



ROTARY NOTARY

Birthdays:

Cathy McClain

2/19

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Eileen Kludt

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:

Fred Heismeyer

Member News:

Britt Fulmer

Special Guest:

Tom Messman, LDF

Rotary Anniversary:

Dave Sproul—34 years

Chris Anderson—7 years

John Exline—3 years

CLUB ASSEMBLY CELEBRATES ACHIEVEMENTS, SETS GOALS



Scott Holder presents a Paul Harris Foundation “Plus 2” pin to John Hoffman. John is one of our club’s founding members, who celebrated 34 years with Rotary Club of East Wichita earlier this month. Congratulations, John, and thank you for your generosity!

Celebrate! During the past seven months our club has completed service projects, gathered for social events, listened to interesting speakers, made life a little nicer for people in need, and had fun doing it all!

Take a look at club service. In August Rotarians met at the Independent School to paint a map of the United States on the school grounds. This was our club’s third map painting project and another is in the works for this school year. Schools love them, and our club members enjoy the opportunity to work together to create a vivid learning tool for students.

Another service project was the installation of four new benches at Eastview Park at 13th and Gouverneur. The benches are a beautiful shade of Rotary blue and are

graffiti and theft-proof. They were purchased in part with District Grant funds. Scott invited Rotarians to stop by the park and sit on one of the benches. Take a selfie while you’re there and send it to Scott Holder!

Our club members have also served dinner at The Lord’s Diner, worked at the registration table of the ALS Walk, and decorated small Christmas trees for residents of the Wichita Children’s Home.

And then there’s our signature service project: the purchase and delivery of Thanksgiving turkey dinners to families. In 2016 EWR members donated enough funds to purchase 100 dinners. This past Thanksgiving our generous members contributed \$5,800, enough to purchase 101 dinners. We’re all proud of this tremendous accomplishment.

EWR members have also hosted RITE (Rotary International Teacher Exchange) teachers and visitors. Every member of our club has different interests and favorite charities to support, but we all come together for the good of our community.

A celebration isn’t complete without identifying what you want to accomplish next. Our goals include holding the second annual Kentucky Derby fundraiser for charity, hosting RITE teachers and Open World business people, adding additional quality members like those we have, and more. Get involved and reap the rewards of service above self this year!



Quote of the Week:

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

—Mother Teresa

MORE AT ROTARY TODAY

Upcoming Events:

February 22—is our next Rotary Mixer. We'll be at **Cheddar's**, 13th and K-96. Enjoy good friends, food, and fun after work! Bring a spouse, a pal, or a prospective EWR member! The party starts at 5:15 or when you arrive, whichever comes first!

March 2—Have you signed up to read aloud at **Buckner Elementary**? You should! You'll feel warm fuzzies all day long after spending time with the students. Sign up with Kim for a half hour slot between 9:00 and 12:10 p.m.. This is a great way to perform Service Above Self!



These Rotarians wore red in honor of a trifecta of celebrations that won't happen again until 2024! Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, was today, and so was Valentine's Day. And the third celebration? Why, an EWR weekly meeting, of course! L to R: Kevin Rathert, Fred Heismeyer, Eileen Kludt, RuthAnn Messner, Kim Hurtig, Joyce Heismeyer, and new EWR member, Mark Eby. (For you trivia buffs, the last time Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day were on the same day was back in 1945. That was just 39 years before our club began!)

You Heard It Here First:

"John Hoffman has forgotten more than I'll ever know about Rotary." —Scott Holder, while giving John his Paul Harris 'Plus 2' pin of appreciation today.

"It's been my experience that you never outgrow Happy Hour." —Britt Fulmer, during Member News.



Don't they look dapper? Our own Dr. Ken Dillehay, (R), and his son J.K., (L), suited up to celebrate Mardi Gras at their office, Dillehay Orthodontics. And where did they find these colorful suits? Why, at Gentry Ltd, owned by the always fashionable Britt Fulmer.

Next Week:

Chuck Clanahan from the Department of Human Services will present on how to respond when there's an active shooter in the workplace.



Meet the newest East Wichita Rotarian, Sheila Cole, whose sponsor is Angela Binyon. Sheila is the Residence Director for the Regent, a place that features vibrant retirement living for seniors. Activities for residents of the Regent are plentiful, including Happy Hour every Friday night. Sounds like a great place to retire!