



# ROTARY NOTARY

## ADMIRAL WINDWAGON SMITH AND THE WICHITA RIVERFEST

### Member Birthdays:

<i>Chris Anderson</i>	4/12
<i>Terry Wiggers</i>	4/12
<i>Paul Dahlke</i>	4/16
<i>Marc Campbell</i>	4/23

### At Rotary Today:

**Greeter:** Angela Binyon

### Special Guests:

Michael Andrusak, Rotary District Membership Chair  
 Andrew Griffin, Rotary Exchange Club in OKC  
 Dr. Gary Hays, Emporia Dentist

### Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:

Kelly Dandurand

### Member News:

Britt Fulmer

### Rotary Anniversaries:

John Vetter—28 years  
 Scott Jensen—11 years

### Wedding Anniversary:

Michael and Lauren Caffrey—8 years

### Quote of the Week:

Everyone has inside them a piece of good news. The good news is you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is.

— Anne Frank



Ken Atnip is Admiral Windwagon Smith XLVI (46). A lifelong Wichitan, Atnip enjoyed a rewarding career with the Wichita Police Department, where he retired after 33 years of service. He began assisting as a Riverfest volunteer in the early 2000s on the Operations Team, contributing his expertise in many different areas of the event. Atnip also serves on the board of the Wichita Metro Crime Commission. He is married to EWR member Mylene Atnip.

Tradition holds that when a new Admiral is chosen to represent the upcoming Riverfest, previous admirals meet for dinner and surprise the unsuspecting nominee. This past fall, Ken Atnip thought the invitation to dinner from a past admiral had something to do with the Wichita Crime Commission. As a result, he failed to notice the many cars in the parking lot of Ya Ya's that bore "ADMWW" personalized license plates.

Yes, this year's Admiral Windwagon Smith is a humble man, always comfortable working behind the scenes at Riverfest. But this year he's the very public face of Wichita's biggest party and one of the top 40 worldwide events in terms of ticket

sales (from Pollstar).

Both the Admiral and the CEO of Wichita Festivals, Inc., Mary Beth Jarvis, spoke at Rotary this week. The great news about Riverfest is that the volunteers and staff are always working to make this event even more fun and safe.

For example, a decision in 2013 to fence and gate the footprint of the festival ensured that only button holders could enter event areas. Another change a few years back was moving the event to June after school is out and graduation ceremonies are over.

Today's Riverfest includes amenities such as water refill stations, phone charging stations, heat-beating amenities such as misting

tents, giant fans, and shaded food court seating. There's a Riverfest app that features a live map, real-time schedule updates, Spotify playlists, a scavenger hunt, and push notifications.

Staff scout acts all over the U.S. looking for musical and entertainment acts that appeal to a variety of audiences. There's always a balancing act of adding new events to appeal to new festival goers while keeping popular long-time acts. According to Jarvis, 23 of the 126 events scheduled this year are new.

So if you're new to town and haven't experienced Riverfest, or if you haven't been in a few years, come on out this year. And if you see a guy wearing a bright red jacket and Admiral's hat, come on over and say hi!

**Upcoming Events:**

**April 23**—Have you ever wondered what chicken and pickle have in common? Come to the next mixer at the new Chicken-N-Pickle to find out! It's near the Warren East at 13th and Greenwich. Guests can play or watch pickleball, have a beer, and share fun times. The mixer begins at 5:15. Bring a spouse or guest—they're always welcome! And wear comfortable clothes if you plan to play pickleball!!

**April 27**—It's not too late to sign up to paint a colorful map of the USA at Caldwell Elementary, 1441 S. Edgemoor. EWR has been painting these maps at schools throughout east Wichita for the last 3 years. Painting begins at 8:00 a.m. and lasts about 4 hours from start to finish. It's fun teamwork and a rewarding project that helps students learn while having fun.

**You Heard It Here First:**

Dr. Gary Hays, a dentist who practices in Emporia and visitor today, said, "Floss only the teeth you want to keep."

**Movin' On Up:**

EWR Member Chris Anderson recently joined Vintage Bank as its chief lending officer and Wichita market president. Congratulations!

**Next Week:**

Wichita State University Athletic Director Darron Boatright will be our speaker.

# MORE ABOUT WICHITA RIVERFEST



This photo of the stock tank races at the River Festival was selected as "Best of Show" in last year's River Festival Photo Contest. The photographer is David Maneth. The event returns again this year on Saturday, June 1.

Jay Walter of Gardner Design created this year's winning poster and button artwork. The poster has been part of Riverfest since 1970, when the Festival originated as a one-day event called the "Wichitennial River Festival" celebration our city's 100th birthday.



# WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING



What a beautiful time of year for weddings and engagement announcements!

Our own **Eileen Kludt** is engaged to marry Ken Gebhart.

**Kim Hurtig's** daughter Heidi just got engaged. The wedding date is March 14, 2020. For you mathematics lovers, 3/14 is pi day. And yes, the happy couple plans to serve pie at their reception.

EWR member **Charlie King** just got married to Abby.

Congratulations to all of you! We wish you much joy and happiness!

If you have great news to share about an upcoming wedding, job promotion, new grandbaby...please let your Rotary Notary editor know! This newsletter is for you and about you. Let your fellow Rotarians celebrate your good news along with you.

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