



ROTARY NOTARY

Birthdays:

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| Scott Jensen | 10/17 |
| John Schlicher | 10/17 |

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Deik Scram

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:

Fred Heismeyer

Special Guests:

Clint Blaes

Ann Crow

Chris Crow

Anne Ellis

Judy and Lyle Jones

Judge Kevin Smith

Pam Stevens

Rotary Anniversaries:

Paul Dahlke—7 years

Tammie Rhea—3 years

Wedding Anniversaries:

Michael Moeder and Rebecca Tong—one year

Phil May and Maureen

Youngmeyer May—2 years

Quote of the Week:

If you really want to do something, you'll find a way. If you don't, you'll find an excuse.

—Unknown

TOP TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Derek Schmidt was elected to the office of Kansas Attorney General in 2010. As a high school student in Independence, KS, Schmidt had a lawn-mowing business and mowed the lawn of EWR member Stewart Crow. "I'm pretty sure I kept all my ledgers from the lawn care business in case I need to reconcile anything," Schmidt quipped.



Derek Schmidt is the Attorney General for Kansas. He's also an entertaining speaker who can make the sometimes dry topic of law memorable.

Today Schmidt shared Top Ten things you may or may not know about the Attorney General's (AG) office.

#10—The Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, entered in 1998 by 46 U.S. states, including Kansas, provides \$50-\$60 million in revenue annually to help offset tobacco-related healthcare costs. The AG office oversees the data collection required to receive payment, including counting every cigarette sold in Kansas.

#9—The State of Kansas gets sued a lot. Hiring outside counsel is expensive. The AG office created a Complex Tort Defense Unit staffed by ex-

cellent tort defense lawyers nearing the end of their careers. It's a win-win for all involved.

#8—The creation of Batterer Intervention Program to respond to domestic violence and reduce repeat offenses.

#7—Coordinating components of the state effort to combat human trafficking. This is a difficult crime to count because the statistics are primarily self-reported.

#6—Enforce the Open Meetings, Open Records Act. There is a much more structured system of this.

#5—The Consumer Protection Division has helped recover about \$208 million that has been stolen from Kansas consumers by unscrupulous vendors, including telemarketing scammers.

#4—Total recoveries from

fraud and abuse since Schmidt took office are just over \$800 million, with a cost of \$200 million.

#3—The AG office has come a long way on the state's appellate advocacy, which is legal representation by an attorney before any state or federal court of intermediate or final appeal. This concerns which court cases can go to the Kansas Supreme Court.

#2—The AG advocates for providing resources for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. In 2015 a new forensic laboratory opened on the campus of Washburn University, replacing one that was dingy and outdated.

#1—Dealing with elder abuse issues. Today there are between 400,000 and 410,000 persons living in Kansas who are 65 and older. This number will double over the next generation and a half. What does this (cont'd on p. 2)

Upcoming Events:

October 20—Help distribute hygiene items to very grateful families at the Head-to-Toe Hygiene Pantry! We need 12-15 Rotarians to help for a few hours from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

October 24—MIXER at Two Olives, 2949 N. Rock Road. The fun begins at 5:15 or whenever you arrive!

October 29—OPEN HOUSE at Red Cross, 707 N. Main, from 4—6 p.m. Meet new Executive Director Shannon Wedge, and tour the new Bloodmobile and Blood Center.

You Heard It Here First:

Even when you're an adult and your parents are around you still feel like a little kid.

—*Burke Jones*, whose parents, Judy and Lyle Jones, visited EWR for today's meeting.

Looking for a Few Good Men:

How would you like to model the latest men's winter and holiday fashions at an upcoming EWR meeting on November 14? Don't be shy! Please contact Anne Schneider right away!

Next Week:

Wichita Fire Chief Tammy Snow will be our speaker.

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF “ROTARY ANNS”?



A historic photo of Bru Brunnier, RI President from 1952-1953, and his wife Ann, the first “Rotary Ann.”

of the greeters was Guy Gundaker of Philadelphia, whose wife was also named Ann.

During the rousing demonstration, someone started the Rotary Ann chant. The two petite ladies, Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker, were hoisted to the men's shoulders and paraded about the hall. The group loved the title given to the two women named Ann. Immediately the same term of endearment was used for all of the wives in attendance, and the name “Rotary Ann” was here to stay. Guy Gundaker became president of Rotary International in 1923 and Bru Brunnier was elected president in 1952. Thus, each of the two original Rotary Anns became the “first lady of Rotary International.”

No, this is not a nickname for East Wichita Rotarians Ann Buckendahl and Anne Schneider.

In many Rotary clubs throughout the world, wives of male members were affectionately called “Rotary Anns”. This designation was never one of disparagement, but rather grew out of an interesting historical occasion.

The year was 1914 when San Francisco Rotarians boarded a special train to attend the Rotary convention being held in Houston. In those days few wives attended Rotary events, and until the train stopped in Los Angeles, the only woman aboard was the wife of Rotarian Bru Brunnier. As the train picked up additional convention-bound delegates, Mrs. Ann Brunnier was introduced as the Rotarian's Ann. This title soon became “Rotary Ann.”

Since the clubs of the West were inviting the Rotarians to hold their next convention in San Francisco, a number of songs and stunts were organized which would be performed in Houston. One of the Rotarians wrote a “Rotary Ann” chant. On the train's arrival at the Houston depot, a delegation greeted the West Coast Rotarians. One

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mean for family members of seniors who aren't able to care for their loved one? Or for small communities where an existing care home is the only place providing senior care services but may not have passed inspection in certain areas? According to Schmidt, a number of situations will grow out of that demographic change that the AG office needs to stay on top of.

During the question and answer period, Schmidt was asked why credit card holders aren't required to provide ID when paying for items at retailers. Schmidt explained that providing ID would solve some, but not all, of the problems resulting from identity theft. For example, providing ID wouldn't halt the online use of stolen credit cards. One partial solution is being able to freeze or thaw your credit report, which greatly diminishes the likelihood that someone use your ID when it's stolen. During the Equifax data breach the date-of-birth and Social Security numbers of 1/3 of Kansans were stolen. Zealously check your credit report regularly and don't hesitate to freeze it if needed. A valuable tip from your Kansas Attorney General, Derek Schmidt.



Attorney General Schmidt stayed around to visit with EWR members and answer questions. He's seen here with long-time EWR member Dr. John Schlicher.