



ROTARY NOTARY

THE CURRENT STATE OF HEALTH CARE IN THE UKRAINE

Member Birthdays:

Kevin Rathert	11/13
Anne Schneider	11/14

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Fred Thurlow

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:
Markus Meyer

Photography: Ric Wolford

Rotary Anniversaries:

Angela Binyon—22 years
Terry Wiggers—9 years
Stewart Crow—5 years (after 40 years with Independence Rotary)

Wedding Anniversaries:

Richard & Becky Samaniego—9 years
Scott & Lori Hampel—9 years
Dustin & Kendra Sylvester—5 years

Quote of the Week:

Optimism is the one quality more associated with success and happiness than any other.

— Brian Tracy



Visitors from the Ukraine through Rotary's Open World program and their translator came to Wichita to learn more about our local healthcare institutions. In this photo they are accepting banners from East Wichita Rotary.

As of November 1, 2022 more than 1,100 healthcare and medical institutions have been damaged or destroyed in Ukraine as a result of the Russian invasion, which began on February 24, 2022. Today's speakers were here as a result of the "Open World" program, which was founded in 1999 by then-Librarian of Congress James Billington. Rotary International receives a grant from Congress to fund the program and reimburse participating clubs for their expenses.

Through Open World, Rotary clubs in 280 U.S. cities have hosted nearly 4,000 of the program's more than 29,000 total delegates. The program is geared toward the exchange of knowledge, with accountable government,

social and health issues, and special education remaining at the core of the program today. (*Information courtesy of Rotary International*).

The delegates shared the progress that has been made to restore healthcare and facilities since the Russian invasion. Healthcare facilities were specifically targeted in the invasion. Both patients and medical personnel have been attacked. In addition, hospices and houses for seniors have been destroyed. As a result, people have moved to the western part of Ukraine, with many of them living on hospital grounds. In occupied areas of the country, private medical practices have been taken away. Resorts in western Ukraine have been

converted to medical resorts.

Another consequence of the invasion is the destruction of the energy infrastructure, which has led to many challenges as medical professionals continue to offer healthcare while protecting their facilities. According to our speakers, medical staff do bear arms to defend their country. Going through the pain and challenges of this war has united Ukrainians as they fight back.

Our guests expressed gratitude for the assistance that Rotary clubs throughout the world and American citizens have provided. As fellow Rotarians, it is our continuing hope and prayer that peace will be restored soon in Ukraine and that its citizens can once again live in freedom.

Club Announcements:

Let's Mix it Up!

Following our turkey delivery drive on Tuesday, November 22, we will have a mixer at the Candle Club, 13th and Woodlawn. The fun begins at 4:30 or whenever YOU arrive! Join us as we celebrate another successful Turkey Drive and usher in the Thanksgiving holiday.



Speaking of holidays, please mark

Wednesday, December 14 on your calendar for a special Christmas Holiday luncheon at our regular lunch meeting site—the Wichita Country Club! Your cost is covered and you can bring a spouse or guest for just \$25. This year we are offering a vegetarian option for the entrée. All members must RSVP. Want more information? Talk with Kim or sign up online.



MORE AT ROTARY TODAY



Our Ukrainian guests posed for a photo with members of EWR. They had a very busy schedule while they were visiting our city. In addition to presenting at our meeting, they also spoke at the Rotary Club of West Wichita and were introduced at the Downtown Rotary Club. They came here as part of Rotary's "Open World" program to meet with local leaders to share ideas and experience for supporting their work in Ukraine.

A LOOK BACK AT TURKEY DELIVERY DAY—NOVEMBER 2021



(L)—Tammie Rhea and Brian Burrus gather the turkey dinner boxes they will deliver as a team to area families who might not have a Thanksgiving dinner without help from our club. We don't know exactly when our club launched the turkey drive, but hands down it's one of our favorite annual service projects.



(R)—For years EWR member John McEwen has played a key role in the turkey delivery by obtaining a flatbed truck for picking up the Thanksgiving dinner boxes from Dillons.

Photos by Anne Schneider

Next Week:

Patrick Penn, State Representative, District 85 of the Kansas House of Representatives, will be our speaker.

NO MEETING on Wednesday, November 23 because of Thanksgiving week.