



ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Missouri | July 31, 2019 | **Service above self. One profits most who serves best.**

Today's program



Susan Lockard's guest today is **Matt Moreland**, who will talk about the work his brother Taylor is doing for kids with spina bifida. He has invented a device called "the Frog" that helps them become more mobile.

He has raised about \$200,000 to build them and then gives them to families at no charge.

Future programs

August 7 - Official club visit by District Governor **Paul Reinert**

August 14 - Judy Bowman's guest speaker will be Police Chief **John Hofer**

August 21 - Brittney Sexton

August 28 - Keith Mills

Sept. 4 - Luke ShROUT classification talk

Birthdays

August 4Larry Pfautsch

August 9David Killpack

August 12.....Bing Schimmelpfenning

August 31Judy Bowman

Officers & Directors

PresidentNancy Shelton

President-electVacant

SecretaryLori Watson

TreasurerJessica Junge

Sergeant-at-Arms.....Lynn Laffoon

Past PresidentChris Deal

Directors.....Jimmy Gibson, Jeff Kleinsasser, Cindy Greenwell, Larry Pfautsch

District Governor.....Paul Reinert

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Last week's meeting

Committees plan for new year

In the absence of a program last week, the club took the opportunity to hear a year-end financial update from Treasurer Jessica Junge and then to gather committees for to discuss their plans for the new club year that began July 1.

Several of the committees submitted recaps of their meeting to President Nancy after meeting:

Membership (*Chair Brittney Sexton*) — Membership will be introducing incentives for motivating members to invite others.

Youth Services (*Chair Jill Filer*) — We will be providing a \$25 Cass Carer Center school store gift certificate to the CCC Young Professional Junior each month during the 2019-20 school year. A Rotarian will visit CCC each month for a photo opp with the honoree.

We will be changing our Service Above Self awards at HES and McEowen. We will no longer give a plaque;

instead we will be doing a certificate and a movie gift card with B&B Theater for popcorn, candy,

etc. We will still have a Rotarian present the award at the all-school assemblies. Larry is putting those dates into Sign Up Genius.

We will again participate in the Classroom Partner program at McEowen. Once again, we will be working with Ms. Klinkenberg's 5th grade class.

We will be asking our RYLA participant - George Frees - to look into starting an Interact Club at HMS.

Flags (*Chair Glenn Aversman*) — Sign ups are going well...we just need to finish the year.

Social (*Chair Lynn Laffoon*) — The Social Committee will take over our Log Cabin Festival participation since our involvement has moved away from an emphasis on fundraising. The committee has decided the club will participate in the parade this year.

In business before the program:

• Gabe Sweitzer won the Secret Greeter dollar.

• President Nancy asked members to review their listing in the newsletter roster and report any changes to Larry Pfautsch.

• Service Projects Chair Gabe announced a work day for Saturday morning, Aug. 17, to complete installation of flag holders at Orient Cemetery. Breakfast will be provided.

• Nancy reminded members of the District Gov. Paul Reinert's visit on Aug. 7 and asked all members to make an effort to attend.



Club had a good fund-raising year

With the addition of three fundraisers over the past 1-2 years, the club is no longer having to rely on the Log Cabin (Burnt District) Festival booth for revenue to fund service projects, as Treasurer Jesica reported last week during a brief review of our year-end financial statements.

Our flag program has traditionally been our largest fundraiser, but the newer events have all been successful. The All-Star Rodeo in its first year netted a little over \$3,000, while the Trap Shoot in its second year generated about \$2,300, and the first-year Zero K event in cooperation with Belton-Raymore netted about \$1,000.

This is in addition to the excess funds we realize from prepaid meals, although the margin will be less this year due to the change in catering providers. Members saw an increase in meal prices on their quarterly statements starting in January.

Overall, the club had a good financial year, ending with a net profit of about \$7,000. One contributing factor is the fact that our scholarships are now self-funded through the Public School Foundation, no longer requiring an annual cash outlay from the club treasury. At fiscal year-end, Jesica said the club had about \$15,000 in checking, \$12,00 in a CD with Edward Jones, and \$11,00 in a CD in Sherwood Bank.

The complete financial statements were published in last week's newsletter.



Club Treasurer Jesica Junge reported on the club's finances last week.



Members of the Fundraising Committee met last week to discuss plans for the new club year. In addition to our ongoing Flag program, new fundraisers over the past 1-2 years have put the club in good financial shape.

Work day planned Aug. 17 at Orient Cemetery

We have 13 more flag holders and flag kits to install at Orient Cemetery, so the Service Project Committee has scheduled a work day on Saturday morning, Aug. 17, starting

with breakfast at 8 a.m. If you can help, please register on Sign Up Genius.



Calendar

August 6

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

August 7

Official club visit by District Governor Paul Reinert.

August 17

Work day with breakfast 8 - 11:30 a.m., Orient Cemetery

The Frog

Brody Moreland loves exploring with "The Frog" – a device invented by his father, Taylor Moreland, a brother of today's guest speaker, Matt Moreland.



RI President-elect Mark Daniel Maloney's theme for 2019-20, Rotary Connects the World, asks Rotarians to strengthen the many ways that Rotary Connects the World, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service.