

ROTARY NOTARY



Member Birthdays:

Jaden Randle	10/29
Tom Church	10/30
Fred Heismeyer	10/31

At Rotary Today:

Greeter:

Michael Moeder

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:

Jaden Randle

Special Guest:

Brandi Phifer

Member News:

Kelly Dandurand

Photography:

Ric Wolford

Rotary Anniversaries:

Denise Hearson—7 years

Tammie Rhea—6 years

Wedding Anniversaries:

Kim & Beth Goodnight—

46 years

Scott & Amanda Holder—

16 years

Anthony & Emma Ndungu—

10 years

Quote of the Week:

It's as much fun to scare as to be scared.

— Vincent Price

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: GOING STRONG IN WICHITA SINCE 1986

Susan Addington, a board member with Wichita Habitat for Humanity, introduced today's speaker, Danielle Johnson. Danielle, a native of Wichita, has been the Executive Director of Wichita Habitat for Humanity for the past three months. Previously she was the Assistant Director for Inclusion and Diversity at Wichita State University.



First a question: how many homes has Habitat for Humanity given away?

The answer: Zero. Habitat for Humanity homes are purchased with “sweat equity,” an investment of time on the part of the owner, and an interest-free mortgage over 20 or 30 years.

The vision of Habitat for Humanity is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Founded in Americus, Georgia in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, the organization began as an idea to build modest houses on a no-profit, no-interest basis where future homeowners invested their own labor into the building of their home and those of other families.

Today the organization operates around the globe and has helped build, renovate, and repair more than 600,000 decent, affordable houses, providing shelter for more than 3 million people.

Locally, Wichita Habitat for Humanity became an official

affiliate of Habitat for Humanity in October 1986. Since then, the organization has partnered with more than 200 families, providing them with a hand up so they can create healthy, successful futures. Today there are three “Habitat Villages” in Wichita: Edgebrook Village, located in north-west Wichita with 42 homes and a pocket park; Stewart Village in South Wichita, which is now home to 45 families; and Cottonwood Corner, with homes for nine families.

Another focus of Habitat's work in Wichita is “Rock the Block,” which was launched in 2014. It focuses on in-fill development in the neighborhood bounded on the south by 9th street, on the west by Hillside, on the north by 13th, and on the east by Grove. The goal is to create large areas of sustainable change. Where there once were decaying, unoccupied houses and lots used as dumping grounds, are now tidy new homes

occupied by just under 300 adults and children.

The result of this investment? Fewer calls to fire and law enforcement officials. Rising appraisal values for Habitat-built homes. A removal of 8 blighted properties. An increase in the percentage of homes that are owner-occupied. And in 2019 local Habitat homeowners paid nearly \$200,000 in property taxes as well.

It takes about 1,560 person hours to build a Habitat home. The new homeowner must contribute 250 hours of “sweat equity” toward his/her home's construction. Before someone can own a home through Habitat, they must submit an application and complete 40 hours of financial literacy education.

Our club will host a Habitat home build in 2022 headed up by our own Jim Boone. We hope every member who can participate will, and see for yourself the joy of bringing a new home, and fresh start, to a deserving family.

Announcements:

Mix it up with your fellow Rotarians! Our next mixer is on Tuesday, November 23 following our club's Thanksgiving Dinner delivery. We'll meet at the Social Tap Drinkery at 5 pm. Bring your spouse, a colleague, or a prospective EWR member!

The Dillons Community Rewards program recently issued a quarterly contribution check to our own Foundation! Contact Kim or any Foundation board member to learn how you can link your Dillons Plus Card to benefit our Foundation.

To thank today's speaker, a \$25 honorarium will be made in her name to the East Wichita Rotary Foundation.

Better Late Than Never:

Last week we failed to thank Dave Sproul for taking the photo of Cathy McClain at the controls of the KC-135 while we toured McConnell Air Force Base. Thanks, Dave! It was a great photo!

Next Week:

Brandon Gaide, the director of Sevenfold, will be our speaker.

MORE AT ROTARY TODAY

Kelly Dandurand announced that EWR members have contributed \$4,249 to our PolioPlus campaign. The goal was \$3,000. With the three times match provided by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, our club's total contribution toward this effort to eradicate the polio virus around the world will be just under \$17,000! Amazing! Thanks to all who made a gift!



DELIVERING THANKSGIVING DINNERS: HERE'S WHY WE DO IT



Denise Hearson, who is heading up our annual Thanksgiving Dinner delivery this year, shared a note of thanks from a grateful recipient, who wrote, *"I was working double shifts at a gas station and the previous year around this time my father passed away. The food was a blessing and made a difference."*

Making the holidays a little brighter for people in need is why East Wichita Rotarians have always rallied to support our turkey drive. The estimated cost for a dinner serving 4—6 persons is just over

\$80, but any donation helps! Please make your contribution by November 10 to give Kim plenty of time to place the order. Our goal is to purchase and deliver 61 dinners this year.

FUN FACTS ABOUT HALLOWEEN

As you prepare for little goblins, witches, and other masked visitors to come to your door shouting, "Trick or Treat!" you may wonder about Halloween traditions in our country. Here are a few, explained:

1. Candy corn was originally called Chicken Feed and was created in the 1880s by George Renninger.
2. According to [History.com](https://www.history.com), the Halloween we know today can trace its roots back to the ancient Celtic end-of-harvest festival of Samhain. During Samhain, people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off evil spirits.

3. Halloween is the second largest commercial holiday in the U.S., ranking second after Christmas. Consumers spent approximately \$9 billion on Halloween in 2019, according to the National Retail Federation. Spending was down a bit in 2020 because of the COVID pandemic, but Americans still forked over \$8 billion overall, or an average of \$92 per person. (Source: Good Housekeeping.)

