

# Rotary Notary

September 30  
2009

## Program: Mission of Mercy

### CALENDAR

- OCTOBER 7-Robert Layton, New City Manager
- OCTOBER 14-Pam Siddall, Publisher, The Wichita Eagle
- OCTOBER 21-Bill Moore, President Westar

### BIRTHDAYS

GARY HARDMAN	9/30
TOM KENNALLEY	9/30
SUSAN ADDINGTON	10/3
BOB HUGHEY	10/6
BRIAN SULLIVAN	10/11
THOMAS STEELE	10/16

If you look in the dictionary under the phrase "Service Above Self," you'll see the pictures of Ken Dillehay and Jon Tilton, two of the founding dentists of the Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM), which has provided free dental care to thousands.

"If you've never seen one of these," Jon said, "drive over and I'll give you a tour."

The first Mission of Mercy was in 2002 in Virginia where people hitchhiked, bused, and walked to receive dental care.

Jon heard of this and said, "We have to do this in Kansas."

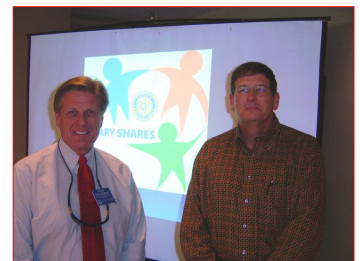
The first KMOM was in Garden City in 2003 where there was 6 inches of snow and a

lengthy line of people awaiting care. In 2 1/2 days, numerous dentists and hygienists saw 1700 patients.

"No one gets paid," Jon said. "Everything goes into supplies or feeding the volunteers or feeding the patients. Even reporters who came out to do interviews, put their notebooks down to help."

After the frigid temperatures in Garden City, another KMOM was at the speedway in Kansas City where it was 108 degrees and no air conditioning.

The typical KMOM includes 80-100 dental chairs, 130 dentists, 160 dental assistants, 400 community volunteers, and approximately \$1 million



Ken Dillehay and Jon Tilton give selflessly to help others

in free care.

At a Salina KMOM, there were 700 volunteers. Ken said the medical staff extracted 3600 teeth. Ken said that some want fillings, some just want their teeth cleaned, and some need oral surgery. Others use the KMOM as their annual dental check-up.

## More on the Kansas Mission of Mercy

Other KMOMs have been at Pittsburg, Wichita at the Kansas Coliseum, Topeka, Manhattan, and Garden City for a second time. The 2010 KMOM will be in Independence.

The eight KMOMs have pro-

vided \$7.4 million in care for 16,300 patients.

"It's about making a difference to individuals," one dentist said on the video Jon and Ken played for us. Another dentist said, "I plan my vacation and my year around

this."

Here are some facts about the patients:

80-85% are adults

80% have no dental insurance

10% were seeing a dentist for the first time.

## Grammar is the grave of letters



Phyllis Hampel distributes sanitizing lotion to each table

*Greeter*-**Karen Norton**

*Prayer*-**Angie George**

*Announcements*-**Paul Black** said real estate mogul **Mike Loveland** is planning to convert Echo Hills Golf Course into commercial property...**Anne Corrison** said the Knight Foundation gave \$2.1 million to the Wichita group studying the use of aircraft composites—in human joint replacements. Also the Foundation is contributing to the study of the Soul of

Wichita, which will help determine what we want from our great city...**Scott Jensen** was pictured enjoying free wine at the opening of the new location of Cocoa Dolce...**Dr. Chuck Olsen** was featured in an article regarding tooth care in animals...**Chris Wallace** said her job placement company is busier than ever because of the shaky economy...**Sue Pearce** was pictured at Zoobilee. "It was early enough," Paul said, "that her eyes were still open

and she was still standing." Sue recently returned from 18 days in Zambia, South Africa...**Dr. Phil May** was pictured at a Senior Services function...**Bob Dool** was quoted as saying "Our customers seem to feel that the economy is getting back on the right track." Bob's company, Mid-Continent Safety, is moving to a new location...**Angie George** is developing the Rock Pointe housing addition in north Wichita.

## Grammar stops at love, and at art

### WORD DUH JOUR

Hidebound

(adjective)

[HIED-bound]

Stubbornly

conservative and

narrow-minded,

traditionalist

A little boy was having a hard time adjusting to his new baby brother. When he was told that he had to be quiet because the baby was asleep, the boy responded in all seriousness: "Well, the rest of you better be

quiet, because my foot's asleep!"

During a particularly violent thunderstorm, a mother was tucking her small child into bed when the boy stopped her from turning off the bedroom light. "Mommy, will you

sleep in my bed tonight?" he asked, voice trembling. His mother smiled and said "I'm sorry, sweetie, but I have to sleep in Daddy's bed." The boy was silent for awhile before uttering: "Daddy's a big sissy."

## Grammar is not a time of waste



**Noel Anderson** and **Brian Rose** were selected to the 2009 Leadership Wichita Class...*New member?* Jim Pirtle, owner of Documents on Demand, will be asked to join our Rotary Club on October 1, unless we have a signed,

written or e-mailed objection to the Rotary office. He is proposed by **Brian Burrus**. **Kevin Rathert** recently had a heart and liver transplant and can be reached via [www.carepages.com](http://www.carepages.com)...Those who survived **Col. Bob Hadley's** New Member orientation class are: **Brian Burrus, Jon**

**Bachara, Angie Holladay, Joanne Rogers, Howard Lachenmayr.** *Dillon's drawing*-**Mike O'Bryhim.**

**Jon Tilton** introduced new member **Angie Holladay** of Patterson Dental Supply. "Please don't judge me by my friends," Angie said of her relationship with Jon.