



# ROTARY NOTARY

## Birthdays:

<i>Drew Rooks</i>	2/9
<i>John Hoffman</i>	2/11

## Ticket Auction to Benefit EWR Foundation:

Calling all theatre fans! At the next meeting we'll hold an auction for two tickets to attend a performance of Theater League's **ONCE** on **Tuesday, March 21**. Featuring an impressive ensemble of actor/musicians who play their own instruments onstage, **ONCE** tells the enchanting tale of a Dublin street musician who's about to give up on his dreams until a beautiful young woman takes a sudden interest in his haunting love songs. It's an unforgettable story about going for your dreams... not living in fear... and the power of music to connect all of us.

## Quote of the Week:

A team is more than a collection of people. It is a process of give and take.

—Barbara Glacel  
and Emile Robert Jr.

## DISCOVERING THE ICE AGE AND MORE AT EXPLORATION PLACE



Isaac Ulbrich was one of many East Wichita Rotarians who enjoyed today's fireside at Exploration Place. The woolly mammoth skeleton is part of the "Discovering the Ice Age" exhibit on display now.

**E**xploration Place is one of the premier science centers in the Midwest. And, as President Jan Luth explained, it keeps growing and serving Kansas in new, exciting ways.

For example, in 2016 Exploration Place attracted 230,000 visitors, a total that includes 55,000 children participating in the Directed Education program. A new program that is being piloted, the Educator-in-Residence program, takes a science educator to Kansas communities, bringing along portable exhibits.

Giving children hands-on experiences in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) fields is a way to make those topics come alive. Their day at

E.P. may just be the spark that lights their curiosity about science, leading to a future career in STEM work. Introducing elementary school students to the sciences is a critical part of workforce development in our community.

As Rotarians wound their way through the exhibits, tour guide Laurie Gregory explained that a few hundred children from schools as far away as Emporia were visiting today. They shrieked excitedly as they tried on medieval-looking costumes in the castle area and played with seven-foot tall "Big Mouth," an oversized replica of the human mouth that includes a tooth with a cavity and braces. Many of us wished we'd had a museum and science center like

Exploration Place when we were growing up.

"Discovering the Ice Age" and "Voyage to Vietnam" are two traveling exhibits that opened late last month. In April, the "Explore Kansas" exhibit will open on Earth Day. "Design Build Fly," a new exhibit about the aviation industry, will open next December.

A long-time favorite exhibit is "Kansas in Miniature," an animated display of Kansas in the 1950s that includes a model train, 200 period vehicles, 125 buildings, and 51 animations. It features replicas of historic Kansas buildings and geographic attractions such as Chimney Rock.

We enjoyed today's fireside and look forward to the next one!

## AT ROTARY TODAY

### 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:

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

Anne Corrison

**Special Guests:**

Cherilyn Hurst  
Maureen May

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

### Next Week:

Ron Trewyn from the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility located on the K-State campus in Manhattan.



Uh-oh! It looks like John Hurst is in trouble for disorderly conduct! This replica of a stockade is part of the medieval castle experience that includes more than 60 hands-on activities for children.

Our own Laurie Gregory, Director of Development for Exploration Place, was our host and tour guide today. Laurie thanked East Wichita Rotarians whose employers provide financial support for Exploration Place.



Ann Buckendahl stands next to a Cave Bear, part of the "Discovering the Ice Age" exhibit, which features replicas of other mammals from that time (Boomers know it as the "Fred Flintstone" era) including a dire wolf and a saber-toothed cat.

## AND THE WINNER IS....

The East Wichita Rotary Foundation was the big winner in our "Pick A Winner" Super Bowl game board. Scott Holder had the winning box for the halftime score. Because no one selected the winning box for the final score, the proceeds went back to the EWR Foundation, raising \$600 for our scholarship program! Thanks to Kim Goodnight for organizing this fundraiser!