



ROTARY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Missouri | April 22, 2026 | **Service above self. One profits most who serves best.**

Today's program



Jason Winter's speaker today is **Jim Sublette**, better known as "Subby," chief meteorologist at KDKD radio in Clinton, known for his live weather coverage on Facebook and

YouTube during big weather events.

Future programs

April 29 - Tina Witty

May 6 - Year-end lunch meeting with our Classroom Partner students. Carol Looney's guest will be **Kathy Blandin** with YaYa's Alpaca Farm

May 13 - Jason Zaroor's guest will be Cass County Commissioner **Mike Moreland** on the State of the County

May 20 - John Coffey

Birthdays

April 22Emily Davis
April 30Erik Winkler
May 1Tina Witty
May 2Glenn Aversman

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Rotarians present for our Flag Program kickoff photo on April 15 were, kneeling from left: Laurence Smith, Jason Zaroor and Dawson Dickey; second row: Carol Looney, Ali Pettie, Stacy Christie, Vanessa Hargrave, Jill Filer, Nancy Shelton, Larry Pfautsch and Bing Schimmelpfenning; back row: Jon Taber, Doug Meyer, Dr. Jon Kling, Nichole Tews, Emily Davis, Cassie Wieberg and John Foster. After the photo, 14 members gathered for a buffet lunch at Pizza Hut.

Flag Program begins 43rd year

The Harrisonville Rotary Club, in cooperation with nearly 100 local businesses, kicked off its 43rd year of displaying the American flag with a group photo, followed by lunch at Pizza Hut. The club displays flags on five major holidays, starting with Memorial Day on May 25.

The Flag Program is the club's main community service project and fundraiser, helping support a wide variety of local projects. For an annual subscription fee of \$50, Rotarians display Old Glory at businesses throughout Harrisonville. The club provides the mounting brackets and the flags, putting them up before 8 a.m. and taking them down before dusk on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day.

"Businesses that support our flag program say this is a great way to show their patriotism while supporting the community service work of Rotary," said Erik Winkler, chair of the club's flag program, which started in 1984.

Over the years, money raised from the flag program has benefited Harrisonville in many ways, ranging from picnic shelters and playground equipment to scholarships and leadership training for students.

The Rotary Club is now preparing for its 50th anniversary in 2027 with its largest-ever project - a "Miracle Field" for special-needs kids that will be part of the city's North Park redevelopment project.

Businesses wishing to sign up for the 2025 flag season can mail a \$50 check along with their contact information to Rotary Club, P.O. Box 496, Harrisonville, MO 64701, or send an email to rotaryharrisonville@gmail.com for more information.

Club approves 2026-27 officer slate

Erik Winkler opened the April 8 meeting due to Grant Purkey being gone because of his back surgery. There was no Secret Greeter, nor visiting Rotarians. Doug Meyer contributed a happy dollar for the school bond issue passing. Tina Witty donated as well, noting that her son was injured but is ok. Carol Looney donated because her shoulder surgery went well and she is doing ok.

Erik shared about progress being made concerning the Miracle Field project and that Spring of 2028 is the date for the ballfields.

Cindy Greenwell offered the following slate for the 2026-27 club year. Nancy Shelton offered the motion to accept, Anne Hickman seconded and motion passed.

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 President-ElectAnnie Knox
 President NomineeDawson Dickey
 Past PresidentGrant Purkey
 TreasurerJessica Junge
 SecretaryAli Pettie
 Sergeant-at-ArmsAbby Lowrimore
 Board Members:Jayden Love, Judy Franklin, Vanessa Hargrave, Cassie Wieberg and Jon Taber.

Dan Stafford from Reed Ford was inducted as our newest Rotary member by Cindy Greenwell.



Jamie Oberly was Anne Hickman's program for the day. She offered information concerning Workforce You, a coalition under the West Central Missouri Community Action Agency umbrella. Their goal is to offer support to the local community to solve workplace barriers due to housing,



Welcome to Rotary

The club extends a hearty welcome to Dan Stafford, who was inducted at our April 8 meeting by Cindy Greenwell and Erik Winkler. Dan is the service and parts director at Reed Ford.

childcare, transportation and education training access.

The coalition engages in mixers, quarterly meetings, focus-area workshops and pilot projects. She noted that a strong workforce = a strong community. She encouraged Rotary members to become involved if any of the mentioned barriers that are of interest. —Nancy Shelton

Club Calendar

Wednesday, April 22

50th Anniversary Committee Meeting - 1 p.m., following lunch meeting

Monday, April 27

Classroom Partner Visit - 2:30 p.m., Rock Ford School Living History Classroom

Thursday, April 30

Monthly Social Hour - 4-5 p.m., El Puerto Mexican Restaurant

Monday, May 4

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

Tuesday, May 5

Senior Day of Service - Rotary serves lunch to HHS seniors at United Methodist Church

Wednesday, May 13

Food4Thought (pack food boxes) - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Station 42

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CASS CAREER CENTER
 YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE MONTH

DANIEL CHAMNESS
 Advanced Welding Technology
 Archie High School

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Congratulations to our April and May Young Professionals of the Month at Cass Career Center, Daniel Chamness and Brooke Jacobs.

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