



# ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Missouri | May 19, 2021 | Service above self. One profits most who serves best.

## Today's program



Jeff Kleinsasser's guest today is **Teresa Foss**, president of the Harrisonville Kiwanis Club.

## Future programs

- May 26** - Mayor **Judy Bowman** will give her State of the City address to the club.
- June 2** - President-Elect **Lori Watson** will talk about plans for the year ahead.
- June 9** - **No meeting** due to Installation Dinner on Monday evening, June 7.
- June 16 - TBD
- June 23 - Jason Winter
- June 30 - Fifth Wednesday TBD

## Birthdays

- May 19** .....Doug Meyer
- May 22** .....Mark Muller

## Officers & Directors

- President** .....Doug Meyer
- President-Elect** .....Lori Watson
- President-Nominee** .....Jeff Kleinsasser
- Secretary** .....Lori Watson
- Treasurer** .....Jessica 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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## McClelland highlights CRMC Foundation, including scholarships, new walking trail

The work of the Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation was highlighted last week by Sonya McClelland, a guest of foundation trustee Larry Pfautsch. Sonya is a member of the executive team at CRMC, overseeing marketing and public relations. She also serves as executive director of the foundation. A former Rotarian, she is a member and past president of the Harrisonville Kiwanis Club .



Under the theme, "Making Lives Better Since 1989," the foundation plays a significant role in supporting the medical center. The late Mary (Brown) James served as the foundation's first executive director.

One of the foundation's latest and most ambitious projects is the newly opened Floyd and Franceline Parris Community Trail, which occupies 8 acres of land on the hospital's 80-acre site. The public is invited to a grand opening celebration of the trail at 9:30 a.m. Friday, June 4.

The \$375,000 project was made possible by a gift from the Parris estate and community contributions. Franceline Parris was a member of the hospital auxiliary for many years. It is the only paved walking trail in the area and features

donated benches, a gazebo and a brick plaza recognizing contributors.

A little known fact about the foundation is the instrumental role it played in establishing medical clinics in smaller towns in Cass County. These clinics are now operated by the hospital and bring medical care to otherwise underserved communities.

Other key aspects of the foundation's ongoing work include:

- The gardens that adorn the hospital grounds.
- A patient assistance fund that has provided more than \$77,000 in support to some 1,200 patients since 2005.
- An employee assistance fund that has provided more than \$21,000 in grants to staff members in crisis situations.
- Over \$1.5 million to underwrite the cost of vital medical equipment and facilities improvements.
- More than \$169,000 in scholarships to over 100 students pursuing careers in health care.
- A pulmonary rehabilitation assistance program for disadvantaged patients suffering chronic lung disease.

The foundation raises money from a variety of annual events and administers hundred of thousands of dollars in endowed gifts and scholarship funds.

## Announcements from last week's meeting

- John Foster won the Secret Greeter dollar coin.
- Laurence Smith related a story about an urban real estate agent unfamiliar with rural property and things like lakes and septic tanks.
- Bill Mills alerted members to Smithsonian Channel episode of America's Wild Borders: Northern Exposure that featured scenes of the loon population filmed on his property in Minnesota.
- Grant Purkey gave a brief update on the June 15 Trap Shoot. Volunteers are needed and can register on Sign Up Genius. See the flyer inside this newsletter.
- President Doug reminded members to sign up for the Installation & Awards Dinner on Monday evening, June 7, at Peculiar Winery. Registration is through Sign Up Genius.
- Carol Looney announced the flag subscriptions are going great, with 96 businesses so far. About 20 brackets need to be installed or repaired, and Glenn Aversman has agreed to handle this. We have enough members signed up to distribute flags on Memorial Day, May 31, but we need more for the next distribution on Flag Day, June 14. Use Sign Up Genius to register for any of the dates during the year.
- Assistant District Governor Bing Schimmelpfenning announced that District 6080 has chartered a new Rotary club in Warrensburg on the UCM campus.
- Jill Filer asked that Classroom Partner pen pal notes be given to her by our May 19 meeting or dropped by her office, then they will be mailed to students' homes in early June.



*Congrats to HES students*

Congratulations to Annabelle Crook, top photo, and Kennedee Hartsell, our Service Above Self Award recipients for April and May, respectively, at Harrisonville Elementary School.



## Calendar

May 31

Memorial Day—Rotary flag distribution.

June 7

Rotary Installation Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Peculiar Winery, located north of Peculiar at 20709 Harper Rd. Take Exit 168 (Peculiar Way) off of I-49, turn west onto 211th St., then north onto Harper Road to winery.



June 14

Flag Day - Rotary flag distribution.

June 15

Rotary Trap Shoot, 5:30 p.m., Polecat Creek.

July 4

Independence Day - Rotary flag distribution.



### *Progress on announcer's stand at North Park Arena*

Throughout the year, students in Ag Structures have been working to construct a new announcer stand at the North Park Rodeo Arena. This project was funded by the Harrisonville Rotary Club and by a grant from FCS Financial. The Rotary Club extends its thanks to the FFA and Ag Structures students.

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# TRAP SHOOT

- \$60 Per Shooter or \$10 for Non-shooter:

*Includes Dinner & Drink*

- 2 Rounds of 25 Targets:

*Total 50, 16 Yard Trap Targets*

- Raffle

- "Polecat Trap" - *Just for Fun!*

**SCHEELS**

- BYOS - bring your own shells (but shells will be for sale at the range)

- Polecat Creek will have guns for loan at no charge



**POLECAT CREEK SHOTGUN PARK**

*Tuesday, June 15th*

*5pm - 8:30pm*

REGISTRATION ENDS JUNE 8TH

IF NOT SOLD OUT CAN REGISTER DAY OF

**We are aiming to raise  
\$5,000 to go back into  
the local community!**