



ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Missouri | September 15, 2021 | Service above self. One profits most who serves best.

Today's program



For our program today, John Foster will show a 1995 video of club projects up to that time.

Future programs

- SEPTEMBER 22 - Brent Probasco
- SEPTEMBER 29 - Jon Taber's guest will be **Leslie Culpepper**, director of a new preschool at Matt Moreland's Red Barn Ranch
- OCTOBER 6 - Monty business meeting and classification/Rotary education talk by **Bing Schimmelpfenning**
- OCTOBER 13 - Sam Cardenas
- OCTOBER 20 - Doug Meyer
- OCTOBER 27 - Jill Filer

Birthdays

- SEPTEMBER 30Carol Looney

Officers & Directors

- PresidentLori Watson
- President-ElectJeff Kleinsasser
- Secretary.....Jill Filer
- Treasurer.....Jessica Junge
- Sergeant-at-ArmsCarol Looney
- Past President.....Doug Meyer
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Cindy Greenwell, Larry Pfautsch,
Gabe Sweitzer, Grant Purkey
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Styron gives classification talk, receives Paul Harris Fellow award

It was Sam Styron Day at Rotary last week, first by being honored for his second Paul Harris Fellow Award, then by sharing a classification talk that highlighted his career as an engineer and owner of a crop-dusting business.

After a brief report on the September board meeting (see minutes on back page), President Lori presented Sam with his second Paul Harris Fellow pin recognizing \$1,000 contributed to The Rotary Foundation. His first award was in 2005.

Sam then shared professional and personal highlights. He grew up in Granby, Mo., near Neosho, the fifth of six children. One brother, Emery Styron, was editor of the local newspaper and served as Rotary Club president in 1994-95. All six siblings wound up running their own businesses, much like their dad.

After high school graduation in 1976, Sam served in the Air Force, including two years in Germany. He was able to travel extensively in Europe.

Sam then attended the University of Missouri, graduating in 1985 with an engineering degree. He went to work for E.T. Archer & Co., first in his home town, then in Kansas City. He soon became interested in crop dusting and went to flight school in Georgia. He started his new venture dusting for Army worm infestation in southwest Missouri. In that process, he stopped here in Harrisonville and Jerry Winter (Jason's dad) told him we needed a crop duster here. Winter built a runway on his place. Meanwhile, a college acquaintance, Lowell Hartzler, needed engineering work on an irrigation lake here. Sam was invited by Jerry Bowers to set up an engineering shop in the Bowers Survey office on the Square. "Development was booming here at that time," Sam said. He was doing engineering work by day and crop dusting by evening. "The business really took off in 2006-07 with the advent of fungicides to improve crop yields." His company now operates three planes. He continues to do some engineering work and maintains an office near the Square on Independence Street.



Not long after starting his business in Harrisonville, John Foster invited Sam to join Rotary. He became active in the club, especially with the annual Airport Open House, and went on to serve as club president in 2005-06. "I'm happy to be part of Rotary and to be involved in giving back to the community," Sam said.

He closed by "bragging" on his family, which includes his wife Patty and their children Olivia, Ben and Maria.

Minutes of Sept. 7 board meeting

The board met at 4 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Chamber office. Those present: Carol Looney, Cindy Greenwell, Doug Meyer, Larry Pfautsch, Jill Filer, Gabe Sweitzer, Lori Watson. And Jessica Junge

President Lori called the meeting to order. Larry moved to approve minutes from August, Gabe seconded. Motion passed.

Jessica provided the treasurer's report. Lori asked about the trap shoot proceeds. Jessica has not received a couple of invoices so she could not provide a report. Carol moved to approve the treasurer's report, Gabe seconded. The motion passed.

Rock Ford School project - Gabe reported that he is waiting on a bid from Family Center for shelving, however it could be April before it's available. The board asked Gabe to get a quote from Lowe's to consider at the next meeting.

Announcements from last week's meeting

- Bill Mills won the Secret Greeter dollar coin.
- Mark Rorvig, new HHS principal, attended his third meeting and is slated as a new corporate member replacing Mark Wieggers.
- Glenn Aversman contributed to the PolioPlus bank after being able to spend a week with his two grandchildren and learning "why God only lets young people have kids."
- President Lori added two smiley face stickers to the engagement board after volunteering for flag duty. John Taber and Jeff Kleinsasser also added a sticker.
- Flags co-chair Carol Looney announced that two more volunteers were needed for 9/11 Patriots Day. The slots were quickly filled by Bill Bills and Jeff Kleinsasser's wife Karen. Sam Styron volunteered for Veterans Day flag duty in November.

