



ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Missouri | July 20, 2022 | **Service above self. One profits most who serves best.**

Today's program



John Foster's guest today is his grandson, **Joe Endicott, Ph.D.**, a research fellow at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Future programs

JULY 27 - Jeanette Flanner's guest will be **Supt. Paul Mensching**

AUGUST 3 - District Governor **John Horton** plus our 3 RYLA students - **Menda Schroeder, Maya Beavers and Sophie Frazier**

AUGUST 10 - John Coffey

AUGUST 17 - Judy Franklin

AUGUST 24 - Robert Gaines

AUGUST 31 - Cindy Greenwell

Birthdays

JULY 23Daryl Bohannon

JULY 25Jessica Junge

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Chief Hofer says HPD is involved in many forms of community policing

Harrisonville's police officers are heavily involved in the community they serve, Chief John Hofer told Rotarians last week. A guest of Glenn Aversman, Chief Hofer said each officer has a monthly goal of 2.5 community contacts while on duty. Last year, that added up to more than 500 community involvement opportunities.

HPD currently has 20 officers, Hofer said, but should have 25. "We need to add more," he said. Like many other police departments, Harrisonville has had a hard time attracting and retaining officers. In response, the city recently increased its police salary budget significantly to help attract candidates.

For his program, Chief Hofer drew on a presentation he gave to the Board of Aldermen, some of whom were not aware of all the department's community policing programs and activities. Many focus on increasing the participation of citizens and organizations in helping reduce crime, prevent accidents and improve the quality of life in Harrisonville.



For example, he highlighted the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program that he and Mayor Judy Bowman started in 2013. Based on a national model, VIPS has more than 20 members who assist police in many ways, such as helping with the drug take-back program, the Shop With a Cop program and helping at public events. VIPS recently took over the responsibility of displaying flags at the Courtyard of Honor on the Courthouse lawn, prompting a thank you from John Foster, who

established this impressive display saluting the county's war dead.

HPD is also a key player in youth and community groups focused on safe driving and accident prevention. These include the Traction group at HHS and the Harrisonville Care Coalition, which got started after the tragic death of 16-year-old Cory Turner as he walked home from school in 2016 and was struck and killed by a student driver. "The power of these groups is kids talking to other kids," he said.

Other community policing activities cited by Chief Hofer:

- The Explorer program, which has grown to 35 students
- HPD's support of the Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) program at Cass Career Center.
- The recent reconstruction and beautification of Marler-Wirt-Allen Park and support of three \$1,000 scholarships in memory of those officers killed in the line of duty.
- The Coffee with a Cop program.
- The DARE program.

Chief Hofer said many of these programs are open to public participation, and he encouraged Rotarians to get involved with the police in promoting a better, safer city.



Announcements from last week's meeting

- There was no Secret Greeter last week.
- Laurence Smith contributed to the PolioPlus bank in celebration of his 47th wedding anniversary.
- John Foster contributed to the bank, noting that it was 108 degrees on this date in 1954. "I appreciate air conditioning."
- President Jeff said he hopes to name committee chairs soon.

Casco Workshop Picnic will be back this year on Sept. 28

After a couple of years with no picnic thanks to COVID, the Casco Area Workshop is planning to resume its annual employee picnic on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at Harrisonville's North Park.

That means our club will again provide lunch for more than 200 employees and staff at the North Park Activity Center building. It also means we will not have a regular club meeting that day.

Harrisonville Rotary has been involved in this event for many years. We typically grill hot dogs in the late morning, then fill plates and serve employees as they arrive around noon.

Look for additional details coming soon, and plan to help with the grilling and/or serving as your time permits.

Club welcomes Dawson Dickey into Rotary

A highlight of last week's meeting was the induction of our newest member, Dawson Dickey, a member of the Dickey Funeral Home family. President Jeff conducted the ceremony, and Dawson was congratulated by his sponsor, Cindy Greenwell.

After attending Truman State University and Missouri State University, Dawson recently received a degree in biology from UMKC. He now plans to attend Kansas City Kansas Community College's mortuary science program. He is the younger son of Jerald and Sonja Dickey, owners of the funeral home, and the grandson of founders Bill J. and Wilma Dickey.

In his spare time, Dawson enjoys golf, working out at the gym, and taking his dog Phoebe to the dog park.

District Governor's official club visit will be Aug. 3



We will have a full and information-packed meeting on Aug. 3, combining remarks from District Governor John Horton with a RYLA presentation by the three delegates who participated in the leadership academy earlier this summer. Plan on extra time for this meeting.

DG Horton is a member and past president of the Springfield Southeast Rotary Club, the largest club in the district. He joined the club in 2002 and was president in 2010-11.

John founded the Don't Meth with Us program in Springfield after learning about a similar program of another club while he was at a Rotary International convention. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow as well as a Rotary Benefactor. He has also served as an assistant district governor.

John has played on his club's basketball teams for many years, is an avid golfer, and a passionate Kansas City Chiefs fan. He founded and grew a successful information technology company, Layer 3 Technology, before selling it a few years ago.

