



ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Missouri | September 22, 2021 | Service above self. One profits most who serves best.

Today's program



Brent Probasco's guest today is **Chris Lang**, CEO of Cass Regional Medical Center, who will give us an update on the Covid pandemic in Cass County.

Future programs

SEPTEMBER 29 - Jon Taber's guest will be **Leslie Culpepper**, director of a new preschool at Matt Moreland's Red Barn Ranch

OCTOBER 6 - Monthly business meeting and program by Missouri Enterprise's **Curtis Mullens**, a guest of Bing Schimmelpfenning.

OCTOBER 13 - Sam Cardenas

OCTOBER 20 - Doug Meyer

OCTOBER 27 - Jill Filer

Birthdays

SEPTEMBER 30.....Carol Looney

Officers & Directors

PresidentLori Watson

President-ElectJeff Kleinsasser

SecretaryJill Filer

TreasurerJessica Junge

Sergeant-at-ArmsCarol Looney

Past President.....Doug Meyer

DirectorsJudy Franklin,

Cindy Greenwell, Larry Pfautsch,

Gabe Sweitzer, Grant Purkey

DG.....Joan Marie Kramer

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Video of club projects up to 1995 shows how Rotary has touched many lives

Some 26 years ago in 1995, John Foster documented on video a long list of Rotary projects from the club's inception in 1977 - an 18-year period that some would argue was the club's heyday. In those early years, he said, it seemed as though "there was no hill too steep and no ditch too deep."

His point was simple: Harrisonville Rotary has touched many lives in our community.

"I wouldn't doubt that, in today's dollars, the Harrisonville Rotary Club has invested close to a million dollars in this community," John said. "I encourage you, when there's a club project, get involved."

Although the video is dated, John is planning to update it with projects the club has undertaken from 1995 forward.

The video he showed began with scenes of the "Welcome to Harrisonville" signs and the City Park sign that Rotary built. These remain impressive monuments at two entrances to the city and at the City Park entrance on Ash and Lexington streets.

He then traced a wide range of significant building projects that the club tackled. These included the North Park Arena, bleachers, and concession stand. He touched on the club's involvement with the Sharp-Hopper Log Cabin, the North Park Activity Center building, the J.W. Brown ballfields, the painting of several houses in older neighborhoods, and our support of the Casco Area Workshop's annual picnic.

The video ended with scenes of birdhouses the club built — about 100 of them — for the 1985 Rotary International Convention in Kansas City. One of the houses was built by our Rotary Youth Exchange student from Japan.

The club is currently narrowing down a list of potential "signature" projects for the club to undertake in the years ahead.

Announcements from last week's meeting

- Anne Hickman won the Secret Greeter dollar coin.
- Nicole Tews, assistant director at Cass Career Center, attended her first meeting as a new corporate member.
- Carol Looney thanked those who helped with flags on Labor Day and Patriots Day. Jon Taber and John Foster volunteered for the next flag day (Veterans Day), thus filling all the available slots for Nov. 11.
- President-Elect Jeff Kleinsasser, presiding in the absence of President Lori Watson, related a story about suffering some bruises as he was getting out of his truck while distributing flags the previous Saturday. He contributed to the PolioPlus bank with the news that "I'm fine now."
- Larry Pfautsch called members' attention to the new membership categories recently approved by the board, published in the newsletter.
- Grant Purkey called attention to the Pawpalooza event Sept. 17 at the City Park Dog Park.



Memorabilia from charter president Wendell Yeager

On display at our Sept. 8 club meeting were a few of the club banners, plaques and other memorabilia from Wendell Yeager, who passed away April 16 of this year at age 84. Wendell was plant manager at Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. in Harrisonville when he organized a group of local business and professional leaders under the guidance of the Lee's Summit Rotary Club to start the Harrisonville club in 1977. He was the featured speaker at our club's 40th anniversary program, a video that can still be viewed on our website. The annual scholarships we present to HHS and Cass Career Students are named in his honor.



Harrisonville Rotary Club now has 3 types of memberships, catering to active, semi-active and inactive members.

See the list inside this week's newsletter.



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