

Week of March 26, 2025

## ROTARY NOTARY



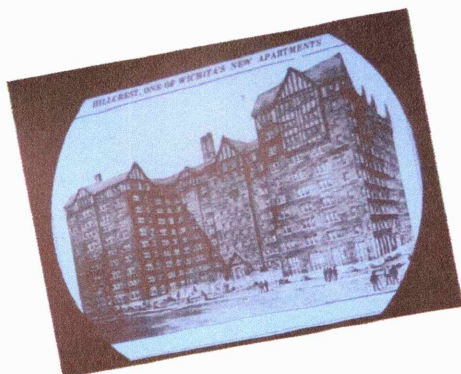
### EW ROTARIAN EILEEN KLUDT GIVES A HISTORY LESSON!

Eileen gave our members a great history of the Hillcrest building filled with little known facts and great pictures, both old and new of the building. The building was built in about 12 months by Herman Hoffman, and others, for a cost of about \$1,000,000.00. She told us that a local dentist bought the first apartment before the building was started.

One of the highlights of Eileen's talk was about the fascination with the residents parking garage. It was unique in architecture in that it had a ramp from one level to another. This feature of course is something common to parking decks we use today. Residents could call down to the garage attendants to have their car's oil changed or a car wash.

Over the years the building has undergone many changes including updating apartments with modern kitchens and heating, closing in the balcony area so it could be used all year long, and reassigning common space. However, the building keeps its early 20th century charm with keeping original stained glass windows and original foot print.

The Hillside building is located at the corner of Rutan and Douglas and remains a landmark in the college hill area of the city. If you want to learn a little more about the building, visit <https://www.splurgemag.com/hillcrest-apartments>. *Thanks Eileen for bringing this story to our club.*



### LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL 9

FIRESIDE

WSU TECH'S NICHE (downtown)

*RSVP required—contact Steve if you want to attend by March 31*

APRIL 18

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

SEE MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE

MAY 27-30

RYLA CAMP

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 11

EWR IS SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR OUR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS. IF YOU KNOW OF A WORTHY CANDIDATE, ENCOURAGE THEM TO APPLY. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION GO TO OUR CLUB'S WEBSITE AT [WWW.EASTWICHITAROTARY.ORG](http://WWW.EASTWICHITAROTARY.ORG).

*Take a look at our club's website for upcoming programs and other news.*



# SNAPSHOTS

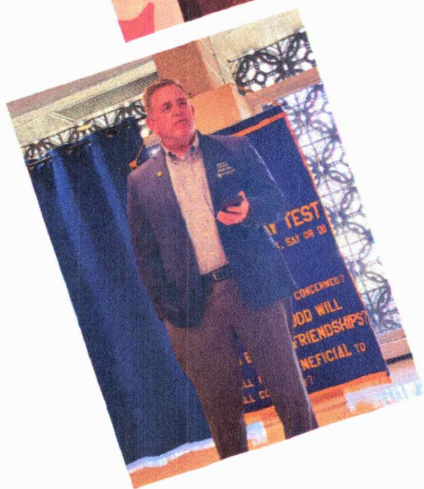
## FROM OUR MEETING



Every month we hear news about Rotarians, announcements on various anniversaries/birthdays, and of course a joke. This week's meeting we had the incomparable Kelly Dandurand at the podium to give us all the news that is EWR.

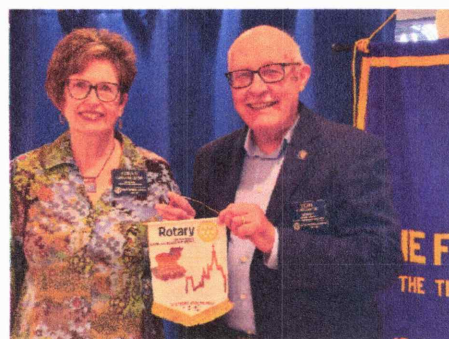


Dave Sproul had as his guest today our club's former RYLA student, Kianna Knolland, who told her story of being the National Big Brother/Big Sister student of the year, giving her opportunities to travel worldwide. She is now finished law school, waiting on her bar results, and wanting a career in sports and entertainment law. It's great that we had a small part in her success.



