

14 Eastside Rotarians and 2 guests gathered today at the Albrecht Kemper Museum of Art for Rotary. Joining the club today were Traci McChristy from the YWCA and a member of the Salvation Army staff who was Laura's guest. Golden Corral served up something similar to shepherd's pie, apple salad, lettuce salad mix, rolls, and cookies for lunch.

Please check your emails for the latest Meals on Wheels updates. We may still need someone for tomorrow (9/1).

The empty pretzel jar made its debut this week to serve as a receptacle for our "Change-ing the World" spare change campaign for the Annual Fund. Members are encouraged to bring their spare change between now and the first week of November as part of a District 6040 contest. The club with the most change collected will be recognized at the Foundation Dinner.

Sergeants Josh and Jim collected happy bucks from Josh for giving Shannen Ivory soap for their Ivory wedding anniversary (this is not a joke). Also from Ryan for becoming the RYLA Vice chair for 2023-2024, which would make him the chair for 2024-2025.

Fines were levied for Rotarians lack of knowledge about the sacking of Atlanta and Brazilian political corruption, among other things.

Looking for something fun to do on September 10? The Independence Uncorked Wine Fest will be held next Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m. at the historic Binham-Waggoner Estate. This event is hosted by the Rotary Club of Eastern Independence and the funds raised will benefit several charitable causes. **For more information about the Winefest, [please click here.](#)**

**Did you know that the month of September is National Literacy Month, and that Literacy is also the monthly theme for Rotary International?**

"We enjoy not only the privilege of existence, but also the singular ability to appreciate it and even, in a multitude of ways, to make it better."

Bill Bryson, author



Today's program was presented by Traci McChristy, who is the Volunteer and Outreach Director for the St. Joseph YWCA.

Traci shared several highlights about YWCA programs, including the shelter, transitional housing, GRIT Center, Choices and Decisions mentoring programs for youth, childcare, and parenting programs.

There are numerous ways for folk to help out, through volunteering, donating, and sharing. These include mentoring at the GRIT Center, becoming a Hospital Advocate, holding a supply drive, supporting the Women of Excellence event, and more.

On 9/23 at 7:30 a.m. the YWCA is hosting the 26th Annual Day of Commitment to Eliminate Racism Breakfast.

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Next week's club program on 8/31 will feature a presentation from Matt Porter about the Hutchinson salt mines?