



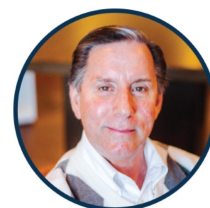
ROTARY NOTARY

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Rotarian Rundown

There is a limit to how smart you can be, but there's no limit to how dumb you can be." My English teachers always said to start essays with quotes to draw the reader in, and I cannot think I will have a better one than this, which came from our latest featured Rotarian. When I asked him to explain further, he said, "If you want to be the dumbest person on the planet, you can be, but you will never be the smartest."



This "Rotarian Rundown" features a lifelong Wichitan and self-proclaimed business geek, Rotarian Randy Aronis. We met on a busy Friday afternoon in downtown Wichita at the Old Mill Tasty Shop. Randy grabbed a table shortly before I arrived, and once I sat down, I could not stop taking notes. I have talked with Randy several times at our meetings and even at past social mixers, but this time was different. In our previous conversation, I did not realize the wealth of business knowledge that sat in front of me. A former business consultant and trainer, Randy seems to have read, studied, learned and taught game changing business strategies for most of his life, and I felt lucky to be bending his ear.



Randy's passion developed over time; in other words, what his career ended up being was not what he initially set out to do. After graduating from North High, Randy went to WSU to study hospital administration, but the passion for business really stemmed from curiosity. He said he wondered how some companies excelled while others fizzled out. He read and studied different companies and different strategies and found that companies like Amazon and Nordstrom have one thing in common that set them apart from their competitors, a *superior customer experience*. He even recalled a time when working in the hospital asking one of his colleagues, "What would happen if we started referring to the patients as clients?" This question says more about Randy than it presumes about a new business model. What he really asked is, "How can we treat our patients like humans instead of tasks to check off a list?" Randy, simply put, wants to serve. He may have indicated that his passion laid in business research and strategy, but by the end of our lunch, I saw that his real passion resided with service toward others and providing a value to them that they deserved. He lives to make the lives of others better.

Eventually, the hectic travel schedule of a top business consultant took its toll on Randy, and he decided to take a job here in town. He now works for Iconic IT as an Account Executive, which is lucky for us since it lead him to East Wichita Rotary. Randy says he likes to be around people smarter than he. Since he has been with us for well over a year, I think we as a club ought to take that as a compliment. Next time you sit with Randy, ask him about his hobby or even the thrill of his life. He will not be afraid to toot his own horn!



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Fellow East Wichita Rotarians,

What a year 2020 turned out to be? As a club, we had to adjust our service projects, our meetings, our programs...even the way we receive our lunch at WCC. Still, I am very grateful for your fellowship and dedication to service our community. I had every intention of celebrating the completion of our very successful Turkey Drive! If memory serves me, we delivered sixty turkey dinners to fifty families in need. Deliveries were made by our very own East Wichita Rotarians and their families. Looking to 2021, I hope we can get some maps painted, hygiene products passed out, children read to, more turkey dinners delivered, and Christmas gifts for the Salvation Army Giving Tree bought.



Regarding the *Rotary Notary*, please accept my sincerest apology for the severe tardiness of this edition. I have many excuses, but I will not bore you with those. Instead, I would like to reach out for some help. Would any of you like to be a Rotary Notary contributor? I will continue with the layout; the real help I need is content. Do we need to have summaries of the meetings included? Should the newsletter be sent monthly or quarterly? Would some of you like to write at least one Rotarian Rundown per year? If you are interested in helping, please send me a text (316-644-5995) or email: soonerlady00@yahoo.com. I want to continue to do this service; at the same time, it is time I ask for HELP! Thank you! Sincerely, Kelly Dandurand

Comedy Corner

Because we need to laugh...

A priest and a taxi driver arrive at the pearly gates. St. Peter welcomes them and shows them to their homes.

For the taxi driver, a beautiful villa looking over a gorgeous field of clouds. "Thank you," the ecstatic taxi driver said.

Anticipating an even bigger mansion, the priest was dismayed when they arrived at a small 1-bedroom apartment.

"St. Peter, I'm a little puzzled," the priest began. "As a clergyman, I devoted decades of my life solely to serving the Lord. How come the taxi driver got a villa, and for me, only a small apartment?"

St. Peter smiled. "Up here, we go by results. While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed."

<https://www.sunnyskyz.com/funny-jokes/267/A-Priest-And-A-Taxi-Driver-Arrive-At-The-Pearly-Gates>

Those Who Have Gone the Distance

April Birthdays

DAVE SPROUL	APRIL 2
SARAH WINE	APRIL 6
TIM O'SULLIVAN	APRIL 7
BURKE JONES	APRIL 8
RYAN HEIKES	APRIL 9
TERRY WIGGERS	APRIL 12
MARC CAMPBELL	APRIL 23
SHANE PULLMAN	APRIL 30



April Wedding Anniversaries

RANDY & CAROLE SUMMERS	APRIL 5, 1975
MICHAEL & LAUREN CAFFREY	APRIL 9, 2011

April Rotarian Anniversaries

BRIAN BURRUS	APRIL 1, 2009
PHIL MAY	APRIL 1, 1991
LARRY McNEIL	APRIL 1, 1984
KIM VINING	APRIL 1, 2013
NOEL ANDERSON	APRIL 2, 2006
ANNE SCHNEIDER	APRIL 3, 2006
DEB BRINEGAR	APRIL 5, 2018
ERIC IRELAND	APRIL 15, 2012
SCOTT JENSEN	APRIL 15, 2008
JOHN VETTER	APRIL 24, 1991

A Look Ahead

Mar 31	Club Meeting with Pierre Harter from the National Institute of Aviation Research (NIAR)
April 7	Club Meeting with Steve Hewitt, Chief Executive Officer of the Kansas Turnpike Authority
May 19	Club Meeting with Dr. Tiffany Masson, Kansas Health Science Center President
May 26	Club Meeting with Linda Ralston, The Orphan Train
Jun 02	No Meeting HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!
Jun 23	Club Meeting with Fred Heismeyer, District Governor 2021-2022
Jun 30	Changing of the Guard

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