



ROTARY NOTARY

Member Birthdays:

Joe Goetz	12/13
Jim Boone	12/13
Lindsay McClellan	12/27
John McEwen	12/29
Schoen Fitzgerald	12/31
Jessica Dunbar	1/12

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Angela Binyon

Special Guests:

Gary Ayres
Clayton Kaiser
Season Wedman
Corey Wren

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:

Robin McGonigle

Rotary Anniversaries:

John Schlicher—37 years
Steve Houlik—36 years
Ric Woford—27 years
Jim Crawford—11 years
Drew Rooks—8 years
Shane Pullman—3 years
Ken Moldenhauer—2 years

Wedding Anniversaries:

Jessica and Dustin Dunbar—
14 years

Quote of the Week:

Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.

— Robert Brault

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE EWR FOUNDATION



Denise Hearson was one of several EWR Foundation board members who presented updated information to the club during our first meeting of the year. Denise has served our club in many capacities and we appreciate her service to our foundation!

Our own EWR Foundation has accomplished some amazing things since it was launched in 1996. During today's presentation and celebration of its 25th anniversary we learned about the dollars and cents of the foundation, as well as the exciting announcement that the Foundation has established an endowment fund.

Several EWR Foundation members contributed to the presentation: Schoen Fitzgerald, Susan Addington, John Vetter, Denise Hearson, and former EWR member Gary Ayres.

The Foundation began with a \$10,000 gift from past president Bob Schwan. The idea was to create a fund that would provide financial support to area students who were doing well in high

school but experiencing financial challenges. The first scholarship recipient, April Geschwenter, was a student at Campus High in Haysville when she applied for an EWR scholarship. After receiving a degree in management and marketing, she earned an additional degree in elementary education, followed by a masters in library science. Currently she is the school librarian at Wheatland Elementary in Andover.

Since 2013 a total of 51 students have received scholarships totaling \$145,000. One third attend Wichita State, followed by 20% to KU and 20% to K-State.

As the cost of obtaining a college education continues to grow, so does our club's commitment to continue to award scholarships to

outstanding, deserving area students who attend college in Kansas. To that end, the EWR Foundation board has created an endowment fund. The goal is to raise \$25,000 in cash and pledges this year, an amount that will be matched with Foundation funds.

An endowment is a permanent fund that is invested. The income is used for charitable purposes while the principal is never touched. It is a gift that keeps on giving!

The campaign has already raised \$13,200 in cash and pledges from EWR members. Information on how you can support this worthwhile investment in our community's future is available by contacting Kim Hurtig, or any EWR Foundation board member. What an exciting way to help our community's future leaders realize their dream of attending college

Announcements:

The badge box has been re-alphabetized and renumbered; please look for your badge in its new slot, which matches the number on the back of your badge.

Step and volunteer to be a greeter or prayer leader at an upcoming meeting! What a fun and easy way to offer Service Above Self!

Our January 26 meeting will be by ZOOM only to better facilitate the club assembly program and presentation of financial statements. You will receive the link to the meeting in advance.

Good News!

With a last-minute gift of \$100 our club reached the goal of raising \$2,500 to provide water and sanitation systems to schools in the Grahamstown/Makhanda Township of South Africa. Our club's gift will be matched dollar for dollar with District funds, for a total contribution of \$5,000. Congratulations to all EWR members who supported this worthwhile project!

Next Week:

We meet at the Wichita Marriott again! Ben Hutton, CEO of Hutton Construction, will be our speaker.

BACK FOR A VISIT

Former EWR member Gary Ayres returned to help with the presentation. Gary's mother-in-law, Eileen Sheppard, donated a significant gift to the EWR Foundation because she so strongly supported our work to provide college scholarships to deserving students in need.



CHRISTMAS PARTY JOY



The Wichita Collegiate Madrigals (above) under the direction of Matt Webber sang a variety of holiday classics for our enjoyment.

President Greg Ek (L), accompanied by a team of reindeer, read a customized version of "The Night Before Christmas."