



ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Missouri | January 7, 2026 | Service above self. One profits most who serves best.

Today's program



Larry Pfautsch's speaker today is **Holly Stark**, with Stafford-Leavitt Insurance Services talking about the insurance trends.

Future programs

January 14 - Jon Kling

January 21 - Mark Rorvig's guests will be DECA students rehearsing their contest presentations

January 28 - Avelicia Rosales

February 4 - Bing Schimmelpfenning

February 11 - Nancy Shelton

February 18 - Laurence Smith

February 25 - Sam Styron

Birthdays

January 9Kim Dimmitt

January 24John Coffey

January 28Ali Dickey Pettie

Officers & Directors

President.....Grant Purkey

President-Elect.....Erik Winkler

President-Nominee.....Annie Knox

Secretary.....Dawson Dickey

Treasurer.....Jesica 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 Schimmelpfenning

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Books & Cat Blankets

Our 4th grade Classroom Partner students had a blast opening the books gifted to them by Harrisonville Rotarians. Below, club members also joined the students in December to make cat blankets and then donating them to the Harrisonville Animal Shelter.



Shop With a Cop

Rotarians helped wrap gifts at the annual Shop With a Cop event on Saturday, Dec. 13, at Walmart.



Minutes from Jan. 5 board meeting

The Board of Directors held its monthly meeting at noon Monday, Jan. 5, at Family Center Farm & Home. Attendees: Jon Taber, Judy Franklin, Larry Pfautsch, Grant Purkey, Dawson Dickey, Erik Winkler, Annie Knox, Cassie Wieberg and Jayden Love.

Meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by President Grant Purkey. There was no meeting in December. November board minutes were reviewed, Larry Pfautsch motioned to approve, Cassie Wieberg seconded. Board approved.

Judy Franklin gave the treasurer's report, stating that December's net income was -\$1,283.02. This amount does not account for about \$600 raised at the Christmas party or the check from the Harrisonville Booster Club for helping with the football concession stand. Jon Taber motioned to approve, Cassie Wieberg seconded the motion. Board approved.

Old Business

2025-26 Club Goals: The club's goals remain on track. Since the previous board meeting, we have welcomed two new members and broadened our service projects with activities including Classroom Partner, Shop With A Cop, Christmas on the Square and Christmas Family. We have also been updating the website and social media.

50th Anniversary Project: President Grant informed the board that the land contract for the Royal Street Extension and Ballfields project is currently with the attorneys awaiting signatures. Once signed, construction can begin. He also explained that the Miracle Field will not be built by the contractors working on

the new fields but is included in the plans to ensure space for it. Jon shared a previously compiled list of grants that could be applied for to help secure funding. Board members will add possible grants to the spreadsheet for discussion at the next meeting. Grant will organize a special meeting for all Rotary members interested in helping with grants and funding for the field, and he encourages anyone interested to attend. Erik suggested inviting a representative from the Miracle Field to speak to the club. Annie Knox will consult with Dr. Hickman regarding grants.

Online Auction Fundraiser: Larry has spoken with Jason Winter regarding the possibility of hosting an Online Auction to benefit the Miracle Field. Jason recommends featuring high-value items, such as vacation packages, as these are likely to attract significant attention. Cassie noted that when the hospital conducted their online auction, they set minimum bids to ensure the event generated revenue. An online auction could reach a national audience, expanding both exposure and participation. Grant will organize a special meeting for all Rotary members interested in assisting with the auction.

Rotary T-Shirts: Erik informed the board that the t-shirt design is complete and requested members to provide their shirt sizes. A sign-up form will be shared with all members to collect this information.

Polio Bingo: This event will be discussed during the next board meeting.

High Five Friday: Members will be needed at Harrisonville Elementary School from 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. on Friday January 16. Members will give the students high fives as they enter school.

New Business

Rotary Young Professional of the Month Enhancement: Jayden informed the board that Rotary will host all the Rotary Young Professionals during a normal meeting and will let the board know the date.

Resignation: Marco Muller with the former Max Ford, has submitted a resignation from Rotary. Annie motioned to approve, Erik Winkler seconded the motion. Board approved.

New Member Application: Keenan Ford and Melissa Ford from Reed Ford



Congratulations to Kashlee Murray, the Rotary Club Young Professional of the Month for December.



Congrats to Addie Schmitter and Bowen Culpepper, the HES November and December Service Above Self Award recipients.



Congrats to Grayson Hunter and Hunter Otto, the McEwen October and November Service Above Self Award recipients.

Club Calendar

Friday, January 9

Classroom Partner Visit - 2:30-3:30 p.m., McEwen Elementary School.

Friday, January 16

High Five Friday - 8:15-9:15 a.m., Harrisonville Elementary School.

submitted a corporate membership application to join Rotary. Larry motioned to approve, Jayden seconded. Board approved.

Concession stands: Annie Knox said help is needed for the concession stand during wrestling tournaments and will check dates and sign-ups for next year's football calendar.

Motion to adjourn was made by Erik at 1:04 p.m. Cassie seconded. Motion passed. The next board meeting will be at 12 noon Monday, February 2, at Family Center Farm & Home.