



The Sunriser September 30, 2009

Calendar of Events

Meetings 7:00 a.m. Wednesdays at
Trinity United Methodist Church
3737 S. Peoria

- 9/30 Ellen Ralph
Meridian Resources
ROD — Tricia Gomez
- 10/7 To Be Announced
ROD — Jack Freese
- 10/14 **Bill Bowen, Wheelchair Foundation**
ROD — Andy Leithner
- 10/21 Keith Skrzypczak
Editor Urban Tulsa Weekly
ROD — Kay Hays

Other Events

- 10/11 **Rescheduled Ice Cream Social**
- 10/20 Mennonite Dinner
Mike Bibby will Organize This
- ??/?? Pig Roast at Don Walker's
Watch for details
- 10/24 - 25 District Conference
Rogers, AR

News Roundup

New Sunriser. **Kris Scheurin** was inducted into Sunrise during the 9/23 meeting. Proposed by **Carol Orr**, Kris' classification is: Hospital Administration - Risk Management. Welcome to Sunrise!

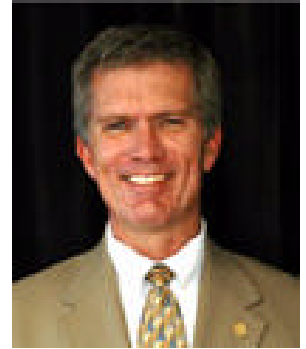
Ice Cream Social Rescheduled. Sunrise's Postponed Ice Cream Social has been re-scheduled for October 11. It will be held at **Tommy Williams'** home – 5705 E. 121st Tulsa, from 1 - 4 p.m.

Sunrise Shoes in the Press. Last Sunday's Tulsa World included an article on Sun-

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Counselor Rick Westcott Discusses City Concerns

Tulsa District 2 Councilor Rick Westcott has served on the council for four years. He spoke at Sunrise's 9/23 meeting.



Rick has pursued many interests over the years. He has worked as a police officer, a radio announcer, a banker, a carpenter, a teacher, and as an attorney specializing in medical insurance defense.

He has practiced law and taught full-time for several years. Somewhere along the line, he developed an interest in community service through politics. He worked on some campaigns and party activities.

Rick was elected to the council in 2006 and re-elected in 2008.



Tulsa's situation took a turn this year when Mayor Taylor decided not to run for re-election. There was much conversation among Republicans as to who would run for the open position. After some consideration, Westcott decided to

run for another council term.

He won the Republican primary and has no Democratic opponent in the general, so he has been re-elected.

Rick finds work on the council both rewarding and frustrating. He does enjoy helping individual residents.

A couple of his long-term visionary concerns

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News Roundup, Continued

rise's work with Shoes for Orphan Souls. We have arranged four drop-off sites for use by the general public at four QuikTrip shops.

Flu Shots at a Meeting? The question was asked. A few were interested. Watch for developments.

Auditing the Foundation's Books. Paul Brauer has formed a committee to conduct an annual review of the Sunrise Foundation's books. Volunteers now include **Marvin Morris**, **Larry Biron**, and **Herb Orr**.

Pig Roast is Being Scheduled. Don Walker's annual Pig Roast is currently being scheduled. The date is open, so watch for details.

Christmas Party. Sunrise's annual Christmas Party has been scheduled for Thursday, December 10. Details are still being worked out, but mark your calendars now!

Fund Raising. Kay Hays' committee is still considering options.

NOTE: Send your announcements, events, ideas, or other items to johnhill@cox.net, or call John Hill at 808-0987. Thanks!

MSNI Fund Raiser

This year's fund-raiser will involve raffling off a Mercedes C300 Sports Sedan!!! The drawing will be held at the District Conference in Rogers, AR the weekend of 10/24-25. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. See Larry Biron or Herb Orr for tickets.

Rick Westcott, Continued

include getting Amtrak service to Tulsa and developing a commuter rail system.

At the end of his remarks, Rick responded to several question and issues, including:

- Police time spent writing traffic tickets rather than fighting "real" crime.
- The \$3.5 M stimulus money available to hire new police officers.
- Accepting this money would obligate Tulsa to spend additional money of its own, both at the outset and later when the stimulus program expires.
- Other city obligations (particular those for street improvements) have committed the lion's share of sales tax revenues at the time when the grants would expire. This occurs at a time when the soft economy has caused sales tax revenues to plummet.
- Westcott has a problem using one-time grant money to fund ongoing obligations. Such grants are better-suited to one-time capital projects.
- Proposed changes to the trash-hauling system.



It was great to hear a politician responding so specifically and in such detail to audience questions. Thanks for your visit, **Rick Westcott!**