



# ROTARY NOTARY

## Birthdays:

Mac McKee	8/4
Brant Westbrook	8/7

## What a meeting!

Our tables were full today with more than 60 EWR members in attendance. It was great to see so many of you involved and engaged in our club and in what our speaker had to say.

## Congratulations to:

**Brian and Susan Burrus**, whose son Ben will marry Monica Shelton this Saturday. Brian says after raising three wonderful sons they will now welcome a daughter-in-law to their family!

**Tom and Jennifer Morris**, who welcomed a granddaughter, Ellie Tyler Walden, into their lives on July 25. Parents are Allison and Tyler Walden. Mom and baby are doing great!

Keep the good news coming! Send your announcements to Anne Corriston Schneider at: [acorriston@gmail.com](mailto:acorriston@gmail.com)

## Quote of the Week:

Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars.

—Casey Kasem

## DISCOVER ALLEN HOUSE, A KANSAS TREASURE

Sonja Vogt is a docent for the Allen House. According to dictionary.com, Docents are knowledgeable guides who conduct visitors through a museum and deliver commentary on the exhibitions. Docents are also volunteers. Sonja is both passionate and informative—someone who has truly found her calling!



**K**ansas has only two buildings designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Both are located here in Wichita.

Our speaker today, Sonja Vogt, told us about the house and Frank Lloyd Wright, who was recognized as the “greatest American architect of all time” by the American Institute of Architects.

The Allen House, located at 255 N. Roosevelt in College Hill, represents work from early in Wright’s career, which spanned 70 years. The house represents the last of Wright’s famous prairie houses, which emphasized horizontal

lines, earth tones, and a continuous blending of interiors with exteriors.

Designed for Henry and Elsie Allen, who came to Wichita in 1907 after buying the Wichita Beacon newspaper, the home was commissioned in 1916. The Allens knew William Allen White, who put them in touch with Wright. Records show that the house was completed in 1918 and sold to the Allens for about \$22,000.

In his lifetime, Wright designed more than 1,000 structures. Over 530 were completed. He referred to the Allen House as “among my best.” It features a 25 by 50 foot living room that

includes more than 30 original pieces of furniture designed by Wright. The windows, all 251 of them, are original, with 88 of them designed in an art glass style. The bookshelves in the living room hold the Allen family’s library collection.

The guest suite and garden house have been restored and are included in the Allen House tours, which take place throughout the week.

The house, which is owned by the Allen House Foundation, is a designated Frank Lloyd Wright historic sight. Tour and special event dates, which include a Holiday Open House in November, can be found on the website, [flwrightwichita.org](http://flwrightwichita.org).

**Upcoming Events:**

Paint a map of the US with your EWR friends! We'll meet on **Saturday, August 26 at 8:00 a.m.** at the Independent School, 8317 E. Douglas. We typically finish around noon and it's lots of fun. Plus you'll be part of creating a unique teaching tool that students will use for years to come. (Rain date: September 9).

**Happy Anniversary:**

Behind every happy couple lie two people who have fought hard to overcome all obstacles and interference to be that way. Congratulations to these couples celebrating long marriages:

Burke and Susan Jones—  
26 years

Dustin and Robyn Jackson—  
15 years

**More At Rotary Today:**

**Greeter:** Scott Hampel

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

Robin McGonigle

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**Next Week:**

**Richard Rierson**, professional podcaster and executive leadership coach. His "Dose of Leadership" podcast has been downloaded more than 1 million times in more than 190 countries.

## AT ROTARY TODAY



Joyce Heismeyer introduced three scholarship recipients. A graduate of nearby Kapaun-Mt. Carmel high school, Sydney Berkelhamer will be a senior at K-State this fall. Aleeya Hubbard-Kinard is majoring in architecture at KU and minoring in metalsmithing. Vy Lam, a senior at WSU, is majoring in biomedical engineering/pre-med. She told us, "Without you, I wouldn't be where I am today." L to R: Joyce Heismeyer; Sydney Berkelhamer; Aleeya Hubbard-Kinard; and Vy Lam.

## BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!



Here are some more fun facts and interesting tidbits our speaker shared with us about Frank Lloyd Wright and the Allen House:

- Two of Wright's apprentices are the architects of record for Century II.
- Corbin Education Center, on the WSU campus, was designed in 1956 and completed in 1964, five years after Wright's death. It represents the other bookend of Wright's career, with the Allen House representing the first.
- Architects from all over the world come to Wichita to tour the Allen House.
- The last private owner of the house was Arthur Kincaid, who deeded the house to the WSU Endowment Association. They sold the home to the Allen House Foundation.