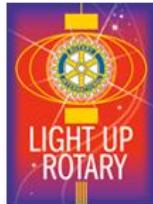


# THE ROTATOR

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## Rotary International Theme 2014-2015



## 2014-2015 Officers

President – Steve Chamley  
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& Sgt. at Arms  
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Susan Enewold 15  
Chris Olson 15  
Wendy Schultz 15  
Scott Hartman 16  
Stacy Schultz 16  
Jay Simms 16  
Tom Hanafan 17  
Kathy Rieger 17  
Verne Welch 17

## Executive Director

Wendy Chubick

## Thursday, March 5, 2015, 12 PM

Brian Shea, Pottawattamie County Trails  
The Center, 714 S. Main St., Council Bluffs

## MARCH MEETINGS/EVENTS - Literacy Month

- 05 Brian Shea, Pottawattamie County Trails
- 11 Board Meeting, 12 pm, US Bank, 421 S. Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
- 12 Kathy Salsbury & Dr. Cary Jackson, Iowa Mission of Mercy  
Dental Clinic
- 19 Emiliano Lerda & Staff, El Centro Latino
- 26 Vocational Talks: Chris Blum & John Cool

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 02 Rick Guill      | 18 Matt O'Reilly  |
| 08 John Davis      | 21 Gilbert Thomas |
| 11 Misty Miller    | 29 Phil Meyer     |
| 13 Mike Van Sickle | 20 Linda Primmer  |

March	Song Leader, Thought for the Day, Pledge	Clipper	Greeter
05	Marcia Antworth	Paul Bass	TBA
12	Carol Wood	TBA	
19	Greg Witte		
26	Jill Orton		

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## MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

### MONDAY

North – Noon, Eppley Airport Conference Center  
Bellevue – Noon, DJ's Dugout, 10308 S 23rd St  
Millard – Noon, German American Society, 3717 S 120th St

### TUESDAY

Morning – 7 am, Happy Hollow Club, 1701 S 105th St  
Northwest – Noon, Champions Run, 13800 Eagle Run Dr  
Southwest Night – 5:15 pm, DJ's Dugout, 17666 Welch Plaza

### WEDNESDAY

Downtown – Noon, Field Club, 3615 Woolworth Ave  
Council Bluffs Centennial – 7 am, Hy-Vee, Madison Ave

### THURSDAY

Suburban – Noon, Anthony's, 7220 F St  
Western Douglas County – 7 am, Elkhorn Common Ground  
Community Center, 1701 Veterans Dr

### FRIDAY

West – Noon, Champions Run, 13800 Eagle Run Dr

E-Club Meeting Links:

[www.rotaryclub7210.org](http://www.rotaryclub7210.org)

[www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

[www.rotaryclubny1.com](http://www.rotaryclubny1.com)

[www.rotaryclub7890.org](http://www.rotaryclub7890.org)

[www.rotaryclubsouthwest.org](http://www.rotaryclubsouthwest.org)

[www.rotaryclub34.org](http://www.rotaryclub34.org)

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### **Rotary Events**

Omaha Metro Rotary Business Networking Event, Thur., Mar. 26, 4:30-7 PM, Champions Run, 13800 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha. Complimentary appetizers & cash bar. Attendance is open to Rotarians and their guests. IT'S FREE!

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### **Announcements**

Welcome to new member Chris Blum!

Congratulations and Thank You to the following members for being awarded their Paul Harris Fellow for their contributions of \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation: Doug Goodman, Martha Bruckner, Jennifer Doebelin, Nancy Schulze; AND to the following members for being awarded their PHF +1 for their contributions of \$2,000 or more: Marcia Antworth, Rosalie Shepherd, Rick Killion.

Our club goal for giving to The Rotary Foundation is \$10,000 before Mar. 31. We only have \$725 to go! It is also our goal to have 100% member participation. If you haven't given yet, please consider giving at least \$25 toward our goals. \$100 will make you a "Sustaining Member" and your contribution will be matched with 100 points toward earning your Paul Harris Fellow. If you would like more information regarding The Rotary Foundation please contact Wendy Chubick or Mick McKinley.

