

Week of March 5, 2025

ROTARY NOTARY



Rotarian Justin Baxter, Ryan Blasdel, and Tyler Cooper joined our meeting today to let us know that the movie theater in Old Town is **OPEN FOR BUSINESS**.

Revived, reimagined, and renamed, the theater in Old Town is the newest addition to the Boulevard family of Wichita movie theaters. The three presenters promised a top-rated encounter where movie goers can expect lower ticket and concession prices, larger selections of food and beverages, and a site and sound experience second to none in our area. It was also stressed that Boulevard is available for private parties such as family reunions, corporate events, and organizational functions. Thanks Justin, Ryan, and Tyler for being our guests and we look forward to seeing you at the movies.

LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH 19

NO MEETING

SPRING BREAK

MARCH 25

SERVICE PROJECT

SIMPLY HYGIENE (8:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.)

APRIL 9

FIRESIDE

WSU TECH'S NICHE (downtown)

APRIL 18

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

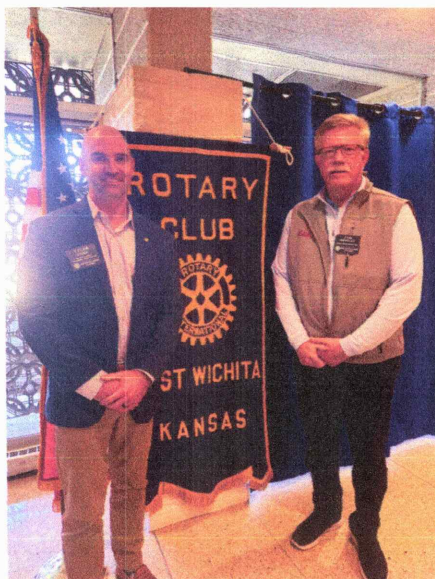
SEE MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE

EWR IS SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR OUR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS. IF YOU KNOW OF A WORTHY CANDIDATE, ENCOURAGE THEM TO APPLY. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION GO TO OUR CLUB'S WEBSITE AT WWW.EASTWICHITAROTARY.ORG.

Take a look at our club's website for upcoming programs and other news.



Snap shots from this week's meeting



OUR CLUB CELEBRATED
GUESTS
NEW ROTARIANS
CHARTER MEMBERS
OUR CLUB'S 41 ANNIVERSARY
SERVICE
ENGAGEMENT OF MEMBERS



UNEP-Rotary partnership: a professional dream come true

From: Rotary 360, 20 August, 2024 by Lis Mullin Bernardt, Freshwater Unit, Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

In January, a professional dream came true for me. After more than five years of working toward the moment, two global organizations I believe deeply in – Rotary International and the United Nations Environment Programme – agreed to enter into a strategic partnership to empower Rotary members to clean up, protect, and monitor local waterways around the world.

I am a big believer in targeted, science-based information leading to local action that brings about positive global change, including for the environment.

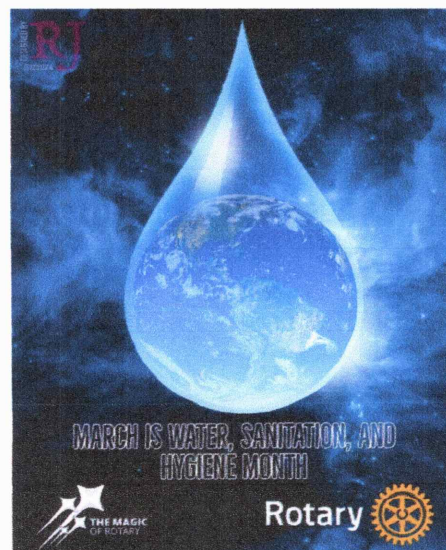
My relationship with Rotary and the UN both began more than 20 years ago, when I received an Ambassadorial Scholarship through the Rotary Foundation to pursue graduate studies at the Geneva Graduate Institute in Switzerland, putting me on a path toward a career in international relations.

