



# ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Missouri | August 29, 2018 | **Service above self. One profits most who serves best.**

## Today's program



Today's speaker is Superintendent of Schools **Paul Mensching**. He was superintendent in the East Buchanan C-1 School District before coming to Harrisonville.

## Future programs

**September 5** - Monthly business meeting and classification talk by **Brent Probasco**.

**September 12** - Casco Area Workshop annual picnic at North Park Activity Center. No regular meeting.

**September 19** - Brittney Sexton.

**September 26** - Keith Mills.

**October 3** - Monthly business meeting and classification talk by **Lori Watson**.

## Birthdays

**August 31** - Judy Bowman

**September 12** - Lynn Laffoon

**September 30** - Carol Looney

## Board of Directors

President .....	Chris Deal
President-elect .....	TBD
Secretary .....	Lori Watson
Treasurer .....	Jesica Junge
Sergeant-at-Arms .....	Nancy Shelton
Past President .....	Bing Schimmelpfenning
Directors .....	Cindy Greenwell and Larry Pfautsch

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## Last week's meeting

# Pastor Brian Hedges highlights church's ministry in Nepal

Senior Pastor Brian Hedges from the Heartland Baptist Fellowship, located just south of Harrisonville, shared his church's story of ministry in Nepal, a mostly Hindu country that has undergone tremendous political and cultural change since 2008 when the country became a republic after 240 years as a monarchy. Personal connections to Christians in Nepal led Pastor Hedges and his congregation to support for the Hope Family Orphanage and led to a recent visit by local government officials in Nepal to Cass County to learn about our democratic system of self-governance —



something new for the Nepalese people. Rotarian Judy Bowman, who introduced Pastor Hedges, was instrumental in arranging that trip and coordinating activities with Cass County municipal and county officials.

In a slide show, Pastor Hedges talked about the country of Nepal, which has a thriving tourism economy with such attractions as Mount Everest and whitewater rafting. He spoke about his first trip there in 2008 and the relief efforts to rebuild housing after a devastating 2015 earthquake. The need for an orphanage resulted from the many children who were being abandoned or left homeless after their parents were murdered by Maoists, one of the Communist parties that rule the country. He provided copies of a pamphlet with biographies of the orphans and information on supporting the operation, noting that \$30 a month takes of one child for a month.

### In business before the program:

- Susan Lockard introduced her guest, Anne Hickman, the new assistant director of Cass Career Center.
- Sam Styron won the Secret Greeter buck and contributed to the Happy emoji in honor of his daughter Olivia's Aug. 25 wedding to Bryant Kanies.
- Chris Deal thanked members of the Nominating Committee for accepting their appointments. The committee will meet in November to propose a slate of officers and directors for 2019-20.
- On behalf of the Fundraising Committee, Judy Franklin announced that our booth at the Burnt District Festival Oct. 5-6 will not serve food this year. Instead we will have a cornhole game, a kind of bean bag toss, with prizes.

# Club reaches \$50K goal to self-fund our annual scholarships

By Jessica Junge, Treasurer

When our Rotary club set up the Endowment Fund at the Harrisonville Public School Foundation, its goal was to reach a core balance of \$50,000 so that the foundation could award \$2,500 in scholarships each year on behalf of our club.

Every year since this fund was started, the club would transfer \$1,000 to the fund and then award \$2,000 in scholarships — \$500 each to three high school seniors and another \$500 to a senior at Cass Career Center.

During our 2015-2016 year, the board found out that we were within \$10,000 of reaching that goal if some of the interest that had accrued over the years was applied. The board decided to contribute \$2,500 each year over the next five years to go ahead and get to the goal.

In May, the board reached out to the foundation to see how much more was needed to get to the goal of \$50,000. The board was notified that the balance in the account was \$62,555.53, of which \$38,723.88 was the core balance (money directly contributed from the club and was not interest or dividends from growth over the years).

The foundation board was asked to apply some of the interest and earnings to the core balance so that the core balance could reach \$50,000. The foundation board approved to do this because that still left \$12,555.53 of interest and earnings to cover this year's scholarships of \$2,500 and any losses that might come along.

The foundation will use \$2,500 of the earnings for each year to award the scholarships. This means that this year we will not be giving \$2,500 to the endowment, nor will we have to give \$2,000 in scholarships. This saves the club \$4,500 each year.

This is wonderful news since it comes at a time when we are trying to build up a new major fundraiser. In the past year or so the board has contemplated removing some of the budget expenses in regards to donations to other service projects in the community. With this savings, we should not need to do that and will have some wiggle room to donate even more than we currently do.

## One of Rotary's fastest-growing programs

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting.

Club membership varies greatly. Clubs can be single gender or mixed, large or small. They can draw from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools in the same community.

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of:

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

As one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service, with more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries and geographical areas, Interact has become a worldwide phenomenon. Almost 200,000 young people are involved in Interact.



Interact

## Rotarian becomes chamber's new executive director



Congratulations to Bing Schimmelpfenning, immediate past president, who will lead the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce as the newly appointed

executive director. The appointment continues Bing's active community involvement, including serving as a member of the Harrisonville Board of Education, president of the Cass County Coalition of Chambers, and community services chair for Rotary District 6080.

## Calendar

### September 3

Labor Day - Rotary Flag Program distribution.

### September 10

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

### September 11

Patriot Day - Rotary Flag Program distribution.

### September 12

Annual Casco Area Workshop picnic. Lunch served by Rotary Club at North Park Activity Center. No regular meeting.

### September 28-30

District Conference, Downstream Casino Resort, Quapaw, Oklahoma (near Joplin).

### October 5-6

Burnt District Festival - Rotary booth.

### October 24

World Polio Day.