Scott Nelson gave us an update on our club's March Madness standings. Joyce Heismeyer is in first and Steve Schaumburg is bringing up the rear. However, remember, there is a lot of basketball yet to be played so anyone can be the big winner.

As previously seen in this newsletter, Susan Addington visited a Rotary Club in Mexico. Today she presented that club's banner to President Tom. Scott Nelson also shared that he visited a club while in France and encouraged all of us to visit international clubs for a great Rotary experience.







### ROTARIANS AT WORK

Seven EW Rotarians spent two hours at Simply Hygiene distributing hygiene products to 36 social agencies around the area. We packed boxes of body wash, loaded cars, and interacted with agency representatives. Simply Hygiene supplies hygiene items to over 2,000 organizations. Hygiene items are some of the most sought after items from low-income families and individuals. Thanks all who participat-



### **THE WORK CREW ABOVE**

Fred Heismeyer

Susan Addington

Joyce Heismeyer

Jamee Ross

Tom Church

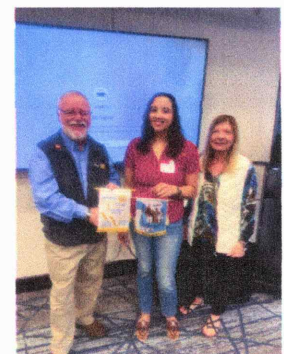
Brittany Sweeney

Jessica Dunbar



### **ANOTHER CLUB VISIT**

Joyce and Fred visited the RC of Northwest Austin on a recent trip to that area. Some interesting items was the club's excitement about Rotary's Youth Exchange program and how the club raised \$500.00 for supporting their district's upcoming conference. They raised the money in 15 minutes through an auction. The power of Rotarians working toward a common cause.



