



# ROTARY NOTARY

## Birthdays:

Noel Anderson	11/12
Kevin Rathert	11/13
Anne Schneider	11/14

## At Rotary Today:

**Greeter:** Richard Samaniego

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

**Rotary Anniversary:** Angela Binyon—18 years

**Wedding Anniversaries:**  
Kim and Beth Goodnight—43 years (today!)  
Scott and Lori Hampel—5 years  
Richard and Becky Samaniego—5 years

## Quote of the Week:

Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.

—Aristotle

## CRIME, PUNISHMENT, AND METH: THE DA SPEAKS

Prior to becoming the District Attorney in 2012, Marc Bennett worked for the Sedgwick County District Attorney's office, where he supervised the prosecution of sex crimes, human trafficking, domestic violence, and elder abuse. He's seen here speaking with EWR members Susan Addington and Kim Pennington.



According to District Attorney Marc Bennet, not a lot of people who are stone-cold sober and stable go out and commit a crime. Nevertheless, in a county of 550,000 residents, not everyone is stone-cold sober or stable. As of last week, 40 homicides have been committed in Sedgwick County. Just five years ago in 2013, the total number of homicides for the year was 17.

How do you explain the increase in homicides and other crimes? Bennett attributes it to local issues, including barriers to access mental health treatment, economic factors, access to firearms, and meth.

Yes, meth. While other regions in the U.S. struggle to deal with the consequences of opioid addiction—West Virginia, Ohio, Massachusetts are three states Bennett mentioned—meth is still the “king” in Kansas. It is a factor in 11% of charged felo-

nies in Sedgwick County. Bennett wondered aloud how many more crimes are committed by people who are out of meth and are looking for quick cash to purchase more drugs.

There are a couple of schools of thought regarding how to deal with meth-related crimes. The first, called the “broken window” approach, looks to enforce every crime and lock up criminals for as long as possible. This is believed to serve as a deterrent to future criminals. Unfortunately, it is effective but only very temporarily. Most offenders are not incarcerated indefinitely. Bennett said that in 66% of the cases he works the maximum sentence time is 34 months.

The second school of thought is to look for community-based solutions that focus on drug and alcohol treatment and re-entry programs. This is the approach

Bennett recommends because, as he pointed out, it works.

Locally, the Community Crisis Center (CCC) is part of a system of care that promotes rapid stabilizations for people experiencing a behavioral health crisis. In other words, it is a place where people intoxicated or impaired individuals can receive help without having to go to an emergency room or jail. Located in the downtown Wichita area, the CCC offers detoxification services as well as “sobering” beds where clients can safely stay, overseen by trained staff.

A study conducted by WSU's Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs shows the effectiveness of this community-based system. In 2016 the CCC saved between \$7.5 and \$11.3 million by keeping clients out of jail, emergency rooms, and hospitals. In 2017 the range was from \$9.7 million to \$14.5 million. To District Attorney Marc Bennett, it's money well-spent.

**Upcoming Events:**

**November 20**—Following the EWR Turkey Dinner Delivery event we'll meet around 5:15 at Dempsey's Burger Pub at Central and Rock, formerly known as Ernie Biggs Piano Bar. Join your EWR friends for a little pre-Thanksgiving libations and non-turkey appetizers!

**November 21**—NO EWR due to Thanksgiving holiday.

**December 19**—Mark your calendars for the annual EWR Christmas party. This year we'll meet for a luncheon at the Wichita Country Club! Bring a guest or a spouse—this year, EWR buys your tickets! More details to follow!

**Correction:**

Jaren Johnson, new member of EWR, works for The Carnahan Group.

**Next Week:**

Don't miss a men's fashion show featuring our own EWR members sporting holiday looks from Gentry Ltd. Britt Fulmer will provide color commentary along with good fashion sense.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. MARINE CORPS

The US Marine Corps Birthday is observed annually on November 10. A branch of the US Armed Forces, the Marine Corps is responsible for providing power protection from the sea using the mobility of the United States Navy to rapidly deliver combined-arms task forces. The Continental Congress first established the Continental Marines on November 10, 1775, leading up to the American Revolution. The two battalions of Marines fought for independence both on land and at sea.



The Corps was abolished at the end of the Revolutionary War. However, on July 11, 1798, Congress ordered the creation of the Corps, named it the United States Marine Corps (USMC) and directed that it be available for service under the Secretary of the Navy.

In 2004, 20,000 Marines deployed to Al Anbar Province, Iraq. That same year Marines also responded to the crisis in the Pacific following a tsunami that claimed more than 200,000 lives.

Opha May Johnson was the first woman to enlist in the Marines. She joined the Marine Corps Reserve in 1918, officially becoming the first female Marine.

Other famous US Marines:

- Don Adams
- F. Lee Bailey
- Blackbear Bosin
- Rod Carew
- Drew Carey
- Roberto Clemente
- Phil and Don Everly
- Gene Hackman
- Bob Keeshan (Captain Kangaroo)
- Steve McQueen
- Gomer Pyle (fictitious character played by Jim Nabors)
- Lee Trevino

## TALKIN' TURKEY...ONE LAST TIME



Yes, this is what you'll find in a turkey dinner delivered by EWR (minus the napkins and decorations). Let's reach our goal of delivering 102 dinners this year! The deadline for donations is Sunday, November 11.

There are many ways you can help. Make a donation—each dinner will cost around \$65 this year. Or sign up to deliver. You'll never forget the gratitude of the people you meet, many of whom would not be able to have a Thanksgiving dinner without this generous project.

EWR has been making Thanksgiving special for hundreds of families over the last 15 years. And we're gearing up to do it again, with a goal of purchasing 102 dinners for families in need.

Each dinner, purchased at Dillons, comes with a pre-cooked turkey and all the fixins, like mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, dressing, and of course, pumpkin pie. Members of our club identify families in need. We purchase them and deliver them two days before Thanksgiving.

It's an amazing team effort. John McEwen picks up the turkey dinners, Bill McConnell offers the parking lot of Hillside Christian Church for distribution, and then pairs of Rotarians deliver them, one dinner at a time.