

For Big Storm Tuesday, 2009

New Executive Director Of Hospital Foundation Gives Program

Beckie Moore, who presented the program on Jan. 27 of the Ice storm of 2009 is probably still counting up the money from last Saturday night's annual MRHC Foundation Dance and Gala, in hopes that the national monetary situation will not effect it.

The following notes taken by Jim Thompson, are from her talk Jan. 27, to the 16 Rotary members who braved the ice, snow and cold.

Ms. Moore talked about "opportunities for giving to the Hospital Foundation." She mentioned membership contributions, the Capital Campaign, Health Program fees, and scholarships for health-related training.

Ms. Moore explained that the Foundation subsidizes health programs in the areas of Diabetes Education, the Dialysis Center, the Van Buren House, and grant funds for items such as infant car seats and a health fitness program for children.

Some of the new Foundation programs and projects are the "Helpful Hero" Employee Recognition Program, using the NAEIR Warehouse in Galesburg, Ill. The warehouse has donated items which can be obtained by only paying for shipping, and handling. Institutions such as the McAlester Hospital can also take part by signing up with "Goodsearch" and "Goodshop" internet search engines to collect one cent

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Official of 'Crimestoppers' Tells How Organization Works

Paul Perry, secretary of Pittsburg County Crimestoppers, told how the organization works, at our Jan. 20 meeting.

The organization was started as the result of a series of unsolved crimes in New Mexico in 1976, in which a young college student was murdered. A police detective in Albuquerque, N.M. started the organization when he and fellow police detectives felt if they had more information, the crimes might be solved.

They came up with the idea of a cash reward for individuals who would provide the police with anonymous tips which led to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the crimes. The procedure worked, and now there are 1,200 Crimestopper Organizations around

the "Free World".

There have been more than 700,000 arrests as a result of information provided through "Crimestoppers."

The Oklahoma City Chapter was formed in July of 1979.

There is "very little overhead" Perry said, since there are no offices, and the board members are volunteers. The organization is looking for board members in Pittsburg County. Meetings are held on the second Thursdays of each month at the McAlester Public Library, at 6 p.m. The library is located at 401 North Second Street.

All calls and callers remain anonymous, but when there

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Superintendent Tells Club About Kiamichi Tech Center



KTC Superintendent Eddie Coleman
Photo by George Lampton

Vo-Tech Superintendent Eddie Coleman told us last week about the Kiamichi Technology Center district, which is 11,200 square miles, one-six of the state of Oklahoma.

The district is larger than the state of Massachusetts and seven other states, and larger than 55 foreign countries, Coleman said.

The district has 10 campuses.

It is funded three percent by federal funding, 38 percent by state funding, and 59 percent by local funding.

And in the current bad economy, it is even more important in what it accomplishes.

The center's mission is to align people, knowledge, skills and opportunity to build self-worth and ensure economic prosperity in Oklahoma and beyond!" the superintendent said.

Instructional offerings at the center include 78 pathways/

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Mike Lowber Is Elected President of Rotary Club

Mike Lowber was elected Rotary President at the Jan. 20 meeting.

Karl Scifres was elected President-Elect, and Gary Boyd was elected Vice President.

Jim Henley was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Board members are Brett Smith, retiring President; Greg McNall, Gail Watkins, Louise Washington, Evans McBride, and Clem Santine.

They will take office the first Tuesday in July, when the fiscal year begins.

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pgm's, 235 career majors, and 3,410 courses.

Fulltime day enrollment is 2,352 and total enrollment is 23,449. The "enrollment ratio" is 56 percent high school students and 44 percent post secondary.

The center serves 91 different public school districts and 68 are independent districts, he said.

The data of two pathways are EMS, OR Emergency Medical Services, and PN, or Practical Nursing. EMS is seeking National Accreditation, the "developed distance learning process for the paramedic. EMS are presently providing Paramedic training across the entire state. EMS also is developing a mobile trailer which uses satellite technology to provide disaster assistance and training.

KTC is the "largest producer of PNs in the state, with six part time option programs, five full time option programs, and 192 students in the "pipeline."

The 2008 NCLEX pass rate is 96.2 percent. "This exceeds both the state and national "pass rate" and attracts students from three states annually.

A Virtual Plan Room provides access for general contractors and sub-contractors to access plans electronically, anywhere in the state. It also allows them to print portions of blueprints they wish to bid on. Hard copies are available at the KTC District office.

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Coleman handed out blueprints for a new Welding and Automotive Technology building. It is to be located northwest of the main building. Vo-tech officials are hoping to open bids next month and begin construction soon.

"That campus is yours. If you're not using it, shame on you," he concluded.



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per MRHC "hit" or by implementing Spirt Teens" to provide opportunities for volunteer service for teenagers, ages 16 through 18.

Upcoming Foundation fund-raising events include the Annual Golf Classic, the first Friday in June; a Lecture Series,

the "Dazzles Daze & Kidz Zone"; a Bass Fishing Tournament, a "Bikes-Band-Barbecue" downtown celebration, and the annual Gala and Dance, held on Feb. 7.

Ms. Moore is from Hope, Ark., location of the Clinton Birthplace Foundation, which she served as executive director of; she also headed several other non-profit foundations in that area.

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is a call, it gets a code, that is used , if a tip gets an award, for the person to receive it anonymously. A person can receive as much as \$1,000.

Janet Wansick is president of the county board. Don Hass,

former sheriff is coordinator. Paul Perry, secretary, was a traffic controller for 22 years.

The number to call for Crimestoppers is 1-866-970-8477. (1-866-970-TIPS).

Attendance, Visitors and Handshakers *And The BigPot*

There were 41 persons present last week. The only guests were the speaker and his friends. The previous week was the bad weather. We had only 16 members there, and NO VISITORS! On Jan.20, there were 40 attending. Student guests were Hannah Kinkheart and Brandon Denike.

HANDSHAKERS-Last week Lynn Edwards gave the dollar to Kyle Burmeier. On Jan. 20, Yvette Martin gave a buck to Gail Watkins. And on Jan. 27, when there were 16 there, how can you believe any of them?

But when they drew for the Big Pot, Fast Freddie Turner drew an ace of diamonds, on Jan. 20, which was better than his three of diamonds the last time he drew. (He may be working on a flush.) And reliable sources say on Jan. 27, the 16 people there threw the money in the air as they marched around the tables, accompanied by Gary on the piano, singing "The Ole Gray Mare; She Ain't What She Used To Be."

However, some décorum returned last week, and Ronnie May drew the wrong card, but said they had gathered the money up and (continued next week.)