

CLUB NEWS

DATE: April 4, 2017

INVOCATION: Janet Soja
 PROGRAM CHAIR: Janet Soja
 PROGRAM SPEAKER: Barbara Bernard

DATE: April 11, 2017

INVOCATION: Jacob Waah
 PROGRAM CHAIR: To Be Determined
 PROGRAM SPEAKER: Lesley Birk will discuss the programs that are offered by the Scouts and the help that is needed.

DATE: April 18, 2017

INVOCATION: Peggy Woods
 PROGRAM CHAIR: Kathy Veins
 PROGRAM SPEAKER: Ralph Webb from Food Works

DATE: April 25, 2017

INVOCATION: To Be Determined
 PROGRAM CHAIR: Bob Villani
 PROGRAM SPEAKER: To Be Determined



March 21, 2017 - Holyoke Rotary Club presents a check of \$12,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke for a Literacy Project Grant.

Member Birthdays

Lumbra, Jon Apr 01
 Hazen, Thomas Apr 02
 Perkins, Jacob Apr 11
 Moriarty, Michael Apr 13

Spouse Birthdays

Fowler, Susana (Bob) Apr 02
 Desnoyers, Sue (Bob) Apr 16

Spouse Anniversaries

Rogalski, Bill & Ann Apr 16 (34 years)

Rotary Anniversaries

Baran, Barbara 11 years
 Jendrysik, Jim 22 years
 Perkins, Jacob 4 years

UPCOMING PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

2-May-17 Jacob Waah
 9-May-17 Patricia Wise
 16-May-17 Margaret Manton SCHOLARSHIPS
 23-May-17 Robert Woodill
 30-May-17 CLUB ASSEMBLY
 6-Jun-17 Gil Woods
 13-Jun-17 Peggy Woods
 20-Jun-17 Thomas Accomando
 27-Jun-17 CHANGING OF THE GUARD

INTRODUCTIONS PLEASE!

Please try and take the time to introduce yourself to our speakers each week, especially if you are unable to stay for the presentation. It is asked that you kindly thank them for supporting our Rotary Club and to please excuse your inability to stay for the presentation.

FRIENDSHIP TREES

Rotarians have planted trees in the name of fellowship, friendship, and community service since the early 20th century. These trees, which can be found worldwide, have grown into enduring monuments of Rotary's ideals.

As president emeritus, Harris traveled extensively during the 1920s and 1930s, often accompanied by his wife Jean. During these trips, the nature-loving Harris planted trees to symbolize goodwill and friendship.

In the fall of 1932, Harris embarked on a five-week tour of European Rotary clubs and planted trees along the way.

"Wednesday forenoon I planted my first tree of friendship in European soil. It seemed to me especially appropriate that it took place in Germany—in its metropolis—Berlin. The planting occurred in a sports platz formerly devoted to war purposes, and a large number including Rotarians, city officials, and others were in attendance."

Harris also planted trees in Tallinn, Estonia, and Göteborg, Sweden, during this trip.

Planting trees soon became a hallmark of his travels, including in Australia, Brazil, Estonia, Japan, Mexico, and New Zealand. In My Road to Rotary Harris recalled:

"With the cooperation of Rotarians and local governments, I have planted friendship trees in the parks and playgrounds on five continents of the world and even on some of the major islands of the seas. Our trees stood as symbols of international understanding and good-will."

Other RI presidents also observed the tradition. In 1931-32, then-RI president Sydney W. Pascall planted trees at the sites of Rotary clubs he vis-

ited, reportedly at Paul Harris's suggestion.

Not all of the trees were planted outside the United States. The Harrises often entertained visiting Rotarians and dignitaries in their home, Comely Bank, and planted trees with their guests to mark the occasion. They called the garden their Friendship Garden.

Today, Rotarians continue to plant trees to symbolize enduring friendships and fellowship, to beautify parks and communities, and to contribute to a greener world.



Berlin, Germany 1932 In 1932 Paul Harris planted his first European Friendship Tree (Maple) on the Tempelhofer Feld in Berlin, which has been and still is an airport.

Maybe you would like to plant a friendship tree in honor of Rotary on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22nd.