



ROTARY NOTARY

Birthdays:

<i>Richard Samaniego</i>	7/11
<i>Juston White</i>	7/11
<i>Marshall Millsap</i>	6/27

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Richard Samaniego

**Invocation, Flag Salute,
and Four-way test:**
Anne Schneider

Member News:
Britt Fulmer

Special Guests:
Jaren Johnson
Sarah Wine

Rotary Anniversaries:
Tom Morris—17 years
Tim O'Sullivan—17 years

Wedding Anniversaries:
Britt and Brenda Fulmer—
41 years
Richard and Benita Strunk—
37 years

Quote of the Week:

An investment in knowledge
always pays the best interest.

—Benjamin Franklin

HOW WICHITA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS HELP FAMILIES IN TRANSITION



Cynthia Martinez is passionate about serving not only students but their families in her role as the Liaison for the McKinney-Vento program. She is shown here with Wichita Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Alicia Holloway (L) at the annual holiday gift distribution for families.

Homeless children don't necessarily live on the streets, Cynthia Martinez explained. But there's been a significant transition in their lives that has caused instability and uncertainty, leading to tardiness, absenteeism, and failing grades.

The instability Martinez referred to is the lack of stable housing. Students in transition have lost their permanent residence because of a parent's job loss, divorce, or the need to flee from domestic violence.

The federal government defines these students as homeless because they may be living in a shelter, or with relatives. In changing addresses suddenly they may also have moved to a different part of town where starting at a new school in the middle of the year just

adds to the many changes that can make their lives seem out of control.

The McKinney-Vento Program eases these transitions by, first of all, providing transportation services that allow students to stay in their current school. The program also provides school supplies, uniforms, toiletries, even socks and shoes when needed. The result is that despite many big changes in their lives, students remain at the same school with the same teachers and friends they've had.

Some families end up living in motels after losing their residence. McKinney-Vento staff can assist them with housing applications. Staff also assist families who move to Wichita because of hardship elsewhere and are living temporarily with family or friends. They connect parents with job

search and training resources.

Sadly, some students are in the McKinney-Vento Program because their parents can't, or won't, provide for them. They end up living with a friend or sometimes a trusted adult. Keeping these students enrolled and engaged in school is a top priority for the program, which provides caps and gowns for graduating seniors.

During the 2017-2018 school year, 48 out of 70 students in the program graduated from high school. They were treated to a special evening honoring their achievements. Each one received a complimentary photo shoot and prints; a duffel bag full of gifts; and \$60 in gift certificates. Many are planning to go on to college or trade school. Unlike many of the others they've experienced, this transition is one to celebrate.

Upcoming Events:

July 25—FIRESIDE at the Advanced Learning Library—the new downtown library that opened last month. It's located at 711 W. 2nd (along McLean Blvd.) Bring your spouse or a guest to check out this amazing new facility that's been years in the making! Sign up with Kim Hurtig so we have a proper headcount for the caterer.

July 26—MIXER at the Public at the Brick Yard in Old Town. Join your fellow Rotarians in a casual, social setting. And bring a spouse, friend, or prospective Rotarian! We'll start mixing it up at 5:15!

2018—2019 EWR Board:

President: Burke Jones
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Membership: Bob Morris

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Susan Addington

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Michael Moeder

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Richard Samaniego

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Next Week:

We'll have a Club Assembly. Be part of the present and future of our club by reviewing where we are and where we want to be.

MORE AT ROTARY TODAY



Burke Jones led today's meeting with ease, reinforcing our belief that he'll be a great president during this Rotary Year. You're welcome to join Burke and the speakers at the front of the room during lunch. Don't be afraid! He's really a very nice guy!

Notes from today's meeting:

Dr. Ken Dillehay and his wife Becky have become grandparents for the second time. Their granddaughter Audrey was born on Monday, July 2, joining her sister Vivian to round out the family.

Welcome back Brian Blackerby! Brian was a member of our club and left when his work took him to the other side of town. Now he's back on the east side and has rejoined EWR. We're glad to see you again, Brian!

Remember to share the best of your vacation photos with Rotary Notary! Email your favorites to the editor: acorriston@gmail.com.

NATIONAL BLUEBERRY MUFFIN DAY

Surprisingly, the blueberry is a relative newcomer to the list of fruits that have been domesticated for commercial and personal production. Agricultural specialist Elizabeth Coleman White and USDA botanist Frederick Vernon Coville developed and commercialized the first domestic blueberries just over 100 years ago.

It wasn't easy. During the early 1900s blueberries were found only in the wild. But Elizabeth, who as a girl hunted those wild berries, dreamed of a "field full of bushes." She worked tirelessly to realize her dream, even missing Thanksgiving dinner with her family one year to collect blueberry plants with the locals.

Elizabeth and Frederick worked together, identifying the wild plants with the most desirable properties, then crossbreeding them to create new varieties. In 1916, after just five years in partnership, the two harvested and sold the first commercial crop of blueberries out of Whitesbog, NJ.

Elizabeth White was a true pioneer, becoming one of the produce industry's first female leaders of agriculture. Bake a batch of blueberry muffins in her honor. They're easy to make with either frozen or fresh blueberries. As you bite into their delicious sweet goodness, thank the woman whose passion and smarts created an entire industry. (Source: AndNowUKnow, Produce Industry News, website, www.andnowuknow.com)

