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Meeting Location: Petroleum Club

Tuesday – 11:45 a.m.

August 9, 2011

Greeters

Mark McAdow, Donna Morris,
Mark Towler and New Members

Luncheon/Parking Ticket Sales

Patrick Alexander

Attendance Scanning

Cliff Dougherty and Reed Downey

Visiting Rotarians & Guests Registration

Freda Deskin

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Next Week's Program

August 16, 2011

DAVID PRATER

District Attorney

Chair of the Day

TBA

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JAMES LANKFORD

Member of the U. S. House of Representatives from Oklahoma's 5th District

U.S. Congressman James Lankford was born in Dallas, Texas. From 1996-2009 he was the student ministries and evangelism specialist for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and was director of the Falls Creek youth programming at the Falls Creek Baptist Conference Center in Davis, Oklahoma. He

stepped down on September 1, 2009 to run for Congress.

He attended the University of Texas, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education. He then attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and received a master's degree in Divinity.

After graduating, he moved to Edmond and served with the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. He became the Program Director of Falls Creek, the largest Christian camp in the U.S. with over 51,000 people attending in 2009. Lankford has been married to his wife, Cindy, for 18 years. They have two daughters: Hannah and Jordan.

He is a member of the Heritage Foundation, Deer Creek Chamber of Commerce, Edmond Chamber of Commerce, South Chamber of Commerce, Northwest Chamber of Commerce, and the NRA.



Invocation

Mark McAdow



Introductions

David Seat



Chair-of-the Day

Jim Daniel

Jim Daniel is vice chairman of BancFirst. He is a graduate of Baylor University. He is past chairman of Integris

Health of Oklahoma and served on the executive and finance committees. He served as president of Club 29 in 1994-95. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a Rotary 29 Founding Community Fellow and a R.I. Foundation Benefactor.

He is a past officer and member of

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REFLECTIONS



Lori Dickinson

“Another’s Point of View”

Mike and I recently escaped the Oklahoma heat for a respite in Taos, New Mexico. I made a promise to talk as little as possible about work and education reform. I wanted to mentally “checkout.”

It was impossible. When our breakfast companions at the lodge we stayed discovered I worked in public education, the discussions ensued. Each one had a different background. A first-generation immigrant. A graduate of Oklahoma City Public Schools. A teacher from Denver. A MBA student and former Peace Corps member. An attorney who helped bring Teach for America to Dallas.

While listening to their ideas and experiences and answering as many questions I could, I reflected on my own recent “education.” I, too, once held strong opinions mirroring current education reform efforts before working up-close with Oklahoma City’s children and their teachers.

I’ve been reminded of the insightful words of Atticus Finch in *To Kill A Mockingbird*: “You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it.”

Considering things from another’s

points of view in Oklahoma City’s schools has changed me. By luck or fate, I don’t know what it is like to be a child living on the city’s south side who leaves for school every day with the real fear my parents will not be home when I return from school because they’ve been deported. However, I do know how amazing that child’s smile is as he sits quietly in a circle of classmates listening to his Pre-K teacher read a book.

I can’t imagine where an 8th grade girl finds the strength every day to learn, make good grades, and excel when her mother is dead and her father has been arrested for molesting her. But, I still remember the pained look on her teacher’s face while being informed of the girl and her younger brother’s circumstances two days before summer break starts. Her thoughts have to be the same as mine: “How can I save these children?”

I can’t imagine the stress and fatigue of a single mother working two jobs, lacking a high school degree and raising three children alone. However, I’ve seen the pride in her eyes as she tells me about her son making top grades while helping with his siblings, working a job and excelling in sports. “He has the best teachers who encourage him,” she says. “I just want so much more for my children than what I can provide, but I’m having to learn how as I go because no one showed me.”

In David Matthews’ book, *Reclaiming Public Education By Reclaiming Our Democracy*, he states, “We must have the public we need before we can have the schools we want.” To improve education, the book argues, there must be a more engaged, more informed, and more active public. This describes my education. I formed opinions and made decisions

based on the information I had at the time. That’s what we all do.

I thought I was engaged and informed and active, in the way Matthews’ describes. Now I know better. I’m in my third year at The Foundation for Oklahoma City Public Schools. With each year – with each day – I learn truths that further my education, solidifying some of my opinions while challenging others.

What’s most clear to me is while the challenges are great and some days seem almost insurmountable, the children of Oklahoma City need us. They need those of us who are engaged to stay the path and keep learning. They need those who have strayed to jump back in. And they need those who have kept our public schools at arm’s length to come close.

The more informed we become as a public, a city and a state – the more we educate ourselves on issues from another’s point of view other than our own – the more informed our choices will be, ultimately benefitting all of Oklahoma’s children.


