



# ROTARY NOTARY

## Birthdays:

Tim O'Sullivan	4/7
Burke Jones	4/8
Ryan Heikes	4/9

## At Rotary Today:

**Greeter:** Donna Kennedy

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

**Welcome to New Member:**  
Adam Clements

**Announcements:** The East Wichita YMCA Men's Club is hosting a Flint Oak Ranch shootout from April 20—22. See Justin Baxter for more information.

Also, a Music Theatre of Wichita performer is looking for a place to live this summer. If you have a room or an apartment for rent from late May through August, please let Fred Heismeyer know.

## Quote of the Week:

Teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.

—Anonymous

## CLUB ASSEMBLY: A PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER



At today's club assembly each table received a bag of nails and a challenge: hang all the nails onto a single nail driven into a block of wood. Here Kim Goodnight and Ryan Henry proudly show off how their table "nailed it."

President Fred Heismeyer is a business consultant who knows a lot about using games to engage team members in problem solving. Today he led a Club Assembly at our regularly scheduled meeting time, presenting an exercise that was fun but also proved several points that we can relate to Rotary.

At the center of each table was a block of wood where a nail had been slightly driven in. Rotarians at each table were challenged to hang all the nails in the bag

onto the single nail in the block of wood.

Denise Hearson quickly determined that by leaving the nails in the bag, she could perch it onto the upright nail. When Fred told her the nails had to be out of the bag, she found an elastic band, bundled the nails, and set them on top of the upright nail.

Meanwhile, Kim Goodnight and his table not only came up with a solution, but created a work of art as well. By setting one nail onto the upright nail and then suspending the

remaining nails from it, they met the challenge.

Rotarians learned many lessons from this activity. First, participants developed creative solutions, such as Denise's use of an elastic band. How can we be more creative in the way we carry out our service projects like the Thanksgiving Turkey Drive and the Buckner Elementary School Reading Project?

Second, some participants watched Kim's team but didn't take the next step of completing the exercise themselves. (cont'd on p. 2)

**Dates for Your Calendar:**

Saturday, April 8—School map painting project at Buckner Elementary at 8:00 a.m. Park in the west side lot and wear your Rotary t-shirt!

Saturday, May 6—Kentucky Derby Party at the Lux from 3:00—6:30 pm.

Wednesday, May 17—Lord's Diner Service Project

**Rotary Moment:**

Burke Jones remembers when he and his children helped deliver turkey dinners to a family in Hilltop a few years ago at Thanksgiving. He was struck by the visible poverty of neighborhood where the family lived. A young boy in the household shared with Burke's daughter that without the dinner she'd helped deliver, his family wouldn't have had a Thanksgiving meal. That's when Burke realized how his participation in Rotary can make a big difference to people right here in our own city.

**Next Week:**

Wichita Police Department Chief Gordon Ramsey will be our speaker.

**THIRD QUARTER CHECKUP (CONT'D)**

Don't just let others in Rotary participate, get involved yourself!

Last, once a table came up with the right solution, did others ask how they were successful so they, too, could complete the exercise? The lesson here is: ask questions about our club, and don't be afraid to share information!

Some statistics for the year, which began on July 1, 2016:

- 68 club members have contributed \$6,109 to the Rotary International Foundation so far.
- Giving to the East Wichita Rotary Foundation for student scholarships is \$6,200 to date.
- The special presentation featuring Sen. Pat Roberts and Rep. Roger Marshall was well-received and drew several visitors from other clubs, as well as community guests.

So...we're doing a lot of things well. We're also challenged to continually improve and grow our club. Areas of focus for the remainder of the year are:

- More club members stepping up to accept leadership positions, both on the board and for service projects.
- Assisting with fundraising for scholarships and the causes our club supports.
- Recruiting new members.
- Improving the perception of Rotary in our community. Wear your Rotary pin when you're out and about! Wear your Rotary t-shirt to our events!

Challenge yourself to reach out this week to someone who would like to know more about Rotary!

**“RUN FOR THE ROSES” KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY FEATURES FUN AND FANCY**

Enjoy the pageantry and spectacle of the Kentucky Derby without leaving town! Come to EWR's Kentucky Derby "Run for the Roses" party/fundraiser to benefit three local not-for-profit organizations. We'll enjoy appetizers, adult beverages (including mint juleps) and live coverage of the event. There will also be a silent and live auction

of some fabulous items, including a week's stay at a condo in downtown Breckenridge and two tickets to the Symphony in the Flint Hills on June 10.

This one-of-a-kind event will take place at The Lux in downtown Wichita on Saturday, May 6 from 3:00—6:30 pm. Tickets are \$50/guest. Spread the word to your friends and colleagues—they are welcome to attend.

Meanwhile, start brushing up on your Derby Day traditions for this fun, new EWR event. We'll take care of the fun—all you have to do is be there!