



# ROTARY NOTARY

## At Rotary Today:

**Greeter:** Burke Jones

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

**Member News:** Britt Fulmer

## Shout Out To:

New EWR member Adam Clements, who has been named to the Wichita Business Journal's "40 Under 40."

## Quote of the Week:

When eagles are silent, parrots begin to chatter.

—Winston Churchill

## A JOURNEY TO SOUTH AFRICA WITH ROBIN MCGONIGLE



The paint on these brightly-colored houses in the Bo-Kaap neighborhood of Capetown, South Africa, is refreshed annually. These houses were once the homes of slaves from Indonesia and Malaysia. South Africa, known then as the Cape Colony, abolished slavery on December 1, 1834.

**E**ast Wichita Rotary member Robin McGonigle and her husband Eric journeyed last month to South Africa to learn more about apartheid, study another culture, and see nature. Although their trip was 52 hours from "bed to bed" as Robin described, we shared it vicariously at today's meeting, avoiding jet lag and other aftereffects of international travel.

The McGonigles first stopped in Dubai, located on the southeast coast of the Persian Gulf and the largest

city in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Known for its stunning architecture, Dubai is the home of the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa, which is nearly 1,500 feet taller than the Empire State Building.

The next stop was Cape Town, South Africa. Colonized by the Dutch, who stopped there in 1641 headed to India for spices, South Africa today is a multiethnic society whose constitution recognizes 11 official languages.

Robin described the residents of Cape Town as

gracious and hospitable, welcoming tourists in part because they bring much-needed income to a country with 27% unemployment.

Unemployment plagues South Africa's neighbor to the north-east, Zimbabwe, even more. Around 79% of its residents are unemployed. Robin showed a short video of girls from Zimbabwe dancing to native music on a sidewalk. Dancing for hours in the hot sun, they were most likely soliciting cash donations to purchase food.

Baboons are plentiful and problematic (*cont'd on p. 2*)

**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 10**—**NO MEETING**

**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!

**Coming To Wichita:**

Paul McCartney and his "One on One" tour will perform in Wichita on Wednesday, July 19 at the Intrust Bank Arena. Tickets go on sale Monday at [www.selectaseat.com](http://www.selectaseat.com).

**Next Week:**

John Tomblin, Ph.D., Executive Director of the National Institute of Aviation Research at WSU's Innovation Campus will be our featured speaker.

**SOUTH AFRICAN ADVENTURE (CONT'D)**

in Cape Town. They have the dexterity to open doors and enter homes. Once inside, they're known to open refrigerator doors, steal food, and create a mess. Baboon monitors, employed by the city government, patrol areas where baboons and humans can come into contact with each other. The monitors have a permit to use paintball guns but cannot kill the baboons.

It was the adventure of a lifetime for Robin and her husband. Following are more photos she shared with EWR:



No, this isn't the mechanical shark from Jaws. It's a real shark Robin spotted during a shark tour and captured with her cell phone camera.



This looks like a photo from National Geographic magazine, but it's a photo Robin took of an impala, one of many wild animals she and Eric saw up close during a safari tour.

**MORE AT ROTARY TODAY****Celebrating anniversaries with East Wichita Rotary:**

Jim Boone—32 years

John Alefs—28 years

Jon Tilton—26 years

Joe Sullivan—23 years

**New United Airlines slogans:**

Board as a doctor, leave as a patient.

We put the hospital in hospitality.

Our prices can't be beaten....but our customers can!

Now offering free carry-off!

Now serving punch.

We beat the customer, not the competition!

United Airlines...a bloody good airline!



"Hey, Britt, why don't you have some food with your pepper???" Our own Britt Fulmer clearly enjoys seasoning his meal with more than a little pepper!