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IN FAVOR OF THINGS BETTER. Paul Harris





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## **NEW CLUB LEADERSHIP**

BY WAYNE CLARK 2016-2017 PRESIDENT



This is such a challenge and privilege, to be elected president of this club with its rich and long history. Starting our 76th year as a club with over 150 members and the beginning of a new day in Rotary with many changes on membership, attendance, club organization, and other long-term Rotary policies.

As you may know or not, Rotary International has given a lot more freedom to bring new members into the club which you will hear more about in the coming weeks.

I am very proud of the active committees that we have working even now for membership, public relations, each of the 12 Teams, our new Food Committee, the International Committee, the expanded Sergeant of Arms committee and many more. It is going to be a fun and informative year. If you want to be on a committee let me know.

Those that are assigned to a team – if that month is not going to work for you let me know and we can switch you around. The Team Captains need your support and so it will take everyone on the team to cooperate. Let your Team Captain and me know if another month works better for you. I realize some of you are not going to be here in January or February or the winter months – let's put you on a team when you are going to be around. Afterall ,it is fun to be on a team and be involved!

We are on the brink of making a major advancement to the Rotary Fun Park under John Rowe with guidance from Jack Wilbur and the watchful eye of Past President Aisha (Aisha does that sound good – Past President?). We have had delays but are getting oh so close (HOLD UP FINGERS) to getting this really going. We will soon be spreading 1500 or more yards of gravel in the new parking lot and putting in access and egress approaches. We then will be working on developing the path and the mini play areas, developing the three gazebos, putting in a canal and bridge, and many more over this year and the next several years. We have received a grant this past year and a smaller one this year to help with this project.

A new addition this year is JOSH THE OTTER, a program which involves teaching preschoolaged kids and kindergarteners about water safety. It will involve handouts, songs, videos, and a fully costumed Josh the Otter. We will be getting the costume, literature and training this winter to be prepared to start up next spring in the schools. Other clubs and the Retractors have volunteered to help. We did receive a grant from the district to help with this.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 30

Installation Banquet At the Carlson Center

July 6

Anna Atchison's Birthday

July 9

Dan Britton's Birthday Jerry Walker's Birthday

July 10

Geri Simon's Birthday

July 11

Keri Roach's Birthday

July 13

Tammy Randolph's Birthday

July 14

Lisa Gentry's Birthday Anna Gould's Birthday

July 17

Pat Thayer's Birthday

July 20

Nicole Stewart's Birthday

July 25

Brian Roger's Birthday

July 29

Suzi Waugaman's Birthday

July 30

Helen Renfrew's Birthday

August 1

Brenda Riley's Birthday

August 6

Peggy Pollen's Birthday

**August 8** 

Betty Everts' Birthday

August 10

Merritt Helfferich's Birthday

**August 12** 

Jim Johnsen's Birthday

August 13

Kathryn Dodge's Birthday Jonathan Shambare's Birthday

August 17

Edward Randolph's Birthday

I plan on mixing up the tables at times and having you sit at different tables once in awhile. We will also have some fun with red badgers sitting at different tables with only one per table. Each table has to have one red badger or guest or the whole table is fined \$1. Each table may also be called on to have the oldest member at the table say something about the Red Badger. Now we will NOT have time to do this at every meeting, but you will need to be prepared for face a larger fine – one determined by the club vote.

Please keep your phone on silent. If it rings during a meeting, that will cost you \$25. We also will emphasize HAPPY BUCKS for anniversaries, recognitions, and special occasions. The Sergeant of Arms will be looking for special recognition of our members, so let the Sgt of Arms know about these events and bring it to their attention or announce it yourself.

Of course right now, there is talk about moving our location and food prices. This was prompted by the raising of the per person charge for the meal to \$20. The Westmark has since backed down to \$18.50 a meal. Carlson Center has agreed to \$17 person. We had our last board meeting at The Moose Lodge/Bubbas and they made a proposal of \$17 with quite an extensive selection of meals with an expanded salad bar and finally Ravens Landing has proposed \$18 per person with a buffet and an expanded salad bar. We are also negotiating with all four venues to include vegetarian and low carb or no carb options. The Food Committee under Tammy Tragis-McCook will be assisting with the menu selections. We as a board will be working on this in July and hope to have this settled by the end of the month. The Westmark has agreed to current terms until the end of July. In the informal poll, we found that money is not the issue with most people but the food and convenience are main concerns. I am confident we will not please everyone, but we will try and will keep you informed about what is going on.

For the next 12 months I want to present your Team and your Board:

Past President Aisha Tinker-Bray Vice President John Lubben President Elect Bill Wright Secretary Tammy Randolph Treasurer Doug Schrage Treasurer Elect Gretchen Gordon

Board Member 2015-2017 Steve Heckman Travis Lewis Tom Gross Dan White

BoardMember 2016-2018 Patricia Silva Gunnar Ebberson Tammy Tragis-McCook Roger Smith



## ROTARCTIC CORNER

Do you have things you'd like to share? IE: Rotary articles, photos of President Aisha, upcoming events, etc.? Send them to rotarctic@gmail.com

