East Wichita Rotary News

ROTARY NOTARY



Birthdays:

Sheila Cole

5/17

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Bob Morris

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:
Anne Schneider

Special Guests:

Eric Jensen Susanna Matthews Mindy Cook

Member News:

Britt Fulmer

Wedding Anniversary:

Ric and Nancy Wolford, 41 years

Special Prayer:

John Hurst, who began by saying, "The best hours of my life were spent in the arms of another man's wife." Of course he was referring to his mother! John then offered a special toast and a prayer for all of our mothers, living and deceased.

Quote of the Week:

To achieve goals you've never achieved before, you need to start doing things you've never done before.

—Stephen Covey

ANTHONY POWELL: FROM MALIBU TO WICHITA (AND LOVING IT!)



Anthony Powell grew up in Malibu as the son of a screenwriter whose credits include the Andy Griffith Show, the Mary Tyler Moore Show, and Happy Days. A degree in broadcast journalism took Anthony to many cities across the U.S. In 2004 he landed in Wichita where he worked for KSN as the morning news anchor. Today he's a voice-over artist and producer who has great advice for wannabe entrepreneurs.

rowing up on the beach in Malibu and attending school with future celebrities like Charlie Sheen, Rob Lowe, and Robert Downey, Jr. was definitely a different childhood than most of us have known. Today's speaker, Anthony Powell, recalled that his biggest worry then was if the waves would be big enough to go surfing after school.

After majoring in broadcast journalism, he decided to be an actor because of the lure of fortune and fame. He was a bachelor on the Dating Game and auditioned for Baywatch. Then he left Los Angeles for Savannah, where he was a morning news anchor/producer who had to get up at 1:00 a.m.

Powell kept working in

local news and ended up in Wichita in 2004 with KSN, where he stayed until 2010, when he decided to try his hand at owning a restaurant franchise, Mooyah Burgers.

Powell admits he didn't know anything about the restaurant business when he bought the franchise. Which is why he highly recommends that if you want to become an entrepreneur, be careful. Know your business. Know what you're getting into. He also recommends buying an existing business and going to a business broker who can "scour" the books.

Today Powell continues to be an entrepreneur, but now he's working in an area he knows. He does voice-over work for clients all over the U.S. Locally, he's producing stories he didn't get to do on local news—uplifting, positive stories on a program called "Positively Kansas" that airs on KPTS Channel 8.

More lessons Powell shared: it's not enough to have a great idea, you have to be able to market it. He spends all day trying to get people to listen to his demo reel. And no matter what you do for a career, find something outside it that refreshes you. For him, exercise, walking his dog, keeping his car clean, praying/meditating, writing a to-do list for the next day, and getting involved in a charity are the ways he stays centered.

Regarding his love for Wichita, Powell said this, "Growing up in Wichita is a lot healthier than growing up in LA. My mom moved here and had five of the best years of her life here in Wichita. I plan to be here a long time."

Upcoming Events:

May 24—Next mixer at Il Vicino in Bradley Fair. Bring a spouse, friend, or future Rotarian! The fun begins at 5:15!

May 30—NO MEETING because of the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

June 1 and 7—EWR members can help the Wichita River Festival and have a great time too by selling Food Court tickets.

Please sign up with Kim.

Rotarians in the News:

Alex Duncan is getting married this Saturday, May 19. Let's wish Alex and his new wife all the best in their marriage!

Susan Addington has joined the board of MarkArts.

Help Wanted:

Do you know interesting people who would make great speakers for 2018—2019 EWR meetings? Please let Anne Schneider know! She's putting together an informal group that will meet once or twice to fill the open slots on the schedule.

Next Week:

Local television personality Sierra Scott will be our speaker.

EWR: HERE, THERE, & EVERYWHERE



This is what a bevy of beauties looks like! Dressed in their best race-watching attire, these ladies attended the EWR Kentucky Derby Party held at the Lux on Saturday, May 5. In its second year, the event was a fundraiser for three local not-for-profit agencies: the Down Syndrome Society, CASA, and KETCH.

A little over a year ago Kim Goodnight had a great idea for a party that doubles as a fundraiser: a Kentucky Derby party. Thanks, Kim, and committee members/ volunteers who helped make this event shine!





Lindsay McClellan is our newest EWR member, pictured with her sponsor, Jim Crawford. Born and raised in Wichita, Lindsay is a CPA who has her own consulting business, giving her the flexibility to work with both growing and established businesses, as well as be available for her three children. She's already jumped into community service with our club by helping with the map painting project at Gammon Elementary. Welcome, Lindsay!