



ROTARY NOTARY

COMING UP: A SPECIAL EVENT FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Member Birthdays:

Ken Moldenhauer	8/6
Brant Westbrook	8/7

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Tammie Rhea

**Invocation, Flag Salute,
and Four-way test:**
Robin McGonigle

Rotary Anniversaries:

Bobbi Hansen—30 years
Kim Goodnight—6 years
Randy Aronis—2 years

Wedding Anniversaries:

Tom and Peggy Church—
50 years
Matt and Julia List—31 years
Tyler and Katie Fee—5 years

Quote of the Week:

We are all the same in this
notion: the potential for
greatness lives within each of us.

—John C. Maxwell



Burt Ussery's story today was about service above self. Not his own, but the service of dozens of volunteers in our community who have come together to hold a special day honoring first responders each year on 9/11. The date was chosen to show the utmost respect for what first responders do. Members of Reflection Ridge willingly give up the use of the course that day as their show of support.

The story began when Ussery started a golf tournament at Reflection Ridge in 2016 to honor veterans. It was a great success with both veterans and volunteers. Following an emergency at Reflection Ridge where firefighters saved the day, Ussery decided to start another tournament—this time, to honor the brave first responders who put their

lives on the line in their work as law enforcement officers, fire fighters, emergency medical technicians, and others.

What evolved was a special day where 20—22 teams of four first responders can play golf, relax, and enter into some good-natured competition between fire, police, and EMS. Participants must be fulltime employees at their agency. This is not a tournament where the winner takes all—each player receives a nice gift package with items donated by many of the tournament's 40—45 sponsors.

Although it may take some arm twisting to find volunteers for other area golf tournaments, this is one where being a volunteer is a coveted position. Each green has two volunteers

In addition to working as the General Manager of Reflection Ridge Golf Club, a position he has held since 2015, Burt Ussery is also the mayor of Clearwater, Kansas, population 2,481. Ussery is a retired Marine officer, serving for 21 years, as well as a business executive with more than 20 years' experience in planning, process improvement, operations, and business development.

who hold the flag and spot the ball. Other volunteers work at check-in and of course, the always popular beverage cart.

And while many events vie for media coverage, Ussery says this event isn't about publicity. The spotlight is on the people who go out of their way every day to serve others. Some participants, due to the private and undercover nature of their work, can't even appear in team photos.

In concluding his presentation, it was easy to see that in looking for a way to honor those who humbly serve, Burt Ussery lives the words of wisdom that he shared with us:

We live in a complicated time. Have a level head—trust yourself, trust your faith, and as you follow your passion, make sure it's based in truth.

Announcements:

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

Our Condolences:

To former EWR member Marshall Millsap, whose wife JoAnn passed away last week after a long illness. Her celebration of life will be this Wednesday, August 11 at 1:30 p.m. at University Congregational Church. Please contact Kim if you'd like Marshall's address to send him a card.

Next Week:

Our speaker will be Jennifer White, Executive Director of ICT SOS, an organization whose goal is to end human trafficking.

MORE AT ROTARY TODAY



Four outstanding EWR scholarship recipients updated us on all things college today. L to R they are: Niki Wood, who just graduated from Kapaun Mt. Carmel and will attend Benedictine College. She volunteered at Holy Family Summer Camp and it was an experience she'll always treasure.

Grace Linn just graduated from K-State with a major in advertising and minor in art. She's love to work for an advertising agency. She worked

at the K-State office of International Programs and created a graphic design piece for her boss.

Brian Stuhlsatz will be a junior at K-State and is majoring in finance, which he hopes leads to a career in investment management. He also worked at a winery west of Manhattan, Liquid Art.

Miriam Mangaza will be a junior at Wichita State and is thinking of graduating in December. She came here from Congo five years ago and wants to be a teacher. Currently she works in the English department at WSU and plans to do student teaching this year.

Your support of the East Wichita Rotary Foundation helps support these four students and so many others. Congratulations to our students and we wish you all the best this coming year!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER MIKE HAMBLEY

Dwight Oxley introduced Mike Hambley, who is the CEO of Larksfeld Place, Wichita's largest retirement community. Mike is an avid outdoorsman who loves hunting, fishing, and Golden Retrievers. A lifelong learner, he earned a doctorate in Ministry, Organizational Development from Western Theological Seminary in 1998. He and his wife Teresa returned to Wichita after living in St. Louis. We're glad to have you join us, Mike!

DID SOMEONE SAY EWR MIXER??



Our friend and fellow EWR member Angela Binyon did! Angela is the Director of Sales and Marketing at the Wichita Marriott Hotel. She and her crew are ready to bring back an EWR tradition of mixing it up with your fellow Rotarians for an after-work gathering. The Marriott has graciously offered to provide light hors d'oeuvres—enjoy your beverage of choice from the cash bar.

As always, you can bring your spouse, your significant other, a prospective Rotarian, or a good friend. COVID cancelled our mixers for awhile, and coming back to the classy Wichita Marriott is a great way to kick off a new EWR year.

Mark your calendars for:

EWR Summer Mixer

Thursday, August 26 from 4:30—6:30 p.m.

The Greatroom Restaurant and Bar

at the Wichita Marriott