



ROTARY NOTARY

Birthdays:

Barry Purdy

5/25

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Richard Strunk

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

Special Guests:

Brock Cary
Jessica Cary
Anna-Maria Fouad
Paula Hannah
Natalie Rolfe
Ashley Ruckman
Sean Miller

Wedding Anniversary:

Dave and Marti Clothier,
34 years
Joe and Gayle Goetz, 21 years

In Case You Missed It:

A Broadway director said this to Sierra Scott: "There's actually a saying on Broadway—the quickest way to Broadway is through Wichita, Kansas. [A tribute to Music Theatre of Wichita and its many alumna who perform on Broadway.]

Quote of the Week:

You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

TO SIERRA SCOTT IT'S (ALMOST) ALWAYS GOOD HERE IN WICHITA



Sierra Scott assured us we'd leave Rotary today in a better mood and grateful to live in Wichita...or she'd refund every dime we paid her. L to R: Mindy Cook, Sierra Scott, and Burke Jones.

Once upon a time a young girl grew up living in a double-wide trailer in Kansas City, Kansas. An only child, she had dreams that she knew would come true with hard work, a good education, and persistence. A fairy tale? No, it's the story of Sierra Scott, today's speaker.

Most of us recognize Sierra Scott from her frequent appearances on local television programs and her tireless support of local not-for-profits, where she frequently serves as the emcee or host of prestigious fundraising events. What we learned today is that she is a collector—a collector of positive stories about Wichita, Kansas, and the people who make it that way.

If we watch or read the news we're likely to get a

slanted view of society and our community—a negative slant. That's why she enjoys sharing good news about the city and state we call home. For example, did you know that Wichita is the least congested city in the U.S., according to Trivago? And according to Forbes magazine, it's the top city for first-time home buyers.

We're not sure who came up with the list of happiest zip codes in the nation, but number 6 on that list is 67230. Our fair city is third when it comes to the number of charity volunteers and fourth on the cost-of-living index, according to cheapism.com. And the prestigious Brookings Institute puts Wichita third on the list for advanced industry hotspots and innovation partnership funding.

Clearly the stories about

unsung heroes, visionaries, innovators, and all-around good folks touch her heart the most. She has found them locally and in faraway places like Darfur, where a woman living in a mud hut shared the only thing she had—a banana—because she wanted to show hospitality.

In Cuba Scott observed people who were happy despite having very little in the way of material goods. When she asked a man why he danced in the street, he told her, "I ate today, I have a family who loves me, and we're healthy. What more is there?"

And when you think about it, good food, a loving family, and good health are great reasons to be happy. Don't get bogged down in the bad news of the day. Look for the good and you'll find it everywhere. Just ask Sierra Scott!

Upcoming Events:

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

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.

Help Wanted:

Are you bursting with talent and a great ability to get things done? Burke Jones is looking for YOU! We need smart, energetic people to serve on committees and make things happen during the 2018—2019 Rotary year. Let president-elect Burke Jones or Kim know if you're ready to sign up!

Correction:

In last week's Rotary Notary we credited Kim Goodnight as the creator of our Kentucky Derby Party. But our own Tammie Rhea deserves the credit for coming up with a terrific idea for a fundraiser. Thank you, Tammie! And thanks to committee members Kim Goodnight, Ryan Henry, Scott Holder, Kim Hurtig, and Charlie King for all your great work this year!

Next Week:

NO MEETING because of Memorial Day. Have a fun and safe holiday weekend and we'll see you on June 6 back at the Wichita Country Club!

THE BLESSINGS OF GIVING



The Down Syndrome Society was one of three organizations receiving a check for \$3,500 today from the Kentucky Derby party proceeds. L to R: Kim Goodnight, EWR; Natalie Rolfe, Down Syndrome Society; Tammie Rhea, EWR; Brock Cary and his mother, Jessica Cary, Down Syndrome Society.

CASA, short for Court Appointed Special Advocate, of Sedgwick County also received a check for \$3,500. Kim Goodnight and Tammie Rhea presented the donation to Sean Miller, board president of CASA, and Anna-Maria Fouad, Executive Director of CASA.



Ashley Ruckman of KETCH accepted the check of \$3,500 at today's presentation. To her left is our own Joanne Rogers, who also works for KETCH.