

Rotary Notary

Week of August 7th

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Michael Caffrey

Invocation, Flag Salute &

4-Way Test:

Kelly Dandurand

Special Guests:

Tyler Fee

(Jaron)

Megan Baxter

(Justin's much better half)

Member Birthdays:

Chad Clark - 8/13

Rotary Anniversaries:

Cavon Cockrum - **1 yr**

Charlie King - **1 yrs**

Brian Blackerby - **3 yrs**

Kim Goodnight - **3 yrs**

Wedding Anniversaries:

Burke and Susan Jones

August 10th - 27 yrs

Exit Stage Left

Sarah Wine introduced her co-worker, and this week's speaker, Rick Bumgardner, from Roxy's Downtown. Rick was the son of an Air Force man. His dad was stationed in Puerto Rico for a time and then throughout the country before he retired to Golden Plains. Here, Rick attended High School and then WSU where he graduated Summa Cum Laude; an honor that disappointed him until he realized that it was actually better than Magna Cum Laude(which was news to me also). After WSU, Rick went to the University of Connecticut for graduate school. Upon completion, he returned to Kansas City where he spent 29 years as a single father raising his son. Last year he took over the reigns of Roxy's Downtown as the Creative Director.



In accepting his role with Roxy's and moving to Wichita, Rick was faced with 3 big questions for this new endeavor. As a theater, they had to ask themselves '**1. Who are you? 2. What do you want? And 3. What's your purpose?**' The exercise led to answers that have helped them focus their efforts and put out a product that will grow from 8 shows in 2019 to 10 shows in 2020. Roxy's mission, as described on their website, is:

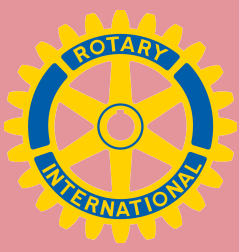
"To entertain, inform, educate, and support Wichita and surrounding communities through innovative performances, conscientious educational programming and dedicated event facilities and services. And, in the process, continuously strive to inspire the community by introducing new sights, sounds and tastes to celebrate and embrace the diverse beauty of being alive and being awake"

The recipe has worked. Rick's mission of "pushing the envelope to challenge the audience" has proven effective. He shared the story of the impact that the show "**Dog Sees God**" has had on audience members in attacking the tough issues that face families today. The show gives an interesting take on the *Peanuts* gang's teenage years.

In addition to a great slate of shows, Roxy's has found themselves praised as a great place to get a meal. Rick made the comment that he "never thought they'd be running a restaurant," but many have commented on the surprisingly good food that they receive while at a show(even though he made it clear that they are NOT a dinner theater).



If you get a chance, check out a show at Roxy's Downtown and support their mission. They are currently showing "**Forbidden Broadway**" and will be starting a Radio Show on August 22nd. And for the fans of "**Hocus Pocus**"(hand raised), we will get a parody show next year! You can find out about all these and more on the website: www.roxysdowntown.com



Scholarship Recipients



Rotary Scholarship Students

Joyce Heismeyer introduced us to 3 more scholarship recipients at this week's luncheon. Among them was a first time recipient, a freshly graduated recipient, and one in the middle.

First up was **Elda Santos**. Elda graduated, this year, from North High School and will be attending WSU in the fall with her eye on entering in to their Physician's Assistant(PA) program. *(As the future spouse of a graduate from their program, I can attest that they come out extremely proficient, if not a bit demanding) :-)*

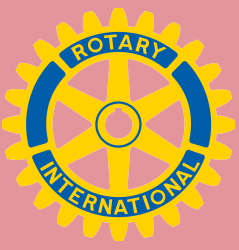
While in high school, Elda volunteered all 4 years with the Convoy of Hope. While there she'd help out in the kid zone, with children from impoverished families. Elda is extremely grateful for the reduction in stress and the ability to focus on her grades that the scholarship will provide her.

Next was **Rogelio Martinez**. Rogelio will be entering his senior year at Newman University. He is pursuing his biology major with his sights set on KU Med School. Rogelio also mentioned that he would like to obtain his Master's in Public Health along the way. He seized his opportunities to serve in college by tutoring the Organic Chem students and volunteering with the Genetic Lab prep. Rogelio thanked Rotary for the generosity and the opportunity it provides to all kids in making college a little less difficult.

