



# ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, MO | April 27, 2016 | Service above self. | See the need. Do the deed.

## Today's program

Today we tour Harrisonville's largest manufacturing facility operated by Church & Dwight. Lunch will be catered by Del's Diner.

## Future programs

- May 4 - Business meeting
- May 11 - Glenn Aversman
- May 18 - Aaron Rains
- May 25 - John Foster

## Officers

President .....Jesica Junge  
 President-Elect .....Shauna Stephenson  
 Secretary .....Shauna Stephenson  
 Treasurer.....Jill Filer  
 Directors .....Cindy Greenwell, Bryan McDonald and Larry Pfautsch  
 Sgt.-at-Arms.....Bing Schimmelpfenning  
 Past President.....Lynn Laffoon  
 District Governor .....Steve Dulle

## Birthdays

- May 2 - Glenn Aversman
- May 7 - Shauna Stephenson
- May 19 - Doug Meyer
- May 22 - Marko Muller

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## Last week's meeting

### *Author and historian provides highlights of Negro Leagues and Kansas City Monarchs*

**Guests** - HHS April Students of the Month Allison Maddox, daughter of Larry and Shelly Maddox, and Tanner DeVore, son of Jim and BeLinda DeVore.

#### Announcements

- Bill Mills reported on communication with the president of the Rotary Club of Santo Domingo, Ecuador, where Harrisonville Rotarians were involved in a humanitarian grant program several years ago. The recent earthquake caused few casualties in Santo Domingo but heavy devastation nearby.
- President Jesica thanked those who helped serve lunch, cook hot dogs, and provide food, drinks and supplies for the HHS Senior Service Day on April 19. Total cost to the club was \$257.
- Lynn Laffoon reported that the new book cart provided by the club for the Juvenile Justice Center has been a big hit.
- President Jesica passed around a signup sheet for flag program volunteers for 2016-17 holidays. Pick a date when you can help and sign up.

#### Program

Belton resident Phil Dixon, an expert on the Kansas City Monarchs and a co-founder of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, used slides to highlight the history of the league and the Monarchs, who won their first pennant in 1923 and national championships in 1924 and 1929. The team included such all-time greats as Elston Howard, Satchel Paige, Buck O'Neil and "Bullet" Rogan, who some have described as the greatest all-around player who ever lived. He played both outfield and pitcher, winning over 400 games. The team's owners included J. L. Wilkinson, a pioneer in race relations who helped diversify the sport. Wilkinson is a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame. He was also an innovator, pioneering team travel by bus and night baseball. Dixon, who has authored 10 books, including a popular book on Buck O'Neil, recommended a movie called *The Winning Team*.



## Calendar

April 29

Cass County Good Scout Breakfast, 8 a.m., Max Motors.

May 2

Monthly board meeting, 4 p.m., School Administration Building.

May 30

Memorial Day — Rotary flag distribution.

## Webers will serve as first host family for Thailand student

When our Thai student arrives in Harrisonville sometime in early August, he will spend a few days with our RYE Counselor Jessica Junge and her family before moving to his first host family - Jeff and Jauna Weber and their two sons.

The Webers are looking forward to the experience as they share their home and family life with Suriya "Sumo" Kretzschmar, who will enroll as a junior at Harrisonville High School.

Rotarians should be thinking about how they can involve Sumo in their activities, whether it's a sporting event, cultural experience, or other family activity.

The club is still looking for a second and third host family, although one prospective family that attended our April 12 RYE information meeting has requested an application.

If you're interested in learning more about hosting, contact Larry Pfautsch or Jessica Junge. You can also find information on the District 6080 website.

Meantime, the club thanks Jeff and Jauna for opening their home.

## In memory of Bob Atkinson, active Rotarian and community leader



Former Rotarian and club president Bob Atkinson passed away Saturday, April 23, at the Kansas City Hospice House. He was 86. Bob served as Rotary Club president in 1988-89. He was a guiding force in Rotary and throughout the community. Services were held Tuesday, April 26, at Faith Baptist Church.



Bob was a longtime member and chairman of the Harrisonville Park Board, and the family suggests memorial contributions to the Harrisonville Parks & Recreation Foundation. The club expresses its condolences to his wife Jean, their four sons and six grandchildren. See the complete obituary at [www.atkinsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.atkinsonfuneralhome.com).

