



ROTARY NOTARY

DISCOVERING THE MT. HOPE ANIMAL SANCTUARY

Member Birthdays:

Dave Sproul	4/2
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At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Chad Clark

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:

Kelly Dandurand

Special Guests:

Eileen McNichol

Terry Pullman

Bill Small

Clint Westbrook

Rotary Anniversaries:

Larry McNeil—35 years

Scott Post—30 years

Phil May—28 years

Rigby Carey—14 years

Noel Anderson—13 years

Anne Schneider—13 years

Brian Burrus—10 years

Kim Vining—6 years

Deb Brinegar—1 year

Wedding Anniversaries:

Randy and Carole Summers—44 years

Chad and Debra Clark—29 years

Quote of the Week:

Be so happy that when others look at you they become happy too.

— Unknown



For the last 15 years Jana Reeder has assisted with small animal rescues in the area. A friend from the Humane Society asked her to care for a lamb, which had to be bottle fed twice daily. That's when Reeder decided she wanted to create an animal sanctuary.

What happens to farm animals when they've outlived their usefulness to humans but are still very much alive? If they're lucky, they end up at the Mt. Hope Animal Sanctuary.

The idea for this place was in her heart for many years but came to life last summer when Jana Reeder bought a farm just inside the Reno County line off of K-96. The ten-acre farm is home to farm animals the Kansas Humane Society is unable to care for. Mt. Hope currently is home to 9 equine, which includes horses, donkeys, and a mule; 5 goats; 2 pigs; a lamb; a calf; and a deer that comes and goes.

The sanctuary is also a safe haven for smaller animals. An assortment of chickens, ducks, and geese, who stayed

after the previous owner moved, flap and squawk but co-exist with their new neighbors. All were slated to be euthanized until Reeder and her friends came along.

Ziggy, a Morgan horse, was a show horse and then a stud in his younger years. When he could no longer generate revenue for his owners, he was taken to what is known in the animal rescue world as a "kill lot," and scheduled to be slaughtered. Reeder and her crew brought him to the sanctuary where he gets plenty of food, attention, and love.

Another animal who has found a home is Sassy the pig, who was found running around East High last year. She now weighs around 400 pounds and will probably reach 600 pounds when fully grown.

Reeder says that the mission of the sanctuary is to rescue and rehabilitate animals that have been abused and abandoned, with some even being adopted. Education is another important part of the sanctuary's mission.

The sanctuary received its 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit status last November. Although she hasn't received any grant funds yet, this status gives her the ability to apply for them. A board of directors provides governance and oversight. Operating expenses last month were \$3,800 and include feed, medicine, and veterinarian visits.

Until she wins the lottery, Reeder says volunteers and cash donations are what keep the sanctuary running. If you'd like to help, please contact Jana Reeder at: mthopeanimalsanctuary@aol.com

AT ROTARY TODAY

Upcoming Events:

March 28—Mix it up with your Rotary friends and make some new ones! Our next monthly mixer will take place at AJ's Pizza at Northrock Lanes, 3232 N. Rock Road. They have a great Thursday night special—a mini-pizza with unlimited toppings and a side salad for just \$5. Join us—the fun begins at 5:15 or whenever you arrive. And bring a friend, spouse, or co-worker! This event is too good not to be shared!

April 27—Sign up to paint a colorful map of the USA at Caldwell Elementary, 1441 S. Edgemoor. EWR has been painting these maps at schools throughout east Wichita for the last 3 years. Painting begins at 8:00 a.m. and lasts about 4 hours from start to finish. It's fun teamwork and a rewarding project that helps students learn while having fun.

Congratulations, Jaren:

Jaren Johnson is still with The Carnahan Group, which is now part of ReeceNichols South Central Kansas.

Next Week:

Jennifer McDonald of Jenny Dawn Cellars (wine) will be our speaker.



Reeder has learned much about farm life since starting the sanctuary. "I have to pick up the eggs every morning or they'll turn into a chicken," she said.

This draft horse once worked on a farm in Pennsylvania. When old age prevented him from performing his tasks, he found a new home at the sanctuary.



A male goat relaxes in the early spring sunshine. "Animals love, hurt, fear, and experience loneliness just like we humans do," says Reeder.