During my year as a Rotary Scholar, I had the opportunity to meet many Rotarians and speak at Rotary clubs throughout Switzerland, and also back at home in the Great Lakes region of Indiana. Since then, I have run into, met, and spoken with Rotarians all over the world. I have always been impressed with the passion and global reach Rotary members have, coupled both with diversity and a common, sincere desire to do something good in their communities.

Through my various positions in international development, I have developed a particular understanding and appreciation for the importance of water and also the threat facing this vital resource. It's essential for all life on our planet; it's a human right; it can seem abundant and yet can be surprisingly fragile.

Water is one of those issues that either underpins or undermines everything else. Two-thirds of our planet is covered by water but 97% of that is salty. Of the 3% that's fresh, 99% of that is locked away in permanent snow or ice that we don't have access to or is in deep underground aquifers. It's amazing to imagine that all of that tiny bit of what's left is sustaining all of the life on the planet – mostly in the form of surface water like lakes, rivers, wetlands, or shallow aquifers.

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Yet in the name of development, we drain swamps. Wetlands are disappearing quicker than any other ecosystem. Our bodies of water can be treated like toilets, even as we depend on them for our drinking water, wildlife, industry, and producing our food.

When you think of the importance of water and the fragility and scarcity of that resource, you see that nothing could be more critical than protecting it and the ecosystems that hold it. We ignore or misunderstand this at our own peril.

The idea of bringing these two organizations together is a powerful one. At UNEP, we have the global mandate from the UN. We have expertise on the challenges water bodies are facing and solutions we can take to safeguard them. Responsible for collecting data for the relevant Sustainable Development Goals, we know what the global data is telling us. But we are not boots on the ground and we still face critical local data gaps. Rotary, with its 1.3 million members, is literally in every community, connecting and mobilizing people in a way that we never can and were not set up to do.

I am very proud of my connections with Rotary. And I can't wait to see what we are able to do together to protect our vital water resources.



HAVE FUN AT PETS BRITNEY AND ANDREW.
BRING BACK LOTS OF GREAT IDEAS
ON HOW OUR CLUB CAN CONTINUE TO THRIVE.

TWO IMPORTANT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

JOIN IN OUR ANNUAL
MARCH MADNESS
FUND RAISER TO
FUND SCHOLARSHIPS.

AND

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED,
SO IF YOU KNOW A WORTHY
STUDENT, ENCOURGE THEM
TO APPLY.

A circular poster with a pink background. At the top, there is a silhouette of a person with long hair reading a book. Below this, the text reads "APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS" in bold, followed by "APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED" in a smaller font. At the bottom, there is a list of eligibility criteria and a note about the deadline.

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

East Wichita Rotary Foundation is offering a limited number of \$1,000 per scholarship to selected outstanding high school graduates. The scholarships are paid directly to the school in two installments of \$500 per semester. Scholarships are renewable each semester which can result in a \$5,000-\$10,000 total award if conditions are met.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a May 2020 graduate of a Grange County, Kansas high school
- Full-time student in the Fall of 2020
- Applicant must attend a technical school, a public or private community college, or college or university located in Kansas
- Minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Scholarships are selected based on need for assistance, academic achievement, references letters, extracurricular, talents and awards, and school or community activities.

Members of Foundation Board Members are not eligible.

Scholarship applications and Scholarship Guidelines can be accessed by clicking on the link below or home page of our website at www.eastwichitarotary.org.

April 18, 2020

A circular poster with a red background featuring a basketball pattern. In the center, there is a logo that says "NCAA MARCH MADNESS". Below the logo, the text reads "Buy Your Brackets" and "\$25 per bracket - buy as many as you like". It then lists the prize amounts for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, followed by the number of random draws and the deadline.

