



# Rotary Notary

## Week of July 17th

### At Rotary Today:

**Greeter:** John Alefs

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

Greg Ek

**Special Guests:**

Christopher Burrell's mother, **Val**

Jazmine Rogers' mother, **Mandy**

**Member Birthdays:**

\*Marshall Millsap - 7/17

Ann Buckendahl - 7/20

Scott Holder - 7/20

Craig Burns - 7/22

Jonathan McConnell - 7/22

**Rotary Anniversaries:**

Tom Morris - **17 yrs**

Tim O'sullivan - **17 yrs**

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Denise and Tracy Hearson  
*July 18th - 26 yrs*

Pat and Lynn Jeane  
*July 22nd - 47 yrs*

### **Quote of the Week:**

"Let's accomplish great things together"

-Anne Schneider

### **A Four Pager!**

Attendees at this week's rotary lunch enjoyed a whopper of a lunch (\*Not a whopper FOR lunch)! Besides our excellent speaker from the Chung Report, Joe Sullivan introduced our newest Rotarian and Susan Addington brought in 5 of the recent scholarship recipients to meet with us and give us an update.

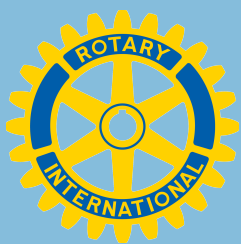


### **New Member Announcement**

First on the docket was the introduction of Vanessa Rohlman. Joe shares a unique connection to Vanessa, having known her since 2003, and was thrilled to get to introduce her to the club. Vanessa has been in Wichita most of her life where she now lives with her husband Ryan and dog, Noah. She works as a Financial Planner with our former member, Paul Dahlke. Vanessa earned her BA from the Barton School of Business at Wichita State University with minors in Economics, Marketing, and Management. Vanessa looks forward to the service opportunities with Rotary that Joe and Paul have told her so much about.



\*Editor's Note: Author forgot how to read numbers and mistakenly recorded Marshall's birthday in last weeks issue for the 11th. It is the 17th.



**Back Row:** Brant Westbrook, Fred Thurlow, Schoen Fitzgerald, **Wesley Crow**, Susan Addington

**Front Row:** Jazmine Rogers, Ashley Seaman, Kamryn Villa, **Christopher Burrell**, John Alefs

## Scholarships and More Scholarships!

Next was the bevy of scholarship recipients. First to speak was the only NEW scholarship recipient in attendance, **Jazmine Rogers**. Jazmine graduated from Wichita West this past May and will be a 1st generation college student. Jazmine's community service at West involved cleaning up around the campus as well as a volunteer program with local elementary schools where they would read and have lunch with the kids. Jazmine will attend Fort Hays State University(Hail Alma Mater!) in the fall where she will utilize her EMT certification and find a job in health care while she works toward her nursing degree. Jazmine's mother, Mandy, was also in attendance today.

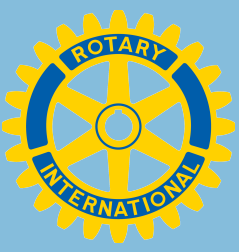
Next up was **Kamryn Villa**. Kamryn was able to overcome the anxieties of her first year at KU and land herself on the Dean's Honor Roll! She is a member of the Kappa Delta Sorority and majoring in Human Biology with a minor in Sociology. Kamryn stays very active in her volunteer work; helping out with the KU Center for Community Outreach, mentoring, and helping with the Cuff & Axes Charity Boxing Classic here in Wichita. Benefits from which go toward a delinquency prevention program for at risk youth.

**Ashley Seaman** is a local student who's just finished her 2nd year at Butler County Community College where she, too, ended up on the Dean's Honor Roll. Ashley has worked as a CNA throughout college and often goes beyond those duties to treat many of the residents of Glenn Carr House in Derby, where she works, or Villa Maria in Mulvane, where he grandparents are, to ice cream or afternoon drinks. Ashley will attend WSU Tech in the fall and work toward her Surgical Tech accreditation.

**Christopher Burrell** is also a first generation college student and has been very busy at Kansas State University where he majors in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Leadership Studies. Between serving as the Chair on a KSU Outreach committee and serving with the Big 12 Award-Winning Black Student Union, Christopher was able to put together a Toy-Drive for the Boys and Girls club; gathering over 500 toys for kids in the Manhattan community last Christmas! Christopher's mother, Val, was also able to join us for lunch.

Concluding the group was a recent graduate of Kansas State University; **Wesley Crow**. Wes received his Bachelor's in Music Education this past year and shared, with us, how hectic his life has been since then. In the matter of just a couple months, Wesley has gone from Student Teaching, to buying a house, to getting married, to accepting a teaching job at Harmony Middle School in the Blue Valley school district. This keeps with following in his father's footsteps whom also taught music at a Middle School. Wes's wife is a teacher in the Kansas City Public School System where she felt called to teach in the inner city. Wesley also shared his most meaningful experience at Kansas State in becoming the Brass section leader for the 400-piece Kansas State University Marching band. EMAW!





