



ROTARY NOTARY

Birthdays:

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| Alex Duncan | 9/20 |
| Steve Houlik | 9/23 |
| Shelley Duncan | 9/24 |

At Rotary Today:

Greeter: Brian Burrus

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

Member News:
Britt Fulmer

Wedding Anniversary:
John and Cher Hurst, 38 years

Special Guests:
Michelle Westbrook, wife of
Brant Westbrook

Bouncing Babies:

Kim Vining had a baby girl,
Lucy Rose, on September 5.

Dave Clothier became a grandpa
with the birth of Vivien Leigh
Idell on September 12.

Congratulations to all!

Quote of the Week:

When someone tells me
“no,” it doesn’t mean I can’t do
it, it simply means I can’t do it
with them.

—Karen E. Quinones Miller

WHEN MAN’S BEST FRIEND BECOMES A LIFE SAVER



Kansas Specialty Dog Service (KSDS) began as a 4H project in Washington, KS in 1990. Today it is a non-profit organization providing professionally trained guide, service and facility dogs for people in need of a canine partner to enhance their independence. Pictured L to R: Scott Holder, EWR; Julie Prater, Development Director for KSDS; Susan Teske; Marco; Randy Teske; and Burke Jones, EWR.

Although he wasn’t the headliner, Marco the Golden Retriever quickly became the center of attention following today’s EWR meeting.

Marco is a guide dog trained by Kansas Specialty Dog Service (KSDS). Development Director Julie Prater told us how the organization breeds and trains assistance dogs for people like Randy Teske. Three years ago Randy and his wife Susan welcomed Marco into their home to assist Randy, who is blind.

Randy first learned about KSDS while attending a disability fair in his hometown of Pratt. He met a man who had just received a guide dog. When Randy experienced how well the

dog could navigate through the crowded fair, he was ready to apply.

Ten months later, in June 2014, Randy and Susan were on their way to Washington, Kansas, where KSDS is located, to pick up Marco. The trip would change their lives forever.

Born at KSDS, Marco went at 8 weeks old to live with a puppy raiser, a volunteer who taught him basic skills, how to socialize, and 44 commands that are the basis of guide dog instruction. After 12—18 months dogs like Marco return to KSDS for more specialized training and are then matched with their human.

Today Marco and Randy are a common sight on the streets of Pratt. They regularly walk to the bank, the

doughnut shop, the dentist, and Lemon Park. Marco knows the difference between a handicap curb and one that isn’t modified. He alerts Randy if a low-hanging tree branch is in the way. Through training in “intelligent disobedience,” Marco will disobey a command to cross the street if there is an obstacle. This happened once when an electric car, which Randy could not hear, was in the intersection.

At the end of our meeting, Randy demonstrated that Marco gets to enjoy time off. While wearing his harness, Marco was stoic and professional. But once it came off, he eagerly sought Rotarians for a dose of love and affection, wagging his tail. Proof that guide dogs, just like us, love to give and receive smiles, praise, hugs, and the occasional treat.

Mixer:

Our next mixer will be **Tuesday, September 26** at the Stearman Field Bar and Grill, located at the Benton Airport on 14789 SW 30th St. It's a short drive for us east-siders! Join your fellow Rotarians for great food and fun!

Community Service:

Thursday, October 19— Volunteer to serve dinner at The Lord's Diner. This is one of our club's favorite service opportunities.

If you need a Kansas Food Handler's Card, following are your options (taken from the City of Wichita website):

Free Classes at City of Wichita Office of Environmental Health, 1900 E 9th Street

- Saturday, Oct. 7 at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 9 at 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Classes are approximately 2 hours long and you must arrive 15 minutes early. Register online at: www.wichita.gov

Approved online classes: (These charge a fee and you must bring your online training certificate, along with a photo ID, to the Environmental Health office to receive your Food Handlers Card.)

<http://www.servsafe.com>
<http://www.statefoodsafety.com>
<http://www.tapseries.com>

Next Week:

Our speaker next Wednesday will be Jon Rolph of SASNAK, owners of Carlos O'Kelly's.

MORE AT ROTARY TODAY



Two special guests visiting from India joined us today. Rotarians in their hometown, they enjoy traveling the world. Two years ago they visited our club while in Kansas to visit their son, who works for Koch Industries. On the left is Dr. Jyotshna Mahapatra, retired chemistry professor. On the right is her husband, Dr. Srikart Pattnaik, retired geology and mining professor. They are from Bhubaneswar, an ancient city in India's eastern state of Odisha. And in the center is EWR President Scott Holder!

Shelley Duncan introduced new EWR member Alex Duncan, her son. Alex is the accounting director of Frax Outsourcing, which caters to the business needs of home health care companies. Alex is engaged to be married in May AND today is his birthday!



HOT TIME, SUMMER IN THE CITY



With the official first day of fall just a few days from now, Summer 2017 is becoming a sweet memory for most of us. We asked Rotarians to share what they did for fun over the summer. Some, like Scott Post and Polly Peters, are currently vacationing and will send photos soon. Kevin Rathert traveled to Rochester, MN for his annual checkup. John Alefs is planning several road trips with his wife to follow the WSU Shockers men's basketball team as they face new competition in the American Athletic Conference. One thing's for sure: our club members have enjoyed the lazy, hazy days of summer. Here's where they've traveled:

(L) Justin Baxter and his fiancée, Meghan, traveled recently to San Miguel de Allende, a city located in central Mexico. Though it's not a beach city like Cancun, Cozumel, or Los Cabos, it has a lot of attractive features, including a temperate climate, a vibrant art scene, and fun dining destinations to explore. More than 20 percent of its residents are ex-pats! Justin and Meghan are getting married on Saturday, September 30.

HOT TIME, SUMMER IN THE CITY (CONT'D)



(L) Donna Kennedy and her husband Mark visited the Grand Canyon in April. Their daughter was married last weekend and Donna says no more vacations this year.



Someone traveled to Kansas City and while there, scheduled a pedicure! Can you guess the name of the Rotarian whose feet are pictured above or should we refer to him from now on as "Twinkle Toes?" (Hint: axe).



(L) Kim Hurtig and her family visited DC in early June, enjoying splendid weather and creating memories to last a lifetime! Thanks to EWR and hosting Senator Roberts earlier in the year, the Senator's team arranged a White House tour (shown in pic) and a private tour of the US Capitol for the Hurtigs. She, Tony, and her adult children took in all of the monuments, many museums, and other sights of the city. They all fell in love with our nation's capital!