



ROTARY NOTARY

Birthdays:

<i>Susan Addington</i>	10/3
<i>Scott Jensen</i>	10/17
<i>John Schlicher</i>	10/17

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Donna Kennedy

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:

Joe Goetz

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:

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

SECURITY IN AN UNCERTAIN, AND UNSECURE, WORLD

Jeff Geoffroy was a member of the Senior Executive Service and the former Assistant Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies and Operations and the Director, Security Division at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps. He was responsible for providing direction, supervising development, and advocating Marine Corps capabilities for all issues pertaining to anti-terrorism and force protection, embassy security, law enforcement and criminal investigations, Marine Corps Security Forces, and military support to civil authorities during complex catastrophes.



Where were you on September 11, 2001? Chances are you remember what you were doing and feeling when the images of burning and destruction appeared on television that morning.

Today’s speaker, Jeff Geoffroy, showed us that changes in our nation’s security systems are often the result of a major crisis or disaster. On 9/11, Geoffroy was at the Pentagon where he worked. He and his colleagues were watching television coverage of the attacks on the World Trade Center when someone announced that a plane was headed for the Pentagon. Everyone in the room dove for cover. Their lives were spared, but colleagues meeting in another part of the building all lost their lives.

Previous attacks around the world had served as signals

that terrorists, not peer competitors, would be waging war on our country. It wasn’t until the attacks of 9/11 that we realized the threat of terrorism had become reality.

Our government responded. Suddenly, there was an open checkbook to purchase and implement counterterrorism strategies. The Department of Homeland Security and the Transportation Security Administration were created as a result of 9/11.

Security threats to our nation also come from within. Geoffroy pointed out that the psychiatrist who murdered 13 at Ft. Hood in 2009, Nidal Hassan, had become increasingly radicalized. Had his superiors paid attention to this, his security clearance might have been removed and the mass murder prevented.

Embassy security is another area that has changed greatly since the events of September 11 and 12 at the diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya. Formerly, the host nation of an embassy or consulate was responsible for its security. Embassies and consulates are not fortresses; they have to be open. Today our mindset has changed. Since Benghazi, our military has changed from a diplomatic mission to one of protecting our assets. Special forces have to be able to reach a location anywhere in the world within four hours.

Are we safer today after learning from events of the past? It depends. Our intelligence agencies are better coordinated and share information more, but insider and cyber threats always loom. As always, if you see something, say something. Don’t wait for a crisis to happen first.

Upcoming Events:

October 5—OSCAR (Our School Cares About Reading) Reading Day at Buckner Elementary. Just three slots remain!

October 6—Woofstock, the only annual fundraiser for the Kansas Humane Society! See details at www.kshumane.org

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!

Correction:

Jaren Johnson, new member of EWR, works for The Carnahan Group.

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:

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt will be our speaker. Please RSVP with Kim for this presentation!

WHAT EXACTLY IS THE HEAD-TO-TOE HYGIENE PANTRY?

If you've ever run out of shampoo while standing in the shower or used the last of your toothpaste without stocking up, you may have a slight understanding of what it's like not to have basic toiletries when you need them.

The Head-to-Toe Hygiene Pantry, a ministry of University Congregational Church where our own Robin McGonigle serves as Senior Minister, is a place where families can obtain these much-needed items at no cost.

Nearly all recipients are people with limited incomes, including the elderly, those with disabilities, unemployed individuals, and immigrants.

Items are distributed on the third Saturday of each month. Each household receives a pre-filled bag with five items: bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo, two bundles of toilet paper, and laundry detergent. They may also select five additional items, including baby diapers, baby wipes, tissue, deodorant, shaving cream, and more.

It's a tremendous ministry that has been serving families since 2010. Through 2017 an estimated 34,000 families have received products from the pantry. Each month, an average of 465 families representing 1,500 people are served.

EWR members can volunteer to help bag and distribute products on Saturday, October 20. Please sign up with Kim Hurtig. The Head-to-Toe Hygiene Pantry is located at 2130 E. 21st Street North, just three blocks east of I-135.

Come out and see what a difference this ministry makes in the lives of so many in our community!



Administrative costs for the pantry are nearly zero, as all financial donations are used to purchase product. Space is donated by the Open Door Food Bank.

LET'S TALK TURKEY



Yes, this is what you'll find in a turkey dinner delivered by EWR (minus the napkins and decorations). Let's reach our goal of delivering 102 dinners this year!

There are many ways you can help. Make a donation—each dinner will cost around \$60 this year. Or sign up to deliver. You'll never forget the gratitude of the people you meet, many of whom would not be able to have a Thanksgiving dinner without this generous project.

EWR has been making Thanksgiving special for hundreds of families over the last 15 years. And we're gearing up to do it again, with a goal of purchasing 102 dinners for families in need.

Each dinner, purchased at Dillons, comes with a pre-cooked turkey and all the fixins, like mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, dressing, and of course, pumpkin pie. Members of our club identify families in need. We purchase them and deliver them two days before Thanksgiving.

It's an amazing team effort. John McEwen picks up the turkey dinners, Bill McCannell offers the parking lot of Hillside Christian Church for distribution, and then pairs of Rotarians deliver them, one dinner at a time.