



ROTARY NOTARY

Birthdays:

Tom Morris	12/8
Tammie Rhea	12/12

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Nancy Wiebe

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:
Sheila Cole

Member News: Britt Fulmer

Special Guests:
Shane Pullman, NAI Martens
Steve Roseberry, Urban Gents

Rotary Anniversary:
Ric Wolford—24 years

Wedding Anniversary:
Scott and Diane Post—
47 years

Dues Reminder:

Semi-annual dues statements were mailed on Nov. 26 and the deadline for payment is Dec. 22. Please let Kim know if you need an extension to pay or want to pay by credit card.

Quote of the Week:

You can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

—Maya Angelou

TIM NORTON: HOW A TORNADO BECAME A TURNING POINT

Yes, Tim Norton is very much enjoying retirement after 29 years of working and 29 years in public service. He and two of his grandsons created a bucket list of about 100 items they wanted to see, do, or learn last summer. Among them: visit four Presidential libraries; visit the Civil Rights Museum, learn how to change a tire, light a grill, and bake a cake.



Tim Norton had a pretty rich life when he moved to south central Kansas in 1980 to open the Target store on South Armour across from Towne East Square. A great career, a terrific wife and family, and a positive outlook on life. A resident of Haysville, Tim first got involved in politics when a zoning issue affected his neighborhood. His neighbors were so impressed with Tim’s passion they asked him to run for City Council. When a job transfer forced the mayor to resign Tim was his natural successor. Life was good.

Just weeks after Norton became Haysville’s mayor, an F-4 tornado came through the city on May 3, 1999. Knowing that the cleanup would require his full dedication and focus, Tim retired from Target to devote his efforts to restoring the community. He said that the two years he spent rebuilding

Haysville were the most rewarding two years of his life.

That leadership experience led to another opportunity: a seat on the Board of County Commissioners, where he served from 2001 through 2017. He and the county leadership accomplished many things during that time, but his proudest accomplishments are:

The Intrust Bank Arena. It changed the look of downtown Wichita and looks as good today as it did when it opened 9 years ago.

The National Center for Aviation Training. Tim remembers a meeting where the Wichita Area Technical College was about 3 months from closing its doors. It had only 600 students and old facilities. Knowing there was a great need for technically trained, skilled workers, he and other visionaries formed the Sedgwick Coun-

ty Technical Training Authority. Today 4,500 students prepare for local careers and have an astounding 98% job placement rate.

The Child Advocacy Center. In 1984 Tim served on the Child Abuse Prevention Council. He saw firsthand the need to serve families and children. The Child Advocacy Center is the result of the work to bring together city, county, state, private, and not-for-profit agencies that work on behalf of abused and neglected children in our community.

The Reed Family Elephants of the Zambezi River Valley Exhibit at the Sedgwick County Zoo. The Zoo’s previous elephant exhibit wasn’t large enough by industry standards to accommodate its two existing elephants, let alone add more. Half of the needed funds were raised privately, but to complete the exhibit, the

Upcoming Events:

December 19—Please RSVP by close of business on December 12 for a fun holiday celebration at our regularly scheduled meeting time. Great food, cash bar, musical delights, and prizes for the most Christmas-y attire, as well as the most dressy attire, and more! The best thing of all is there's no ticket purchase required for you or your spouse/significant other to attend.

January 9 and 16—We will meet at the Wichita Marriott! This has become a tradition for our club during the weeks that the Wichita Country Club is closed.

A Message from the EWR Foundation

As you review your end-of-year contributions to worthy organizations and causes, please consider supporting our own EWR Foundation. You can make all the difference in the life of a high-achieving local student who dreams of attending college here in Kansas. During the summer we get to meet the students who receive EWR Foundation scholarships. They always impress us with their poise and plans to create a better world. Help us help them!

**Next Week:**

Steve Roseberry of Urban Gents will be our speaker.

MORE AT ROTARY TODAY

The Haysville tornado that took place on the evening of May 4, 1999 demolished 350 houses, 35 businesses, and five churches.



Tim served as the official ambassador of the Wichita River Festival, Windwagon Smith, this past year. His involvement with RiverFest began immediately after he and his family moved to Kansas in 1980. He's been a Wichita Wagonmaster since 1996 and has volunteered for the festival in a variety of capacities. A great honor for a very deserving volunteer and leader!

TIM NORTON (CONT'D)

County contributed \$5 million. It is a first-class exhibit and the third largest elephant exhibit in the U.S.

Exploration Place. One of the top tourist attractions in Kansas, the organization was slowly using up an endowment fund contributed by Velma Wallace. The County took over and provided a solid financial base from which the organization could operate. If you haven't gone there to see the Design Build Fly exhibit, get out there.

Last, our speaker offered some suggestions on how to be a good civic leader. 1. Have a vision and be able to articulate it. 2. Model the way. Don't just say, do. 3. Empower your people. Find good people, train them, then let them go. It gives a leader exponential authority. Hire the best and get out of the way. 4. Be an encourager. Reinforce, lift people up. 5. Champion change—it's the one thing that's constant in all our lives.