

**DATE: December 1, 2015**  
INVOCATION: Helene Florio  
PROGRAM CHAIR: Helen Arnold  
PROGRAM SPEAKER: Holyoke Medical Center Clinical Stroke Nurse Manager, Angela Smith, will talk about *Different Strokes for Different Folks*.

**DATE: December 8, 2015**  
INVOCATION: Barbara Baran  
PROGRAM CHAIR: Kathleen Viens  
PROGRAM SPEAKER: Maria Burke, Associate Director of JERICHO and Sr. Joan Magnani, SSJ who founded the organization.

**DATE: December 15, 2015**  
INVOCATION: Rebecca MacGregor  
PROGRAM CHAIR: John Knowles  
PROGRAM SPEAKER: Ed Caisse will discuss the South Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative.

**DATE: December 22, 2015**  
INVOCATION: Brittney Kelleher  
PROGRAM CHAIR: Glenn Shealey  
PROGRAM SPEAKER: To Be Determined

**DATE: December 29, 2015**  
INVOCATION: Kathleen Viens  
PROGRAM: CLUB ASSEMBLY

Issue: November 2015  
September 2015 Membership: 71 members  
September 2015 Attendance: 71%

**Member Birthdays**

Griffin, David	Dec 08
Craven, Kate	Dec 10
Burns, Christine	Dec 11
Fowler, Bob	Dec 23
Anderson, Kathy	Dec 26
Ferriter, Jack	Dec 26

**Spouse Birthdays**  
MacGregor, Paul (Rebecca) Dec 27

**Rotary Anniversaries**  
Shealey, Glenn 2 years  
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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**  
Volunteer opportunities abound during the month of December! Please consider signing up to help in one or all of the following ways:  
1) Gift Wrap at the Holyoke Mall to benefit the VNA. Barbara Baran is collecting names of volunteers for Monday, December 14th for the following shifts:

- 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - still need 6
- 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - 2 more are needed
- 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - 5 more are needed

Contact Barbara at bbaran@holyokeycu.com or call her at 413-532-7007 Ext. 1102 or 413-335-3538.

2) Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army are being scheduled again by Venus Robinson. You can contact her at: specialmail10@yahoo.com or by

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calling: 413-427-8683.  
3) Steve Kaplan will have the sign up sheets at each meeting for the Blood Drive.  
4) The Greater Holyoke YMCA is thrilled to have been chosen as the recipient of the Rotary Christmas Toy Drive. They have requested that all toys donated be given to the organization for use throughout the year in the afterschool and summer camp programs. They have suggested educational games, puzzles and books that are appropriate for children ages 3 - 12. As an organization the YMCA supports our schools in their quest to improve the literacy measurements so all children can have success. Physical and cash donations will be accepted for this event. Special thanks to Brittney Kelleher and Jacob Perkins for volunteering (AGAIN!) to coordinate this fundraising initiative.

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING?**  
**Do Good in the World while you shop!**  
The amazonsmile ( <http://smile.amazon.com>) is a program where Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible amazonsmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. The Rotary Foundation is one of the charitable organizations that can be chosen in their menu of options.

**EXPLORE REWARDS**  
Rotary Global Rewards: The good you do comes back to you. Explore the discounts and special offers available to Rotary club members through the member benefits program. Exciting offers to enhance your membership are being updated regularly, so check back often to see what's new!  
<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/member-center/rotary-global-rewards/offers#/offers>

All offers are subject to availability and may change or be withdrawn at any time. Additional restrictions may apply. See the provider's terms and conditions for more information.

Some offers include:  
Hertz Care Rental: Save up to 15% on U.S. rentals and Rotary gets 2% back from Hertz  
Save on BIZLock Cyber Insurance and Rotary Gets 7% Back from National Affinity  
Book and Save up to \$500 on flights and hotels from United Vacations  
Global 10% discount from Holiday Inn, Holiday Inn Express or Holiday Inn Resort Hotels  
Several offers are available through Goodshop, an online shopping mall that donates a percentage of your purchase to Rotary. Search Rotary Global Rewards for additional vendor offers.

**CNBC RANKS ROTARY FOUNDATION IN TOP 10 CHARITIES WORLDWIDE**  
On Giving Tuesday, CNBC, one of the leading consumer and business news media outlets in the U.S., named its top 10 charities in the world, ranking The Rotary Foundation No. 5. Charities were chosen for changing the world while maintaining excellent financial standards. The article highlighted Rotary's tremendous work in eradicating polio.

Read the article at: <http://www.cnn.com/2015/12/01/the-top-10-charities-changing-the-world-in-2015.html>  
Happy Holidays!