



# ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Missouri | October 1, 2025 | **Service above self. One profits most who serves best.**

## Today's program



Jesica Junge's guest today is **Steve Fleshman**, founder of Life Issues, an addiction recovery ministry.

## Future programs

**October 8** - Brad Ratliff will explain the 3 city proposals on the Nov. 4 ballot.

**October 15** - Annie Knox

**October 22** - R. J. Knox

**October 29** - District Gov. **Andrea Brady**'s official club visit

**November 5** - Jill Filer

**November 12** - Abigail Lowrimore

**November 19** - Doug Meyer

## Birthdays

**October 1** ..... Jason Winter

**October 8** ..... Keith Mills

**October 10** ..... Denise Cox

**October 14** ..... Abigail Lowrimore

**October 16** ..... Chuck Weedman

**October 29** ..... Avelicia Rosales

## Officers & Directors

**President** ..... Grant Purkey

**President-Elect** ..... Erik Winkler

**President-Nominee** ..... Annie Knox

**Secretary** ..... Dawson Dickey

**Treasurer** ..... Jesica Junge

**Sergeant-at-Arms** ..... Judy Franklin

**Past President** ..... Jon Taber

**Directors** ..... Jenna Giess, Larry Pfautsch, Cassie Wieberg, Jayden Love, Vanessa Hargrave

**District Governor** ..... Andrea Brady

**Asst. Gov.** ..... Bing Schimmelpfennig

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## Hospital foundation supports patients, gardens, scholarships, and much more

**R**otarians have been involved in supporting the Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation since its inception, current board president Denise Ashby-Cohen said at last week's meeting. It was a former (2001-02) club president, the late Linda Sherman, who spearheaded the effort to incorporate the foundation as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 1988. A member of the hospital's Board of Trustees, Linda also was instrumental in establishing the hospital's network of remote clinics to better serve residents in neighboring towns.

Denise, a registered nurse whose late husband Marvin was a surgeon here, was joined by the foundation's new executive director, Jenny Snapp, for an overview of the foundation's wide-ranging scope of work on behalf of the hospital, patients and employees. They were guests of Cassie Wieberg.

Through the years, our club has been involved in several hands-on projects at the hospital, including construction of a pergola, sidewalks, a foot bridge



and concrete pads for teak benches in the Healing Garden. Several club members have also served on the foundation's board. Carol Looney was honored as a director emerita for her long service. Larry Pfautsch is a current board member and past president.

Among the programs and projects funded by

the foundation are 12 scholarships, most of them endowed by benefactors to advance health care education opportunities for area students and hospital employees. The foundation is the principal entity supporting the gardens and grounds as well as the Franceline Parris Community Trail. It operates two assistance funds, one for patients and one for employees. It also assists with the purchase of specialized hospital equipment. This year it organized a SCRUBS program to interest teens in health care.

The foundations' work is funded by a mix of private donations and special events such as the annual plant sale, the Celebration Basket raffle coming up Oct. 20-24, and the Boots & Barbecue and Legacy Dinner fundraisers.

Denise said the foundation hopes to organize behind-the-scenes tours of the hospital to make residents more familiar with the wide array of services and facilities Cass Med offers. At the end of their presentation, Denise and Jenny conducted a raffle for a tote bag, won by Abby Lowrimore.

## Last week's announcements

- Bill Mills won the Secret Greeter dollar coin.
- Visitors were Denise Cox, a new member pending board approval, and Blake Mills, who is transferring his membership from the Paola club.
- Cassie Wieberg contributed to the PolioPlus bank, celebrating her one-year anniversary with Cass Regional Medical Center.
- Denise Cox also contributed to the bank with a story of how she was able to help a man with a prosthetic device buy a home.
- President Grant reminded Rotarians of the Casco picnic, the Wings and Wheels event and our monthly social hour. He also recognized Carol Looney for her Sept. 30



## Club Calendar

Monday, October 6

**Monthly Board Meeting** - 12 noon, Family Center Farm & Home.

Friday, October 10

**Classroom Partner Visit** - 2:30 p.m., McEowen Elementary.

Saturday, October 18

**District Conference** - Springfield.

Thursday, October 23

**Monthly Social Hour** - 4-5 p.m., El Puerto Restaurant.

## Wings and Wheels

Saturday's open house at Laurence Smith Memorial Airport drew a nice crowd, including an estimated 200 airplane rides, a car show, Life Flight display and other attractions. This Rotary breakfast crew took in about \$250 in donations, which almost covered our costs. Thanks to Jayden Love (not pictured), Sam Styron, R.J. and Annie Knox and their two kids, Erik Winkler and Jason Winter for cooking up the grub. And thanks to Chris Kurzweil for loaning the griddle.



## Workshop Lunch

Thanks to these Rotarians for serving lunch to Casco Workshop employees and staff on Sept. 25, from left: Vanessa Hargrave, Bing Schimmelpfennig, Erik Winkler, Lori Watson, Cindy Greenwell and Bill Bills. And thanks to Jesica Junge for getting the pizza, cookies and drinks.

