



ROTARY NOTARY

Birthdays:

<i>Chris Anderson</i>	4/12
<i>Terry Wiggers</i>	4/12
<i>Paul Dablke</i>	4/13

At Rotary Today:

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:

Bill McConnell

Special Guests:

Kevin Winterscheidt and Ben Walter, both from Alloy Architecture, designers of Mark Arts
Haley Butts, from Big Brothers Big Sisters

Rotary Anniversary:

Scott Jensen, 10 years

Quote of the Week:

Even the smallest shift in perspective can bring about the greatest healing.

—Joshua Kai

MARK ARTS IS MAKING ITS MARK ON THE LOCAL ARTS SCENE

Katy Dorrah, Executive Director of Mark Arts, conducts a tour of the facility following her presentation. Originally founded as the Wichita Art Association in 1920, Mark Arts is the area's oldest and most comprehensive visual arts organization.



Just 1 1/2 years ago Katy Dorrah, Executive Director of Mark Arts, and Karla Fazio, Board President, presented an artist's rendition of what would become a splendid new home for what was known as the Center for the Arts.

At the groundbreaking ceremony in June 2016, Liz Koch, honorary campaign chair, said that the new name could be viewed two ways. "M.R.K., or Mark, is actually an acronym for Mary Robinson Koch, but it also stands for 'make your mark, leave your mark, create your mark,' so it has many, many meanings, and that's why I think we all fell in love with it."

As we've watched the facility take shape, many of us in East Wichita Rotary have wondered what it's like inside. Today's Fireside was the first opportunity many of us have had to take a look. We were not disappointed.

The campus has been described as an "art oasis in the city." The center features one-time arts workshops and weekly classes for students of all ages. The commons area features rotating gallery space for both two and three-dimensional art works. Classes include culinary arts, dance, digital arts, drama, jewelry, metalsmithing, painting, photography, printmaking, pottery, and

sculpture.

But there's more. Private events take on an air of grandeur, surrounded by priceless works of art. The center has an open catering policy, which means that you select the caterer of your choice. Up to 600 guests can be accommodated when all spaces are combined.

The gallery is a must-see anytime you're in the building. With 5,000 square feet of space to host works by local artists as well as national juried exhibitions, there's something for everyone to appreciate...and possibly add to their personal collection.

Let the arts enrich your life. Stop by and visit the new Mark Arts soon!

Upcoming Events:

April 19—Serve dinner at The Lord’s Diner. Food Handler’s Card not required, but greatly appreciated.

April 25—Next mixer at Dempsey’s Burger Pub, 550 N. Rock Road. Check out this new addition to the local restaurant scene and meet up with your Rotary friends! The fun begins at 5:15!

April 28—Spring map painting date has been changed! The weather should be nicer in a few weeks for the map painting at Gammon Elementary, 3240 N. Rushwood. This semi-annual event is a great way to get to know your fellow Rotarians by working together on a project that takes about 4 hours from start to finish. We need more volunteers—please sign up for this “Service Above Self” opportunity!

May 5—Kentucky Derby Party at the Lux! Pony races, a bourbon pull, mint juleps, big hats, and seersucker suits are all part of the fun. Tickets are \$50 a person. Proceeds will benefit three local charities: CASA, the Down Syndrome Society, and KETCH.

You Heard It Here First

When asked if she was our greeter today, Shelley Duncan admitted, “I was supposed to be...”

Next Week:

Aaron Wirtz, “Super Car Guy.” (Need we say more?)

MORE AT ROTARY TODAY



A view of the main entrance to Mark Arts.



EWR member Bobbi Hansen looks over the impressive art collection during the tour of Mark Arts.



Another display of art seen on the tour.