



ROTARY NOTARY

Birthdays:

Denise Hearson	9/19
Steve Honlik	9/12
Shelley Duncan	9/24

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Terry Wiggers

**Invocation, Flag Salute,
and Four-way test:**
Nancy Wiebe

Rotary Anniversaries:
Ryan Heikes—2 years

Quote of the Week:

The only impossible journey is
the one you never begin.

—Tony Robbins

A PROGRAM TO STOP REPEAT SEXUAL OFFENSES



BJ Mills is a licensed clinical social worker who works with sex offenders toward a goal of not repeating their offenses ever again. Most of his clients are court-ordered to participate and have to pay program costs themselves. In more than 20 years not a single offender who has completed the program has been charged with a sexual offense a second time.

When you think about human trafficking one image that comes to mind is that of a group of men or women held in captivity to provide either labor or sexual services without their consent. You may think of teenage runaways who leave home and end up in the snares of people who prey on their youth and naiveté. Or you may picture a “dirty old man” who approaches children in public places. The people who perpetrate these crimes are usually unrepentant, hardened criminals who, if convicted, end up spending the rest of their lives in prison.

What you may not think of are people who have committed offenses still considered part of the big picture of human trafficking, but who, with help, can accept responsibility for their actions, feel

remorse, and not repeat the offense again.

Bradley, or BJ, Mills designed a program to work with this type of offender. A minister, he later earned a master’s degree in social work and found himself working with both juvenile delinquents and adult offenders. What he learned was that some adults make terrible mistakes that have a tremendous cost to them and their loved ones. Through this program, they can learn not to repeat the offense.

The program takes 1 1/2 to 2 years to complete. Clients who have accepted a term of probation are required to participate. The probation itself is very restrictive, requiring a curfew every night and barring participants from many different social and community activ-

ities that could trigger their inclination toward harmful behavior to innocent members of the public. For example, participants are not allowed to go into a bar for any reason whatsoever, even if they don’t have a drink. Violating the terms of probation can lead to arrest, followed by prison.

What Mills tries to achieve with every offender is the realization that his actions hurt others deeply. Writing a letter of apology to those who have been hurt is part of the program.

Upon completion most offenders learn they have already lost much that they will never fully recover—their reputation, their relationships, and their former way of life. But they also learn never to harm another person by viewing them as property to be used for their own pleasure or gain.

EW R MIXER FUN

Upcoming Events:

October 2—Remember the film “Catch Me If You Can?” about Frank Abagnale, who posed as a Pan American World Airways pilot and other schemes before his 19th birthday? He will present “Outsmart Con Artists” at the Hughes Metroplex on Tuesday, October 2 from 6:30—8 p.m. The presentation is free to the public.

October 5—OSCAR (Our School Cares About Reading) Reading Day at Buckner Elementary. Sign up to read out loud to a charming group of children who think you’re cool because you read!

October 20—Help distribute hygiene items to very grateful families at the Head-to-Toe Hygiene Pantry! More details to come.



Anchors aweigh! The Heismeyers and Mays kicked off fall with a lovely mixer and evening cruise in north Wichita on the former Crystal Lake. Each month EWR hosts a mixer at a fun location. Stay tuned to find out where we’ll meet next month!

Delicious snacks and plentiful libations were provided by mixer hosts Joyce and Fred Heismeyer. A good time was had by all, wouldn’t you agree?



Congratulations!

To Deik and Jessica Scram, who have a baby girl, Lilah Lynne, born on September 5.

And to Jonathan McConnell, who married Bethany Corn last weekend!

Next Week:

FIRESIDE at the Kansas Humane Society. DON’T come to the Wichita Country Club! If you do, you’ll miss a wonderful lunch and program!

FINALLY, IT’S FALL!

Bring back all things pumpkin because this Saturday marks the beginning of fall!

It’s been a long, hot summer and with temperatures expected to drop significantly this week, we’re eager to start enjoying the great outdoors without the fear of heat stroke.

A couple of great websites provide lists of fun and cultural fall community activities. Some are more kid-friendly than others, but all have a focus on getting out and enjoying what’s happening right here in our hometown.

www.visitwichita.com Just select a date on the calendar and see what’s happening, from art shows to foodie frenzies, if it’s hip, it’s here.

<https://wichitaonthecheap.com> This site lists free and inexpensive things to do in Wichita, along with restaurant specials, local deals, family-friendly activities, and more!

www.360wichita.com/events Find a smorgasbord of local happy hours, concerts, live music, fun fundraisers, and more.

Who says there’s nothing to do in Wichita? Not us! Come out and have a ball—it’s fall!