NCAA MARCH MADNESS

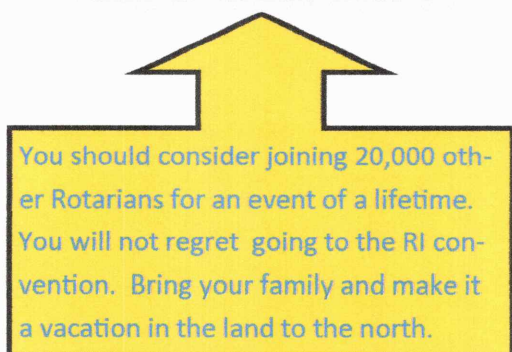
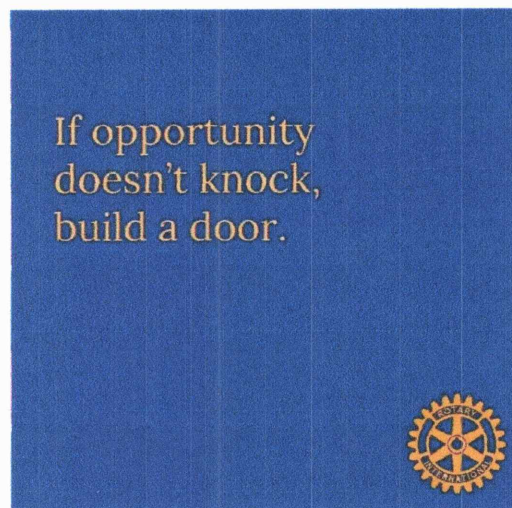
Buy Your Brackets
\$25 per bracket - buy as many as you like

- 1st Prize - \$160
- 2nd Prize - \$115
- 3rd Prize - \$75

3 Random Draws - \$50 each
Deadline March 12

PROCEEDS BENEFIT

DISTRICT AND RI NEWS



April 24-30, 2025	World Immunization Week
May 27—30, 2025	RYLA Summer Camp
June 21—25, 2025	RI Convention, Calgary, Canada
July 1, 2025	NEW ROTARY YEAR
October 17-19, 2025	District Conference, Hays, KS
ALL EWR ROTARIANS SHOULD PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR AND ATTEND!	



**PUT THESE DATES ON
YOUR CALENDAR!**

JOKE OF THE WEEK



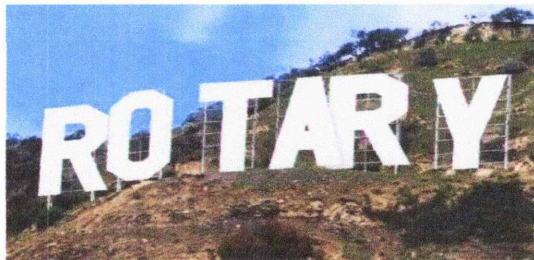
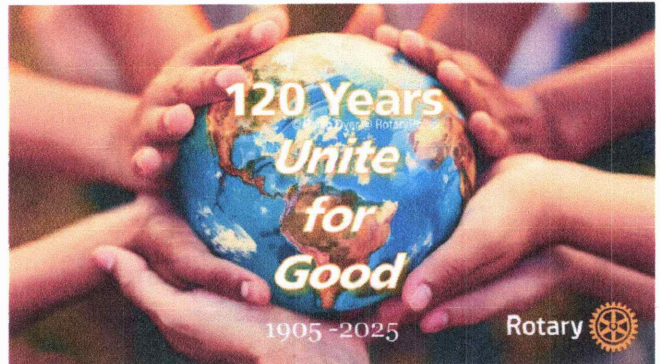
What happens when your basketball team loses in March?

You have March Madness sadness.

GOODS AND ENDS




SPARKS HOPE
GIVES INSPIRATION
PROMOTES GOODNESS



Leadership Corner

The Growth Journey

 PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION	 DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT	 WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE	 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
<h1>Rotary</h1>  <p>"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"</p>			
 BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY	 COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	 ENVIRONMENT	<h2>ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS</h2>

