



ROTARY NOTARY

Birthdays:

Chris Kibler	2/22
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At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Randy Summers

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:
Anne Schneider

Special Guests:

Phil Broz, Phoenix Home Care
Kenny Hallacy, IMA
Ben Walter, Alloy Architecture
Pam Williams, Wichita Children’s Home

Rotary Anniversary:

Bob Morris—2 years

Quote of the Week:

You are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it come true. You may have to work for it, however.

—Richard Bach

ACTIVE SHOOTER ALERT: HOW PREPARED ARE YOU?

Chuck Clanahan is the Department of Homeland Security Protective Security Advisor (PSA) for the State of Kansas. Every state in our country has at least one PSA. He travels all over Kansas giving free presentations to businesses, churches, schools, and more on identifying and minimizing safety risks.



About four months ago Burke Jones invited Chuck Clanahan to speak at EWR. His appearance today came just one week after a school shooting incident in Florida that killed 17 people.

Can you, your business, your school, your church, and your civic groups actually prepare for the possibility of a shooter entering your facility and firing? Clanahan says yes, and that many habits and systems we currently use can result in more, not fewer, fatalities.

Clanahan spends most of his time conducting safety assessments for medical centers, public safety and emergency departments, water plants, arenas, school districts, feedlots, meat packing plants...and more. He looks at all hazardous assessments and the best part, in addition being free

of charge, is that they are non-regulatory. That is, your organization will not be fined or penalized if you don’t implement his recommendations.

If you schedule Clanahan for a safety assessment, he’ll ask to see your safety policies, emergency operations plan, and business continuity plan. Then he’ll ask some simple questions.

For example, does your workplace have carbon monoxide detectors? According to the Centers for Disease Control, each year more than 400 Americans are killed from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning not linked to fires. Another 4,000 are hospitalized, and 20,000 visit the ER.

What does law enforcement tell you to do if there’s been an active shooter at your workplace? Leave. In the case of the Hesston, KS

shooting two years ago, the Excel plant where the shooting took place was closed for two weeks. Do you have a plan to relocate temporarily if your business is forced to close for two weeks? Without a business continuity plan, 65% of businesses experiencing a major emergency incident go bankrupt.

And how do you conduct background checks? Just Googling a prospective employee’s name isn’t enough! If you say you can’t afford the cost of a professional background check, can you afford bad publicity or a trial?

Interestingly, 99.9% of shooters do not leave the site or building they’ve entered. Why? Because their end goal is to kill themselves. Logically, then, the best strategy for survival is not to remain indoors but to get out and get away. Leave the premises. Get as far away from the shooter as possible. (cont’d on p. 2)

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!

February 28—We'll begin selling tickets for our own March Madness Raffle to benefit the EWR Foundation! Read the details in Kim's pre-meeting email next Tuesday!

2018—2019 EWR Board:

Today EWR members elected these candidates to serve beginning July 1, 2018:

President: Burke Jones

Pres-Elect: Anne Schneider

Secretary: Donna Kennedy

Treasurer: Drew Rooks

Past President:

Scott Holder

Public Relations:

Dave Clothier

Membership: Tammie Rhea

Membership: Bob Morris

EWR Foundation:

To be determined

Social Media and Events:

Michael Moeder

Administration:

Richard Samaniego

Service: To be determined

Next Week:

The Honorable Kevin Smith will be our speaker.

OSCAR READING DAY: A GREAT CHANCE TO SERVE KIDS



This gentleman read to Buckner Elementary students last December as part of OSCAR Reading Days. See how excited the students are? Come and read a book to them. You'll make their day, and their teacher's day too! Sign up with Kim. Time slots are for 1/2 hour from 9 am through noon next Friday, March 2. Take an early lunch hour, read aloud to the children, and feel ten feet tall afterward.

ACTIVE SHOOTER ALERT (CONT'D)

Clanahan responded to a question about allowing teachers to bring firearms into schools as a defense strategy. "It's easy to say, "I'm going to give someone a gun, but with guns come a lot of responsibilities," he responded, explaining that a firearm in the hands of someone without a great deal of experience using it isn't helpful. He suggest that people using firearms for protection and safety in

schools should have experience firing at least 10,000 rounds with their weapon. In addition, they should learn how to fire a gun using their least dominant hand. For 90% of us, that means learning to shoot left-handed. Why? Because you may be forced to in some situations.

Both the Department of Homeland Security and OSHA offer excellent training and safety checklists on their websites, which Clanahan encouraged us to review. He concluded his presentation by telling us about a business that installed \$20,000 worth of security cameras. It was not an easy sell to the top brass, who viewed the purchase as an expense, not an investment. However, it paid off in the form of denied workers' compensation claims for sexual harassment, slip and falls, and other unproven incidents. The savings to that business totaled \$650,000. So the question isn't how can you afford to invest in safety; it's how can you afford not to?

