

Rotary Notary

Week of March 4th

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Brian Burrus

Invocation, Flag Salute & 4-Way Test:

Joe Goetz

Special Guests:

Brian Goudie - West Club

Gayle Goetz - DT Club

Shelli Kadel - West Club

Geri Appel - DT Club

Stuart Palmer - WY Dist. Gov.

Member Birthdays:

Phil May - 3/2

Brian Burrus - 3/3

Spouse Birthdays:

Abby Rooks - 3/8

Ann Jensen - 3/9

Wedding Anniversaries:

Scott and Ann Jensen - 3/2
11 years

Rotary Anniversaries:

March 1st:

Phil Broz - 2 yrs

Fred Heismeyer - 8yrs

Matt List - 5yrs

Steve Peterson - 8yrs

Don Schierer - 9yrs

Brant Westbrook - 7yrs

March 6th:

Angie George - 14yrs

Open World Delegation

Last week's visitors to the East Wichita Rotary were Armenian delegates from the Open World Leadership Center. Fred began the program by taking time to thank all the EWR members and visitors that helped with the delegation while they were in Wichita. They include: **Robin McGonigle, Deb Brinegar, Anne Schneider, Joe Goetz, Susan Addington, Michael Moeder, Deik Scram, and Eileen Kludt.**



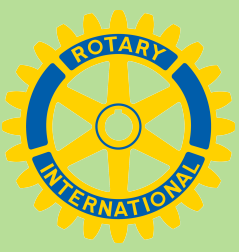
Our first delegate gave us some history on the country of Armenia. She shared how Armenia is an old country located in the highlands of the Caucasus Mountains near Mt. Ararat. She shared how the days of the Ottoman Empire forced many Armenians to flee their home country and scatter throughout the world; creating little Armenian pockets in Lebanon, Egypt, Australia, Europe and the U.S. In fact, Cher (THE Cher), Kim Kardashian, the owner of MGM, and Alexis Ohanian (Founder of Reddit), are all descendants of Armenian refugees. Armenia was a part of the Soviet Union until 1991 and have had a couple revolutions since, including the Velvet Revolution of 2018, ushering in a democratic state. It was this bloodless revolution in 2018 that has led to a very young government, and young citizens, in general, acting as the main voices for the country.

Samuel spoke next. He is a Public Health Researcher in Armenia and spends much of his time reviewing healthcare policy of other countries in an effort to create the best system possible for Armenia. He is passionate about nature and dedicated to the production of a civil society in Armenia. He added that Fred and Joyce Heismeyer were the best host family hosting the best Open World Delegate (himself).

Emilya holds a degree in Psychology and Pedagogy. She utilizes social media channels, like YouTube, to spread a civic culture in Armenia. This initiative is referred to, in Armenia, as MICE; Media for Informed Civic Engagement.

Vahe spoke next and spoke about his own work in media and with the Armenian youth. Vahe has been working with the Non-Profit organizations in his region since he was 16. Now, at 26, he also utilizes media channels in his work as a social entrepreneur. He shared of a Tourist camp that he's established in a nearby village that helps fund youth education in the area.

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Kansas Governor Laura Kelly:

The **March 25th** meeting will feature newly elected Governor, Laura Kelly. **Reservations will be required**, as we will be expecting a packed house. See Kim to reserve your spot!

Zuzan took some time to explain the plight of the Yazidi population in Armenia, as well as current efforts to address the needs of the Armenian youth. The Yazidi ethnic group can be found throughout the region and suffered, greatly, under the ISIS rule of Northern Iraq in 2016; killing many and scattering many more. Many now live in Armenia where citizens like Zuzan, and the Sinjar group she's apart of, are constantly looking for ways to improve their communities. One such effort led to the construction of a play ground that she showed us pictures of.

Our last delegate holds a Art Historian Degree but now boosts volunteerism. In 2016, her and her mom began hosting young people at their home for TNAC(Training in Non-Formal Education) training courses. Just this year, they got registered with the state authorities and will be receiving some resources to help expand their effort. She also helps with a youth center and at a Human Rights School in the Summer.

All of the delegates expressed gratitude for their host families (a couple even bringing gifts for their dogs), and seemed to be at home in the American culture; a sign that theirs may not be too dissimilar from our own. They enticed us to visit their country (of 3 million people despite having 7Xs less land mass than Kansas) with promises of wine festivals and great food. And if we ever need a toolbox of revolution techniques, they're happy to help!

Next Service Project:

The next opportunity to serve will be at the **Lord's Diner** on Thursday, **April 16th**. Sign up with Kim.

March Madness:

Joyce Heismeyer will be taking over the March Madness brackets for Kim this year. Get your brackets in by **March 19th!**

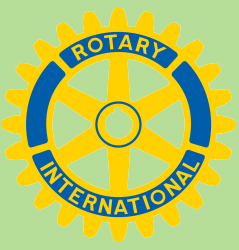


This Week:

Dr. Justin Moore from Arrow Metabolism & Wichita Healthcare Coalition

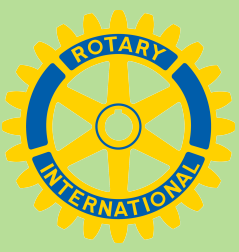


The Delegates with their Host Families



Open World





Announcements

Amazon Smile Update:

The Rotary Club of East Wichita Foundation recently received a contribution of **\$22.91** through Amazon purchases using the Amazon Smile program. Get signed up for **Amazon Smile** and help grow the Foundation!

Rotary International Luncheon:

Register to attend a special luncheon with Rotary International President-Elect **Holger Knaack** from 11:30-1:30 at the Wichita Marriot on March 28th



[Register Here](#)

EWR Foundation Scholarship:

The Foundation Scholarship will be available on the EWR website until April 15th. Share the opportunity with anyone you know planning on attending a Kansas college or WSU Tech this fall!



**American
Red Cross**



JOIN US APRIL 18, 2020

Wichita, Kansas has been selected as a host city for *Sound the Alarm*. *Sound the Alarm (STA)* is our national signature event to install 100,000 smoke alarms in 40,000 homes across 100 major cities with a goal to save more lives. At these events, Red Cross volunteers, along with fire departments, community partners, and community volunteers will canvass high-risk neighborhoods, install free smoke alarms, replace batteries in existing alarms, provide home safety tips and help families create escape plans. This important event engages our corporate and local partners in our life-saving mission and to make homes safer in our Wichita community. *THANK YOU!*

Engagement Opportunities

Volunteers are Needed to:

- ✚ Fill preparedness bags of supplies: February 25-29
- ✚ Pre-canvass neighborhoods prior to the event: March 17- April 3
- ✚ Help install smoke alarms & educate families about fire safety: April 18

To volunteer, please contact: Shannon Wedge shannon.wedge@redcross.org 316.347.0719

For more information about this event, please visit:

www.SoundTheAlarm.org



Contact **Deb Brinegar** for additional information on the upcoming Sound The Alarm event by The Red Cross

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