Finally was **Autumn Crafton**. Autumn came from Derby and is a recent graduate of the University of Kansas. While there, she obtained the BA in Business Management with a concentration on Human Resources. She is currently seeking employment in the recruitment or staffing fields(*anyone hiring?*).

While in college, Autumn had the honor of serving as Vice President of Development for an event planning board. This was an opportunity she never would've been able to take advantage of without the support of her Rotary Foundation Scholarship.

Joyce capped off the segment by reading, to us, two letters from scholarship recipients that were unable to attend a meeting this year. I've included those letters on the last page.



This and That

On The Horizon: Our first Fireside of the Rotary year will be at Everygy (*formerly Westar Energy*) on August 21st. The sign up sheet is on Kim's table. You **MUST** sign up to attend. Lunch will be \$11 for guests.

NO MEETING SEPT. 4TH
Labor Day Week

August Mixer:
The next Rotary mixer will be on Tuesday, August 20th, at Deano's Grill and Tapworks on 21st and Webb. It's at 5:15pm or whenever you can get there!

Club Directory: The Club Directories are done! They are \$10 a piece. Contact Kim to get yours.

Next Week:
Valarie Wise from the Wichita Airport Authority



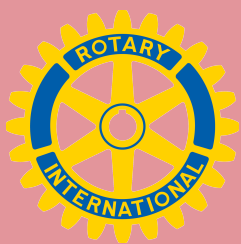
Jaren gives a report on the current membership efforts with a Membership Moment. Don't hesitate to reach to either he or Bob if you're on the fence about a potential prospect invitation, or you'd like to serve on a committee. Keep up the great attendance!



Britt Fulmer delivers the Member News



Joyce introduces us to the Rotary Scholarship Recipients



Thank You

Thank You from Scholarship Recipients

Austin Dougherty

Dear East Rotary Club of Wichita,

Thank you all for your unwavering support and generous donations to my schooling. I was amazed four years ago when I first received this scholarship and still remain stunned at how much it has aided me. I have since graduated from Wichita State University with my degree in Business Economics! I had a great time as a shocker and will always appreciate that the Club helped put me there. With my final year wrapped up I have since moved to Tahlequah Oklahoma as my girlfriend is attending optometry school here. I have accepted a position as a lead optician at a private optometrist office. I hope that I will be able to learn a lot from this career and plan to return to Wichita (the best place in the world) in 4 years. I will not ever be able to say enough "thank you's" for all that you have given to me. I will continue to pursue my goals knowing that you all made it possible.

Thanks,
Austin Dougherty

Aleeya Hubbard-Kinard

Dear East Wichita Rotary Club Foundation,

I hope you are all well. I am writing to share what I have been doing this summer as well as this fall. I am now a first-year graduate student in The University of Kansas' five-year Master of Architecture Program. Last spring, I decided to choose a thesis focus on Health & Wellness, subsequently putting in position to receive a great seven-month internship opportunity; this fall I will be working in DC with HKS Architecture in their healthcare design sector. While here I will be learning and working, while also conducting research around my thesis. This upcoming spring, I will be returning to KU to finish off my final semester!

College has provided me with so many experiences; I have a great group of friends, I joined a technical sorority with amazing women all in STEM majors, I've been an officer in my school's National Minority of Architecture Organization creating dialogue around culture and student experience, I've studied abroad, and now I get to live and work in a major city. I've cried and laughed on many occasions...I can't believe how time has flown, but I am grateful to be so close to receiving my degree.

After Graduation my goals are to have earned a spot in a firm on the east or west coast that focus on healthcare or education doing projects that care about the communities they build for. Overall, I just hope the next 5-10 years allow me to share design and art with others whether that's in a firm or my own personal passions.

Thank you all for lending me your strength in such a transitional time. Thank you for cheering us all on and thank you for continuing to be there for other incoming students. Your support has opened the doors for a lifetime of amazing experiences.

Sincerely,
Aleeya Hubbard-Kinard.