



# ROTARY NOTARY

## Birthdays:

<i>Gilbert Omido</i>	2/2
<i>Bob Dool</i>	2/6

## EWR Elected Officers for 2017-2018:

*President:* Scott Holder  
*President-Elect:* Burke Jones  
*Secretary:* Donna Kennedy  
*Treasurer:* Steve Peterson  
*Past President:* Fred Heismeyer  
 Todd Bailey  
 Angela Binyon  
 Dave Clothier  
 Denise Hearson  
 Kevin Rathert  
 Drew Rooks  
 Richard Samaniego

Congratulations to our new and returning board members!

## Quote of the Week:

It is amazing how much people get done if they do not worry about who gets the credit.

—Swahili Proverb

## MARINE GOES FROM BOOTS TO BUSINESS, OPENS LOCAL BREWERY



Lance Minor, CEO and Brewmaster of Aero Plains Brewing, brought samples of Bingo IPA for Rotarians to sample. Taste testing with him prior to the meeting is Ric Wolford, caught in front of the camera for a change. The number of craft breweries in the US has increased from about 100 in the late 70s to 4,000 today.

Lance Minor knew after 21 years in the Marines that he liked the service aspect of his work. While planning his post-Marine career he also knew that if he started his own business, he didn't want to just make a profit. He wanted to make a difference.

His nephew suggested that Lance enter the craft brew business after sampling some of his home brews. Lance took a training program offered by the Marines called "Boots to Business" to learn more about becoming an entrepreneur. The planning process for his brewery began in 2012 but came to a halt when Lance contracted the H1N1 flu virus, which near-

ly took his life. He was in a coma and required a tracheotomy to breathe. The illness made him so weak he had to learn to walk and talk all over again.

A phrase taped to his mirror reminds him daily to hang in there and not give up. "Ever onward, never quit," it reads. Moving onward with his plan, Lance purchased a building at 117 N Handley in the Delano District in 2016 and opened the brewery last October 12. The building is divided into a 2,500 sq. ft. showroom that doubles as an art gallery, and a 9,000 sq. ft. production facility. An outdoor patio has electrical outlets so that a food truck can set up there.

While studying some lesser-known history about Wich-

ita and Kansas, Lance saw that our history of innovation is as colorful as the wild times in the Delano District more than 100 years ago. That's when he came up with this statement that sums up Aero Plains Brewing's vision: *Our beer is brewed at the cross-roads of history and innovation, where the Chisholm Trail meets the runways of the Air Capital of the World.*

According to Lance, the local craft brew scene is more like a footrace as opposed to a hockey match. In other words, no one is trying to shove the competition into the boards. As an example of how he's lifting up other local brews, Lance put nine different beers from other Kansas breweries in their showroom to celebrate our state's birthday on (cont'd on p. 2)

**Coming up this month:**

Our next EWR Mixer of the year will be **Thursday, February 23** at Red Rock Canyon. The fun begins at 5:15!

**More At Rotary Today:**

**Greeter:** Scott Hampel

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

Britt Fulmer

**Special Guests:**

Cody Robinson

Lance Minor

Robert Mendoza, District Governor-Elect

If you have ideas for speakers, please contact Scott Holder, our President-Elect, who is scheduling speakers through the end of June.

**Next Week:**

Fireside at Exploration Place. You should have signed up by now! DO NOT go to the Wichita Country Club!

**AT ROTARY TODAY**

People have been asking John McEwen about the name change of the car dealership where he works. Formerly Scholfield Buick GMC, the name is now Hatchett Buick GMC. John says you'll find the same great people and same great service there; only the name has changed!

**AERO PLAINS BREWERY (CONT'D)**

January 29. The beers will remain there throughout this month as part of Aero Plains' "Show the Love" campaign.

Since opening the brewery Lance, his business partners, and his employees have been busy. Creating new brews, forming new partnerships, and getting their product into area liquor stores. Lance attributes part of his success to surrounding himself with people smarter than he is and listening to them. He's excited about next month's St. Patrick's Parade in Delano because it's like a big neighborhood party and invited us to come on down for it—Saturday, March 11 at noon. Come for the parade, stay for the fun.

**PICK A WINNER, BE A WINNER!**

John McEwen chooses what he hopes will be the winning square on the Big Game Board for this Sunday's showdown!

It's not too late to purchase a square on the Falcons versus Patriots board! A \$100 winner will be chosen at halftime and a \$150 winner will be chosen at the end of the game. The remainder of the proceeds will go to support our very own East Wichita Rotary Foundation, which provides scholarships to Kansas colleges and universities for deserving students from Sedgwick County. These scholarships have made a difference in dozens of students' lives, giving them needed funds to buy books and other incidentals during their four years of college. To buy a square, contact Kim Goodnight at (620) 338-3053.