



ROTARY EXPRESS

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Today's program



Our Fifth Wednesday meeting today will include discussions about the Flag Program and Membership Development.

Future programs

- April 7 - Monthly business meeting and classification/Rotary education talk by **Mark Muller**.
- April 14 - Judy Franklin
- April 21 - Keith Mills
- April 28 - Brent Probasco

Birthdays

- April 3.....Jon Kling
- April 6.....Anne Hickman
- April 15.....Judy Franklin
- April 19.....Sam Styron

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School Foundation has expanded its support of students and teachers

Wearing her “second hat” as executive director of the Harrisonville Public School Foundation, Jill Filer gave Rotarians an overview last week of the foundation, emphasizing how it has grown since it was established nearly 31 years ago. Those who helped start the foundation were Robert Prettyman, Linda Wheeler, Elizabeth Ballew, G.M. Allen, Dorothy Laster, Ray White and Ivan Beeman. It started with 100 founding donors who are acknowledged on the Tree of Knowledge display at HHS.



The foundation is governed by a 13-member Board of Trustees. Susan Holden is the current president. Rotarians currently serving on the board are Laurence Smith, Susan Lockard (treasurer), Gabe Sweitzer and Bing Schimmelpfenning (school board representative).

The foundation’s scope has expanded significantly over the years as its general endowment has grown. It now stands at \$475,000. This allows the foundation to fund a variety of programs and scholarships, most of which are permanently endowed.

Programs include teacher grants up to \$1,000 each, district grants, reimbursement for advanced teaching degrees, new-teacher gift cards, the Educator of the Year program, funding for the Missouri Scholars Academy and Hugh O’Brien Youth

Leadership programs, the Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame program, and the Excellence in Academics program, which started in 1987 as a way to recognize the top 15% of high school students. Four-year recipients of this honor receive a \$500 scholarship. Some 338 such scholarships have been awarded.

Last year the Excellence in Academics program was further enhanced with \$250 mini-grants to four-year award recipients thanks to Rotarian Bill Mills’ Leaving a Legacy program, allowing students to “pay it forward” to an educational program of their choice.

All of this is in addition to the many scholarships administered by the foundation, which each year total more than \$32,000. Rotarians have endowed a number of scholarships, including the John & Wanda Foster Construction Trades and Ag Scholarships, the Allison Smith Memorial Scholarship, and the Donna Pfautsch HATS Scholarship. The Harrisonville Rotary Club has created an endowment with the foundation that annually awards four \$500 scholarships to HHS and Cass Career Center recipients.

The foundation engages in several fundraising activities, including employee contributions, Major Saver card sales, the Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament, and Excellence in Academics subscribers.



IDENTIFYING PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS WORKSHEET

Think of your contacts, acquaintances, friends, and family members who might qualify for membership in your club. It's not necessary to know whether they are ready to join Rotary.

Once you've listed your contacts, circle the names of any you feel would be a good fit for your club.

Member name: _____ Date: _____

Professional Contacts

Consider your supervisor, current and former colleagues, acquaintances from professional associations, and people you have done business with recently.

Name: _____ Occupation: _____

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Service Contacts

Consider neighbors, community leaders, and acquaintances who have volunteered with you on Rotary or non-Rotary events or service projects.

Name: _____ Occupation: _____

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Announcements from last week's meeting

- Sam Styron won the Secret Greeter dollar coin.
- Larry Pfautsch contributed to the Sad emoji benefiting PolioPlus, asking Rotarians to send cards to charter member Wendell Yeager.

- Carol Looney reported that the Flag Program solicitation letters had been mailed out to businesses and organizations seeking their participation in our 2021 program, which kicks off on Memorial Day. More information will be presented at this week's Fifth Wednesday meeting, and a Sign Up Genius registration will be created.
- Jill Filer reported on the status of Classroom Partner pen pal correspondence.



Share Rotary with someone you know by inviting them to a club meeting.