



ROTARY NOTARY

Member Birthdays:

Jaren Johnson	8/16
Angela Binyon	8/21
Kelly Dandurand	8/22

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Randy Aronis

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:
Deb Brinegar

Rotary Anniversaries:
Schoen Fitzgerald—21 years
Kim Goodnight—6 years

Wedding Anniversaries:
Tom and Peggy Church—50 years
Fred and Joyce Heismeyer—41 years
Dane and Kristin Estok—12 years

Quote of the Week:

Act as if what you do makes a difference. IT DOES..

— William James

LEARNING ABOUT ICT SOS



When she launched ICT SOS ten years ago, Jen White wasn't a social worker, a law enforcement officer, or a parent whose child was a runaway. But when she read a statistic that the average age of children who are trafficked was 12 years old, the same age of her daughter at the time, she wanted to do something, anything, to end human trafficking for good.

First, let's define what human trafficking is. It is when a person is being taken advantage of for an exchange of value. In other words, buying and selling people. Delving more deeply into the issue, Jen realized that there were already many great things happening here in Wichita to support people who have been trafficked and ending trafficking, but these good things were happening in silos.

She focused on bringing people together in the foster care system, domestic violence shelters, and law enforcement to provide

education of the issue. She and her staff have developed a curriculum they present to students attending area middle and high schools.

They also provide direct assistance in the form of "Fresh Start" bags—duffel bags containing about \$200 worth of new clothes, hygiene items, coupons for fast food, and journals and pens for adults, books and toys for children.

Imagine a teenager who has been trafficked being picked up by law enforcement at the motel where they've been held against their will. Giving them the Fresh Start bag helps convey the message that "You're not in trouble. Let's get you something to eat and a shower if you need it." It helps the adolescent or child become more comfortable in talking.

Realizing that law enforcement officers cannot serve as victims' case managers, ICT SOS recently hired an adult advocate to work with victims.

Jen White is committed to end human trafficking in our community. She loves tacos, Mr. Rogers, and is Mom to two amazing kids. She didn't set out to start a local not-for-profit organization, she just wanted to end human trafficking. Ten years later, she's raising awareness as the Executive Director of ICT SOS.

Jen explained that when a victim is younger than 18 years of age, prosecutors don't have to prove that someone tricked or forced or threatened the youth into being trafficked. The exchange of value that is a crime could be something as simple as giving a youth an iPad, a place to stay, or just a meal in return for sex.

She also shared that almost all sex trafficking cases have an internet component. The internet is used to meet children and adolescents online in order to recruit and groom them.

Locally the Exploited and Missing Children Unit of the Wichita Police Department reports there are 50—60 trafficking cases a week documented in Wichita. Nationally, the number of reported online crimes jumped from 380,000 to 1.2 million after schools shut down due to COVID.

If you'd like to help, make a pledge to ICT SOS to support local runner Tony Brown, who will run 5,000 miles this year to raise \$10,000.

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Announcements:

Attention new EWR members! An orientation session is planned for YOU on Thursday, August 26 at the Wichita Marriott, just prior to the mixer. If you received an email invitation from Kim, please reply.

NO MEETING on Wednesday, September 9 due to the Labor Day holiday.

To thank today's speaker, a \$25 honorarium will be made in her name to the East Wichita Rotary Foundation.

The Mixer is BACK!

Our first Mixer/Social of the year will be on **Thursday, August 26 at the Wichita Marriott** from 5 to whenever the party winds down! This is a great opportunity to introduce a friend to East Wichita Rotary. Bring a prospective member, your spouse, or even your boss! It's a cash bar but light hors d'oeuvres will be served, courtesy of EWR member Angela Binyon and the Wichita Marriott.

Mixers are a longtime tradition with our club but were put on hold during the height of the COVID pandemic. We're glad to kick off a new season of mixing it up after work with our fellow Rotarians.

Next Week:

Jake Wayman with Orangetheory Fitness here in Wichita will be our speaker.

MORE AT ROTARY TODAY



Scott Jensen introduces EWR scholarship recipient Elda Santos-Trevizo. She's a junior at WSU majoring in Communicative Sciences and Disorders and minoring in Psychology. This summer she took Psychology Statistics. Elda would like to work in a speech therapist clinic after college and is very grateful for the scholarship she has received from EWR.

A runner for the last 47 years, Tony Brown took up Ultra Marathon racing a few years ago. He plans to run 200 miles in 84 hours, taking 5 breaks. Tony is making a difference by using his ability to run to generate both financial support as well as awareness for a cause he cares about.



EWR President-Elect **Dane Estok** is also a runner. He plans to run alongside Tony Brown for part of the way during Tony's epic 200-mile race prior to the Race 4 Freedom. When Dane first met Tony he knew right away that Tony was a runner. How? His muscular runner's legs!

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Or participate in the "Race 4 Freedom" a 5K run/walk to be held on Saturday, September 11 at 8 am at Carpenter Place, 1501 N Meridian. The funds raised will provide financial support to Carpenter Place, one of the many partner organizations working together with ICT SOS to provide support and advocacy services for adult survivors of trafficking, youth education in middle and high schools, and training for business and industry.

Even if you don't want to run or walk, you can support the event by purchasing an ICT SOS 10 year anniversary shirt. To register, click on this link: <https://race4freedom.com>