



# ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Missouri | November 5, 2025 | **Service above self. One profits most who serves best.**

## Today's program



Jill Filer's speaker today is art restorer **Melissa Chaney**, wife of former Rotarian Larry Chaney.



Harrisonville Rotarians posed for a group photo with District Gov. Andrea Brady after last week's meeting.

## Future programs

November 12 - TBD

November 19 - TBD

November 26 - No meeting  
(Thanksgiving week)

December 3 - Bill Mills

December 10 - Christmas meeting

December 17 - Keith Mills

## Birthdays

November 18 ..... John Foster

December 5 ..... Brad Ratliff

December 12 ..... Cindy Greenwell

December 12 ..... Jon Taber

December 15 ..... Lori Watson

## Officers & Directors

President ..... Grant Purkey

President-Elect ..... Erik Winkler

President-Nominee ..... Annie Knox

Secretary ..... Dawson Dickey

Treasurer ..... Jessica Junge

Sergeant-at-Arms ..... Judy Franklin

Past President ..... Jon Taber

Directors ..... Jenna Giess, Larry Pfautsch,

Cassie Wieberg, Jayden Love, Vanessa

Hargrave

District Governor ..... Andrea Brady

Asst. Gov. ..... Bing Schimmelpfennig

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## Being a Rotarian is more than just being a member of Rotary, Dist. Gov. Brady says

District 6080 Governor Andrea Brady paid her official visit to the Harrisonville club last week with a message about her three pillars of Rotary:

- Kindness matters
- Do good things
- You get what you give

There is a difference, Andrea said, between being a Rotarian and merely being a member of Rotary. "It's about showing up and doing the small things," she said. "We're better as Rotarians when we're doing things."

As an example, she recounted how getting involved in the Rock 'n' Ribs fundraiser in

Springfield completely changed her view of Rotary. All five of the Springfield clubs staged the annual barbecue fundraiser to benefit local charities. She got to know other Rotarians on a personal level and realized the power of Rotary to do good in the world.

"Kindness is the glue that holds us together," she said, "and kindness is catching."

Whether it's Rotary or life in general, it's true that you get what you give.



President Grant Purkey presents a club banner and a bottle of wine from The Headquarters to District Gov. Andrea Brady in appreciation for her visit last week and her leadership of District 6080.

## Announcements from last week's meeting

- Kay Caskey was a visiting Rotarian from the Butler club.
- Nancy Shelton contributed to the PolioPlus bank celebrating the return of Carol Looney after hip surgery.
- President Grant reported that Placer AI data indicated 1,700 attendees for Trunk or Treat, about 500 more than the previous year.
- Grant also reminded Rotarians that we were to staff two concession stands at the football playoff game as a fundraiser for our Miracle Field 50th anniversary project.
- Jill Filer announced that our next Classroom Partner visit will be at 10:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at McEwen Elementary. John Foster will speak about his Honor Flight experience, and students will write notes to future Honor Flight participants.
- Bing Schimmelpfenning distributed copies of the first-ever Cass County Visitors Guide.
- President Grant shared a report from airport manager Mike Newman indicating about 400 visitors attended the Wings and Wheels airport open house event.

## Club Calendar

Friday, November 7

**Classroom Partner Visit** - 10:45 a.m.,  
McEwen Elementary School.

Tuesday, November 11

**Veterans Day** - Rotary flag distribution

Friday, November 21

**Rotary helps at Food Pantry** - Two shifts: 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5:30 p.m.

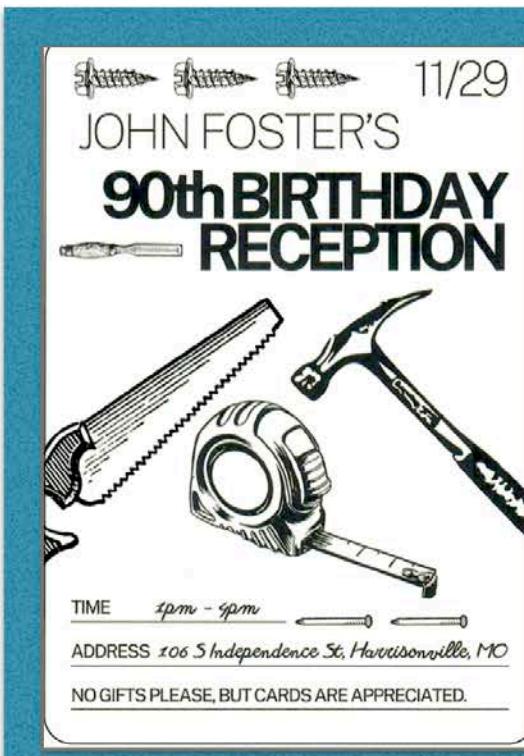
Monday, December 1

**Monthly Board Meeting** - 12 noon,  
Family Center Farm & Home.



## Miracle Field fundraiser

Thanks to the Rotarians and many friends and family members who helped raise money for our Miracle Field project by staffing two concessions stands at Friday night's football playoff game.



*You're  
invited*

Rotarians and members of the community are being invited to a reception on Saturday, Nov. 29, from 1-4 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce meeting room to honor John Foster, celebrating his 90th birthday (Nov. 18). Cards can be brought to the reception or mailed to John at 2619 Duncan Circle, Harrisonville MO 64701