



# ROTARY NOTARY

## Birthdays:

<i>Ruth Ann Messner</i>	9/06
<i>Angie George</i>	9/07
<i>Scott Post</i>	9/11
<i>Richard Strunk</i>	9/11
<i>Greg Franken</i>	9/12
<i>Michael Moeder</i>	9/12

## At Rotary Today:

**Greeter:** Joyce Heismeyer

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

**Member News:**  
Britt Fulmer

**Rotary Anniversary:**  
Joe Goetz, 6 years  
Tim Link, 20 years

New member **Cavon Cockrum** shared his experience volunteering to help paint a map at The Independent School. His favorite part? Knowing how much the students will enjoy using the map and getting to know other Rotarians in a friendly, informal setting.

## Quote of the Week:

A river cuts through rock, not because of its power, but because of its persistence.

—Jim Watkins

## TALLGRASS FILM ASSOCIATION: 15 YEARS OF STUBBORN INDEPENDENCE



Founded in 2002, the Tallgrass Film Festival is one of many annual offerings of the Tallgrass Film Association. Showcasing the best of independent films from around the globe, this year's festival runs from October 18–22. Films will be shown in and around downtown Wichita. Pictured are today's speakers, Morgan Nesbitt, a student who participated in the Emerging Programmer Apprenticeship in 2016, and Shan Jabara, the Director of Acquisitions and Community Engagement.

**F**ilm festivals began 85 years ago in 1932 with the creation of the Venice Film Festival in Italy. The purpose was to showcase outstanding films. Later evolutions of the film festival included holding competitions and offering prize money.

Seventy-one years later, Wichita launched its own film festival, the Tallgrass Film Festival. Tim Gruver, the founder, was a Wichita native who studied film in Utah and later worked in LA. Returning to Wichita for a visit with family, he saw the new Warren Old Town theater and thought the time was right for Wichita to have a place to showcase the work of Kansas filmmakers.

Meeting with local movers and shakers, leaders of arts organizations, and what was then the Convention and Visitors Bureau (known today as Visit Wichita), Gruver put together a board to oversee the organization and a programming committee to put out a call for submissions. The first Tallgrass Film Festival event in 2003 was an outdoor film series called Cinema Alfresco.

Later that year the first Tallgrass Film Festival took place at the Warren Theatre in Old Town. During the first few years of the Festival galas, celebrities, and film classes were added to the schedule of events.

Tragically, Tim Gruver died in 2005 after having a

seizure. A downsized event called "Smallgrass" took place that year.

By then the festival had grown enough that its stubbornly independent organizers weren't about to let it wither. During the last 14 years it has presented thousands of films to Wichita audiences. MovieMaker Magazine named it one of the "Top 50 Festivals Worth the Entry Fee" in both 2015 and 2016.

Once again, this year's festival is about showcasing the best independent U.S. films. It includes elaborately themed galas, educational events, and opportunities to meet the filmmakers. Passes to fit any budget can be purchased by visiting: [TallgrassFilmFest.com](http://TallgrassFilmFest.com).

**Community Service Fun:**

**Saturday, September 23—** Help us assist the Wichita ALS Association with their biggest annual event, the Walk to Defeat ALS at the Waterfront. Our club will assist at the sign-in table from 7:30—10:45 a.m. Please let Kim Hurtig know if you're available!

**Upcoming Fun Run/Walk:**

**Register today for The Treehouse 2017 Labor Run!** This family-friendly run/walk features a great course at Sedgwick County Park, with top medals for children, youth and adult groups. The run is open to all ages and will be professionally chip-timed. Come by to participate or cheer on runners in support of this annual fundraiser. **Race Time is 8:30, Labor Day, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>.** For more information or to register, please visit: [www.wichitatreehouse.org](http://www.wichitatreehouse.org), or email Cristin Coats at: [Cristin@wichitatreehouse.org](mailto:Cristin@wichitatreehouse.org).

**Free Medicare Seminar:**

If you or a loved one will turn 65 in the next year, this free seminar can help you through the labyrinth of signing up for Medicare. The workshop will take place at Baxter & Associates on Wed. Sept. 13 at 6:00 pm. For more information, contact **Justin Baxter**, [justin@money-planning.com](mailto:justin@money-planning.com)

**Next Week:**

**NO ROTARY next Wednesday, September 6** due to the Labor Day holiday.

# MAKING MAPS AND MEMORIES



On Saturday, 18 EWR members and their spouses or significant others met at The Independent School to paint a map of the United States. This is the third map project for our club. Another is planned for Spring 2018.

**Lynn Jeane and Eileen Kludt**, project co-chairs, ensure that map painters have the necessary supplies and fuel—that is, donuts and beverages—to complete the job. From start to finish it takes 4–5 hours to create a map.

Working on a map project together is a great way to get to know your fellow Rotarians better, as new member **Michael Moeder (L)** will attest. Plus it's a great way to spend a Saturday morning outdoors in the fresh Kansas air and sunshine.

# TODAY IS NATIONAL GRIEF AWARENESS DAY

Founded in 2014 by Angie Cartwright, National Grief Awareness Day is new to the Calendar of Days. It's good to take time to recognize that all of us grieve, whether it's the loss of a close relative or friend, a beloved pet, or something more abstract, such as the loss of a job.

When a co-worker or friend has experienced a recent loss, you may wonder how to respond. Following are some suggestions:

- If you are a supervisor or close friend, ask what information they'd like communicated and to whom.
- Avoid saying, "I know how you feel." Instead, express that you are here for them and are willing to listen.
- Know that the grieving process is different for everyone. There is no timetable for grief; don't expect someone to "snap out of it" and return to their old self after just a few weeks.

