire-fighters," Stuart said.

Stuart and Sporty are part of a team at the fire department which investigates arson.

With Sporty's keen nose, he smells for chemicals that shouldn't be at a normal fire.

Each time Sporty finds an offending



Sporty is a Black Lab similar to this one

odor, he receives a treat from Stuart's food pouch. "That's why people don't want to shake my hand," Stuart said. "Because it's usually covered in dog slobber."

Using commands such as "Seek, seek, seek" and "Show me,"

Sporty investigated our meeting room today and found all of the toothpicks covered in accelerant. Once Sporty found each toothpick, he'd sit, wait for his treat then would seek the next one.

Silence is golden, duct tape is silver

Greeter and Prayer-Jerry Burnell (For doing double duty today, Jerry received double the standard pay for these services)

Announcements-Ruth Ann Messner said **Jim Faith** ate breakfast at *The Wichita Business Journal* (Jim is the only person we know who eats soup with his fin-

gers)...**Shirley Albright** was involved in the recent Extreme Home Makeover fundraiser...**Denise Bandemer** was involved in a Wichita Independent

Business Association luncheon for women...**John Hurst** said he passed his prostrate exam (John admitted he studied all night and still had to cheat on the test).

Whenever I see someone slip and fall, my instinct is to laugh.
Then I think, what if I was an ant, and they fell on me.
Then it wouldn't seem quite so funny.

Dear Math, quit asking me to find your X, she's not returning

Mike Smith said a local reporter followed him on Tuesday to determine what it's like to be Mike Smith for a day. The reporter said that everyone who greets Mike asks about the weather. Mike said he's flattered by the interest in the weather, though he

has two requests: don't ask for a 30 second explanation of Global Warming, and don't ask him about the weather while he's enjoying a private meal at a restaurant with his lovely wife...Have you noticed at exercise facilities that people will drive for five minutes to find

a parking place close to the front door, then they'll exit their vehicle and run for 10 miles?

Paul Black said that he was a wrestler in high school and at 4-foot-11 and 95 lbs., Paul joked that was in the "Skeeter" weight class.