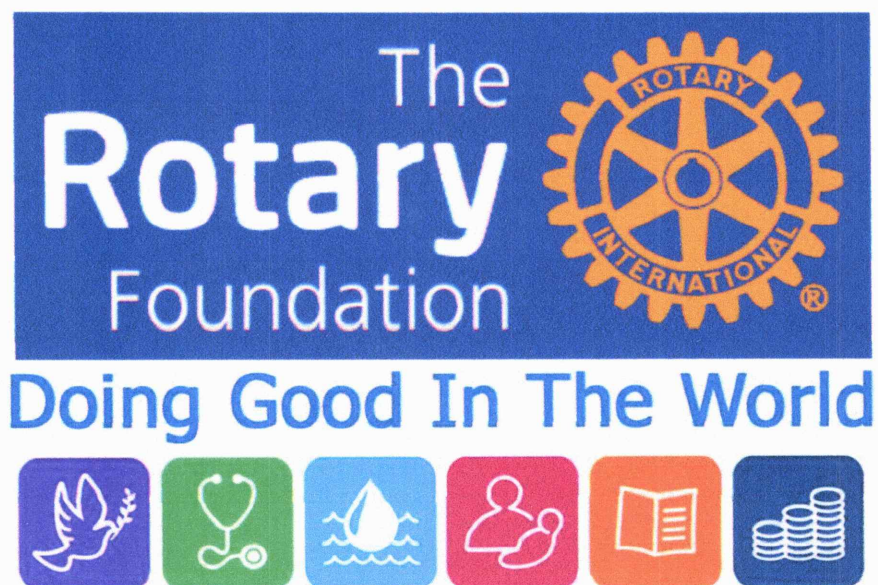


## PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITIONS FOR EW ROTARIANS

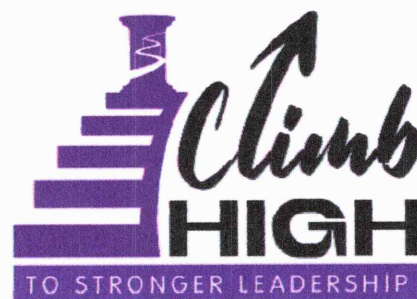
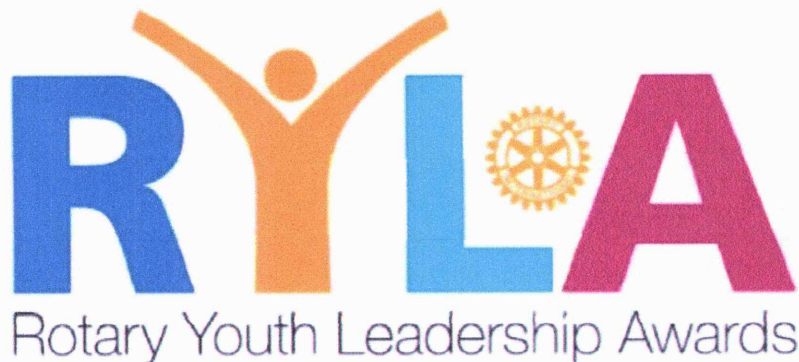
*"The true legacy of Paul Harris is not found in the number of pins awarded, but in the lives changed, the communities transformed, and the future built through the Rotary Foundation's work."*



Four East Wichita Rotarians were thanked for their dedication to Rotary and presented with their Paul Harris recognition pins. One of newest members, Lindsay Hall, was presented with her PHF, Scott Nelson was presented with two levels of recognition PHF+2 and PHF+3, Greg Ek was presented with his PHF+4, and our club's International Foundation Chair, Dave Sproul was presented with his PHF+6. Thank you all for your giving, your support, and your caring that Rotary will help those in need in years to come. Your financial gifts, along with the gifts of all the others from our club and Rotarians from across the globe helps Rotary do good in the world.







## 2025 RYLA Camp

*Tuesday, May 27–Friday, May 30*

We were treated to Kianna Knolland's story about her journey to being successful young professional at our meeting today. RYLA was one of the starting points making her grow her leadership skills and experience. Now is the time for EWR to be recruiting students and getting them registered for RYLA. We have an exciting schedule for this year. Rumor has it that we may be in Wichita for the workday and we are on the schedule to see the Mayor. The students will hear about human trafficking and homelessness. Each EW Rotarian should help in identifying students to participate. More information can be found at [www.rotary5680.org](http://www.rotary5680.org).

Thanks for your help!

### PLEASE NOTE

OUR DISTRICT IS OFFERING EVERY CLUB ONE \$100.00 SCHOLARSHIP

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## A Story About the Rotary Wheel Logo

### Early club emblem

In 1905, Montague M. Bear, an engraver and member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, sketched a wagon wheel with 13 spokes as a club emblem. When fellow club members began to complain that the design was static and lifeless, Bear added flourishes that made the wheel appear to ride on a bed of clouds. Unfortunately, some members felt the clouds looked like dust, defying the laws of physics by being kicked up on both sides of the wheel. Bear responded by superimposing a banner with the words "Rotary Club" over the clouds.

### Early association emblem

In 1911, Secretary Chesley R. Perry recommended that "action be taken by the National Association to establish the wheel as the basic part of the emblem of every Rotary club." Clubs were invited to submit designs to an emblem committee before the 1912 convention in Duluth, Minnesota, USA.

The Duluth convention provided some definition. "The emblem consists of the basic principle of a wheel with gears cut on the outer edge. ... The spokes are to be so designed as to indicate strength; the object of the gears, or cogs, being two-fold: First to relieve the plainness of the design, and Second, to symbolize power."

