



ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Missouri | November 12, 2025 | **Service above self. One profits most who serves best.**

Today's program



Doug Meyer's speaker today is **Beth Love**, principal at the Harrisonville Early Childhood Center.

Future programs

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

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Former art teacher segues into business restoring and conserving works of art

Chaney Fine Art Restoration can restore and help preserve your dusty, cracking, moldy, or faded painting, mural, or other damaged piece of art to like-new condition. But as Liz Chaney explained last week, it can be a delicate and time-consuming process. Liz, wife of former Rotarian Larry Chaney, taught art in Harrisonville and other school districts. Looking for a summer job, she applied to Van Witt Fine Art Conservation where she began learning how to restore art and repair frames. She eventually became the manager and

later started her own business from her home in Raymore.

Liz says the work is incredibly rewarding, especially when she has opportunity to work on major pieces of art like a huge mural at Union Station. She explained some of the processes she uses, ranging from X-rays and blacklights to Q-tips and various chemical applications, displaying a before and after painting to illustrate the dramatic change. She also offered tips for conserving and preserving artwork. Learn more about her business at www.chaneyfineart.com.

Announcements from last week's meeting

- Cindy Greenwell called attention to The Rotary Foundation's call for assistance for the victims of Hurricane Michael. John Foster recalled a similar fundraiser for the city of Slater in 1994-95 after river flooding wiped out railroad tracks and the city water plant. He remembers presenting a \$23,000 check from Rotarian donations through the Foundation when he was District Governor.
- Annie Knox reported on the concession stand fundraiser for Our Miracle Field project. She said 7-8 Rotarians and many friends and family members helped raise over \$1,000. The club may have opportunities in the future to work concessions at basketball and wrestling contests. Bill Mills commented that he hadn't worked a concession stand in 30 years. "I made a lot of hot chocolate."
- Anne Hickman distributed flyers calling attention to a Career Center open house from 4-7 p.m. on Nov. 20 and enrollment getting underway for various adult education classes.
- Bill Mills agreed to operate the Rotary Train for Christmas on the Square on Dec. 6.

Minutes from Nov. 3 board meeting

The board held its monthly meeting at noon Monday, Nov. 3, at Family Center Farm & Home. Attendees: Vanessa Hargrave, Larry Pfautsch, Grant Purkey, Jesica Junge, Jenna Giess, Dawson Dickey, Erik Winkler, Annie Knox, Cassie Wieberg and Jayden Love.

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by President Grant Purkey.

October Board Minutes were reviewed and Larry Pfautsch motioned to approve, Annie Knox seconded the motion. Board approved. Jesica Junge presented the Treasurer's report.

October program income was \$1,923.75, with a net income of \$109.65 due to the teacher luncheon exceeding budget.

Jesica noted the club should be reimbursed for the excess. Larry Pfautsch moved to approve the report, Erik Winkler seconded the motion, and the board approved.

Old Business

2025-2026 Club Goals: The club is meeting its goals; in October, it expanded social activities, grew membership, and launched new service projects. Rotary was also featured in an article about the Trunk or Treat event published in the Tribune and Times.

50th Anniversary Project: Grant Purkey told the board that the contract is 99% done just waiting for it to be signed. Once that is signed more updates will be coming in.

Online Auction Fund Raiser: Larry Pfautsch informed the board that he has discussed the online auction with Jason Winter. He conveyed to the board the challenges associated with conducting the online auction and distributing



At last Friday's Classroom Partner visit, John Foster shared his experience as a member of a recent Honor Flight for military veterans. Afterward, students wrote letters to future Honor Flight participants.

prizes to recipients residing outside the Harrisonville area. Cindy Greenwell is currently addressing the logistics and will provide the board with updates as further information becomes available.

Trunk or Treat: The event was very successful. Grant Purkey presented the board with the number of attendees from the Placer.AI report. This year's event attracted 1,700 visitors—about 500 more than last year. Although there were fewer vendors compared to last year, attendance increased.

Rotary T-Shirts: Vanessa and Erik informed the board that they will provide samples at an upcoming meeting for the club's review. Shirt sizes will be collected to assist Vanessa in determining the quantity to order.

Polio Bingo: Tina Witty will work on the polio bingo for the event to be held in the new year. More updates will come as it gets closer.

High Five Friday: The board voted and approved in participation in High Five Friday. Attendance will be needed on January 16, 2026 at Harrisonville Elementary School from 8:15 to 8:50 a.m. to high five students as they come to school.

Tews. Rotary recognizes a student from the Cass Career Center each month with the Rotary Young Professional award. Nichole pointed out that the Elks Lodge also gives similar recognition but offers additional support to students. She suggested inviting all the award recipients to a luncheon, where one individual would be chosen as the Rotary Young Professional of the Year. The board expressed interest, and Nichole Tews will gather more details about how to move forward.

Holiday Meetings: No weekly meeting will be held on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. For the Christmas party it will be held on December 10th. Jayden will reach out to Kip to get Music Makers to perform and Jesica will provide the lunch and activities. There will also be no meeting the week of Christmas and New Year's.

Resignation: Jenna Giess brought to the board's attention that she has resigned at Hope Haven and needs to switch Hope Havens membership to just 1. Jesica Junge motion to approve Annie Knox 2nd the motion. Board approved.

The next board meeting will be at noon Monday, Dec. 1, at the Family Center Conference Room. Motion to adjourn was made by Dawson Dickey at 12:47 p.m. Erik Winkler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Club Calendar

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.

New Business

Rotary Young Professional of the Month Enhancement: Jayden Love read a letter to the board from Nichole