



ROTARY NOTARY

Member Birthdays:

Bobbi Hansen	8/27
Eileen Kludt	8/29
Brittany Sweeney	8/29

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Joanne Rogers

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:

Ryan Boss

Member News:

Scott Hampel

Special Visitors:

Jordan Harter
Brie Boulanger
Shea Griffin

Rotary Anniversaries:

Schoen Fitzgerald—21 years
Joe Goetz—10 years

Wedding Anniversaries:

Greg and Debby Ek—43 years
Kevin and Lori Rathert—35 years
Ken and Marcine Moldenhauer—33 years

Quote of the Week:

People often say motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing. That's why we recommend it daily.

— Zig Ziglar

ALL ABOUT THE PAUL HARRIS FOUNDATION AND SOCIETY



Past District Governor of District 5670 Randy Krug presents our President-Elect, **Dane Estok**, with a Paul Harris Society certificate. Rotarians who contribute \$1,000 annually to the Rotary International Foundation receive this recognition.

There probably isn't a more enthusiastic ambassador for the Rotary International Foundation than

Randy Krug.

Hailing from Russell, Kansas, Randy was the Governor of District 5670 from 2016—2017. Since then, the district merged with 5690 to form District 5680, which our own **Fred Heismeyer** now leads as District Governor.

To understand the significance of the Rotary International Foundation we must remember the origins of Rotary itself. Chicago attorney Paul Harris formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on February 23, 1905. His goal was to bring together professionals with diverse backgrounds to exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Only 16 years after being founded, Rotary had clubs on six continents.

Over time, Rotary's reach and

vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. Today, Rotary is the world's oldest service organization and one that is truly international.

So how did the Rotary Foundation begin? In 1917 at the annual convention, Arch Klumph, president of Rotary International, proposed creating an endowment for the purpose of doing good. The Rotary Club of Kansas City made the first donation of \$26.50 to the Rotary Endowment Fund, a gift that is equivalent today to \$1,000.

Eleven years later the fund changed its name to the Rotary Foundation. As Randy explained, *Rotary International* is the people behind our service organization, which is 1.2 million members strong in 32,000 clubs. *Rotary Foundation* is the bank that funds all of that service.

And what extraordinary

service it is! According to Randy, a recent Rotary International annual report listed a total of \$86 million in grants around the world. They included:

- \$35 million for disease prevention
- \$18 million for clean water
- \$10 million for education
- \$10 million to grow local economies
- \$7 million to save mothers and children
- \$3.5 million to promote peace

Randy also pointed out that a Paul Harris Society member is a Rotarian who commits a Foundation gift of \$1,000 annually. Currently, our district 5680 has 54 Paul Harris Society members and our club has three. With this year's challenge to add "And One", will YOU be the next Paul Harris Society member?

Announcements:

NO MEETING on Wednesday, September 8 due to the Labor Day holiday.

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

Did You Know?

Since our club’s inception in 1984, our members have contributed a total of \$313,000 to the Rotary International Foundation.

Of our club’s 72 members, just over half (37) are Paul Harris fellows.

The number of Paul Harris Fellows around the world reached the one million mark in 2006.

Want to know more about the Paul Harris Foundation? Ask **Dave Sproul, Greg Ek, or Kim Hurtig!**

Next Week:

Meteorologist Ross Janssen from KWCH Channel 12 will talk about severe storms in Kansas.

MORE AT ROTARY TODAY



EWR President **Greg Ek** (L) and Treasurer **Drew Rooks** point to Drew’s name on the list of EWR members who are Paul Harris Fellows. It’s the Rotary equivalent of having your name in lights—the banners are located at the front of the meeting room every week and you get to share the distinction of being part of a group of Rotarians who are investing in not only our community, but our world.

WELCOME NEW EWR MEMBER ALEX KRUSE

Jaren Johnson introduced new EWR member Alex Kruse, who is the Business Development Officer for Legacy Bank. Alex’s job takes him all over the area, meeting with local business owners to determine what service and solutions Legacy can offer to bring value to their operation.

Alex is a hometown kid, born and raised here in Wichita. A graduate of Bishop Carroll High School (yes, it’s on the west side, but please don’t hold that against him!), he later attended Hesston College and pitched for the baseball team. He says he had pinpoint accuracy and a nasty breaking ball! Now he channels his love for sports by playing softball in the Wichita Young Professional Softball League, helping with the Earhart Elementary School Disc Golf Club, riding mountain bikes in the Kansas Singletrack Society, and playing Tuesday night hoops with the St. Joseph Men’s group.



Alex has been married to his lovely wife Abbea for the last five years. They enjoy traveling together and have recently visited Vietnam, Indonesia, New Zealand, and Mexico.

Alex is looking forward to forming connections in EWR while providing service to others. He sounds like our kind of member! Welcome!