



ROTARY NOTARY

Member Birthdays:

Scott Jensen	10/17
John Schlicher	10/17
Larry Hund	10/23
Jaden Randle	10/29

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Deb Brinegar

Special Guest:

Mandy Cundy
Beth Goodnight
Jermaine Pennington

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:

Robin McGonigle

Rotary Anniversaries:

Denise Hearson—7 years

Wedding Anniversaries:

Anthony and Emma Ndungu—
10 years

Photography:

Ric Wolford

Quote of the Week:

Nothing in the world can take the place of perseverance. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost legendary. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Perseverance and determination alone are omnipotent.

— Calvin Coolidge

KEEPING UP WITH MEURIG CUNDY AND HIS HAPPY FEET



A self-described Coach • Mentor • Creator, Meurig (pronounced “My-rig”) Cundy was born in Cardiff, Wales. At age 5 he moved to Malawi and grew up teaching and playing sports. Today he owns the local “Happy Feet” franchise and coaches the Wichita Legends soccer club.

You don’t often meet someone like Meurig Cundy. But when you do, he leaves a lasting impression. He’s a coach, but also an innovator, and a man with a deep desire to help people live fuller, healthier lives.

But first, how did Meurig Cundy come from Wales to Wichita? A job offer in 1997 brought him to Atlanta, just one year after that city hosted the Olympics. Seeing their huge stadiums made him realize that the U.S. takes sports very seriously. He’s been here ever since, and became a U.S. citizen in 2016.

One of Meurig’s many interests is “Happy Feet.” He is the local franchise owner of this preschool enrichment program that uses soccer to help children from ages 2—5 develop their gross, fine motor, and social skills. Happy Feet led to the creation of Happy Hoops, a basketball based preschool enrichment

program. Meurig wrote the curriculum for this program, which helps children ages 2—5 learn basketball fundamentals through fun stories, games, and challenges.

And if that weren’t enough, Meurig is also involved in the TGA Golf program, a franchise based out of El Segundo, California. It is an after-school enrichment program that locally is introducing 140—150 kids to golf for the first time.

The unique feature of these programs is that they are based at the schools. The coaches bring the equipment with them and offer lots of training. Parents don’t have to pick up their children after school and take them to another location.

Another benefit of his programs is the player pathway that Meurig and his coaches have developed. Children who start out playing soccer in Happy Feet progress to

Future Legends, and then to the Wichita Legends Soccer Club, Meurig’s passion. He says, “Keep them in the program and they end up in the starting lineup for their high school.”

More important than the “what,” which are the sports programs he has developed, and the “how,” which are the systems for accessing them, is the “why.” This is the emotional reason we do something that matters to us. Meurig’s life story changed dramatically after the death of his mother from cancer when he was 11 years old. Losing her at such a young age heightened his commitment to be healthy, stay healthy, and share this mindset with others. As he watches toddlers grow into teens who lead their teams with confidence, Meurig Cundy knows he has found his true calling to create brave, creative leaders for life, which happens to be the motto of his Legends soccer team.

Announcements:

Sign up to deliver turkey dinners to grateful families on Tuesday, November 23. Our goal is to purchase 61 dinners. Then mix it up with your fellow Rotarians following the turkey deliveries (approximately 5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, November 23 at the Social Tap Drinkery. Bring your spouse, a co-worker, or a prospective Rotarian! More details to come as the holiday approaches.



MORE AT ROTARY TODAY



EWR President **Greg Ek** presented **Angela Binyon** with her Paul Harris Plus 1 pin. That means she's contributed a total of \$2,000 to the Rotary International Foundation. Angela, a member of EWR since November 2000, is our hostess for all events we hold at the Wichita Marriott. Just contribute \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation and you can be cool like Angela.

District Conference:

Our annual District Conference will be held October 29—30 here at the Wichita Marriott. District Governor **Fred Heismeyer** and his better half **Joyce Heismeyer** promise a fun, as well as educational time. Click on the following link for registration details: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rotary-district-5680-conference-registration-172191899607>

Next Week:

If you didn't RSVP to tour McConnell Air Force Base next Wednesday, take a week off and we'll see you on October 27! If you're signed up to attend, Kim will send "where to meet" specifics in her pre-meeting email NEXT TUESDAY.

MORE ABOUT POLIOPLUS

This is Musa Muhammed Ali, a Nigerian farmer who had polio. He's smiling because a PolioPlus grant from Rotary allowed him to purchase a hand-operated tricycle that he uses when he needs to buy feed for his animals. The grants are an example of what the "Plus" in PolioPlus means.



In last week's Rotary Notary we shared a bit about the history of Rotary International's involvement in the eradication of the polio virus throughout the world. It's an amazing story of dedication and persistence despite hardships and obstacles. Here in the United States we don't realize how difficult it is to carry out a polio vaccination campaign in a country like Nigeria, where the Boko Haram insurgency has displaced millions of people, leading to malnutrition and spikes in disease. When security allows, health workers diligently work to bring the polio vaccine and other health services to every child, including going tent-to-tent in camps for displaced people.

Rotary's commitment to end the polio virus has created systems that have led to increased vaccinations against yellow fever and Ebola. In Nigeria Rotary and its partners also distribute soap and organize health camps to treat other conditions. This is part of the "Plus" in PolioPlus. (Text and photo taken from Rotary International website).

Kelly Dandurand is heading up this event for EWR and has set a goal of raising \$3,000 in total contributions toward the Polio Plus Campaign. Remember, your *donation to the campaign will count toward your Paul Harris fellow standing.*