Thank you to Celebrate Catering for providing our weekly meals. Please contact Stacy to cater your event. Call 712-322-2580 or visit [www.celebratecatering4u.com](http://www.celebratecatering4u.com).

Links:

Rotary International Website: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

District 5650 Website: [www.rotarydistrict5650.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5650.org)

District Facebook: [www.facebook.com/rotarydistrict5650](http://www.facebook.com/rotarydistrict5650)

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### **Poker Tournament**

**2/28/15**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Poker Tournament was held Saturday, February 28 at the Elks Lodge. The tournament raised \$7,390 (before expenses).

84 people played. 36 Rotarians played and/or sponsored a player: Marcia Antworth, Donna Barry, Scott Belt, David Bills, Steve Chamley, John Cool, Jen Doebelin, Susan Enewold, Doug Goodman, Matt Gronstal, Rick Guill, Scott Hartman, Carl Heinrich, Carol Horner, Mike Hoy, Jason James, Justin James, Keith Jones, Rick Killion, Terry LeMaster, Jon Leu, Mike Maher, Leo McIntosh, Mick McKinley, Phil Meyer, Chris Olson, Donna Pritchard, Chris Rochleau, Ed Shada, Jay Simms, Tara Slevin, Ron Tekippe, Verne Welch, Tom Whitson, Carol Wood and Lisa Yilmaz. Thank you! The tournament would not have been a success without you!

Winners:

1st	Jim Taylor
2nd	Zach Taylor (sponsored by Rick Killion)
3rd	Gary James
4th	Carol Kennedy (sponsored by Susan Enewold)
5th	Ray Head
6th	Rebecca Gaw (sponsored by John Cool)
7th	Mike Winter (sponsored by Phil Meyer)
8th	Hannah Baughman (sponsored by Mike Maher)
9th	Matt Walker
10th	Bob Clark

Thank you to the following for helping to make the tournament a success:

Jason James, Tournament Chair

David Andersen

Wendy Chubick

Tiffany Clifton

Elks Club Staff

Dave Heirs

Shari James

Donna Pritchard

A special THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to JASON JAMES for giving your time, talents and money to the tournament, the Club and the community!

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### **Vocational Talks**

**Mike Koval & Linda Primmer**

**Mike Koval** - Mike was born and raised in Chicago to working class parents, the son and daughter of immigrants from Czechoslovakia and Poland. The neighborhood he grew

up in - Back of the Yards (stockyards) - is much like south Omaha.

Mike is on his second (and last) marriage. His wife, Karla, is a farm girl from Iowa. They moved to Iowa in 2010. She works for Chicago Credit Union remotely. Mike has two adopted sons, Matthew and Timothy, who moved back with them. One son now lives in Chicago and the other is still in Iowa.

Mike was the first in his family to attend college and he attended A LOT of them! Six post-high school institutions: I.I.T. Daley CC, Kaplan University, Xavier College, DePaul University, and Governors' State. Mike has the following degrees: associate of arts, BS in accountancy, MBA; CPA (Illinois).

Mike was never sure what he wanted to be when he grew up – he has work experience in a lot of areas:

City of Chicago, Bureau of Engineering  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (28 years)  
Architecture  
Construction - construction management, engineering technologist/inspector - including on a deep tunnel project  
Financial analysis  
Litigation support/project management  
Expert witness regarding construction cost analysis in federal and state courts and binding arbitration  
Red shirt and khaki pants as a Target stocker

Mike is now the C.F.O. of a non-profit organization - NeighborWorks@HomeSolutions.

The mission of NeighborWorks is to rekindle pride in neighborhoods by providing quality, affordable housing choices that ignite investments in the communities served.

