



ROTARY NOTARY

Birthdays:

<i>Tim Link</i>	10/28
<i>Ely Luna</i>	10/28
<i>Jaden Randle</i>	10/29
<i>Fred Heismeyer</i>	10/31

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Dave Clothier

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

Lord's Diner Service Project:
Kim Goodnight said that 14
EWR volunteers served nearly
500 meals last Thursday evening.

Rotary Anniversary:
Denise Hearson, 3 years

You Heard It Here First

Discussing how to pronounce
the name of Asbjørn Midtgaard,
a freshman player from
Denmark who is 7 feet tall
and weighs 285 pounds,
Coach Marshall said, "I just
call him Sir."

Quote of the Week:

The will to win, the desire to
succeed, the urge to reach your
full potential...these are the
keys that will unlock the door
to personal excellence.

—Confucius

COACH GREGG MARSHALL PREVIEWS A NEW YEAR IN A NEW LEAGUE

In April 2007 Gregg Marshall became the head coach of the WSU Shocker Men's Basketball team following nine successful seasons at Winthrop University in South Carolina. In ten seasons with WSU he's taken them to the NCAA tournament six times and the Final Four in 2013.



Gregg Marshall is the winningest coach in WSU Shocker Men's Basketball, with 261 wins. He's achieved this success without a roster of five-star recruits, focusing on talented young men of character who want to be coached, who will let Marshall's staff coach them, and who want to be part of something bigger than themselves.

Marshall is also an enjoyable and entertaining speaker, who began his talk by saying, "What a beautiful day. Some of you should be on the golf course instead of here listening to me!"

Rotarians and their guests were interested in knowing more about the new conference WSU officially joined last July 1, the American Athletic Conference (AAC).

A member of the Missouri Valley Conference for 78 years, the men's basketball program had a 68-4 regular season record during the last four years, winning many games handily.

Despite their prowess, the Shockers have been underseeded in the NCAA tournament more than once, partly the result of playing what was seen as a weaker conference schedule. During the last ten years the Shockers were the only Missouri Valley team to receive a at-large bid in the NCAA tournament.

The move to the AAC means competing with colleges in cities like Philadelphia, Orlando, Tampa Bay-St. Petersburg, Memphis, New Orleans, Houston, Dallas, and Cincinnati. "We'll be able to get a good steak when we

arrive in these towns," Marshall quipped.

He also mentioned that the league currently has three Final Four coaches besides himself: Tubby Smith (University of Memphis); Kelvin Sampson (University of Houston); Kevin Ollie (University of Connecticut).

And on the women's side, the Lady Shockers will compete against the storied UConn Lady Huskies, who have won a record 11 NCAA championships under coach Geno Auriemma who, Marshall told us, has a championship ring for each finger and is now working on earning them for each of his toes.

With an exhibition game just ten days away it is a busy and hectic time for Marshall and his team. He's replacing six seniors this year, the first time he's had to replace this many. Despite that (*cont'd on p. 2*)

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, Nov. 22— No Rotary meeting.

Wednesday, Dec. 13—Annual Rotary Christmas party. Details to follow!

Talking Turkey:

One of our most popular projects is purchasing a turkey dinner for a family in need. Rotarians purchased 100 dinners last year; let's make it at least 101 this year. Each dinner, which serves 6, costs \$57. Consider making a donation to purchase one dinner, but contributions in any amount are welcome and appreciated. Delivery day is **Tuesday, November 21.**

Next Week:

Our speaker next Wednesday will be **Dr. Alicia Thompson**, the new superintendent of the Wichita Public Schools.

COACH GREGG MARSHALL (CONT'D)

challenge, the Shockers have received many pre-season accolades. A special edition of USA Today Sports College Basketball Preview published yesterday asked "Can Wichita State become the nation's next powerhouse?"

Online, espn.com featured an article by John Gasaway making the case for the possibility that the Shockers could be Number One this year, in part due to the return of last year's top eight scorers.

And there's Ken Pomeroy, who released his pre-season rankings earlier this week, putting the Shockers at Number Four behind Villanova, Kentucky, and Arizona. But Marshall himself isn't caught up in the pre-season bluster. Knowing that he and his team have a lot of work to do, he said, "I'd love to finish in the top half of our league!"

Currently three players are recovering from injuries. Landry Shamet, a sophomore who was picked by ESPN as a fourth team All-American, is still nursing a foot fracture from the summer. He's able to run up and down the court now and is scheduled to return to playing sometime in November. Markis McDuffie, who had a small stress fracture in September, won't return to the court until Christmas. Sophomore Austin Reaves has "a bad shoulder" in Marshall's words.

To sum it up, with a new league, a great schedule, and high hopes, Gregg Marshall and the WSU Shockers are looking forward to a banner year on the basketball court.



Gregg Marshall poses for a photo with one of the staff of the Wichita Country Club, where East Wichita Rotary holds its weekly meetings. Looking on is Susan Addington, who introduced Coach Marshall.

GREGG MARSHALL'S SHOCKER STATS



- Gregg Marshall is the winningest basketball coach at Wichita State University with 261 wins (Ralph Miller, coach from 1951-1964, is second with 220 wins)
- He has taken the Shockers to the NCAA tournament for the last six seasons.
- He has coached his teams to NCAA tournament appearances during 12 out of 18 years of coaching.
- During the 2013-2014 season the Shockers finished the regular season and Missouri Valley Conference tournament with a 34-0 record.
- During the 2012-2013 season the Shockers made their first Final Four appearance since 1965, defeating the AP #1 (Gonzaga), #7 (Ohio State) and #20 (Pittsburgh) teams.
- He was named Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year in 2012, 2013, and 2014.
- He was named National Coach of the Year in 2014.