



ROTARY NOTARY

Member Birthdays:

Greg Ek

5/27

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Angela Binyon

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:
Kelly Dandurand

Special Guests:

Lt. Jill Brown
Marla Hayden
John Jones
Scott Nelson

Rotary Anniversaries:

Jaden Randle—22 years
Jessica Dunbar—1 year

Quote of the Week:

If you hear a voice within you say 'you cannot paint,' then by all means paint and that voice will be silenced.

— Vincent Van Gogh

FORGED BY THE SEA: A LOOK AT THE U.S. NAVY

Our speaker today, Mario Miranda, is a South High and WSU graduate. His current position is Director of Technology, Security and Cooperative Programs at the Navy International Programs Office (NIPO). Accompanying him is Lt. Jill Brown (L) and our own **Dane Estok**, EWR President-Elect, who ran today's meeting.



For many of us landlocked Kansans, the U.S. Navy may seem distant and far away, not part of our everyday lives. But even though the Navy may not be top of mind, we learned from today's speaker, Mario Miranda, why the U.S. Navy is an important part of protecting our ability to do business with the rest of the world, including the 20% of U.S. agricultural products that are sold overseas.

It may be obvious, but it bears repeating: 2/3 of the Earth's surface is water. Having a strong navy isn't as much about war as it is commerce. Just over a quarter of U.S. jobs are tied to global trade. And just over a quarter of U.S. manufacturing jobs depend on exports. The Navy website says this: *As great power competitors threaten the global commons, we will rise to deter and defeat those challenges, protect the*

American homeland, and protect our economic prosperity by keeping the arteries of commerce open on the world's interconnected oceans.

Partnerships with our allies are a critical part of U.S. naval strength. Australia in particular has been a great friend to the U.S., fighting alongside Americans in every major U.S. military action of the last century, including World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, East Timor, Afghanistan, and Iraq. This alliance began when our countries first fought together under unified command at the Battle of Hamel in France in July, 1918. Australians refer to this battle as the beginning of the first 100 years of Mateship.

Miranda also explained the

Navy's tradition of naming ships. Littoral combat ships (LCS) are named for regionally-important U.S. cities and communities. The third U.S.S. Wichita was christened and launched on September 17, 2016. It is 378 feet long and weighs 3,858 metric tons. It is designed to perform humanitarian aid and rescue, anti-submarine warfare, minesweeping, defending against piracy and drug trafficking, small assault transport, deterrence – while operating in shallow coastal waters known as the littorals. Assets include a launching pad for two MH-60 Seahawk helicopters.

Job opportunities with the Navy are plentiful. Recent high school and college graduates should know that they can work anywhere in the world at just about any occupation that exists. As Miranda explained, it's been a wonderful career for a young man from Kansas.

Announcements:

Volunteer to sell food tickets at RiverFest! Our club is scheduled to help on June 9 and 10. Sign up sheets are available at Kim's table.

Step up and volunteer to be a greeter or prayer leader at an upcoming meeting! What a fun and easy way to offer Service Above Self!

Our own Fred Heismeyer will throw out the first pitch at the Wichita Wind Surge baseball game on June 1. Purchase special tickets for that evening and sit in seating just for Rotarians! To purchase tickets click on this link and enter the code Rotary:

[Bit.ly/3rSdRfH](https://bit.ly/3rSdRfH)

Habitat for Humanity:

Alex Kruse provided a recap of the Habitat project several EWR members participated in on April 28. Members worked in the warehouse to help prepare materials for an upcoming build. Special thanks to Alex, as well as Greg Ek, Tom Church, Tammie Rhea, Dustin Sylvester, Alison O'Trimble, and of course, Jim Boone, who got the ball rolling on this example of "Service Above Self"!

Next Week:

An East Wichita Rotary Fireside meeting at the Wichita Sedgwick County Historical Museum that required an RSVP by May 4. See you back at the Wichita Country Club on May 18!

MORE AT ROTARY TODAY



Dave Sproul presents a pin to past president Joe Goetz in appreciation for Joe's support of the Rotary International Foundation. Joe has achieved Paul Harris + 3 status, which means that he has made four gifts of \$1,000 each to the Foundation. Congratulations, Joe, and thank you!

EWR members and guests enjoy a delicious soup and sandwich lunch on an unusually wet and chilly May day. Our lunch meetings are just part of the benefit of being a member of Rotary. If you know someone who'd like to join our club, please reach out and let them know about our many service projects, as well as our social activities throughout the year.



Helping Our Veterans

What do adult socks, puzzles, and personal hygiene items have in common? They are all items that are needed at the Bob Dole VA Center. Rotarians are encouraged to donate these items at our May meetings at the WCC. On May 25, all collected items will be presented to the Bob Dole VA Medical Center Director and the Public Affairs Officer who will be our guest speakers. Monetary donations (cash preferred) will be accepted for those that want others to do the shopping. Last year we collected about \$250 worth of items... let's go for \$300 this year! Should you have any questions, please contact Deb Brinegar at 316-841-1842 or deb.brinegar@cox.net

