



ROTARY NOTARY

Member Birthdays:

<i>Eileen Kludt</i>	8/29
<i>Brittany Sweeney</i>	8/29
<i>Tyler Fee</i>	9/12
<i>Michael Moeder</i>	9/12
<i>John Vetter</i>	9/15
<i>Fred Thurlow</i>	9/16
<i>Denise Hearson</i>	9/19

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Jessica Dunbar

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:

Markus Meyer

Special Guests:

John Diel
Dean Kennedy
Merleta Mohr
Chris Stanyer

Rotary Anniversaries:

Joanne Rogers—14 years
Tyler Fee—3 years
Jordan Harter—1 year

Wedding Anniversaries:

Greg & Debby Ek—44 years
Kevin & Lori Rathert—36 years
Ken & Marcine Moldenauer—34 years
Jordan & Hollie Harter—16 years

Quote of the Week:

Whatever you are, be a good one.

—Abraham Lincoln

IVANHOE LOVE: PROUD CITIZEN, SOLDIER AND ROTARIAN

Ivanhoe Love (L) is currently serving as District Governor for District 5680, which includes our club. He received the Silver Star for his service in Vietnam and joined Rotary in 1992. With him are Past District Governors Dean Kennedy and **Fred Heismeyer**. Dean serves as RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) chair for the district and commended our club for sending a student to RYLA camp every year.



Liberal, Kansas is the current home of District Governor Ivanhoe Love, but he has lived in many locations all over the world. As our current DG, Love is visiting Rotary clubs throughout the district. Today was his 37th visit out of the 60 clubs in our district.

Love served in the U.S. Army for 28 years, retiring in 1990. His service included two tours of duty in Vietnam and four tours in Europe. During that time he attained the highest enlisted rank possible: Command Sergeant Major. Remembering those years he said, “War is ugly. It leaves a scar on your brain that you’ll never get rid of.”

Returning to the U.S. Love

experienced the hatred of those who believed we should not have fought in Vietnam. A woman threw urine on him and called him a baby killer. In Jonesboro, AR, the KKK burned a cross on his door. That resulted in his first encounter with Rotary, whose local members offered help.

Years after that experience, Love joined Rotary in 1992. After attending the Rotary International Convention, he said, “A light came on. I saw people from 156 different countries, wearing their native dress. This was the true face of Rotary.”

Back home in Liberal, Love helped prepare a district grant for diabetes awareness. Later a woman whose

husband had been tested thanked him for saving her husband’s life, saying that the test results showed he was nearly in diabetic shock.

Love is equally passionate about the humanitarian work Rotary does all over the world. For years Rotary’s commitment to eradicate the wild polio virus resulted in only three known cases in 2021. But last year there was a case in New York. “Imagine if we devoted ourselves to a disease-free world!” he exclaimed. He issued a challenge to our club to educate our community about polio and to encourage wastewater treatment facilities to test wastewater for the presence of the virus.

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Announcements:

We're looking for a chair! Not the kind you sit in but the kind who will head up our annual Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Drive! This annual event brings joy, smiles, and a delicious dinner to families who receive them. Could you spare some time to lead and coordinate this event? If so, please let Kim know!



MORE AT ROTARY TODAY



Past District Governor **Fred Heismeyer** (R) presents the Rotary Citation certificate to Past President **Greg Ek**. Our club was one of only three in District 5680 to earn this citation. How did we do it? First, we set goals. Second, we worked to accomplish them. Last, we reported the goals and their accomplishments to the district. As Greg said, this award is for all of us!

Meet The Board:

- President—Dane Estok
- President-Elect—Darin Kater
- VP Programs—Michael Moeder
- Treasurer—Brittany Sweeney
- Secretary—Deb Brinegar
- Immediate Past President—Greg Ek
- Community Service—Tom Church
- Foundation Liaison—Denise Hearson
- Public Relations—Elizabeth Farha
- Membership—Alex Kruse
- IT Administrator—Anthony Ndungu
- Social Activities—Jessica Dunbar
- The Rotary Foundation—Dave Sproul

District Governor Ivanhoe Love and EWR President **Dane Estok** exchange Rotary banners. According to the rotary.org website, this is one of Rotary's most colorful traditions. Clubs display their own decorative banners at meetings and district events, and Rotarians who travel to other countries often take these banners to exchange with the clubs they visit.



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IMAGINE ROTARY

Love also encouraged us to imagine a world where every child can read and write, a world where clean drinking water is available for everyone. These projects are what Rotary is involved in around the world. As Rotarians, we can make a difference.

Pointing out that for the first time in its history, Rotary International has a female president, Jennifer Jones, Love emphasized the importance of having diversity, equity, and inclusion in our clubs. "It's uncomfortable to ask someone who doesn't look like you to join," he said. But he advised that we should look for the movers and shakers in diverse communities and invite them to be a guest in our club—then make them feel comfortable when they're here.

Love closed out his presentation with a rousing call to EWR members. "Let's advertise what we do and contribute to service projects around the world. THAT'S Rotary!"

Next Week:

Kelly Bielefeld and Gil Alvarez of the Wichita Public Schools will share how our district is preparing students for careers by earning workplace-valued credentials.