Food pantry project - Gabe reported that John Foster drew up specs, the materials have been purchased and the welding students at CCC will do the initial work. Once that's done, we can set a date for construction.

Rotary Train update - Gabe suggested that we create a checklist for the day of any train event and if we can't check everything on the list, then we don't run the train.

The checklist would include a waiver if a driver is a non-member. Other suggestions: one adult per car at a time, no gravel, no traffic, always flat surface, etc. He will bring this for approval at the next meeting. Gabe will ask Bill Mills if Rotary can help with funds to fix the engine frame. The board decided to have the Service Committee oversee the train.

Signature Service Project - After discussion of a lone list of possible signature service projects submitted by club members, Jill made a motion to narrow the list to North Park needs (playground equipment, bleachers, concession stand), amphitheatre upgrades (seating, lighting), and banners along Mechanic/Commercial. Carol seconded the motion. The motion passed.

These needs will be taken to the membership for prioritization, then the Service Committee will begin getting pricing estimates.

Board addition - Larry made a motion to add Grant Purkey to the board to replace Mark Wieggers, Jill seconded. Motion passed.

New membership categories - Gabe made a motion to approve the new membership types as proposed by the Membership Committee. Cindy seconded. Motion passed. *(See the complete list of membership types inside this newsletter.)*

Honorary member - We have learned that Rotary requires honorary members to be approved annually, so Cindy made a motion to approve longtime honorary member Wanda Foster. Carol seconded. The motion passed.

Student information sheet - Jill showed the board an info sheet that she



Paul Harris Fellow

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created to give to any student who is recognized by Rotary. This will serve as a marketing piece.

New members - The board approved Nichole Tews and Felicia Anstine Moore as replacements to the CCC corporate membership. Cindy made a motion, Gabe seconded. Motion passed. The board approved Mark Rorvig as the replacement for Mark Wieggers on the school district corporate membership. Gabe made the motion, Jessica seconded. Motion passed.

Resignation - Jessica received a verbal confirmation of Jimmie Gibson's intent to resign from Rotary. Gabe made a motion to accept it, Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

COVID protocols - Jill made a motion to keep the COVID policy the same for another month. Gabe seconded. Motion passed.

No Trunk or Treat - Cindy made a motion to put Trunk-or-Treat on hold for another year. Larry seconded. Motion passed.

Lori shared appreciation to the committees for their work.

The meeting adjourned.

- Jill Filer, Secretary

Newly approved membership categories provide for Active, Semi-Active and Inactive memberships

Board Approved 9/7/2021

Harrisonville Rotary Club Memberships

(Active)

Individual, Corporate, Entrepreneur Membership

Individual

- \$135 dues quarterly (includes dues, meals, sustaining member)
- All member privileges (eligible to hold office, vote, participate freely)
- Stated 75% attendance requirement

Corporate

- Meals billed at \$135 Quarterly, \$27.50 dues invoiced quarterly per individual seat under the membership, additional meals invoiced when multiple individuals attend weekly lunch meeting.
- All member privileges (eligible to hold office, vote, participate freely)
- Stated 75% corporate attendance requirement

Entrepreneur

- \$95 dues quarterly (includes dues, meals),
- All member privileges (eligible to hold office, vote, participate freely)
- Stated 75% attendance requirement
- Individual must be newly in business, is eligible for up to 2 years, and qualifies at the Board's discretion

(Semi-active)

Individual Retired Membership

- \$45 dues quarterly (includes dues only)
- Meals invoiced per attendance
- All member privileges (eligible to hold office, vote, participate freely)
- No attendance expectations
- Individual qualifies at the Board's discretion

(Inactive)

Individual Leave of Absence Membership

- \$45 dues quarterly (includes dues only)
- Individual does not qualify for full member privileges (eligible to hold office, vote, participate freely)
- No attendance expectations
- Individual qualifies at Board's discretion for up to six months

Honorary Individual Membership

- No dues
- Individual does not qualify for full member privileges (eligible to hold office, vote, participate freely)
- No attendance expectations
- Per RI, must be reviewed and approved by the Board annually