The word "Rotary" appeared at the top and "International Association" at the bottom. (Rotary became an international organization in 1912.) Clubs were encouraged to use a similar design, placing the name of their city at the bottom instead of "International Association." The number of spokes and cogs was unspecified. As a result, many variations on the emblem were in use by 1918. (article continued on next page)

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## A standard emblem

To address the growing number of emblems, the Board appointed Charles Mackintosh, of the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, and Oscar Bjorge, of the Rotary Club of Duluth, Minnesota, USA, to the committee charged with standardizing the Rotary emblem.

Bjorge drafted an emblem with six spokes and 24 cogs, giving it a sturdy appearance. In this design, the number of teeth and spokes was intended to reflect a real, working gearwheel. The number of spokes and cogs did not reflect any specific aspect of Rotary's history or its programs, and this is still true today.

In November 1919, the Board adopted Bjorge's design and a detailed description, and the 1921 convention formally approved them. For many years, descriptions of the emblem simply referred to an article called "Redesigning the Rotary Wheel" in the [January 1920](#) issue of The Rotarian, which announced the Board's decision.

By 1924, Bjorge's design had been modified to include a keyway. This addition has been attributed to Will R. Forker, of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, California, USA. He was reported to have said Bjorge's design made no provision for the transfer of power to or from a shaft, rendering the wheel idle. Forker perceived Rotary as a "living force," and inserting a keyway into the hub made the new wheel a "real worker."

In January 1924, the Board formally approved the emblem that was then in use. Not all written descriptions were updated immediately, however. To clear up any confusion caused by the various decisions about the emblem between 1912 and 1929, a standard description of the existing design, with a keyway, was approved by the 1929 convention.

## A mark of excellence

For many years, the wheel stood alone as our logo. Although the words "Rotary International" are embedded in the wheel, they're hard to read from a distance. So in 2013, Rotary expanded the official logo to include the word "Rotary" next to the wheel.

The Rotary wheel remains our mark of excellence. In addition to being part of the official logo, it may be enlarged for greater impact and used separately but near the logo.

## Using the emblem

The Rotary emblem, like Rotary's name and other logos, is a registered trademark. Clubs, districts, and Rotary Entities are welcome to use the Rotary emblem subject to the guidelines for the use of the Rotary Marks as set forth by the RI Board of Directors. These guidelines govern the use of the Rotary Marks on all merchandise, promotional materials, and publications, including domain names and websites.

For current guidelines on size and placement, see Rotary's [voice and visual identity guidelines](#). Clubs can download the logo and find templates to create club logos in our [Brand Center](#).





# WATER IS A PROMISE WE MUST KEEP

March 20, 2025, on Rotary 360—The official blog of Rotary International.

By Cindy Howe and Kathryn Lucero, DigDeep

World Water Day is 22 March, a global reminder that clean, running water is not a privilege – it is a human right. Yet, here in the United States, [more than 2 million Americans](#) live without running water and proper sanitation at home. This crisis remains hidden, largely absent from national discussions, but for those of us who have experienced life without running water, it is a daily reality that shapes lives, communities, and future opportunities.

As DigDeep Project Directors for the [Navajo Water Project](#) and [Colonias Water Project](#), we have seen how lack of water access has ripple effects across communities.

**Cindy:** Growing up on the Navajo Nation, I lived without running water at home between the ages of 12 and 14. My family had to go to Bluewater Lake to get barrels of water, use rubber hoses and buckets, and heat water on the wood stove because we didn't have a water heater. My aunt, like so many elders in our community, waited decades to get running water. She was 72 years old when she got running water at home. And still, today, thousands of Navajo families are waiting, hauling five-gallon jugs and driving 35 miles one way to fetch water for their basic needs.

**Kathryn:** For me, when I was growing up, I didn't realize it wasn't normal to live without running water at home until I saw that other kids took those sorts of things for granted. When I began working, I met Diana, a mother whose children were bullied at school because they couldn't shower regularly. She spoke up at a water district meeting, but was dismissed by a board member who told her to "get educated." So, she did. She learned how to get water for her entire community. Stories like hers show us that fighting to ensure every family is granted their human right to water is not just about infrastructure—it is about dignity, opportunity, and breaking cycles of poverty.

