



Rotary Notary

Week of January 29th

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Joanne Rogers

Invocation, Flag Salute &

4-Way Test:

Phil Broz

Member News:

Britt Fulmer

Special Guests:

Cindy Pfeiffer

Blake Flanders

Tom Church

- Sunrise Club

Member Birthdays:

Kim Vining - 1/29

Deik Scram - 2/1

Phil Broz - 2/2

Gilbert Omido - 2/2

Spouse Birthdays:

Becky Samaniego - 1/28

Rotary Anniversaries:

Richard Samaniego - 1/28

7 years

Sheila Cole - 2/1

2 years

Eileen Kludt - 2/1

7 years

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Quote of the Year:

"Let's accomplish great things together."

-Anne Schneider

Higher Education Update

Last week's speaker came to us from the Kansas Board of Regents. President and CEO, Blake Flanders, grew up in Edson, KS and graduated from both Colby Community College and Kansas State University, where he would receive his Masters in Animal Science and Doctorate of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction. From there, Dr. Flanders has spent the past 32 years in higher education institutions with stints at Butler Community College, Manhattan Area Technical College, and as a liaison between the Board of Regents and the Department of Commerce.



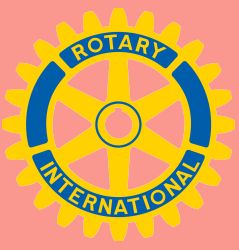
For his talk, Blake provided us with an update on the current state of higher education in Kansas. It is no secret that many of today's employers view a college degree as a proxy for a certain set of skills. To reiterate this point, he shared that 99% of post-recession jobs in Kansas have gone to people with education beyond high school; 72% going to people with Bachelor's degrees. And with such a high emphasis on college education, the role of the Kansas Board of Regents becomes amplified.

In an effort improve the education experience for Kansas families, Blake and his team have held focus groups to find out what matters most to Kansas business leaders and to students and their families. They found that the number one concern for students is the cost, while business leaders show concern for the talent pipeline and innovation.

With this information, The Board of Regents has enacted several initiatives to address the talent pool, including the University Engineering Initiative. This effort increased the focus on career technical education and led to the creation of the Innovation Campus at WSU.

On the student side, Kansas universities suffer from a significant drop in state funding over the last several years which throws gasoline on the fire of tuition spikes. Despite this, Kansas universities have been able to mitigate the damage and, in 2019, boasted the first year without a tuition increase in quite some time. They are also looking into a program to provide high school students with one free college course in either their junior or senior year as a way to both get students interested in college, and alleviate even a small portion of the financial burden on college students. This pilot program will be rolled out state-wide once the parameters are set.

These initiatives, along with research on potential Income Sharing Agreements for student loans and continued board reviews on ways to reduce costs, should assure Kansans that The Board of Regents will remain focused on making higher education worthwhile for our businesses and families alike.



How Bout Those CHIEEEFS!!!!!!



Super Bowl LIV Champs!!

Early Spring!!



On Sunday, Punxsutawney
Phil saw no shadow, thus
predicting an early end to
Winter.

Rotary Mixer:

Our next mixer will be on
Wednesday, February 12th at
Bubba's. Bring a friend!



Britt Fulmer delivers
Member News
accompanied by a dire
warning for any parent
concerned for their
children's occupational
future. :-)



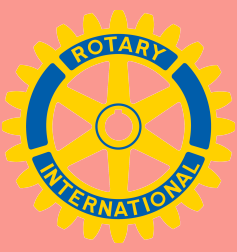
Greg Ek introduces last
week's speaker; Kansas
Board of Regents President
and CEO, Blake Flanders

Charter Members Anniversary:

This year marks the 36th birthday for the East Wichita Rotary. I just wanted to recognize the Charter Members, whose anniversary was on Saturday. The EWR began on February 1st, 1984.

Marc Campbell Britt Fulmer John Hoffman John Hurst

*Honorable Mention to **Dave Sproul** who joined 14 days later*



New Member Introductions:

East Wichita Rotary was pleased to welcome 2 new members last week. Be sure to say hello and welcome them to EWR when you see them!

Ken Moldenhauer:

Ken grew up on a farm in the Southeast corner of Kansas. In addition to farming, his father was also a carpenter and Ken helped him on many construction projects, including the house in which his parent retired.

Ken earned his BS and Masters in Ag Education from KSU. From there, he began a career in Human Resources with Cargill in Dodge City, KS and has held various leadership roles with the company over the last 30 years; including Learning and Development, Talent Development, Performance Consulting, and Human Resource Management.

In May of 2018, Ken purchased the CertaPro of East Wichita where he is now able to utilize his leadership, construction, and business skills. Ken has also served as the Board Chair for Sedgwick County Extension and on the Advisory Committee for the State of Kansas Research and Extension.

Ken lives near Valley Center with his wife Marcine and daughter MacKenzie. They enjoy K-State football (who doesn't?), traveling, and taking part in MacKenzie's multiple 4-H projects.

Larry Hund:

Dr. Larry Hund received his Bachelors in Biology from Newman University in 1974 before attending Med School at the University of Kansas. After medical school, Larry attended a residency at Children's Mercy in Kansas City before relocating to Wichita in 1981, where he practiced pediatrics with Vernon James for a year before striking out on his own. In 1983 he started Mid-Kansas Pediatric Associates.

In addition to his own practice, Dr. Hund has also served as a Clinical Assistant Professor in Pediatrics for the KU School of Medicine in Wichita. He is also an active parishioner at St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Andover. Larry has a beautiful wife, Margie, 3 daughters, and 5 grandchildren.



The New members and their Sponsors:

Left to Right: Kevin Rathert, Larry McNeil, Larry Hund, Ken Moldenhauer, Bob Morris

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.

OSCAR reading Day:

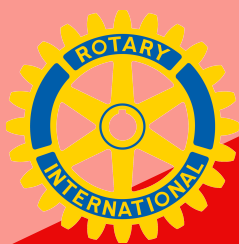
Our next volunteer opportunity will be on Friday, March 6th, at Buckner Elementary. Get signed up for OSCAR Reading Day where we re-acquaint ourselves with the likes of Dr. Seuss, Clifford, and The Bernstein Bears as we read to area youth.

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!

Next Week:

Next Week's program will bring in some teachers from **RITE** (Rotary International Teacher Exchange)



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