



ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Missouri | August 19, 2020 | Service above self. One profits most who serves best.

Today's program



Bing Schimmelpfenning's guest today is **Denise Miller**, an avid collector of everything from dolls to pencils. Denise is a member of the Belton-Raymore Sunrise Optimist Club.

Future programs

August 26 - Laurence Smith
September 2 - Sam Styron
September 9 - Brent Probasco
classification/education talk
September 16 - Mark Wieggers
September 23 - Glenn Aversman
September 30 - Fifth Wednesday, TBD

Birthdays

August 31 Judy Bowman
September 12 Lynn Laffoon

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Casco manages through pandemic

Three members of the management team at Harrisonville's Casco workshop spoke last week about different facets the organization's operations. CEO Robert Greenwood talked about managing through the COVID-19 pandemic and confirmed that the annual employee picnic will not be held this year. The event is typically held in September and has been hosted by the Harrisonville Rotary Club for many years. He also noted that the facility, formerly known as Casco Area Workshop, now goes simply by the name Casco. Part of its funding comes from a countywide property tax levy, currently set at \$.0458 per \$100 of assessed valuation.



While the pandemic "hit us hard," Robert said, "We have made it through extremely well." He credited his hard-working staff for pitching in to keep essential contracts current. Among the contracts are ones with USDA and the military.

In May, Casco started a three-phase process of returning employees to their jobs. "They're not all back yet," he said, "but we are going stronger now."

Employees come throughout the greater Cass County area. About 60 percent live at home; the remaining 40 percent live in residential or group homes.

Rachel Schliem spoke next about the variety of jobs and programs at the facility. "We work with all kinds of disabled people, both physical and mental," she said. Casco offers many types of job skills such as packaging, housekeeping and sewing, and offers many

opportunities for workers to explore jobs in the larger community. Casco works with many partners, including local employers and agencies such as the Missouri Department of Mental Health and the Cass County University of Missouri Extension Office. Transportation is provided on two daily routes.

The third person to speak was Joe Barron, community resource staff member, who fired up Rotarians with remarks about why Casco exists, "We help anyone... anyone who comes to Casco," he said. His job, simply, is to "let people know we exist, the resources we have, and how to get in touch with us." Speaking about the stigma that disabled people often face, Joe said, "I know what it feels like to be pushed aside. People that get back on their course after falling off... they do that because of the foundation provided by organizations like Casco."

In business before the program:

- President Doug wished happy birthday to Bing Schimmelpfenning.
- There was no Secret Greeter or visiting Rotarians.
- Nancy Shelton contributed to Polio Plus with the news that her husband had tested negative for coronavirus but instead had been hospitalized with a blood infection.

History will be made when first woman leads Rotary in 2022-23

Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a



groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organizations 115-year history.

Jones will officially become president-nominee on Oct. 1 if no other

candidates challenge her.

As the first woman to be nominated to be president, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement.

Jones is founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc. She was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor and chair of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce.

She has been recognized for her service with the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award, a first for a Canadian. Jones holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) degree.

A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jones has been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. She played a lead role in Rotary's rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts.

She and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of The Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society.

District 6080 to host monthly Zoom sessions on Rotary themes

District Governor Jacque Howard is planning an 11-month series of district-hosted Zoom meetings that will primarily focus on the theme of the month. All are scheduled to occur on the third Thursday of the month from 5 to 6 p.m.

The first session on Aug. 20 will focus on membership and new club development. Get the latest updates and ideas for creating a thriving and growing Rotary Club. Connect with peers from across the district and find out more about the broader World of Rotary.

Membership and New Club Development will be lead by an Assistant Rotary Coordinator and Innovation advocate, Jill Pietrusinski. See the recent District 6080 newsletter for registration information or follow this link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84451234567>

Monthly themes

2020

Aug = Membership/New Club Development

Sep = Basic Education and Literacy

Oct = Economic and Community Development

Nov = Rotary Foundation

Dec = Disease Prevention and Treatment

2021

Jan = Vocational Service

Feb = Peace and Conflict Prevention

Mar = Water and Sanitation

Apr = Maternal & Child Health

May = Youth Service

June = Rotary Fellowships

Flag Program short of Labor Day volunteers

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.

2020-21 committee assignments now reflected in club roster

Whether you have volunteered for a committee or been appointed to one, your assignment is now listed in the membership roster in this newsletter. See President Doug for any changes.