

ROTARY NOTARY



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Service Above Self: A Look Back at July & August Meetings

Searching for a quote to capture my feelings toward 2020 became more and more humorous as I scrolled through the Google Images. "2020 is going to be a good year." I chuckled at the optimism since its author obviously said this in January still unaware of the upcoming pandemic. Still, the phrase is not inherently false. I'll steal another quote, "The beauty is in the eye of the beholder." Sure, this pandemic adversely affected so many people, and I do not intend to minimize their strife. On the other hand, let's look at the bright points of the year. I continue to hear of families becoming closer. Others tell me of their opportunities to give to those less fortunate than them. For me, I think the positive has been the forced patience to realize that people, valuable people, need serving. My friends, my families, my clients...so many need to be served in one way or another, and if I am the one who can serve them, I ought to. But whom am I talking to? All of you serve as well by just belonging to Rotary!

"Service above self." I love this motto. We as fortunate East Wichita Rotarians have this community to serve, and we hear at each meeting how others help the Wichita and Kansas communities too. Here are a couple of highlights from last July and August's meetings:

Dr. Jay Golden, Wichita State University President, brought his extensive background and experience to serve students and the greater Wichita Community at our only research university in Wichita. His goal to bring students to Wichita and keep them here as alumni working in Wichita seems lofty yet very achievable.

Bill Faflick, the Executive Director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, visited us from Topeka. He came just hours before the Governor announced her recommendation to delay the start of schools, which only makes his job more challenging. He owns the responsibility and safety for every coach, official, and student athlete in the state. His drive?...To connect kids to their communities in order to ensure their success.

Dr. Allison Garrett, Emporia State University President, came to Kansas with a vast career in corporate law. Perhaps the best put-together lady I've met, her poise and solid intelligence make our state and young ESU Hornets some of the luckiest in the land. Knowing that the pandemic would continue to attack our historical "normal", she worked to test out in-person classrooms over the summer. Very gutsy in our new "normal."

Julie Mulvihill, the Executive Director of Humanities Kansas, shared her passion with us, Kansas history, culture and heritage. According to their website, Humanities Kansas' mission embraces the idea that stories create conversations that generate new ideas inspiring us to "play a part in strengthening our communities and our democracy." We have all undoubtedly heard the phrase, "Those who do not remember the past are bound to repeat it." Kansas' rich history plays such a large role in the makeup of our nation, that we owe it to ourselves to learn it, teach it, and therefore, preserve it. Thank you to our own Kim Goodknight, who serves on the Board for Humanities Kansas!



Judy Frick and the Kansas Service League serve our community by focusing on the family and educating parents and employers. They work to indirectly affect a child's wellbeing by directly helping parents and employers. Their research, which I always suspected as an educator, proves that providing parent support will increase child welfare and employee productivity. Things like flexible work schedules, access to child care, and supportive services such as "Parents As teachers" represent very small parts of the benefits they provide for our community.



As we move forward to the end of this crazy year, let's continue our service and have optimism for what the future holds, and let us always put "Service Above Self." —*Kelly Dandurand*

Rotarian Showcase: Highlighting EWR Members

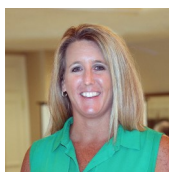
Also in August, our very own rotarians took the chance to talk about their service to our community within their careers in our Rotarian showcase:

Kim Goodnight, who MIGHT start going by "Terry" in order to avoid cranking his neck every time we call for Kim Hurtig, helps his company, ITC, transport energy to various parts of the country. A very humble person, he wanted us to know that he "married up", which must be the reason for his almost 44 years of marriage...stay tuned for the possible name change.



Dane Estok, Mahaney Services, and his family moved to Wichita last January. The Mahaney Group has many services, but their most known for their work with roofing. In fact, he said, "If your building has a roof" to contact him. He and the Mahaney Services division will take care of all your needs. Perhaps the most moving part of his talk laid within the spirituality of the Mahaney Group's mission. Dane said that they believe that there is a struggle between "life in the City of God versus the life in the City of Man, and you can't survive in the City of Man." Welcome to Wichita, Dane! We are so glad you are here!!

Sarah Wine, Heartspring fund raiser, performer, and mother, talked about the three communities of which she is a part. Perhaps her most favorite, Sarah works hard raising her four-year-old daughter, who shares her mother's sparkle for life. Sarah also works to serve our community at Heartspring and as a performer in our multiple theater houses here in Wichita. The pandemic has hit all of these communities hard! She never thought she'd have to tell her daughter to stay away from people. Heartspring's service workers continue to struggle to serve the more than 1000 families, who need them. And finally, performers seem to be in a dark place without the audience they serve through entertainment and laughter. Hang in there, Sarah! We are here for you!



