



ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Missouri | April 25, 2018 | **Service above self.** | See the need. Do the deed.

Today's program

Sam Styron will speak today about his trip to Indonesia last November. Sam took part in an engineering project with Engineering Ministries International. He will share photos and stories from his trip.



Future programs

May 2 - Gabe Sweitzer
May 9 - Monthly business meeting
May 16 - Lori Watson
May 23 - Chuck Weedman
May 30 - Fifth Wednesday - catered lunch at Rock Ford School

Birthdays

May 2 - Glenn Aversman
May 7 - Shauna Stephenson
May 19 - Doug Meyer

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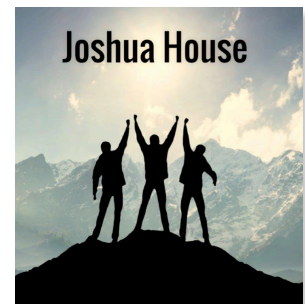
Last week's meeting

Transitional living facility for men looking to expand

Since it was started two years ago by Jeff Parham, Joshua House has served about 40 men who needed help overcoming addictions and turning away from criminal activity. But as one of its directors, Taylor Hastings, explained to the club last week, the waiting list is long and the need for services is great. "We hope to expand very soon," Taylor said. "We have a full house all the time, and some on the waiting list."

Described as a Christ-centered transitional housing environment, Joshua House has a current capacity of eight. It has strict rules for residents and provides not just housing (the average stay is about a year) but also help in securing employment and referrals to various community resources such as AA.

Some residents work at the adjacent JP's Collision Center, but a number of other local employers have been open to hiring residents who might have a criminal record.



Some of the men are referred to Joshua House from the criminal court system. The facility is currently working to raise money by selling chances on a red 2009 GMC Sierra pickup truck. This is a joint fundraiser with Hope Haven, the local women's shelter.

Taylor acknowledged that "not everyone makes it." Those who do are often sent away with a "boot gift" — money to help with their first month's rent or a security deposit on a house or apartment. The immediate goal is to open another house



this year although Taylor said, "We could open three or four more."

For more information on Joshua House or to help financially, visit its website — www.tworulesministries.org — or visit their Facebook page — www.facebook.com/harrisonvillejoshuahouse.

Announcements from last week's meeting

In preliminary business before last week's program:

- Jessica Junge won the Secret Greeter buck and made a donation to the Happy emoji (end of tax season).
- A sign-up sheet was circulated for the May 15 Trap Shoot. Jason Winter the event needs more shooters.
- Nancy Shelton announced that Lynn Laffoon's father had passed away in California and circulated a sympathy card for members to sign.
- Jill Filer announced that the school district is holding a public meeting from 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at the HHS library to solicit input on a new superintendent. Input is also being solicited through a survey on the district's website.



Thanks to Lori Watson, who chaperoned three HHS students to Jefferson City for Rotary Student Government Day last Thursday. Pictured in the House chamber from left to right: Gage Weber, Jillyan Talmage, 55th District State Rep. Rick Brattin, Zach Chaney, 33rd District State Rep. Donna Pfautsch and Lori Watson.

Calendar

April 19

Rotary Student Government Day,
Jefferson City.

May 7

Monthly board meeting, 4 p.m.,
Chamber office.

May 15

Trap Shoot fundraiser, 6-8:30 p.m.,
Polecat Creek Shotgun Range.

May 30

Fifth Wednesday - catered lunch at
Rock Ford School.

June 2

Just4Me summer food program
distribution, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., 503 S.
Lexington. Register on Sign Up
Genius.

July 19

Official visit by District Governor
Susan Haralson.



*These
brackets
will last!*

The perennial problem with broken flag brackets may soon be over as these sturdy versions are being assembled by welding students at Cass Career Center. This is a great time for Rotary members to sign up additional local businesses for our flag program. Contact Chris Deal if you need more information. A flyer is available for download on our website on the Resources page.