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THINGS YOU  
DON'T KNOW  
ABOUT ME:

**ALEX GOURLAY**

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This year, we began a new series called "10 things you don't know about me," featuring our leaders. In each one, we'll introduce the leader and what he or she does, and list 10 things – both business and personal – that team members may not know about them. We hope the series helps team members get to know our leaders, and also learn something new.

**Alex Gourlay**, executive vice president, president of **Customer Experience and Daily Living**, is one of our newest executives – though, he's no stranger to community pharmacy or store operations. A pharmacist by profession, he began his career in healthcare early, working at Boots at the age of 16 in his native Scotland, selling health and wellness products behind the "chemist counter."

Gourlay started at Walgreens on Oct. 1, 2013, transitioning from his previous post as CEO of Alliance Boots Health & Beauty division. He has been learning more and more about the company every day, from culture to Well Experience to our strategic journey. We asked Gourlay to reveal 10 things that will help you learn more about him:

**1** I'm Scottish, and one of my favorite, yet most unusual, phrases from back home is, "In the name of the wee man." The phrase means, "I don't believe it," and my granny would always say it when I was growing up.

**2** This winter weather has been cold and snowy, but with the Protect & Perfect Intense Moisturizer for men, my favorite Boots No7 product, it has been a bit more bearable.



**3** Since I began in October, the number of stores I've visited from coast-to-coast is getting very close to triple digits.

**4** The greatest strength I bring to Walgreens is my commitment to the company's purpose. You don't move your family across continents in the way I've done without having that passion to help people get, stay and live well.

**5** I've become quite an avid Dunkin' Donuts fan. I love their coffee – and their donuts, too!



**6** I'm a member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. It sounds very formal, but it just means I'm part of a professional body for pharmacists in England, Scotland and Wales that's endorsed by the Queen.



**7** My biggest career accomplishment was establishing a strategic partnership with Boots and Macmillan Cancer Support, which provides medical and emotional support for families and individuals in the U.K. who have cancer.

**8** At my first Team Member Town Hall last November, I mentioned that I've had the same hairstyle for 37 years. It's true.

**9** I've read a lot about Charles R. Walgreen Sr. and his philosophy of catering to our customers' needs. It's good to remind myself that he built this company on friendliness and speed, and we're still executing on that brilliantly more than 110 years later.

**10** While of course I miss the familiarity of home, having spent more than 50 years in the U.K., I also miss Cadbury's chocolate and Jaffa Cakes.

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