

# ROTARY NOTARY



## Birthdays:

<i>Kim Vining</i>	<b>1/29</b>
<i>Liz Moeller</i>	<b>2/1</b>
<i>Deik Scram</i>	<b>2/1</b>

## EWR Slate of 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

We will vote on these candidates next Wednesday at our meeting.

## Quote of the Week:

A single arrow is easily broken, but not ten in a bundle.

—Japanese Proverb

## INTERNATIONAL VISITORS CHARM US WITH SKILLS, ENTHUSIASM



RITE guests and their hosts pause for a group photo following a Rotary Club flag exchange. (L to R): Dalia Hale, Fred Heismeyer, Joyce Heismeyer, Karina Vidal, Rosario Giorgio, David Nunez, Albanys Nunez, Robin McGonigle, Shelli Kadel. Front: Lily Zuccarella.

**R**otarians received a special lesson in friendship and culture today.

Teachers from Panama and Argentina were our special guests, visiting Kansas through RITE, Rotary International Teacher Exchange.

Each of the five guests made a presentation about their work, their families, and their hobbies. All of them have excellent English speaking skills, meaning they are in high demand as teachers. They are here to learn about our culture in Kansas, but also to share with local educators their innovative methods for successfully teaching students a foreign language.

Lily Zucharella, from Argentina, has been a teacher for 23 years. She

began teaching before graduating from college and teaches literature. Her special area of expertise is studying why students have different learning styles. Her family is from Buenos Aires, the capital, and she lives in an area called "Las Pampas," fertile lowlands in South America that she compared to the sea in terms of their beauty.

Karina Vidal and Rosario Giorgio made their presentation together. Karina said that not all teaching takes place at school; she likes to lead camping trips in the mountains to reinforce classroom learning. Rosario teaches at private schools that are operated by parents. She became interested in participating in RITE when a group of Rotarians from

Minnesota came to her community last year.

Albanys Nunez is from Panama where she lives on a farm with her extended family. You can tell from the photos she shared that she loves both her family and the farm animals very much. She loves going to the beach, traveling, and studying with her friends. Albanys said, "I miss my mom, my dad, and my family but I feel you are my family, too."

Also from Panama is David Nunez, who loves sports and singing at church. He also belongs to a university choir. His experience includes teaching aborigines in the mountains of Panama. Students have to walk 2—3 hours to get to the high school and another 2-3 hours to get home. These students speak both a (cont'd on p. 2)

**Coming up soon:**

1. Our first EWR Mixer of the year will be **NEXT Tuesday, January 31** at Carraba's. The fun begins at 5:15!
2. RSVP for the EWR Fireside Meeting at Exploration Place on **Wednesday, February 8**. Bring a friend—the cost is \$16.

**More At Rotary Today:**

**Greeter:** Denise Hearson

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

**Member News:** Dave Clothier

**Special Guests:**

Eric Pfaff, whose wife just opened the new Sprouts store!  
Dalia Hale, Sunrise Rotary  
Shelli Kadel, West Wichita Rotary  
Sonja Seidl, J.P. Weigand

Please sign up to be a greeter or prayer leader for an upcoming meeting! We especially need prayer leaders. Consider this an opportunity to show service above self!

**Next Week:**

Lance Minor, CEO/Brewmaster of Aero Plains Brewing will be here. Rumor has it that he may bring samples!

## AT ROTARY TODAY

Five charter members of our club celebrate their 33rd anniversary with EWR this month. We'd like to offer a special salute to:

- Marc Campbell
- Bob Dool
- Britt Fulmer
- John Hoffman
- John Hurst
- Dave Sproul

## RITE VISITORS (CONT'D)

native dialect and Spanish, and are learning English too. He showed us photos of the students wearing their colorful native costumes. Because they live in the country, not the city, they are unfamiliar with such customs as celebrating Christmas, New Year's Eve, and Valentine's Day.

What all of the teachers emphasized is that the students have a passion for learning a new language, and they engage in whatever ways possible to learn that language, including singing and playing games. Sometimes the classrooms are bare, lacking walls, floors, and technologic tools. But this doesn't deter the teachers, who are committed to do the best they can with what they have.

The RITE visitors, who arrived earlier this month, will be in Wichita for another two weeks. They have a busy schedule visiting local public schools, parochial schools, the Independent School and Friends University. But they're also having fun seeing the sites here. Fred Heismeyer and his wife Joyce have taken the students staying with them to a WSU Shocker basketball game and two shows. "I'm exhausted!" he told us. (Side note: David Nunez showed us a photo of himself wearing Shocker gear purchased at the game. "I'm cool!" he exclaimed.)

Today's speakers reminded us that dedicated and passionate teachers can, and do, change the world by extending friendship and sharing their world with others.

## SERVICE WITH A SMILE



Today we returned to the Wichita Country Club, our "home base," for our weekly meeting. Glad to see us were our regular servers, Nancy (on the left, serving Randy Summers) and Jayme (on the right). Both of these ladies have learned the names of most of the members of our club and know if we prefer iced tea, coffee or another beverage. We appreciate the great service and delicious food at the Wichita Country Club and thank these two ladies for going above and beyond every week!