



Rotary Notary

Week of October 23rd

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Michael Caffrey

Invocation, Flag Salute & 4-Way Test:

Shelley Duncan

Special Guests:

Kim Carraway - Hygiene
Pantry

(Robin McGonigle)

Chris Addington

(Susan Addington)

Member Birthdays:

Scott Jensen - 10/17

John Schlicher - 10/17

Eric Ireland - 10/28

Tim Link - 10/28

Jaden Randle - 10/29

Wedding Anniversaries:

Anthony & Emma Ndungu
10/16 - **3 years**

Rotary Anniversaries

Tammie Rhea - 10/16

4 years

Denise Hearson - 10/30

5 years

Quote of the Year:

"Let's accomplish great things
together."

-Anne Schneider

A Private School With A Public Purpose

This week's speaker was Chris English; the Head of School at *The Independent School* here in Wichita. Chris started his career in North Carolina where he taught (as luck would have it) English. In addition to teaching, Chris has dabbled in all forms of performance.

Whether it was musicals, singing, radio, or television, as he puts it, he was always "seeking attention".

But when it came right down to it, Chris found his calling in education. His knack for teaching steered him toward new, innovative, methods in teaching; namely, a 'Neurodevelopmental' approach to education. Having been exposed to training in this new approach, it only made sense that he would find a home at the Wichita school started by Jean Garvey in 1980.

The Independent School is a place where they recognize that students learn differently. They believe curriculum should be flexible and that, above all, students need encouragement and love. Others seem to agree, as next year they will celebrate 40 years of innovative education.

In his presentation, Chris shared with us the challenges of preparing students for careers that do not, yet, exist. He went over the effects of technology in education and his graphic of the Gartner Hype Cycle showed how our expectations for new technological advances may or may not always align with what those innovations actually do.

The innovation doesn't merely involve technology. There have been several advances in neurodevelopmental studies as well. Chris shared how studies of our Amygdala have helped teachers feign off boredom and understand the science behind procrastination. Their research in the field has produced a "Maslow Before You Bloom" methodology in the education community that alerts teachers to potential barriers to education for children that may be lacking basic human needs in their home life.

Above all, Chris's message highlighted the fact that "Relationships are **essential** for learning". And that the more we let Topeka make our education decisions, the less effective we will be.





Lord's Diner:

Our next Service Project will be at The Lord's Diner on **November 5th**. You can sign up at Kim's table or by email.

Christmas Party:

This year's Christmas Party will be on **December 12th** at Intrust Bank Arena. Contact Kim or Shane Pullman for details.

AmazonSmile:

Don't forget to use AmazonSmile when shopping online to help benefit the foundation. We raised \$19.32 last quarter. Every little bit helps!

Donna Kennedy is our newest **Paul Harris Fellow**! She received her reward this week and her name will be added to the banner that hangs at each meeting!



Presentation of Hygiene Pantry Contribution:

Anne presents **Kim Carraway** and our own **Robin McGonigle** with a \$500 Rotary contribution to the Hygiene Pantry. The Pantry served as EWR's September Service Project



Turkey Donations:

Donations for Turkey donations are now being collected. Last year's cost was \$60 per meal and we fed 93 families. This year, lets shoot for 100!



Turkey Dinner Families

The board is in search of recipient families for this year's Thanksgiving Dinners. If you know of a family in need, or may know someone who would, please contact Denise Hearson or Kim.

You can also get signed up with Kim for Turkey Deliveries. They will be delivered on November 26th!

NO MEETING on November 27th on account of Thanksgiving.



Julie Noller gives the presentation at Heartspring for last week's Fireside.

Next Week:

Tom Shine - KMW