

ROTARY NOTARY



Member Birthdays:

Steve Houlik	9/23
Joyce Heismeyer	9/29

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Jessica Dunbar

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:
Joe Goetz

Special Visitors:
Markus Meyer

Member News:
Kelly Dandurand

Rotary Anniversaries:
Kevin Rathert—25 years
Lynn Jeane—22 years

Wedding Anniversaries:
Elizabeth and Sam Farha—
7 years
Justin and Meghan Baxter—
4 years

Quote of the Week:

You must put your head into the lion's mouth if the performance is to be a success.

— Winston Churchill

LEARNING ABOUT WICHITA'S CLASSIC RESTAURANTS



Denise Neil autographs a copy of her book for Kelly Dandurand. Denise was approached by Arcadia Publishing about writing the book. They asked her to write 30,000 words; she ended up with 40,000 and even then had to edit out some of her stories.

One of Denise Neil's enduring regrets has to do with a restaurant named Albert's. Denise came to Wichita in 1997 as a writer for the Wichita Eagle. In 2001, Albert's closed its doors forever. To this day, she regrets that during her first four years here she never once visited the legendary restaurant that was located at Kellogg and Woodlawn *because no one had told her about it.*

Wichitans fondly remember beloved restaurants of yesteryear and aren't shy about posting their memories, or their desire to see these restaurants return. Denise discovered this when she joined two local Facebook groups, Wichita History from My Perspective and If You Grew Up in Wichita....

Invariably the discussions

with the most comments are those featuring a restaurant. A question such as, "Does anyone remember the Lazy R?" quickly results in an avalanche of shared memories about the food, service, and the crayons and coloring menu featuring the character "Zeec Regrub" (Cheese Burger spelled backwards, sort of) that were distributed to children to keep them busy while their food was being prepared.

So Denise posted questions of her own. What restaurants should she include in her upcoming book? Among the most popular responses: The Innes Tea Room, part of the Innes department store in downtown Wichita; Portobello Road, formerly at Kellogg and Bluff; and Chateau Briand, whose claim to fame was your choice of steak served aflame at the table.

Even more enjoyable than hearing from passionate diners was conducting the research. Wearing a headlamp, Denise dug through articles stored in the Wichita Eagle's basement. Long before the internet there was a clipping service comprised of ladies who dutifully clipped and stored all of the Eagle's articles during the 50s, 60s and 70s.

Another great source were the owners themselves, in some cases, or their family members, who had proudly saved menus, photos, and other memorabilia collected during their restaurant's heyday. Among them: Rose Kulhman of Mr. Dunderbak's Cafe and Marni Vliet of The Looking Glass.

Writing the book was clearly a labor of love for Denise Neil. Pick up a copy and see why we Wichitans are so proud of our restaurant history.

Announcements:

Time to talk turkey—donations are being accepted to purchase Thanksgiving dinners for families in need. Last year, the cost for a dinner for 4-6 was \$75. Donations in any and all amounts are being accepted. Bring a check to an upcoming meeting or go to our website, eastwichitarotary.org, and click on the link on the left side of the homepage.



Want a fun volunteer opportunity? The Wichita Riverfest is looking for volunteers for Riverfest 2021, which runs from September 30—October 3. If you're available, please contact Kim Hurtig, our Club Executive, and she'll put you in touch with the Riverfest volunteer coordinator.

World Polio Day:

Across the Rotary world, October 24 is World Polio Day. **Kelly Dandurand** will chair this event for EWR. In the past our club members have raised funds to support Polio Plus, Rotary International's vaccination program. Your donation to the campaign will count toward your Paul Harris fellow standing.

Next Week:

AJ Boleski, General Manager of the Intrust Bank Arena, will be our speaker.

PAUL HARRIS + 2 PIN

What's better than becoming a Paul Harris Fellow? Being a Paul Harris Fellow + 2, of course! Greg Ek presented Jim Crawford with a Paul Harris + 2 pin to recognize his support of the Rotary International Foundation. Want to join this illustrious group? Support our upcoming Polio Plus campaign with a gift of \$1,000 and you're in.



PUMPKIN SPICE & EVERYTHING NICE



It just wouldn't be fall without a mention of pumpkin spice. According to Hannah Herrera on webstaurantstore.com, the first major retailer to capitalize on the pumpkin spice phenomenon was Starbucks. In 2004 they launched their immensely popular Pumpkin Spice Latte, which was handcrafted by a team led by former Stanford basketball athlete Peter Dukes. It took the team more than three months to develop the recipe, and within a week of the market test, Starbucks store managers raved about its success in their stores.

Since then, more than 200 million Starbucks PSLs have been served. Many coffee shops now serve their own version of the beverage, which even has its own Twitter and Instagram pages.

MORE AT ROTARY TODAY

Fireside at McConnell Air Force Base—Our own **Cathy McClain** has arranged for a tour of the base on October 20. We will get to see the KC-135 and the new refueler, the KC-46. Reservations are **REQUIRED**, and up to 80 may attend. You may bring **one** guest at a cost of \$12 for lunch. All attendees must provide their name, birthdate, and KS driver's license number for a pre-event security check. Plan for a longer meeting than usual. We will meet at Countryside Christian Church, 1919 S. Rock Road, and depart promptly at 11:30 on Air Force buses to go to the base.



Sign-ups end on October 6. Masks will be required of all attending. This is an exciting opportunity made possible by a fellow EWR member—one of the amazing benefits of being part of Rotary!