



ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Missouri | August 12, 2020 | **Service above self. One profits most who serves best.**

Today's program



Our speaker today is from the Casco Area Workshop.

Future programs

August 19 - Bing Schimmelpfenning

August 26 - Laurence Smith

September 2 - Sam Styron

September 9 - Brent Probasco
classification/education talk

September 16 - Mark Wiegiers

September 23 - Glenn Aversman

September 30 - Fifth Wednesday, TBD

Birthdays

August 12.....Bing Schimmelpfenning

August 31Judy Bowman

Officers & Directors

President.....Doug Meyer

SecretaryLori Watson

TreasurerJessica Junge

Sergeant-at-Arms.....Carol Looney

Past President.....Nancy Shelton

Directors.....Judy Franklin,

Cindy Greenwell, Gabe Sweitzer,

Jeff Kleinsasser, Larry Pfautsch

Dist. Gov.Jacqueline Howard

Asst. Dist. Gov....Bing Schimmelpfenning

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Trap Shoot proceeds support Dog Park

Construction has started on the city's new Dog Park, all funded with private donations from the community. Last week, President Doug Meyer presented a \$1,500 check to Parks & Rec Director Chris Deal, representing proceeds from our 2020 Trap Shoot. Rotary's contribution helped push the project over its \$45,000 goal to begin construction. Fundraising will continue until the project reaches its overall goal of \$75,000.

Collector shares data on county taxes

Speaking to the club at our July 29 meeting, Cass County Collector Chris Molendorp said tax collections reflect the continued growth of the county, which now ranks eighth in population among Missouri's 114 counties and tenth in the assessed valuation of real property. Several new developments in the northern part of the county — he mentioned Chewy and Caterpillar — are adding hundreds of jobs and boosting the county's assessed valuation.



Illustrating his point, Chris shared a copy of his annual settlement report filed with the Missouri Department of Revenue. It showed total property tax collections for 2019 of just over \$150 million and total distributions of nearly \$142 million. The lion's share of distributions, \$94.2 million, went to school districts.

Chris emphasized that "I don't tax you." Rather, each taxing jurisdiction annually establishes the tax rate within applicable laws and limits.

He also addressed the current economic climate, noting that these are "difficult times" for taxpayers. Delinquent taxpayers are subject to having their property sold. "We work hard to sell these properties," Chris said. Even so, the county is on the verge of offering 111 homes for sale.

Chris spoke about several administrative improvements his office has made, including offering a monthly payment program and introducing Apple Pay and Google Pay as payment options.

Responding to a question from Judy Franklin about the varying sales tax rates, Chris noted that Harrisonville, for example, five different sales tax rates depending on where the retail operation is located. Multiply that around the county and you have what he termed "a crossroads of confusion."

In business before the program:

- Jon Kling won the Secret Greeter dollar coin.
- Todd Miller, a guest of Jeff Kleinsasser, was a visiting Rotarian from the South Kansas City club, and State Rep. Donna Pfautsch was a guest of her husband Larry.
- Doug Meyer contributed to the Happy emoji benefiting Polio Plus in celebration of the birth of a new grandson.

Minutes of Aug. board meeting

The Board of Directors met at 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, at the School Administration Building. Those present - Jessica Junge, Carol Looney, Larry Pfautsch, Doug Meyer, Judy Franklin and Cindy Greenwell.

The minutes from the July 6 board meeting were reviewed. Larry moved to approve, Cindy seconded, all voted in favor and they were approved.

Jessica presented the Treasurer's Report. Larry motioned to approve, Cindy seconded, all voted in favor and it was approved.

Old Business

- There was discussion of doing a photo op with Chris to present the check for the Dog Park. We will try to do that at the next meeting Chris is able to attend.

New Business

- The fundraising committee proposed to the board that we offer the flag program to past participants that did not sign up for 2020 as well as new participants at a rate of \$40 and they would be able to get the remaining three holidays for this year and all six holidays next year. Judy made the motion to offer this incentive and Carol seconded. All voted in favor and it was approved. Carol will bring a list of businesses to the meeting so that members can divvy out the responsibility of contacting them regarding the new incentive. It was also mentioned that Glenn Aversman will be handing off the job of coordinating the flag program to someone else at the end of the year. The board decided it might be advisable to have two people to handle it going forward so it isn't as much of a burden on one person.
- The board reviewed the District Citation information Bing had handed the board at the last meeting. At this time, the board feels that it would be difficult to get 13 out of the



Thanks to Nancy Shelton for tending the beautiful butterfly garden outside the Community Center.

Special promotion planned to boost number of subscribers

Flag Program short of volunteers for Labor Day

Our next flag distribution is Monday, Sept. 7 - Labor Day. Currently, Sign Up Genius shows only two people for morning and evening distribution on that date. (Lori Watson and her husband). We typically need eight people. The other remaining 2020 holidays have enough volunteers, but if you can help on Labor Day, go to Sign Up Genius and register, or contact Glenn Aversman.

The Fundraising Committee, meanwhile, is hoping to conduct a special promotion prior to Labor Day to boost the number of subscribers. As an incentive, new subscribers will get the remaining three holidays of 2020 plus the six holidays in 2021 for the single-year price of \$40.

The club will need a new Flags chair next year. Glenn plans to step down from the role at the end of 2020. The board has raised the idea of having co-chairs. If you're interested, contact Glenn or President Doug.

25 options. We will reevaluate in six months to see if we feel differently.

- At our last meeting, Doug had members decide which committee they would like to go forward with this year. There are a few members that were not in attendance that he will reach out to in order to get them assigned to one.

Since the next board meeting falls on Labor Day, an alternate meeting date will be selected. Larry moved to adjourn, Cindy seconded, all approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

