



ROTARY NOTARY

Birthdays:

Chris Kibler

2/22

Community Service— OSCAR Reading Days:

Several Rotarians have participated in this event at Buckner Elementary. If you like reading to children and hamming it up a bit, it's a fun experience you'll never forget. We read a short story or two to a classroom. The school is welcoming, the children are attentive, the teachers are grateful, and you'll be full of warm fuzzies all day long.

Sign up with Kim. The reading day is the morning of **Friday, March 10.**

Quote of the Week:

Wakan Tanka, Great Mystery, teach me how to trust my heart, my mind, my intuition, my inner knowing, the senses of my body, the blessings of my spirit. Teach me to trust these things so that I may enter my Sacred Space and love beyond my fear, and thus walk in balance with the passing of each glorious sun.

—Lakota Prayer

CONGRESSMAN AND SENATOR WORK TOGETHER FOR KANSAS



Congressman Roger Marshall and Senator Pat Roberts discussed how they are working for Kansans on health care, the farm bill, tax reform and clean water regulations. One of the top questions they are asked by constituents is "What do you think of Donald Trump?"

Protesters waiting near the entrance to the Wichita Country Club were probably surprised that Senator Pat Roberts stopped and spoke with them for 15 minutes prior to addressing our membership. That's the kind of leadership that explains, in part, why voters continue to re-elect him - because he listens.

Paul Attwater of the Downtown Rotary Club introduced newly elected First District Congressman Dr. Roger Marshall by saying, "He outplanned, outprepared, and outworked his opponents. He knocked on 40,000 doors in his district and will work that hard for

Kansans." A past District Governor of Rotary, Marshall said that the Four-Way Test is a good lens through which to view decisions.

As he connects with Kansas voters, Marshall is surprised by how often he is asked for his opinion about President Trump. Marshall said that Trump's book, *The Art of the Deal*, best defines who he is. He's very focused on outcomes and from the minute he walks into a room, President Trump is negotiating.

Marshall spent a few hours with Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House, who told him that Donald Trump is 1/3 Andrew Jackson, 1/3

Teddy Roosevelt and 1/3 Barnum and Bailey.

Marshall fondly recounted an experience as District Governor a couple of years ago. Clubs in his district had supported a project in Panama for many years. He made a visit to see how the funds are being used. He said it was exciting to see that not only are the funds being used appropriately, but the project is still ongoing.

Bob Dool of East Wichita Rotary introduced Senator Roberts, the senior statesman from Kansas, by saying, "He's a warrior and he supports veterans."

Roberts has served Kansans in (*cont'd on p. 2*)

Coming up soon:

Our next EWR Mixer of the year will be **TOMORROW, Thursday, February 23** at 5:15 p.m. at Red Rock Canyon. Join your fellow Rotarians for appetizers, adult beverages and fun. Guests are welcome—bring a friend!

More At Rotary Today:

Greeters: Tim Link and Burke Jones

Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:
Eileen Kludt

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Did You Know?

Last year, the East Wichita Rotary Foundation distributed \$18,000 in scholarships to Kansas colleges/universities for 17 deserving students.

Next Week's Speaker:

Victor Hogstrom, President of KPTS Public Television.

ROGER MARSHALL AND PAT ROBERTS (CONT'D)

a variety of capacities, beginning in 1967 when he joined the staff of Senator Frank Carlson. In 1969 he became the administrative assistant to Congressman Keith Sebelius. When Sebelius announced his retirement, Roberts ran in 1980 for his seat, winning handily. He ran for U.S. Senator in 1996 when Nancy Kassebaum declined to run for a fourth term.

With so many years of experience in Washington, Roberts has seen socially contentious times over the years not unlike what we're experiencing today. He remembered the four days of rioting, looting and burning in Washington following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968. Two years later, the Kent State shootings resulted in a strike of 4 million students. He remembers Watergate, "Tractorcade," when American Agriculture Movement members surrounding the Washington Mall with their tractors, the Iran Contra Affair and the impeachment of Bill Clinton. In other words, contentious times are nothing new. We will get through this.

Both Roberts and Marshall agree that economic growth in our country will fuel prosperity. The question is how to best achieve it. We do not want to pass legislation that results in unintended consequences. When discussing tax reform Roberts quipped, "I know the House will do the right thing, maybe the far right thing."

As chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Roberts has the daunting task of preparing another farm bill. Currently our prices are at 16-year lows, there's a lot of wheat in storage in Western Kansas and the outlook for trade is in question. We have to be able to tell farmers that there's a green light at the end of the tunnel.

Both men agreed it's a privilege to serve Kansas. We agree that it was a privilege to have them here.

BILL MCCONNELL, HUMAN OF WICHITA

Earlier this month, our own Bill McConnell, senior pastor of Hillside Christian Church, was named to "Humans of Wichita," a special Facebook page celebrating Wichita's long history of innovative, creative, rebellious, and hard-working residents, sharing their stories one human at a time.

In his story, Bill expressed his gratitude to the people of Hillside Christian Church, who have ministered more to him than he has to them, particularly when his children were young and his wife died from cancer. Once again, the church is ministering to him as he has adopted Kyle, a teenager he met through the church.

Lovingly explaining that he and Kyle actually adopted each other, Bill shared that he had been adopted, too, and understood some of Kyle's struggles in his search for a permanent home and loving family.

Bill also shared that Hillside Christian Church just celebrated its 95th anniversary. The church has a food pantry that serves 50—75 families a week. The church is also home to Discovery Preschool. He said, "We

Bill McConnell and his son, Kyle, officially became a family in 2016. Bill says Kyle is a hard worker and currently has two jobs.

don't own and operate it, and it is not a profit-making venture for us, but it has sure taught us how to share!"

Bill concluded the article by saying: *The most challenging part about my job is growing to love someone and then watching them die. Ministry deals with the joy of births, weddings, and baptisms, but you also have to deal with the grief of death and dying. That's the most painful thing and I've lost a lot of good friends over the years. The greatest joy, however, is seeing a child grow up in the life of the church, get baptized, learn more about Jesus, and grow. That's an exciting thing because you feel like you directly had an involvement in this child's life. That's a real joy.*