



# ROTARY NOTARY

## A LOOK BACK AT THIS ROTARY YEAR WITH PRESIDENT FRED HEISMAYER

### Birthdays:

<i>Robin McGonigle</i>	6/27
<i>Jim Crawford</i>	6/29
<i>Polly Peters</i>	7/1
<i>Bill McConnell</i>	7/2
<i>Ryan Henry</i>	7/4
<i>Richard Samaniego</i>	7/11
<i>Juston White</i>	7/11

### At Rotary Today:

**Greeter:** Kim Goodnight

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

Shelley Duncan

**Member News:** Britt Fulmer

### Special Guests:

Michael Moeder, who has applied to become a member of EWR!

### Quote of the Week:

Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.

—Howard Thurman



EWR contacted former US President Bill Clinton, who grew up in Arkansas, to ask him about President Fred Heismeyer, who earned his doctorate in Education at the University of Arkansas. Mr. Clinton shared a heretofore unknown photo of himself telling Fred, "Being President is like running a cemetery: you've got a lot of people under you and nobody's listening."

**F**red Heismeyer, the Fearless Leader of East Wichita Rotary for the past year, has dedicated his life to service above self. Today's meeting was a look back at our accomplishments as a club with Fred at the helm. It was also a humorous tribute to Fred himself, put together by incoming president Scott Holder. As Scott explained, "This is based on the facts, or at least, my interpretation of them."

As a boy Fred became an Eagle Scout, an achievement attained by only five percent of Boy Scouts. As a young man he took a year

off to spend it with "Up With People," an organization that brings the world together through service and music. Later, he joined Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service organization, and served as its national president from 2004—2006.

Yes, Fred Heismeyer doesn't just talk the talk, he walks the walk when it comes to making the world a better place through service above self. Today, he thanked the many Rotarians who made his year as club president a year of outstanding service to our community, the world, and each other.

During this past year our club set and attained noteworthy goals regarding service above self, such as:

- Reading to students at Buckner Elementary
  - Serving a meal at The Lord's Diner
  - Selling Food Court tickets at the RiverFest
  - Collecting and giving laundry supplies to Gerard House
  - Hosting RITE teachers
  - Offering 17 scholarships to area college students
  - Sponsoring 3 students for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy)
  - Staffing a Rotary booth at the Kansas State Fair
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### Coming Up:

Our next Mixer will be on **Thursday, June 29** at José Peppers, near the Warren Theaters East. The fun begins at 5:15! Get a head start on the holiday weekend with your Rotary friends and bring someone new to join us!

### West Wichita Rotary hosts "Taste of Spain" Event

The West Wichita Rotary Club is sponsoring their annual fundraiser, "Taste of Spain," a wine and dine event. It was fun having Rotarians from other clubs join us for our Kentucky Derby fundraiser last month. Now it's our opportunity to help another club and have some great fun as well! The event is on Friday, July 14 and tickets are \$75 apiece. Here's the link to order:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/5th-annual-wine-dinner-for-rotary-club-of-west-wichita-tickets-33506810773>

### Next Week:

**NO ROTARY** on Wednesday, July 5! We'll be back at the Wichita Country Club on July 12 for the start of another great year! Have a HAPPY and SAFE Fourth of July!

- Donating \$10,500 to three area not-for-profits
- Contributing \$11,255 to the East Wichita Rotary Foundation, primarily for student scholarships
- Contributing \$6,136 to the Rotary International Foundation

As is Fred's style, he introduced the next part of today's program with a quote by Max de Pree. *"The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between the leader is a servant."* He thanked the many Rotarians who made this year such an enjoyable and successful one, starting with our Club Executive, Kim Hurtig, who goes well above and beyond her job description. Also thanked were the staff of the Wichita Country Club, in particular, Jayme and Nancy, who know most of us by name (as well as our beverage preferences!)



Scott Holder, incoming EWR President, presents Fred Heismeyer with a plaque of appreciation for his leadership and service as President from 2016–2017.



Kim Goodnight accepts the "Service Above Self Award" from Fred Heismeyer.

are carrying buckets of paint.

Also honored for Service Above Self was Kim Goodnight, who accepted the challenge of creating a unique FUN'd Raiser that would raise funds for deserving area organizations. Kim and his committee came up with the Kentucky Derby party, an event which not only raised \$10,500 but gave guests the opportunity to dress in oversized hats and colorful ties.

The last award was for Rotarian of the Year. The recipient took on the challenge of writing and distributing the weekly "Rotary Notary" newsletter after longtime writer Earle Brown took another position and left our club. Anne Corrison Schneider says it's an honor to serve our club in such an enjoyable way.

Before completing today's awards presentation and passing the gavel to Scott Holder, Fred thanked the entire club, saying, "This was not my Rotary year; it was our year. And I thank you—I've had a lot of fun!"

Not to be left out was Joyce Heismeyer, Fred's wife and partner in crime, for her support and inspiration.

Then Fred saluted the many Rotarians who have taken on a volunteer role in one of several capacities—heading up a project, serving on the EWR Foundation Board, serving on the EWR Board. Last, he presented awards to three Rotarians, saying that recognizing these individuals was his favorite part of the day.

Two individuals received the Service Above Self Award for stepping up to the challenge of undertaking a new project and executing it with finesse. The first recipient was Lynn Jeane, who agreed to oversee two map painting projects at local schools. The project involves many, many details along with coordinating EWR members who paint the maps. It's like herding cats who

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Honored for going above and beyond to head up EWR's service and special projects are, L to R: Kim Goodnight, Anne Corrison Schneider, Joe Goetz, Lynn Jeane, Britt Fulmer, Scott Holder, Joyce Heismeyer, Drew Rooks, Robin McGonigle, Donna Kennedy, and Ric Wolford.

Lynn Jeane accepts the "Service Above Self" Award from Fred Heismeyer.



Members of the EWR Foundation board were thanked for their work all year long to contact schools, review scholarship applications, and select scholarship recipients. L to R: Schoen Fitzgerald, Joyce Heismeyer, Susan Addington, John Alefs, and Scott Jensen. Not pictured: Kevin Rathert and John Vetter. Each board member received a "Four-Way Beer Test Coozie" that reads:  
Is it ice COLD?  
Is there ENOUGH for all concerned?  
Will it build GOOD TIMES and MUCH BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
Can it get any BETTER than this?

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EWR Board members received special gifts thanking them for their leadership. L to R: Don Schierer, Kim Hurtig, Scott Jensen, Steve Peterson, Susan Addington, Scott Holder, Todd Bailey, and Joe Goetz. Not pictured: Terry Wiggers, Denise Hearson, Burke Jones, and Ely Luna.

Fred Heismeyer presents Anne Corrison Schneider with the "Rotarian of the Year" award.



Until today, very few Rotarians knew that our Fearless Leader, Fred Heismeyer, and the late TV pitchman Billy Mays are both alums of West Virginia University.