



ROTARY NOTARY

Birthdays:

<i>Terry Wiggers</i>	4/12
<i>Chris Anderson</i>	4/12
<i>Paul Dahlke</i>	4/16

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Susan Addington

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

Laurie Gregory and her guest,
Pastor Aaron Varner

Member News: Britt Fulmer

Special Guests:

Nancy Wiebe
Jillian VanCampen

Quote of the Week:

People buy into the leader
before they buy into the vision.

—John Maxwell

WICHITA POLICE CHIEF CANDID ABOUT CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES



Gordon Ramsay was sworn in as the Wichita Police Chief in January 2016. He's a first generation American, as both of his parents emigrated to the U.S. from Scotland. Chief Ramsay loves police work and goes on calls about once a month.

With law enforcement officers seemingly under attack in some communities Chief Gordon Ramsay feels grateful that Wichita has been so welcoming to him and his family.

After taking over the department just over a year ago, Ramsay says there's a lot to be proud of. The department is able to solve about 92% of homicides, well above the national average of 50%.

He's also pleased that positive community relations

have led to citizens reporting what they've seen or know, helping the department solve violent crimes.

But with 650 officers, the department is down 20 from 2009. Working on a recent Friday evening, Ramsay had 30 calls waiting when he began his shift. The high volume of calls means that police have less time to build relationships in the community.

With the goal of making all areas of the city safe, Ramsay is using technology to observe and record not only behavior in areas such as

Old Town, but also his officers. As of last July, 100% of Wichita police officers wear body cameras. They are very effective tools in ensuring that officers and the people they encounter are accountable for their behavior.

The challenge is that these cameras generate a lot of video. 50,000 new videos each month, to be exact. And they're worthless if they can't be accessed when needed. That's why Ramsay needs a storage system that can catalog and save these videos. It costs \$380,000.

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Dates for Your Calendar:

Saturday, May 6—Kentucky Derby Party at the Lux from 3:00—6:30 pm. Bring yourself, your spouse, a friend! Lots of good fun and terrific auction items you can't find anywhere else!

Wednesday, May 17—Lord's Diner Service Project

Friday, June 2 and Monday, June 5—EWR will staff booths for Riverfest food court ticket sales. This is a great service project and lots of fun!

Celebrating Rotary Anniversaries:

Scott Jensen—9 years

John Vetter—26 years

Next Week:

Mary Beth Jarvis, CEO of Wichita Festivals, Inc., and Admiral Windwagon Smith will be here.

CHIEF GORDON RAMSAY (CONT'D)

the nationwide heroin epidemic, Ramsay said that it is partly due to over-prescribing opiates, the result of "America's desire to be pain-free." Property crimes are on the rise because addicts are desperate for cash to purchase drugs, cash they can obtain by selling stolen property.

The biggest issue the police chief deals with? Traffic. While sitting at a red light he observes the behavior of the driver next to him. More often than not, that person is texting or reading on his phone. The department is bringing back motorcycle officers to deal with the increase in traffic accidents.

Gordon Ramsay is a leader who is committed to serve his officers, and the community. He's a good fit for Wichita, and we're glad he's here.

EWR PAINTS THE TOWN RED (AND YELLOW, ORANGE, BLUE, GREEN)...

Last Saturday our club completed the second map painting project of the year. Buckner Elementary staff and students were thrilled with the results and look forward to using the new map as a tool to learn more about the United States. Special thanks to project co-chairs Lynn Jeane and Eileen Kludt.



Buckner students whooped and hollered with delight when they saw the colorful new map painted by EWR members. This student wanted to make sure we took a photo of her sitting in our home state.



The newest Windwagon Smith is the lovely spouse of our own Terry Wiggers! Windwagon Smith, a.k.a. Wendy Johnson, will be one of our featured speakers at the April 19 EWR meeting.

