



ROTARY NOTARY

HOW STUDENTS MOVE UP AT WICHITA URBAN PREP ACADEMY

Member Birthdays:

Larry McNeil	7/30
Ken Moldenhauer	8/6
Brant Westbrook	8/7

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Susan Addington

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:
Marc Campbell

Special Guests:
Val Burrell
Courtney Collins
Felicia Saunders

Rotary Anniversaries:
Bobbi Hansen—31 years
Susan Addington—17 years
Kim Goodnight—7 years
Randy Aronis—3 years
Jason Shaffer—1 year
Alex Kruse—1 year

Wedding Anniversaries:
Scott & Katy Nelson—34 years
Matt & Julia List—32 years
Tyler & Katie Fee—6 years

Quote of the Week:

Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!

— Anne Frank



Bishop Wade Moore is a veteran of the U.S. Army, a former Boeing employee, and former full-time youth pastor. A few years ago he purchased the former Mueller elementary school building located at 24th and Estelle and converted it into Urban Prep Academy.

When Wade Moore met a sixth grade student who could not read, a desire welled up within him. It was a desire to create a private school for students from low-income and working class families, an academy where students could get caught up in their education and then exceed expectations.

He purchased the former Mueller Elementary school building on East 24th street and began the process of attracting families and donors to support the school, which he named Urban Prep Academy. The school began serving students from kindergarten to fifth grade. When Moore learned that transportation was an issue for willing families, he purchased a

former church van and began transporting students from all over Wichita to their new school. During the past year students rode on one of five full bus routes.

Emphasizing the importance of reading and math, Moore hired specialists in those areas. When he learned that the top math students in the world came from Singapore, he sought out the math curriculum they used. Calling it "Singapore Math," Moore explained that at first, no one understood it. To help parents learn the curriculum basics and be able to help their kids with homework, he opened a Parent Academy on Saturday mornings.

Moore believes in showing genuine love to the students by making them feel special

and wanted. "True love shows you care about the students, you believe in them, and you'll help them through trials," he explained.

Each school day begins with what Moore calls "Morning Motivation." The students gather in the library/media center where a speaker makes a 20-minute motivational speech. The students recite the school creed, the Pledge of Allegiance, and pray together. Moore said the first new student who can recite the creed from memory receives a \$50 gift card. A very motivated student learned the creed in just one day!

Rotarians have a service opportunity to assist this amazing school. Let's pitch in on August 3 for a Service Above Self Afternoon!

Announcements:

Pick up your **FREE** printed copy of the 2022—2023 EWR directory at Kim’s table. It includes our meeting calendar in the back and advertisements from EWR members whose support has provided your complimentary copy of the directory. Be sure to tell them thank you!

Our first club “Service Above Self” opportunity will take place on **Wednesday, August 3** from 1:00—3:00 p.m. at the Urban Preparatory Academy, 2821 E. 24th St. We will fill backpacks with school supplies for the upcoming school year. If your schedule permits, please drop by! No advance sign-up is necessary. There’s no meeting that day, so take a late lunch and join your fellow Rotarians in helping out.

If you ordered an EWR polo shirt, it has been delivered! The cost is \$20, either cash or check. If you didn’t order a shirt this time, we’ll place another order in a few months. Club member **Michael Moeder** is heading up this project for us. Thanks, Michael and to Exhibit Arts, the vendor, who specializes in convention services and branded products. The new shirts look great!

Next Week:

NO MEETING ON Wednesday, August 3. See you on August 10!

MORE AT ROTARY TODAY

Fred Thurlow (L) introduces three East Wichita Rotary Foundation scholarship recipients. **L-R they are:** Noah Betlach, Chris Burrell, and Niki Wood.



This week we met three scholarship recipients. Noah Betlach recently graduated from WSU Tech, where he received his Associates Degree in Welding. He is working for the local Plumber and Pipefitters Union and at Dean E. Norris, where he’s learning a lot about putting into practice the skills he’s learned. Chris Burrell is a senior at K-State, majoring in mechanical engineering and minoring in leadership studies. He will graduate in May 2023. Rotary has been an important part of his life since he was 12 years old. **Dave Sproul** brought Chris to one of our meetings when he was a member of the Boys and Girls Club. Niki Wood will be a sophomore at Benedictine College and said that her first year of college was extremely transformative. She thought she had her studies all planned out—and now she’s decided to major in elementary and special education. Congratulations to these students and thanks to our EWR Foundation supporters!

WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS



Tom Church introduces a very special new member, his wife **Peggy Church**. He said he put a ring on her finger 51 years ago, and a Rotary pin on her today. Welcome, Peggy!!

Jessica Dunbar introduces new member **Scott Nelson**, a financial advisor with Edward Jones. He believes in the importance of community service and joined our club so he could put his desire to serve into action. We’re glad to have you join us, Scott!

