



ROTARY NOTARY

Birthdays:

<i>Rigby Carey</i>	8/17
<i>Shelby Chinberg</i>	8/17

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: John Alefs

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:

Anne Schneider

Member News:

Britt Fulmer

Rotary Anniversary:

Schoen Fitzgerald, 17 years

Winner of Music Theatre Tix:

Tammie Rhea

Barry Purdy is a new member of the board of the Wichita Crime Commission.

Quote of the Week:

When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.

—Henry Ford

LEADERSHIP IS A TEACHABLE SKILL, SAYS RICHARD RIERSON

Richard Rierson hosts “Dose of Leadership,” a podcast that has been named one of the top 25 business podcasts on iTunes. Richard served ten years active duty in the United States Marine Corps and ten years part-time with the Kansas Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. He loves helping professionals and organizations authentically communicate their brand, crush limiting beliefs, and overcome mediocrity.



Many of us believe that leaders are born, not made, and that leadership is about having a charismatic personality. Picture someone with a larger-than-life presence, like the characters played by John Wayne.

Today’s speaker, Richard Rierson, disagrees with those perceptions. He says leadership is first of all, a teachable skill. It’s less about having charisma and more about being composed, confident, consistent, and courageous.

Rierson’s service with the Marines taught him about life and the fundamentals of leadership. He says the Marines promote a culture of leadership by pushing the decision-making process

down to the lowest level.

He shared a story about an experience he had after being hired at the Hayes Co. as a shipping supervisor. He told his group to tell him what they needed to get their jobs done. A man named Steve said he needed a dry erase board with write-on magnets, a tool he’d use to help make product pick-up much easier for customers. Rierson immediately offered to have staff take data and create spreadsheets to improve the process.

Steve shook his head. All he wanted was a dry erase board with magnets. And he explained why.

What Rierson took away from his experience is that leaders must listen to the people they supervise because they’re the ones

fighting the battles every day.

Another important aspect of leadership is this: there’s no checklist of items you must do to become influential. If you want to be a leader of influence, dedicate your life to add value to everything you do, in every transaction you make. Not only at work, but in your day-to-day experiences, like grocery shopping or dining out. Treat the cashier with the same measure of respect you use with your top client.

In the end, true leadership demands that we give, not take. The more we give, the better we become. True leadership is about authenticity, vulnerability, and courage. It’s about making a place better because you were there, or, to borrow a Scouting phrase, making the campsite better than you found it.

MORE AT ROTARY TODAY

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, August 24— Mixer at Oak and Pie, 2244 N Greenwich Rd. Bring a friend! The fun starts at 5:15!

Saturday, August 26— Map Painting at Independent School, 8317 E Douglas from 8:00 am to noon. To sign up, contact Kim Hurtig.

Happy Anniversary:

A long-lasting marriage is built by two people who believe in and live by the solemn promise they made. Congratulations to these couples celebrating long marriages:

Burke and Susan Jones—
26 years

You Heard It Here First:

Senility has been a smooth transition for me, but once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.

—*Britt Fulmer*

Next Week:

Joel Stanslowski of Fleet Feet, (formerly known as GoRun.)



Kevin Rathert introduced Rachel McClaskin, an EWR Foundation scholarship recipient who will attend Ft. Hays State University this fall to study psychology. Rachel graduated in the top 10% of her class. In addition, she was inducted into the National Honor Society, all while holding down a job for 40 hours a week!



This year EWR sponsored three students to participate in RYLA, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. Juston White, Chief Professional Officer of the Boys and Girls Club and EWR member, proudly introduced (L to R): Rayvon Barry, Ivan Thompson, and Nashon Thompson. Rayvon shared that attending RYLA helped him with his fears of heights and public speaking. Ivan said that the program helps develop young, confident leaders who challenge the process. Nashon Thompson learned servant leadership and enjoyed playing a game called "Capture the Flag." All three participants agree that RYLA was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and are grateful to EWR for it.