



# ROTARY NOTARY

## Birthdays:

Matt List	6/7
Joanne Rogers	6/16
Lynn Jeane	6/17
Nancy Wiebe	6/17
Dave Clothier	6/18
Don Schierer	6/19

## At Rotary Today:

**Greeter:** Greg Ek

**Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:**  
Scott Jensen

**Member News:**  
Dave Clothier

**Special Guests:**  
Mindy Cook  
Barbara Crawford  
Tracy Hearson  
Sarah Wine

**Wedding Anniversaries:**  
John and Karol Schlicher—55 years  
Tom and Jennifer Morris—31 years  
Kim and Tony Hurtig—28 years  
Steve and Suzanne Peterson—27 years

## Quote of the Week:

The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why.

—Mark Twain

## JOE SCHILLACI: FROM MEAN STREETS TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Joe Schillaci is a retired homicide and undercover narcotics detective with more than 30 years of experience on some of the meanest streets in Miami, FL. Today he lives and works in Wichita as a private investigator.

The worst thing that ever happened to Joe Schillaci during his law enforcement career in Miami was when he thought he'd been shot multiple times during an incident where gang leaders were attempting to assassinate two police officers. In defending himself and his partner, Schillaci fired back at a 19 year-old man, killing him. Watching him die was the worst thing Schillaci has seen happen.

Schillaci has seen a lot of very bad things in his work. He appeared on 13 episodes of "The First 48," a reality show on A&E that follows detectives during the first 48 hours following a homicide. He has authored a book, *My Prison of Darkness*, which depicts his personal struggle with PTSD along with his life experiences surrounding

his career in law enforcement. Currently he works here in Wichita as a private investigator. He includes human trafficking, robbery, and rape among the 30 active cases he is probing.

It's true that Schillaci has seen the worst side of human nature. Yet he's optimistic about what each of us can do to make things better—for our communities, our families, and ourselves. That's what he spent the previous day thinking about as he prepared for his presentation to EWR.

Children being abducted and murdered have been in the news recently. The one thing each of us can do to help children, Schillaci said, is to let them know you're there to support, protect, and listen to them. Don't just listen with your ears—listen with your heart. Let

them know they matter. You may never know the impact you will have when you do this, but it could be profound.

When asked his opinion on conceal and carry, Schillaci said he believes you should protect yourself and others. He also warned, "If you own a gun—know how to use it! And if you use it, know that the cavalry's coming [law enforcement]. There will be an emotional aftermath for you if you're a loving, caring, emotional human being."

Schillaci was also asked about the legalization of marijuana. While he doesn't want to tell adults what they can do in their own homes, he has seen, both personally and professionally, the effects of narcotics use. He cautioned, "Marijuana is a gateway drug, for sure." A sobering statement from someone who's been there.

**Upcoming Events:**

**June 20**—Next mixer at Emerson Biggins in Brittany Center, 21st and Woodlawn. Bring a spouse, friend, or future Rotarian! The fun begins at 5:15!

**June 22**—Dues for the Rotary Year beginning on July 1, 2018 are due.

**July 4**—NO MEETING due to Independence Day holiday.

**Help Wanted:**

Are you bursting with talent and a great ability to get things done? Burke Jones is looking for YOU! EWR needs smart, energetic people to serve on committees and make things happen during the 2018—2019 Rotary year. Let president-elect Burke Jones or Kim know if you're ready to sign up!

**Congratulations:**

Today is Kim Hurtig's five-year anniversary as our Club Executive. Congratulations, Kim! And thank you!!

**Next Week:**

Mark Potter, former Newman University head basketball coach, will be our speaker.

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Many of us were around when President Nixon made Father's Day a permanent national holiday by signing it into law in 1972, just 68 years after President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

But Father's Day actually has a long history elsewhere in the world. Beginning in the Middle Ages, European Catholics celebrated fathers on March 19, the feast day of St. Joseph. Today most countries celebrate the holiday on the third Sunday of June, which is this Sunday.

If you haven't found the perfect gift yet, here's a list compiled from various websites of (mostly) gag gifts NOT to give dear old Dad:

10. Ridiculous ties—seriously, do they ever wear them?
9. Golfer socks—let your dad buy his own socks.
8. Barbecue apron—Dad does just fine at the grill without an apron.
7. Singing trout—buy tickets to a concert he wants to attend instead of an annoying plastic fish.
6. Personal hygiene products—giving these assumes Dad can't take care of his own hygiene.
5. Barbecue-scented cologne—a gift destined for the next White Elephant exchange.
4. Cap or visor with hair attached—why rub it in that he's bald?
3. Sandal socks—socks and sandals look bad enough together, no need to recreate them.
2. Tattopees—a temporary tattoo that covers a bald spot.
1. Laser-cut crystal paperweight with your photo inside—No. Just. No.



## MY SUMMER VACATION

Rotarians love to travel. Whether it's a weekend getaway to Kansas City, a golfing trip to a sunny locale, or a long-awaited vacation around the world, we love to experience the sights, sounds, and food of another place.

Earlier this year Robin McGonigle and her husband Eric ventured to Cambodia and Vietnam. We're including these photos with the hope that you'll want to share your vacation discoveries with your fellow Rotarians. Just email them to yours truly. We wish you happy and safe travels.



Woman selling lunch to people on the Perfume River, Hue, Vietnam. In the fall, flowers from orchards upriver fall into the water, giving the river a perfume-like aroma, hence the name.

Hoi An is a city on Vietnam's central coast known for its well-preserved Ancient Town, cut through with canals. Its architecture is a mix of eras and styles from wooden Chinese shop houses and temples to colorful French colonial buildings.