Will Beckman in San Jose B.C.S.

“Two meetings in two days ... Sure helps to understand Spanish!”



Will Beckman attended a Rotary makeup meeting in San Jose B.C.S Friday, July 22, 2011.

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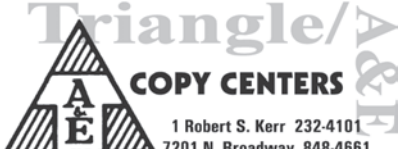
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Alan Niemann



Happy Birthday

Vicki VanStavern, 08/09, Consumer Services: Interior Design – VanStavern Design Group.
Lesli Massad, 08/11, Associations/Charitable Associations: Boys Town – Father Flanagan’s Boys Town.
 Misc & Comments: Will be an official “empty nester” on my birthday. Looking to fill the void.
Brian Mitchell, 08/11, Insurance: Legal Counsel – Globe Life & Accident Ins. Co. Activities & Interests: Oklahoma Outreach, Oklahoma Lawyers for Children, Lyric Theatre.
Mark Williams, 08/11, Telecommunications: Telephone Service/Community Relations – A T & T.
Ann Ackerman, 08/12, Associations/Civic: Statewide Leadership Training – Leadership Oklahoma.
Dahl Luttrell, 08/12, Business Services: Records Management Consulting – Dahl Luttrell.
Connie Mack McCoy, 08/12, Senior Active, formerly Education: Private University/Alumni Relations.
Barney Semtner, 08/12, Senior Active, formerly Printing & Publishing: Commercial Printing – Catholic Foundation of Okla.
Irwin Steinhorn, 08/13, Senior Active, formerly Law: Environmental Law – Conner & Winters Law Firm.
Scott Calhoun, 08/14, Medicine: Surgery Consultant – Scott Calhoun MD Inc.
Kirby Smith, 08/14, Senior Active, formerly Accounting Services: CPA/Local Firm/Administrator – Smith Carney & Co., P.C.



Chair of the Day, *continued*

the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. He currently serves on the board of directors of Research Institute of Economic Development, Oklahoma City Public Schools Foundation, Oklahoma City Community Foundation, Baylor Alumni Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Oklahoma and Francis Tuttle Foundation. He is past president of Economic Club and past chairman of the Consumers Bankers Association.

Because of his commitment and backing of stroke research, the James R. Daniel Cerebrovascular and Stroke Center was established by Integris Health. Jim was an honor student and received the Anton H. Classen Award at Northwest Classen High School And was the runner up for the Outstanding Athlete Award. He is a recipient of the Circles of Excellence Award by Integris Healthcare System and a recipient of the OKC Public Schools Foundation Wall of Fame

July 26th Meeting



Glen Gentele, Chair of the Day, Pres. Chuck Wiggin and guest speaker, Alison Amick, Curator of collections at the OKC Museum of Art.



Past President Harold Armstrong holds the Club 29 record of 35 years of perfect attendance. Harold was the Club President 1981-82 and is the Executive Director of Christian Business Men’s Connection... Congrats, Harold!!

Two Societies Honor Those Who Make Plans to Continue Rotary’s Mission

The Rotary International Bequest Society recognizes couples and individuals who provide a gift commitment of \$10,000 or more. Bequest society membership includes an engraved crystal, a Bequest Society pin and invitations to special events.

When you support the Permanent Fund in your estate plans by an outright gift of \$1,000 or more, you qualify as a Benefactor. You will receive a certificate and Insignia for your Rotary pin.


The Rotary Club of Oklahoma City has 21 generous Rotarians who have made commitments to the future of Rotary through the Permanent Fund.

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Luncheon Menu

Choice of:

- Fruit Plate with Chicken Salad
- Cobb Salad
- or Small luncheon salad with ranch dressing
- Salmon with lemon caper sauce on a bed of spinach
- Vegetables

Luncheon Includes:

- Bistro Dessert
- Rolls and Butter
- Coffee or Tea

Attendance

July 26, 2011
Total Present & Makeup163
Average..... 32%

Membership

July 21, 2011551
Senior Active Excused 17
Honorary Members 17
Total517

Club 29 Breakfast Meeting

meets every Thursday at 7:15 a.m.
Crowne Plaza (formerly NW Hilton Inn)
The meeting on Aug. 11th will be

Tim O'Toole

"What's Happening at the Fair"



Change for Troops

The Change Collection will be divided this 2011-12 year... into two Causes

For this year, \$672.1 has been raised for our Troops.

Change for Teachers

The Change Collection will be divided this 2011-12 year... into two Causes

For this year, \$0.00 has been raised for our Teachers.