Chris Whitney, Assistant GM of Intrust Bank Arena, answers some of the most important questions in our wonderful city, "When will Intrust Bank Arena open? And who is coming in concert?" I don't know about all of you, but our Arena is a game changer for this town! No more driving out of town for a big concert!!...if you consider Park City "out of town," which I do. While Chris does not see concerts here until 2022, our county allows them to be a connection point for essential citizens and PPE equipment. Thank you, Chris, for helping to keep us safe!

A Look Ahead at Fall Meetings

9/16/2020 Executive Director of Mark Arts, Katy Dorrah

9/23/2020 Wichita Public Library Communications Specialist, Sean Jones

9/30/2020 Chairman of the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce, Junetta Everett

10/7/2020 Chancellor of the University of Kansas, Doug Girod

10/14/2020 CEO of the Quivira Council Boy Scouts of America, Brian Nastase

10/21/2020 Chief of the Wichita Police Department, Gordon Ramsey

10/28/2020 The Nature Conservancy of Kansas Director, Rob Manes

11/4/2020 WSU Foundation President, Elizabeth King

Those Who Have Gone the Distance

September Birthdays

9/6 Ruth Ann Messner
 9/11 Richard Strunk
 9/12 Tyler Fee
 9/12 Michael Moeder
 9/15 John Vetter
 9/16 Fred Thurlow
 9/19 Denise Hearson
 9/23 Steve Houlik
 9/29 Joyce Heismeyer

September Wedding Anniversaries

Sept 2, 1978 Greg & Debby Ek
 Sept 3, 1988 Ken & Marcine Moldenhauer
 Sept 6, 1986 Kevin & Lori Rathert
 Sept 15, 1979 John & Sher Hurst
 Sept 15, 2018 Jonathan & Bethany McConnell
 Sept 30, 2017 Justin & Meghan Baxter

September Rotarian Anniversaries

09-11-2011 Joe Goetz
 09-11-2018 Jaren Johnson
 09-15-2008 Joanne Rogers
 09-19-2019 Tyler Fee
 09-29-2016 Ryan Heikes

Comedy Corner

Because I love to laugh...

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious, and laced with profanity.

John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music, and doing anything else he could think of to clean up the bird's vocabulary.

Finally John had had enough. In exasperation one day, he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. He shook his fist at the parrot, but the parrot just got angrier and even ruder.

In desperation, John threw up his hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the freezer door. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arm and said:

"I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I am sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behaviour."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behaviour, the bird continued:

"May I ask what the chicken did?"

Hello, Gov'nor!



On August 26th, our 2020-2021 District Governor, Dana Brewer and his wife, Tina, visited East Wichita Rotary. I apologize for not having specifics from his visit as I was out of town that day. However, I do know that Dana's passion lies in Rotary's mission to eradicate polio-myelitis, better known as "polio." Both of Dana's parents suffered from this terrible disease, and he saw first-hand the devastating paralysis the illness caused his mother and father. I know that we in the East Wichita Rotary Club share their sentiments. We look forward to a great year with Dana and Tina at the helm.



East Wichita Rotary Scholarship Recipients

The East Wichita Rotary Foundation awarded \$14,000 in scholarships to 13 Sedgwick County students attending Kansas universities for the upcoming 2020-21 academic year.

New scholarships were awarded to the following students:

Chloe Nicole Brown, Derby High School (George Fahnestock Scholarship)
Heather L. Mills, Derby High School

Renewal scholarships were granted to the following students:

Christopher Adam Burrell, Kansas State University
Jorge Godinez Jr., Wichita State University
Grace Linn, Kansas State University
Miriam Mangaza, Wichita State University
Fatima Ortiz, Newman University
Jazmine Renee Rogers, WSU Tech
Elda Ivonne Santos-Trevizo, Wichita State University
Ashlynn J. Seaman, WSU Tech
Ashok Kumar Sharma Jr., Wichita State University
Brian Alan Stuhlsatz, Kansas State University
Kamryn Maureen Villa, Kansas University



Thank you to all who helped in the selection process! When I was a high school administrator, I would tell kids that education will give them freedom. Out of all of the great things we do for our community, helping students earn their education changes the world the most!



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