



# ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, MO | April 6, 2016 | Service above self. | See the need. Do the deed.

## Today's program

President Jesica will recap Monday's board meeting. Chris Deal will speak about the Harrisonville Parks & Rec Foundation and its efforts to provide handicap-accessible playground equipment. Members will be asked to vote on their preference for our booth at the Burnt District Festival.

## Future programs

- April 13** - Chuck Weedman
- April 20** - Cindy Greenwell
- April 27** - Gabe Sweitzer. Possible tour of Church & Dwight.
- 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

- April 9** - Dan Erholtz
- April 13** - R. J. Knox
- April 15** - Judy Franklin
- April 19** - Sam Styron

## Contact info.

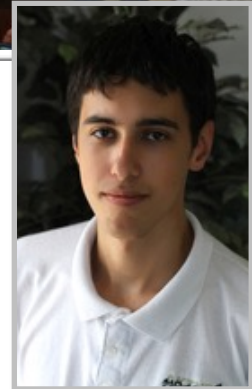
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## Last week's meeting

*Club meets at Bella Roma for Fifth Wednesday*

Rotarians enjoyed Italian fare at last week's Fifth Wednesday meeting at Bella Roma restaurant. Business included an induction ceremony for new member Lori Watson. Cody Akins (right), who operates Akins PC Repair in Harrisonville, presented a program on mobile device tips and tricks. He covered a variety of topics dealing with device security, data security, battery health and general device performance. His No. 1 tip: If you drop your phone in water, do not try to turn it on right away or you'll cause a short circuit.



## Welcome, Lori

At last week's meeting, Lori Watson of Edward Jones was inducted into membership by President Jesica Junge and sponsor Aaron Rains.

## Board accepts Bob Huston's resignation

The club's Board of Directors has accepted the resignation of Bob Huston, who cited family considerations and time devoted to his re-election campaign as reasons for stepping back from Rotary.

In other business at its monthly meeting April 4, the board discussed the need for volunteers to help cook hot dogs and is looking for donations of chips, pop, water and cookies when we serve lunch to HHS seniors April 19 at the Elks Lodge. If you can help with any of these items, contact President Jesica.

The board also heard a report from the Fundraising Committee and discussed the RYE information meeting April 12. Treasurer Jill Filer noted that quarterly invoices have been sent and that the club now has a debit card it can use to pay expenses as an alternative to checks.

## Calendar

### April 12

Rotary Youth Exchange Information Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HHS Library.

### April 15

Deadline for students to apply for Harrisonville Rotary Club Scholarship.

### April 19

HHS Senior Service Day, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Rotary will provide lunch at the Elks Lodge, 2402 N. Hwy. 291.

### April 27

Alternative meeting location and program to be determined, as our meeting room will not be available.

### April 29

Cass County Good Scout Breakfast, 8 a.m., Max Motors. RSVP by April 25 at [casscountybreakfast.kintera.org](http://casscountybreakfast.kintera.org).

### May 2

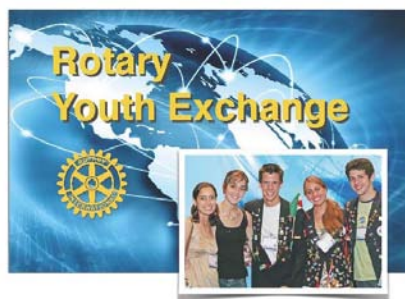
Monthly board meeting, 4 p.m., School Administration Building.

## This year's raffle will benefit handicap-accessible playground equipment at parks

### *Fundraising Committee outlines plans for rest of 2016*

The Fundraising Committee headed by Bing Schimmelpfenning met last week, with a lot on our plates for the remainder of the year. Bing outlined the plans for the board at its monthly meeting April 4. Highlights include:

- 1.) Deciding that our "why" this year on the **raffle** will be to raise money to purchase **handicap-accessible playground equipment** for parks around the Harrisonville area. Chris Deal with the Parks & Recreation Department will present a brief program about the Parks & Rec Foundation at the club's next regular meeting.
- 2.) Decided that we will ask the membership to **vote on fundraising ideas for the Burnt District Festival**. Ballots will be handed out at the next regular meeting.
- 3.) The raffle **prizes** will be a riding lawn mower and smaller-amount gift cards. The thought is that a bigger prize will make the cost of the raffle ticket (\$20) seem easier to sell, that you are going to get your money's worth if you win.
- 4.) The club will begin selling raffle tickets starting in May and ending July 16. We will have a booth at the Max Motors **Midwest Ford Fest** on July 16 and announce the raffle winner at that event.
- 5.) We will still sell tickets at **Family Center** on Saturdays leading up to the Ford Fest.
- 6.) We will have a booth at the **4th of July celebration** in the City Park and **sell ice cream** to raise money for the handicap-accessible equipment that will be placed in the park, along with selling **raffle tickets** at the booth.
- 7.) John Coffey will finish the repairs on the remaining **flag brackets** that are broken around the Square and down Westchester Avenue.
- 8.) We will ask the Harrisonville High School football team to provide us volunteers to go out with the Rotarians on the flag routes for the upcoming summer holidays as a part of their community volunteerism goals. A **signup sheet** will be passed around beginning at the next regular meeting for Rotarians to volunteer for "flag duty."



### Host families needed

Each year, Rotary clubs around the world sponsor more than 8,000 exchange students. HHS junior Colin Smiegel is now preparing to spend his senior year in Italy as an RYE Ambassador.

In exchange, Harrisonville will welcome a student from another country. The Harrisonville Rotary Club is looking for 3 families to host this student for approximately 3 months each during the 2016-17 school year. Learn more about this fantastic opportunity by attending a special

### RYE Information Meeting

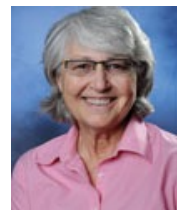
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, HHS Library

This meeting will also include information for high school students interested in spending a year abroad in 2017-18 or later.

For more information, contact Larry Platch, 618-860-0412, [lpfatch@rye.com](mailto:lpfatch@rye.com)

## Learn about RYE

District 6080 RYE Inbound Coordinator Kit Freudenberg of Jefferson City will provide information and answer questions



about Rotary Youth Exchange at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the HHS Library. Potential host families and past host families, as well as students interested in spending a year abroad, are invited and urged to attend.