NeighborWorks Overview:

- Celebrating 21 years as Omaha's premier multi- and single- family developer
- NW Omaha successfully developed 13 low income housing tax credit (LIHTC) properties (369 units)
- Developed, rehabilitated and sold 422 quality single-family desirable homes
- Charter member of NeighborWorks@America organization since 2009
- Provided qualified residents of Douglas and Pottawattamie counties down payment assistance toward the purchase of first-time buyer homes
- Developed more than \$90M in single- and multi- family housing in north and south Omaha and Council Bluffs
- In 2012, acquired Community Housing Investment Corporation (CHIC) of Council Bluffs
- 218 new infill homes built for lower income first-time home buyers
- 90 buildable lots created for infill homes from cleaning up blighted sites
- 436,000 in new real estate tax revenues received annually for the City of Council Bluffs
- 381 first-time buyers received home buyer training certificates

- \$6.4 million in grants for affordable housing
- 16 local builders and innumerable subcontractors engaged in construction of 218 homes

Community Building Efforts:

- Collaboration with Habitat for Humanity due to complimentary mission focus
- Mentoring/collaboration with neighborhood associations (KTNA, West Bayliss)
- Partnership with Iowa West Foundation
- Manage IWCC's construction technology student-built homes program (two homes built per year, may increase to three) - 115 students trained with 90% job placement
- Proceeds of collaboration with NP Dodge funds scholarships - 5 construction technology scholarships awarded (\$5,000)

**Linda Pimmer** – Linda is a native of Council Bluffs. She went to grade school at Longfellow. In high school, she really wanted to be a baton twirler but she lived in the Abraham Lincoln school district and they didn't have a program. Linda petitioned for special permission to attend Thomas Jefferson and they said yes! She liked baton twirling so much she gave lessons. She recalls that she made \$15 for three hours of lessons - much more than her school friends made at their jobs.

Linda's first "real" job was at State Bank & Trust as assistant to the President's secretary. The bank even sent her to secretary school. While at the bank, Linda met and married Doug Pimmer, who then adopted her two children. They have been married 45 years!

After two years at State Bank, Linda was approached by First National Bank with an offer for better pay. She took the job and was subsequently promoted to the consumer loan office. Two years later she became pregnant. She was the first pregnant officer the bank had ever had.

In 1978 she was recruited by State Farm. At the time, State Farm had no women agents. Linda knew she was being hired as a token but she also knew it was a good opportunity. She was the first female agent in Iowa and the second in the four state district. She started as a casualty and life insurance agent but is now back to the banking side of things selling mutual funds.

Linda says her family has careers all of us love to hate, until you need them: plumbing, drug testing, attorney, insurance, tax prep. The only one people want to see is her brother at Lidgett Music.

Linda remembers, while in college, her son wrote a letter to Mayor Hanafan that said volunteering is like breathing to their family. Linda calls it paying their civic rent. She has been President of the PTA and Chair of the Chamber of Commerce. She has served on several state boards, the Commission on Educational Excellence for the 21st Century, and the State Redistricting Commission for Voting Precincts and Congressional Districts. She was a member of the second class of Leadership Council Bluffs. Her back yard is a certified wildlife habitat of the National Wild Life

Association. She has renovated commercial buildings in Council Bluffs. Her son was a City Council Member. Her daughter-in-law is the director of Habitat for Humanity. Her husband has been in the Optimists for 40 years. They are also passionate about historic preservation.

In addition to work and volunteering, Linda has been fortunate to be able to do a wide variety of traveling from conventions to family trips.

Linda came to Rotary through Barb Chernik, the library director before Barb Peterson and Kathy Rieger. There were very few women in the club at that time - she is so glad to see the metamorphosis. The Club is a great group of business leaders and she appreciates being able to break bread with and get to know everyone better.

Over the years she has received so much help from others in mentoring, coaching and support. Council Bluffs is a great place to live, raise a family and work. Linda feels very blessed to be able to work and live here!