

ROTARY NOTARY



Birthdays:

<i>Cody Robinson</i>	3/15
<i>Anthony Ndungu</i>	3/17

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Michael Moeder

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:

Bill McConnell

Rotary Anniversaries:

Cathy McClain—10 years

Todd Bailey—4 years

Craig Wulf—3 years

Special Guests:

Brian Gowdy—President-Elect of West Wichita Rotary

Jack Flesher—Past President of West Wichita Rotary

Robert Mendoza—Rotary District Governor 5690 (our district!)

Quote of the Week:

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

—*Maya Angelou*

ROTARY CREATES SPECIAL CONNECTION WITH RUSSIANS



These visitors will spend 8 days in Wichita with their host families. L to R: Oleya Krunkacheva, Yevgeniya Leonovich, Irina Mishina, Oksana Votnova, and Kseniya Kaysheva. Each woman is holding the East Wichita Rotary Club banner.

What is more delightful than a group of enthusiastic visitors to our city, brought together through Rotary International's "Open World" Program?

Five women from Russia, along with their facilitator/translator, told us about their families, work, hobbies, and dreams for the future at today's meeting. Although they live more than 5,000 miles from Wichita, with their warmth and good humor they easily could be the fun co-workers you love to take a coffee break with.

Funded by the U.S. Congress, Open World is an exchange program for countries of the post-Soviet era. It introduces current and emerging Eurasian leaders

to their U.S. counterparts and to U.S. democratic and free-market institutions. Participants are typically young professionals, ages 25—45, who are accompanied by a facilitator who is fluent in the languages of both the visitors and the hosts.

Our guests are teachers of STEM (science, math, engineering and technology) who are passionate about encouraging girls to embrace the sciences. But they are also ambassadors for their communities who like to point out that we share many things in common.

For example, Ksenia Kaysheva is a PhD candidate who is married with a five year-old son. Robin and Eric McGonigle are her hosts. They are all accomplished professionals, she

noted, but they also share a deep love of family.

Tatyana Emanuel's presentation showed how much Wichita and her hometown of St. Petersburg have in common. The last slide showed two globes: one with flags of world countries all over it, and the other as the standard world globe with blue oceans and green countries. We may see the world divided into very separate, divided places known as countries, or we may see it as a place where people all over share many common values.

Our visitors are women who love to learn, share their knowledge, and live with joy. We hope that one day the "Open World" program will not only accept visitors from Russia, but send U.S. Rotarians there for the same friendship-building and learning.

Spring Events:

March 29—MIXER at Chili's, Central and Rock. Join your Rotary pals and bring a friend. We start mixing it up at 5:15!

April 14—Spring map painting at Gammon Elementary. (Rain date: April 28).

April 19—Serve dinner at The Lord's Diner. Food Handler's Card not required, but greatly appreciated.

May 5—Kentucky Derby Party at the Lux!

Russian Culture: True or False?

1. In Russia you should not shake hands with a woman.
2. Russia was the first country to give women the right to vote.
3. The next Russian President will be a woman.
4. There are only 9 men for every 10 Russian women.
5. 65% of Russian school teachers are women.

Answers:

1. False.
2. Technically it was the USSR that gave women the right to vote in 1918.
3. Um, probably not.
4. True.
5. False. 98% of Russian school teachers are women.

Next Week:

NO ROTARY due to Spring Break. See you on March 28 at the Wichita Country Club!

WOMEN IN ROTARY



Because today's program was a presentation by women who work in science and math, fields that, years ago, did not offer many leadership opportunities for women, we think it's a good time to share how women came to join Rotary.

In 1950 a Rotary Club from India proposed an enactment to delete the word "male" from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Fourteen years later, a club in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) proposed admitting women into Rotary clubs.

By 1972 more clubs across the world were lobbying for female members. In 1977 the Rotary Club of Duarte, in California, actually admitted female

members in violation of the Rotary International Constitution. Their membership in RI was terminated a year later. The club filed a lawsuit and on May 4, 1987 the U.S. Supreme Court heard the case. It ruled that Rotary clubs could not exclude women from membership based on gender. On May 28, 1987, the Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise was chartered, becoming the first Rotary Club to have female charter members.

In 1989, the first time the Council on Legislation of RI met since the U.S. Supreme Court decision, it eliminated the requirement that Rotary members be limited to men. Women were welcomed into Rotary clubs around the world. By 2010 RI counted 199,000 female members.

Chartered in 1984, our own club, Rotary Club of East Wichita, began admitting women in 1989. Hats off to all those around the world who championed the idea and made it a cause.

MORE AT ROTARY TODAY

In celebration of "National Potato Chip Day" our Club Executive Kim Hurtig distributed bowls of potato chips to every table. Brian Burrus (L) and Steve Peterson (R) were caught chowing down on these crispy, salty snacks.

**Fun facts about potato chips:**

The potato chip turns 165 this year.

The first recipe for potato chips was called "Fried Shavings."

It takes about 10,000 pounds of potatoes to make 2,500 pounds of potato chips.

The average person eats six pounds of potato chips a year.

Michigan eats more chips per capita than any other state.