



# Rotary Notary

## Week of January 22nd

### Congressman Marshall

Last week's speaker was the U.S. Representative for Kansas's 1st congressional district, Dr. Roger Marshall. Roger is a 5th generation farm kid from El Dorado that set his sights on medicine. He attended Butler County Community College and then Kansas State University before attending The University of Kansas for medical school (which I'm sure helped develop his diplomatic skills). After Med School, Roger completed his residency in St. Petersburg, Florida and served in the U.S. Army Reserve for 7 years before landing in Great Bend, where he practiced medicine for 25 years. When he's not doing the people's business, he's spending time with his wife, Laina, 4 children, and 2 grandchildren.



Roger is a fellow Rotarian, and shared how the 4-way test, specifically **"Is it Fair to All Concerned"**, governs his approach to political life. Possessing a great deal of medical experience, it only made sense that Marshall would find himself on Health Care team assignments in congress. It was his work on the different health care initiatives that led him to his first meeting with the president, which he shared with us.

Upon walking into the president's office for what Mulvaney assured him would be a 10 minute meeting, and no more, the first words spoken were Mr. Trump asking Roger "How are your farmers doing?" After explaining the hardships that our farmers, and so many around the country, are going through, President Trump asked Dr. Marshall to relay a message to them for him. He said, "Tell them I love them, and Thank them for being patriots". At the end of their conversation, which greatly exceeded the 10 minute time limit, the POTUS noticed how Roger seemed to be fixated on the red button he had sitting on his desk. "I bet you're wondering what the red button does," he said to him. When Roger confirmed his hunch, the president gave the button a push. To Roger's surprise, the pressing of the red button resulted in the arrival of a Marine Corporal into the oval office, carrying a Diet Coke.

Roger went on to share how his experience in Rotary has led him to seek partnerships with the U.S. Government in the effort to eradicate Polio. By sharing how much good Rotary does, he has been able to generate interest from congress that's led to funding matches exceeding \$240 million to the Polio Plus initiative. With Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria being the last 3 countries on Earth that still experience Polio cases, he remains focused on pursuing strategies to penetrate these more difficult locations to finish the job.

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### At Rotary Today:

**Greeter:** Jatren Johnson

**Invocation, Flag Salute & 4-Way Test:**

Marc Campbell

### Special Guests:

**Derrick Pruitt**

- Mahaney Group

**Laina Marshall**

- Roger's Wife

**Paul & Kim Atwater**

- Greg Ek

**Bill Wozniak**

- Greg Ek

**Dane Estok**

- Mahaney Group

### Member Birthdays:

Chris Whitney - 1/22

Deb Brinegar - 1/24

### Rotary Anniversaries:

Kelly Dandurand - 1/22

**1 year**

Richard Strunk - 1/22

**28 years**

Scott Hampel - 1/23

**18 years**

### Quote of the Year:

"Let's accomplish great things together."

-Anne Schneider



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In addition to his work on Health Care and Polio, Congressman Marshall's other area of focus is on trade. With 44% of the Kansas economy coming from the agricultural sector, U.S. trade relations are of the utmost concern for Marshall. With the USMCA and Phase 1 China deal filling the news recently, good news appears to be on the horizon.

Phase 1 with China proports to increase Chinese exports from \$70 million to \$1 billion in agriculture alone. Along with this overall increase, Congressman Marshall also sees great opportunity in the pet food industry. With 1/2 of all U.S. pet food being manufactured between Emporia, KS and St. Joe, MO, an increase in exports to China (which previously purchased NO pet food from the U.S.) could have an added positive effect on the Kansas economy. Marshall's optimism for the new China trade deal stems from the added enforcement mechanism. Where previous China trade deals approached violations with rather lax penalties that took years to enforce, the new trade deal promises swift and decisive action for non-compliance.

Following Dr. Marshall's talk was a question and answer portion in which the Congressman shared his thoughts on other topics of interest:

- In terms of Climate Change, he emphasized his desire to find possible solutions, such as conservation, carbon-recapture, and the use of cover crops here in Kansas.
- In terms of the national debt, he made no excuses and admits that it's a problem in Washington. But he also believes a big 1st step in tackling spending is establishing a strong economy.
- In terms of student loan debt, he expressed his desire to prevent large loan burdens and to educate students and families on the realities of college education that they may not know. Like, for instance, how in the state of Kansas the average starting salary of someone with a 2 year degree actually exceeds that of someone with a 4 year degree.
- In terms of the toxic D.C. partisanship, Congressman Marshall assured us that the D.C. we see on the news is much different than the one he lives in. He joins in a Thursday morning prayer group, a Tuesday night dinner group, workout groups and Bible studies that are all bi-partisan; something that we would all be wise to keep in mind the next time we flip on the television...or laptop...or iPad...or smartphone...you get the point.



## Fireside:

Our next Fireside will be at the Kansas Humane Society on Wednesday, February 12th. Barn'rds will be catering, so get signed up at the front table so we can give them a head count.

## 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 KS university or WSU Tech this fall!

## Tomorrow:

**Blake Flanders, Kansas Board of Regents President**



# 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. 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=zipax4ohab&oeidk=a07egu5ugu95fb6bda5>

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

Register Here