



# ROTARY NOTARY

## Birthdays:

Dave Sproul

4/2

## At Rotary Today:

**Greeter:** Bobbi Hansen

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

**Member News:** Britt Fulmer

**Welcome to New Member:**  
Eric Pfaff

**Thanks for Helping with  
PETS:**  
Kim Hurtig

Ric Wolford

**Special Guests:**  
Gary Navarro

Garland Egerton

Jillian Van Campen

Dr. Kati Spletter

Chris Wallace

Nancy Kersenbrock

## Quote of the Week:

Talent wins games, but  
teamwork and intelligence win  
championships.

—Michael Jordan

## THE FIRST TEE TEACHES CHARACTER ALONG WITH GOLF



The First Tee is much more than a junior golf program. In addition to teaching golf, it empowers youth to make positive choices, teaching them about character and the skills to be successful in life.

Golf is a game that can teach a lot about values that are important not just on the golf course, but in life. You have to keep your own score, take care of the course by replacing divots and driving your cart on designated pathways, and behave courteously to other golfers.

The First Tee introduces youth to golf but also to core values of life: Respect, Courtesy, Responsibility, Honesty, Sportsmanship, Confidence, Judgment, Perseverance, and Integrity.

Founded in 1997, the First Tee began with a partnership between the PGA, USGA, LPGA and the Masters Tournament to bring an affordable junior golf program to economical-

ly disadvantaged areas. The result was that youth learned more than just how to improve their golf swing; they learned important life lessons and values.

Tom West knew that golf could have a meaningful impact on kids' lives. About two years ago he attended a meeting of local golf enthusiasts who wanted to support junior golf. They worked for a year to bring The First Tee to Wichita and received chapter status in May 2016.

In just one year, The First Tee of Greater Wichita has grown aggressively, offering programs both on and off the golf course. In 2016 88 youth from 5 to 17 years old participated at one of three Wichita golf courses, referred to as "green grass

facilities." The program also is offered at 27 of USD 259's schools at no cost to the district. The First Tee provides the equipment, curriculum and training to the school. In addition, The First Tee has partnered with the Boys and Girls Club, introducing the program to 160 youth who participate in their after-school activities.

Nancy Compton, the local program's executive director, would like to add 25 more schools to the program next year and one additional green grass facility. She also anticipates that enrollment this summer will more than double last year's total.

Compton shared a story that illustrates how The First Tee is about so much more than learning to play golf. A girl who participated in the program last (cont'd on p. 2)

**Dates for Your Calendar:**

**TOMORROW**, Thursday,  
March 30—Mixer at P.F.  
Chang's, 5:15. Bring a friend!

Saturday, April 8—School map  
painting project at Buckner  
Elementary (rain date: April 22)

Saturday, May 6—Kentucky  
Derby Party at the Lux

Wednesday, May 17—Lord's  
Diner Service Project

**Overheard at Rotary:**

"If you try to drink beer-for-  
beer with Scott, you'll probably  
lose."

—Burke Jones, commenting on  
the time he and Scott Holder  
spent together recently at PETS  
training.

**Celebrating Rotary  
Anniversaries:**

Larry McNeil—33 years

Scott Post—28 years

**Next Week:**

How are we doing as a club?  
Find out at our Club Assembly  
meeting. ALSO, new member  
orientation immediately follow-  
ing the meeting.

**THE FIRST TEE (CONT'D)**

summer achieved a personal breakthrough. She experienced severe anxiety when her parents weren't with her. The staff gently involved her in the day's activities without being overbearing. Program Director Corey Novascone invited the girl to participate in a putting contest, where she came in second. Buoyed by her success and the acceptance she felt from both the students and the instructors, the girl was eager to come back the next day. At the session's end, she told staff she'd see them next year. A great example of how The First Tee builds both character and confidence.

**MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR OUR "RUN FOR THE ROSES" KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY**

How can you enjoy the pageantry and spectacle of the Kentucky Derby without leaving town? By coming to EWR's Kentucky Derby "Run for the Roses" party/fundraiser to benefit three local not-for-profit organizations.

We'll enjoy appetizers, adult beverages (including mint juleps) and live coverage of the event. There will also be a silent and live auction of some fabulous stuff.

This one-of-a-kind event will take place at The Lux in downtown Wichita on Saturday, May 6 from 3:00—6:30 pm. Tickets are \$50/guest.

By now you should have received an invitation. Spread the word to your friends and colleagues!

This is not limited to EWR members only!

Meanwhile, start brushing up on your Derby Day traditions for this fun, new EWR event.

**NATIONAL LEMON CHIFFON CAKE DAY**

Yes, there is a special day set aside for Lemon Chiffon Cake. And once you taste its airy richness, you'll wonder why a whole week hasn't been set aside to honor, and eat, this delicious dessert.

In the 1920s an insurance salesman named Henry Baker sought to create a cake that was lighter, yet richer, than angel food. He tinkered with ingredients until he found the perfect combination.

He offered his services to the famed Brown Derby Restaurant in Los Angeles that catered to movies stars and other Hollywood elites. But as part of the deal, he kept the recipe a secret. For 20 years, until 1947, he was the only person who baked chiffon cakes at the Brown Derby.



Then he sold the recipe to General Mills for an undisclosed amount. His secret? Folding beaten egg whites (meringue) into a vegetable oil-based batter. Today chiffon cake recipes are widely available on the internet in a variety of tastes—lemon, chocolate, orange, banana and even peppermint.

As for Henry Baker, chiffon cake was apparently good for his health. He lived to be 91 years old. We imagine he died with a smile on his face while eating one last slice of his delicious concoction.