

Rotary Express



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Harrisonville - Rotary District 6080 - Club 2368

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DID YOU KNOW?

Historic moments -- Easter Seals
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In 1929, The Rotary Foundation made its first donation: a US\$500 gift to the International Society for Crippled Children, known today as Easter Seals.

Rotarian Edgar F. Allen founded the society in 1921 with help from the Rotary Club of Elyria, Ohio, USA, to aid children afflicted with crippling diseases. Rotary founder Paul Harris served as chair of the society.

Allen joined the Elyria club in 1918. In 1919, at a special club meeting, he presented his idea to provide specialized care to children with disabilities in their own communities. Elyria Rotarians were moved by his presentation and took up his cause, founding what would become the International Society for Crippled Children.

Providing access to adequate medical care was an important cause to Allen. In 1907, one of Allen's sons died due to lack of medical care after a street car accident. Allen committed himself to building a hospital in Elyria and sold his successful business to devote his efforts to fundraising.

On 30 October 1908, the Elyria Memorial Hospital opened. Allen also helped to build the Gates Hospital, the first hospital in the United States devoted to the care of children with disabilities, which opened in 1915.

Daddy Allen, as he was called by the children who knew him, has been credited with coining the phrase "Keep on keeping on."

Rotary clubs and Rotarians continue to work with local Easter Seals organizations as volunteers, event sponsors, and donors.

For more historical information about Rotary, visit Rotary History and Archives or the Rotary Global History Fellowship .



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MEETINGS

Wednesdays at noon
The Branding Iron
in Landmark Plaza

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

Scott Ricker 9/3
Sonya McLelland 9/5
Ann Britt 9/22
Mark Lockard 9/28
Carol Looney 9/30
Chris Benjamin 9/30

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

Wendell Yeager 9/8
Teresa Hensley 9/15
Jim Corless 9/25



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Sept 10 Carol Looney
Sept 17 Chad Patterson
Sept 24 Wendell Yeager
Oct 1 Bob Huston
Oct 8 **CASCO PICNIC**
Oct 15 Jim Corless

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CASCO PICNIC

Wednesday
October 8, 2008
setup: 10:30
servng: 11:30

(North Park Activity Center)

New Generations Month