



Week of August 14, 2024

ROTARY NOTARY

A big thank you goes to Rotarian Michael for filling in as the Rotary Notary editor while I'm on an adventure in Ireland!



This week, the Club heard from Telly McGaha, the President & CEO of WSU's Foundation & Alumni Engagement, about "How Wichita State is building mutually beneficial partnerships in our community." He spoke about how WSU is partnering with local organizations to invest back into Kansas communities, with programs ranging from entrepreneurial contest where students bring products to life to French for business classes to create opportunities with campus partner Airbus.

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, September 11	FIRESIDE MEETING	12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.	Phillips Fundamental Learning Center
Saturday, September 14	SERVICE PROJECT	9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.	State Fair booth (2-hour shifts)
Saturday, September 21 sponsored by RC of Andover tickets at hausofbrews.org	HAUS OF BREWS	6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.	1202 N. Andover Rd, Andover
Saturday, September 21 sponsored by RC of West Wichita	ANNUAL WINE DINNER	6:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m.	Newman University

Our EWR Foundation needs your gifts

HELP EWR WITH ONE OF OUR PREMIER SERVICE PROJECTS

Our gifts to the East Wichita Rotary Foundation gives a helping hand to aspiring professionals to pursue their goals through a college and vocational education. Your annual gifts to the EWR Foundation goes directly to a student who is attending a college/ career school in Kansas. This not only helps the student meet their financial obligations, but gives our schools another funding source. We were successful in providing 11 scholarships this year and hope to increase the number in 2024-25. All donations are tax deductible and gives our club an opportunity to serve in a meaningful way. Thanks goes to all who gave this past year.



EWR has provided scholarships for many years, from 2009—2023 we have awarded \$227,000.00 in scholarships.
CONGRATULATIONS PAST AND PRESENT ROTARIANS FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO HELPING COLLEGE STUDENTS.

Rotary clubs engage with refugees by training teachers, organizing medical care, and offering other assistance

By Etelka Lehoczky

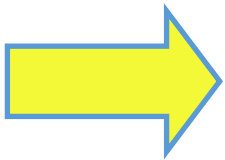
(taken from the RI website)

When people think of refugees, they may imagine a group that is utterly without means and dependent on others. But that's a misleading assumption, says Quentin Wodon, chair of the Rotary Action Group for Refugees, Forced Displacement, and Migration.

"There are studies suggesting that refugees actually contribute more to the economy than the value of the services provided to them," says Wodon, a member of the Rotary Club of Washington Global, Washington, D.C., USA. "Refugees often have amazing skills. They're often very driven. And they can be assets for a country as opposed to liabilities."

World Refugee Day on 20 June puts a spotlight on this misunderstood group, many of whom have fled war, persecution, or violence. More than 117 million people around the world were forcibly displaced at the end of 2023, according to UNHCR, the United Nations refugee agency.

That includes refugees who fled their home nations, people who were displaced within their countries, people who weren't recognized as citizens of any nation, and others. The countries with the most refugees protected or assisted by UNHCR are Syria, Ukraine, and Afghanistan.



NOTE: EW Rotarians have helped the Wichita International Rescue Committee by collecting items needed for new refugees such as kitchen supplies, new/used furniture and other necessities, as well as donating time to set up apartments and actively supporting the work of the IRC.

Thanks EWR!



DISTRICT AND RI NEWS

Learning Center

Rotary is a learning organization and offers Rotarians hundreds of courses for professional and member development. If you have not visited the RI Learning Center, you are encouraged to do so. Courses on public speaking, meeting management, creating an inclusive culture, facilitation and communication skills, leadership, mentoring, among others are available. These courses not only are a benefit of being in Rotary, but also a key tool in recruiting new members. If you are wanting to learn a skill, find information about Rotary, or just want to be an informed professional, use the RI LE



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AT THE FAIR

Please Volunteer Today

THE DEADLINE TO FILL OUR DAY IS AUGUST 15!

EWR is joining other clubs and fellow Rotarians from across the state to staff the Rotary booth at the Kansas State Fair on Saturday, September 14.

November 1—3, 2024 District Conference, Colby, KS

November 2—3, 2024 Rotary Leadership Institute, Colby, KS

March 6—8, 2025 Presidents-elect Learning Seminar, Salina, KS

June 21—25, 2025 RI Convention, Calgary, Canada



**PUT THESE DATES ON
YOUR CALENDAR!**

JOKE OF THE WEEK



A wind farm contains two windmills.
“What is your favorite type of music?” one inquires.
The other says, “I am a big metal fan.”

GOALS AND ENDS



**INVITING A PERSON
TO JOIN ROTARY
IS EASY.**

**JUST
ASK!**

**Let's Grow Rotary
and our club**



Rotary



DID YOU KNOW?

In 1968, the first Rotary Club banner to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut Frank Borman, a member of the Houston Space Center Rotary Club.



Basic Education
and Literacy



Maternal and
Child Health



Peace and Conflict
prevention / resolution



Disease
prevention and
treatment




Water and
Sanitation



Economic and
Community
Development



Supporting the
Environment

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AUGUST IS ROTARY



MEMBERSHIP MONTH