**Shout Out:** Anne took a moment in the beginning of the meeting to express our appreciation to the Wichita Country Club for the great food we enjoy every week. Be sure to thank a member of the staff for all they do the next time they bring you your drink!

**The Badge Box:** We have renumbered and re-alphabetized the badge box. Be sure to return your badge to its new home.

**Club Directory:** Kim is working on a new 2019-20 Club Directory. If there are any changes to work/home/contact information, or new headshots, please get them to Kim ASAP

## Saving Wichita

Finally was our program speaker; John DeCesaro. In addition to his role as a VP of Marketing at Fidelity Bank, John has worn several hats throughout his career; including leadership positions with the **Young Professionals of Wichita**, The **Wichita American Marketing Association**, The **American Red Cross Midway-Kansas Chapter**, The **Wichita Public Library Foundation**, The **Tallgrass Film Association** and **Rainbows United**. While each of these roles could've filled a half-hour speech on their own, John used his time with us to chat about one of his passionate roles as an editor for **The Chung Report**.



The Chung Report, for those who weren't aware (just me I think) is an online initiative dedicated to tackling the economic challenges facing the city of Wichita. The site derives its name from James Chung; a data analyst with his company, **Reach Advisors**. They, in conjunction with the **Wichita Community Foundation** conducted a multi-year study of the Wichita landscape in 2014-2015 and released a series of presentations they referred to as 'Focus Forward'. While the initiative *does* derive their name from Mr. Chung, the site has no procedural ties to James or the Wichita Community Foundation.

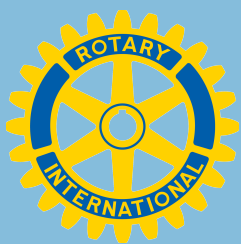
The results of the study were a bit bleak and James worried that the city may be approaching the point of no return. He identified 4 key challenges to the Wichita economy in his projected decline; The **Business Cycle**, **Human Capital**, **Entrepreneurship**, and **Perception**. These are the challenges around which the initiative is centered with the stated core purpose of:

***"Stimulating collaboration, business growth, and entrepreneurial energy as we rise in utter defiance of our city's projected decline".***

## THE CHUNG REPORT

The reports that were presented offered up valuable information for the city and many worried that the information may be received, contemplated for a bit, and eventually forgotten about. Leaving Wichita destined to the unfortunate fate that has befallen so many manufacturing towns throughout the country. It was for that reason that The Chung Report was created. It was a way to keep the city's economic issues top-of-mind in our discourse, with the hope that productive collaboration would lead to tangible results.

The site will be 3 years old at the end of this month and has already uncovered some promising trends. In addressing the *Perception* challenge, more Wichitans said they want to stay than want to leave in 2018. This was a flip in results from the same question asked in 2016. It would stand to reason, then, that the overall optimism among Wichitans grew by 16% in that same timeframe.



The Chung Report emphasizes their desire to affect *real* change through their Website's Mission;

***"To be Refreshingly Unfiltered, Always Kindhearted, and Focused on the Prize".***

On The Chung Report website one will find a plethora of tools to spur that change in Wichita. Among these are their numerous **Explanatory Articles**- detailing our challenges and potential solutions to those challenges, their **Power Breakfast** series- bringing together Wichita influencers and disruptors for a sit down chat, **InFocus Profiles**- highlighting people doing meaningful work in the city, **Startup Diaries**- painting a picture of a day in the life of a Wichita startup, **Photo Essays**, **Oral Histories**, **Projects**, and numerous other conversation-starting works that only serve to benefit the City of Wichita.

Much like President Anne's challenges for the 2019-20 Rotary year, The Chung Report does not shy away from Tall Tasks. The issues facing the Wichita economy are not a secret, and are not unique to Wichita alone. And just like our club goals, the success in re-vitalizing the city will depend on all of our commitment to stay involved. Check out their website at <https://thechungreport.com/> and join the conversation.

## Mixer This Week!

Wichita Brewing Company on Thursday July 25th. Don't be shy to use the mixer for New Member recruitment!

**On The Horizon:** Our next Fireside meeting will be at Evergy (*formerly Westar Energy*). Keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet at the front table. Barn'rds will be catering the Fireside

## Next Week:

Our RYLA student, **Eli Wilch** will be sharing his journey with us alongside another group of Scholarship recipients. We will have a couple members giving Business Briefs as well!

**In Closing:** Anne announced that she will be sitting at different tables from week to week. So be on the look-out for Anne's table. She may just get you signed up for a committee!