



ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, MO | December 13, 2017 | **Service above self.** | See the need. Do the deed.

Today's program

Chuck Hotchkiss' guests today are Kip Matthews and members of the HHS Choir. They are scheduled to perform around 11:45.

Future programs

December 20 - Jessica Junge

December 27 - No meeting. Merry Christmas!

January 3 - Lynn Laffoon

January 10 - Business meeting

January 17 - Carol Looney

January 24 - Doug Meyer

Birthdays

December 15 - Lori Watson

December 30 - Jeff Weber

December 31 - Jeanette Flanner

Board of Directors

President.....Bing Schimmelpfenning

President-elect.....Chris Deal

SecretaryLori Watson

TreasurerJessica Junge

Sergeant-at-ArmsPhil Gebauer

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Larry Pfautsch

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Last week's meeting

Club discusses flags, trap shoot idea

Phil Gebauer presided at last week's meeting in the absence of Bing Schimmelpfenning. Bill Mills received the Secret Greeter buck. Mark Muller was a guest and prospective corporate member.

During his report on the December board meeting (see minutes on back page), Phil entertained discussion about the flag program, including brackets, adding more subscribers, purchasing additional flags, and soliciting help from the football team with distribution. Chuck Weedman said he has had people ask about residential subscriptions. These topics will be discussed further by the Fundraising Committee.

Phil also entertain discussion of club fundraising, saying we need more ideas given the fact that we are retiring our raffle. Chris Deal said he is getting some ideas on a possible trap shoot fundraiser.



White Elephant rules

Our Christmas party tomorrow night at Twin Pines starts at 6 p.m., with entertainment by Wildwood. Dinner follows at 6:30, then we'll have some fun with a White Elephant gift exchange. How does it work?

White elephant refers to something of dubious or limited value or an object no longer of value to its owner but of value to others. Thus, in its basic form the game calls for people to bring "gag" gifts or gifts they received that they have no use for.

Each participant brings a wrapped, unmarked gift and places it in a designated area. Guests are given numbers, or their names are randomly drawn, and they select gifts in that order — with a twist.

On the first turn, the person assigned with #1 picks out a gift and opens it so all can see what it is. On the second turn, the person assigned with #2 gets the choice of "stealing" #1's unwrapped gift or choosing a wrapped one from the pile. If #2 steals #1's gift, then #1 must choose and open a wrapped gift.

As subsequent players take their turns, they either select a new gift or take any already opened gift from any of the other players. Any player who has a gift taken away can either choose a new gift or take an already-opened gift from another player. The game continues with the following rules:

- If someone steals your gift, you can steal someone else's gift or choose and open a wrapped one.
- Continue until everyone has had a turn for a gift.
- A gift cannot be immediately stolen back from the player who just stole it.
- Once a gift has three "owners", the third owner of a gift gets to keep it – it is retired. (Note: We might limit this to two "steals" to save time.)
- The gift exchange ends when the last wrapped gift is chosen and opened.



Christmas on the Square

The Rotary Train was busy Saturday during Christmas on the Square, sponsored by the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce and Love the Square. Thanks to Bill Mills and The Family Center for the new Cub Cadet tractor and to the volunteers who helped, including Carol and Jim Looney and Chuck Weedman. In addition to the ceremonial lighting of the Mayor's Christmas Tree, the Chamber held its annual auction of Christmas trees, which moved online for the first time thanks to Jason Winter and West Central Auction Co.

Minutes of Dec. 4 board meeting

Those present - Phil Gebauer, Larry Pfautsch, Lori Watson, Chris Deal, Jesica Junge. Jesica presided in the absence of Bing Schimmelpfenning, who was sick. After approval of the Nov. 6 minutes, Jesica reviewed the treasurer's report. It was noted that there is outstanding income to come in yet this year that will cover expenses published. She will start providing a custom transaction detail report with current and future reports as an addition to the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Old business included a review of the upcoming holiday party, Shop with a Cop (including discussion of having two shifts next year), various committee updates from the Fifth Wednesday meeting in November, and reminder of no regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

In their committee update, the New Generations Committee had asked the board to consider allowing the purchase of lanyards for students of the month. The board agreed the lanyards are a good idea, but first they would like the committee to use up the rest of the Rotary pens before giving approval for lanyards.

New business included approval of Larry Ritter's resignation received via email.

Mark Muller with Max Motors has pre-paid for his corporate membership but the board is lacking his application. Jesica will follow up with him to get him an application. A motion to accept the membership contingent on receiving applications was approved.

Bing provided some information from the Rotary website about applying for an international grant for the Dignity: Liberia project presented by the last guest speaker, Kathi Gutierrez. Since Bing was not present to provide perspective on some areas of the grant-writing process, discussion will continue at a later meeting.

Other new business discussion included the need for new flags and brackets for the flag fundraiser and new business subscriptions. The board decided to solicit a quote for costs before adding it into the budget. Jesica researched and found flags for purchase cost approx. \$10-20 each but she will also contact Bill Mills and John Foster to work with Cass Career Center to get a quote on the cost of making the brackets (that will likely be more durable). The board would ask the Fundraising Committee to set a plan to solicit new businesses for subscription starting in 2018 to support the cost of new flags.

Bing asked the board to consider supporting him in a district position if he were recruited. Since he was absent from the meeting, the board needed more information on the request before it could make a decision.

The next meeting will be at 4 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Chamber of Commerce office.

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- Adopt-A-Family gifts
- Christmas Party - Dec. 14
- Shop With a Cop - Dec. 16

Calendar

December 14

Christmas Party & White Elephant Exchange - 6-8 p.m., Twin Pines.
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December 16



Shop With a Cop - Gift wrapping, 6:45 a.m. to noon, Walmart. Register on Sign Up Genius.

January 8

Board meeting - 4 p.m., Chamber of Commerce office.