



Rotary Notary

Week of February 5th

At Rotary Today:

Invocation, Flag Salute & 4-Way Test:

Kelly Dandurand

Special Guests:

Cindy Pfeiffer

Blake Flanders

Tom Church

- Sunrise Club

RITE Guests

Dalia Hale

Shelly Kadel

Armida Hight(founder)

Member Birthdays:

Drew Rooks - 2/9

John Hoffman - 2/11

Wedding Anniversaries:

Anne & Seth Schneider

2/11 - 3 years

Rotary International Teachers Exchange

Last week's program brought teachers from the Rotary International Teacher's Exchange program to speak with the East Wichita Rotary. Dalia Hale (pictured) along with Shelly Kadel help organize this project that brings in teachers from Central and South America as well as sends area teachers to their locations. They exchange teaching methodologies and brainstorm on ways to improve the educational opportunities in these more challenged parts of the world. Joining us, on Wednesday, were Carla Minchilli and Cecilia Santillan from Buenos Aires, Argentina as well as Susana Moreno, Marggie Morales, and Arcenio Romero from Chiriqui, Panama. Each teacher delivered a personal slide show, sharing a little bit about themselves, and spoke, briefly, about the good that the RITE program has brought to their teaching techniques and their communities.



First up was Carla. She shared pictures of her family, as well as some of the most beautiful areas of Argentina. She talked about having visited all of the provinces of Argentina except a couple in the south. They are big soccer fans and often gather to watch the games as Americans do with their favorite sports. Carla teaches English to kindergartners in a school in which every class shares one television and they must



Cecilia(Left) and **Carla**(Right) share their stories with us last Wednesday

schedule their time. She also teaches 5th and 6th graders at a primary school and at a high school. She shared how their lack of resources, such as paraprofessionals and classroom supplies forces them to develop good classroom management skills. She is active at her church and helps cook, and collect food, for underprivileged kids.

Next, was Cecilia. Cecilia shared how difficult it can be to teach in a fast-paced city with very little, if any,

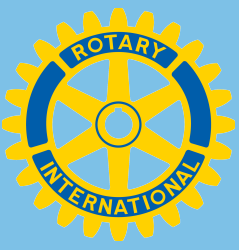
training available to them. In the area she is from, private schools are the only option for acquiring an education of any quality. She shared how she, and others in her schools, have used music and movies to learn the English language, and expressed her appreciation for this trip and the opportunity to fully immerse herself in the English language. "Speaking the language in class is much different than living in it every day." She's loved her trip and says that even if she is to return to the U.S., it will never be like the experience they are having now.

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Quote of the Year:

"Let's accomplish great things together."

-Anne Schneider



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Susana was the first of the Panama teachers to speak. She shared some pictures of her husband and 3 kids, and went on to provide us with a little history of Panama. She shared how it's construction began in the 1890s by the French, who caught malaria and left. It was eventually



finished by the U.S. in 1914 and in 1999 was returned to the Panamanians. She shared how rich and prosperous the country had been prior to being looted by the many pirates that sailed through the area. Susana teaches at the university level and participated in the RITE program in Panama last year. This is her first trip outside of the country and she, too, relishes the opportunity to immerse herself in the English language that she teaches back home.

The 4th teacher to speak was Marggie Morales. Marggie has been an English teacher since 2016 and has actually taken teaching courses in Washington D.C. as well as China. Marggie challenges her students with presenting projects in English back in David, Chiriqui, Panama were all 3 of the Panamanian teachers reside. Marggie is recently engaged, which bodes well for her chances at satisfying a mother intent on grandchildren.

Last to speak was Arcenio Romero. Arcenio is married with a 5 year old son and he talked about the commitment required to teach in his area of Panama. He shared how he must walk 4 hours to the school where he teaches. He makes this trek once on Sunday and once at the end of the week on Friday; residing at the school during the week. Due to the lack of resources, the seminars that Arcenio has experienced through RITE have been greatly appreciated. Arcenio is also able to share his first love, hair cutting, with his fellow faculty. He powers his clippers through power provided by solar panels for the school. He is excited to share what he has learned when he gets home. As he concluded his speech, Arcenio believes "where there's a will, there's a way."



Fireside This Week:

Our next Fireside will be at the Kansas Humane Society **this week**; February 12th. We will all meet at **3313 N. Hillside.**

Condolences:

If anyone would like to send condolences to the Rathert family regarding the passing of Lori's mother on Monday, February 3rd they can be sent to:

Kevin & Lori Rathert
2929 N Rock Rd. Ste 140
Wichita, KS 67226

EWR Foundation Scholarship:

The Foundation Scholarship is now available on the EWR website. The window for application has shifted and will be open now until April 15th. Share the opportunity with anyone you know planning on attending a Kansas college/university or WSU Tech this fall!

This Week:

Fireside at **The Humane Society**



Announcements



OPEN WORLD
LEADERSHIP CENTER

Thank You East Wichita Rotary FOR HOSTING

We are pleased to inform you that the schedule for the week is mostly planned.

Now here is how you can be engaged in this project and where we need YOUR help!

Hosting a delegate for the week-long stay (February 28 or 29 – March 7).

Help with **driving delegates** to various learning sites throughout the week.

Help us **find a van** to use to transport delegates throughout the week (daytime only).

Help identify someone associated with the **Wichita Young Professional group as speaker.**

Help identify someone associated with the **Wichita Chamber of Commerce as speaker.**

Contact Robin McGonigle, Joyce Heismeyer or Fred Heismeyer if you can help with any of the above.

Fred, Joyce, and Robin are still in need of volunteers to help out with the Open World delegate visit. Contact any of them if you are able to help out.

Register to attend a special Luncheon with the the RI President-Elect. Link below the image.



Fellow EWR Rotarians
YOU'RE INVITED

TO A SPECIAL LUNCHEON WITH RI PRESIDENT-ELECT

HOLGER KNAACK

Saturday, March 28 at 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Wichita Marriott in Wichita, Kansas

Enjoy meeting a very special RI Leader
Hear an inspiring message
Join fellow D5680 Rotarian Leaders in fellowship
Perhaps even get a picture with RIPE Holger

Learn how our international leadership brings the RI vision to life

"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

Register at: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=zxax4ohab&oeidk=a07egu5ugu95fb6bda5>

YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS VERY SPECIAL ROTARY EVENT!

Register Here