

Rotary Notary

Week of August 28th

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Greg Ek

Invocation, Flag Salute &

4-Way Test:

Bill McConnell

Special Guests:

Cooper Hanning

(Brant Westbrook)

Member News:

Kim Hurtig

Business Brief:

Shane Pullman

Member Birthdays:

Ken Dillehay - 08/28

Eileen Kludt - 08/29

Ruth Ann Messner - 09/06

Angie George - 09/07

Scott Post - 09/11

Richard Strunk - 09/11

Spouse Birthdays:

Susan Burrus - 09/10

Wedding Anniversaries:

Greg & Debby Ek - 09/02

41 years

Kevin & Lori Rathert - 09/06

33 years

Quote of the Year:

"Let's accomplish great things together"

News From the District Governor

This week's speaker was our District Governor, **Kurt Harper**. Kurt and his wife, (whom he refers to as his executive assistant) Kelly, are both Wichita natives. Kurt attended The University of Kansas where he earned a bachelors in Russian Language and Literature before, later, acquiring his law degree. Kurt has been a member

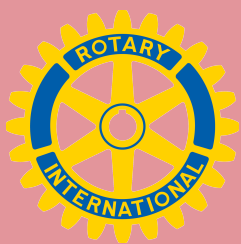


of Rotary since 1995 and has served in numerous leadership positions including as a club president and a district representative to the Russia-U.S. Intercountry Committee. Kurt's close association with Russia has, naturally, attracted him to the international aspects of the Rotary mission.

With his speech, Kurt covered the current state of the Rotary Mission, as well as new changes on the Rotary landscape; including an expanding of the district from one that contained 30 clubs to a 60 club district. Kurt's district, and the one we occupy, in addition to growing, has changed its makeup; now including more clubs in populated industrial areas as opposed to the largely rural areas that it previously covered. He now has clubs ranging from 400 members (in his largest) to 8-member clubs. With such a varying size of clubs, there are no shortage of opportunities for anyone to get involved, at some level, with Rotary.

In regards to Rotary's effort to eradicate Polio, Kurt shared that its presence has been diminished throughout the world; with Nigeria recently celebrating their 3rd anniversary of being Polio-Free! Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only countries on earth left with traces of the disease and are being targeted despite their complicated barriers, both physically and culturally. The Rotary has been integral to the mission for not only Polio, but has also provided valuable infrastructure for the battle against other diseases such as Ebola in Africa.

In addition to briefing us on all the new initiatives and partnerships throughout Rotary, Kurt employed us to continue thinking of ways the District can improve our Rotary experience. He remains focused on increasing our membership, our volunteer hours, and our International giving. Above all, he encourages everyone to continue to serve in whatever capacity we are able to serve.



Rotary Anniversaries:

Schoen Fitzgerald - 08/29

19 years

Burke Jones - 08/29

6 years

Joe Goetz - 09/01

8 years

Tim Link - 09/01

22 years

Jaren Johnson - 09/11

1 year

NO MEETING NEXT WEEK

Labor Day Week

Hygiene Pantry Service Project:

Get signed up with Kim for the Hygiene Pantry project to be held on September 21st

Next Mixer:

Our next mixer will be the annual "Party on the Pontoon" at the Heismeyer's on Wednesday, September 18.

AmazonSmile:

Don't forget to use AmazonSmile when shopping online to help benefit the foundation. We raised \$19.32 last quarter. Every little bit helps!

Business Brief - Shane Pullman

Shane Pullman delivered the 2nd of our returning Business Briefs for the year. Shane currently serves on the board handling our Social Media and is a Commercial Advisor for NAI Martens.

NAI Martens is privately owned, but part of a global affiliation of companies that have 375 offices around the world, and 6700 real estate professionals. Their Wichita office has been here for

over 70 years, is family owned, and currently employs 15 full-time commercial advisors. In 2018, NAI Martens was the most awarded commercial real estate company in Wichita.

When it comes to their role as a commercial real estate company, NAI MARTENS holds any number of 4 roles for the clients. They will represent either the **Seller**, the **Landlord**, the **Buyer**, or the **Tenant**. They believe in building strong relationships with their customers to ensure trust throughout the process.

Interestingly, the recent 'Tiny Home' trend has seen an increase of attention in the mobile homes division of NAI Martens' real estate business.

Shane has been a commercial advisor for NAI Martens for a year and a half, prior to which, he'd completed 2 internships with the company before graduating from Kansas State. He shared with us that his road to NAI MARTENS began with a push mower. During college he'd taking up mowing the lawn of a guy that he later asked about employment and had set him up with his first internship.



Kurt and Anne dawn the new banners for the 2019-2020 Rotary year. Kurt holds the "Rotary Connects The World" banner posted on our podium while Anne holds the new "Agribusiness" Rotary banner acknowledging the partnership between clubs in the Kansas and Oklahoma areas of our district