



# ROTARY NOTARY

## Member Birthdays:

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

## At Rotary Today:

**Greeter:** Greg Ek

**Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:**

Marc Campbell

## Special Guests:

Mindy East

Scot Pierce

## Rotary Anniversaries:

Greg Ek—11 years

Cathy McClain—6 years

Craig Wulf—4 years

Lindsay McClellan—1 year

## Wedding Anniversary:

Dave and Sid Sproul—41 years

## Quote of the Week:

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

— Helen Keller

## PUSHING THE ENVELOPE WITH CHUCK GUMBERT



Chuck Gumbert doesn't often take 'no' for an answer. As a toddler, he contracted polio, which left him with limited use of his legs and right arm. The attending physician remarked that little Chuck would need to use crutches and a wheelchair for the rest of his life.

He was the last one chosen for the school sports teams. His fifth grade teacher told him he was stupid and would never amount to anything. Even family and friends often told him, "You can't do that."

But Gumbert was determined to prove the experts wrong, developing the hardcore drive and can-do attitude that characterizes his personality today. Yes, life is full of setbacks. But Gumbert doesn't let them hold him back.

The Navy helped him realize his dream of becoming a

fighter pilot. The training was tough; military drill instructors tested the recruits' resolve daily. Gumbert ran, swam, studied, and ran some more. His class of 40 fell to 22 as recruits dropped out.

In Advanced Officer Candidate School, Gumbert learned attention to detail. Underwear had to be folded into a six-by-six inch square, and closet hangers had to be spaced exactly 1 1/2 inches apart. When he finally received his wings, it was the culmination of a 20-year journey.

After retiring from the Navy Gumbert decided to try the business world, which he learned was a lot like flying an F-14. For example, just as a pilot has to know his destination, chart a flight path to get there, and then review his checklist before taking off, so should successful business people.

In his consulting career, Gumbert has identified Ten Fighter Pilot Attributes that can help you succeed in business. They are: Having Confidence; Being: Goal-Oriented, Committed, Assertive, Disciplined, Decisive, Driven to Succeed; Having Situational Awareness; Paying Attention to Detail; and Being Leaders.

How well do Gumbert's insights work? He was given 90 days to turn around a firm in chaos. Customers were upset and the business wasn't making money. By introducing pilot concepts like performance metrics, briefing/debriefing meetings, and a balanced scorecard to track where the organization was going, Gumbert helped the organization sharpen its focus.

And yes, the turnaround happened. It's a testament to the grit and determination of a fighter pilot who simply wouldn't take no for an answer.

## MORE AT ROTARY TODAY

### Upcoming Events:

**March 13—NO MEETING.**  
Enjoy your Spring Break!

**April 2—**An opportunity for service above self at The Lord's Diner. Please sign up at our next meeting or online. The link is in the pre-meeting email sent by Kim.

### Online Now:

Help spread the word! The 2019—2020 East Wichita Rotary Foundation scholarship application is now available on our website, <https://eastwichitarotary.org>.

### You Shop. Amazon Gives:

The AmazonSmile Foundation sent the East Wichita Rotary Foundation a check for \$95.42 for activity from October 1—December 31, 2018. What an easy way to raise funds for our Foundation! Do you shop on amazon.com? Just visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to get started.

### In Two Weeks:

On March 20 Heidi Hurtig will update us on the Theater League of Wichita.



Want the thrill of rappelling and raising money for a great cause? EWR member **Shelley Duncan** has an opportunity for you! Project Access will host an event this summer to rappel 19 stories down the side of the New York Life building at 125 N. Market. “Over the Edge” will be a day-long event including food trucks, music, and watching up to 75 people rappel down the side of the building.

As you can see from the photo, which was taken at a similar event held in Chicago, it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the city from a whole new perspective!

Sponsorship opportunities are available, along with the chance to “Toss Your Boss,” where you can buy a spot for your boss to participate. For more information, contact Project Access at 316-688-0600.



For the second year EWR is sponsoring the “Battle of the Brackets” to benefit the East Wichita Rotary Foundation, which provides college scholarships to deserving local students. Last year's battle raised \$1,250!

Each bracket is \$25. The winner will receive a \$100 cash prize and two non-winning brackets will be drawn at random for a cash prize of \$50 each.

To participate, purchase a bracket from club executive **Kim Hurtig** at next week's meeting OR send her an email at [hurtigfamily@att.net](mailto:hurtigfamily@att.net) so she can get you set up. The brackets will be announced on March 17, Selection Sunday.

This event is open to *everyone*, not just East Wichita Rotarians. Spread the word to your family, friends, co-workers...let's make this bigger and better than ever!