People assume that if someone in America lacks water, it's because they chose to live somewhere remote. But that's not true. Many families we serve live in communities just minutes away from cities, or a streetlight over from communities with full water access. They use porta potties and rig car batteries to power water pumps. They are resourceful, and invest countless hours into hauling and storing water—but this is time they could be spending with their children, working, playing, or simply resting.

On the Navajo Nation, over 30% of households still do not have running water or a flush toilet. In Texas, *colonias* communities have waited decades for promised infrastructure that never came. But this crisis is not limited to these areas. From rural [Appalachia](#) to the San Joaquin Valley in California, millions of Americans are living without safe water, often in communities of color and low-income areas where systemic neglect has made them invisible.

The good news is that we can solve this crisis. At DigDeep, we have connected thousands of families to clean, running water through community-driven projects. And we do it differently: by listening to the people most affected, ensuring they are part of the solution-making process. We don't make promises we can't keep. When we say we're going to do something, we do it.

This World Water Day, we invite you to be part of the solution. Because in the wealthiest country in the world, no one should have to live without running water.

Water is life. Water is dignity. Water is a promise we must keep.

*Cindy Howe is the director of DigDeep's Navajo Project, and Kathryn Lucero, is director of DigDeep's Colonias Water Project*



# DISTRICT AND RI NEWS

## Rotary



## PEOPLE of ACTION



Rotary provides us the opportunity to serve outside our own club. Whether it is participating in club meetings across the country or around the world, joining an international service project, serving our district on one of its many committees supporting the 54 clubs in their individuals programs of Service Above Self, or attending a Rotary International Convention. Our growth in Rotary can be enhanced by our taking the many occasions to experience Rotary beyond the club.

**March**

**RI's Women in Action Month**

**April 24-30, 2025**

**World Immunization Week**

**May 27—30, 2025**

**RYLA Summer Camp**

**June 13—14, 2025**

**Rotary Young Professionals Forum  
(Ensenada, Mexico)**

**June 21—25, 2025**

**RI Convention, Calgary, Canada**

**July 1, 2025**

**NEW ROTARY YEAR**

**October 17-19, 2025**

**District Conference, Hays, KS**

**ALL EWR ROTARIANS SHOULD PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR AND ATTEND!**



**PUT THESE DATES ON  
YOUR CALENDAR!**

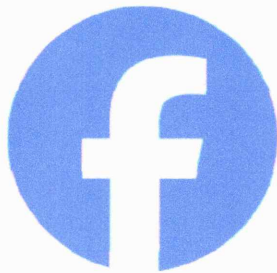
## JOKE OF THE WEEK



What did the tree say to spring?

What a re-leaf!





FIND MORE ABOUT ROTARY THROUGH VARIOUS FACEBOOK PAGES, INCLUDING EWR, DISTRICT 5680, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, AND A HOST OF OTHER PAGES.

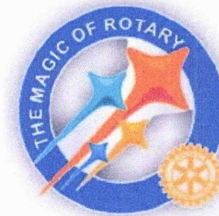
## Play a Leading role in your community

For more than a century leaders have joined Rotary to make lasting changes in communities all over the world

If you want to play a part in Rotary or help to get a great community idea off the ground, get in touch with Rotary. There's a club near you.

JOIN LEADERS EXCHANGE IDEAS TAKE ACTION

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## Leadership Corner

### LEADERSHIP STYLES CONCEPTS



Strategic Leadership



Operational Leadership



Autocratic Leadership



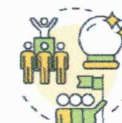
Democratic Leadership



Transformational Leadership



Transactional Leadership



Visionary Leadership



Servant Leadership



Laissez-Faire Leadership



Coaching Leadership



Bureaucratic Leadership



Pacesetter Leadership