

February 2, 2016

INVOCATION: John Knowles

PROGRAM CHAIR: Jan Soja

PROGRAM SPEAKER: Jonah Keane, the Sanctuary Director at Arcadia in Easthampton. He will give us an overview of the sanctuary and the programs they have available.

February 9, 2016

INVOCATION: Karen Blanchard

PROGRAM CHAIR: Linda Vacon

PROGRAM SPEAKER: Jean Walachy, RN, will speak about the Nursing Honor Society STTI & Beta Zeta and the service projects and community work of some members.

February 16, 2016

INVOCATION: Christine Burns

PROGRAM CHAIR: Nicole Lucas

PROGRAM SPEAKER: Janitza Santiago, Holyoke Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year

February 23, 2016

INVOCATION: Helene Florio

PROGRAM CHAIR: Bob Villani

PROGRAM SPEAKER: Bob Villani will speak about marriage

Member Birthdays

Sheedy, Marie	Feb 02
Woodill, Bob	Feb 08
Ross O'Connell, Maureen	Feb 09
Shealey, Glenn	Feb 16
Woods, Gill	Feb 16
O'Leary-Sullivan, Eileen	Feb 27

Spouse Birthdays

Woods, Gill (Peggy)	Feb 16
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Rotary Anniversaries

MacGregor, Rebecca	4 years
Woods, Peggy	25 years
Woods, Gil	25 years

Rotary Foundation

As the Holyoke Rotary Foundation Chair, Wayne Gass would like to thank all of the members of the Club for generously contributing with 100% participation in the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. Our Club contributed \$1,744! Special thanks to Wayne for the regular reminders throughout the month to get the Holyoke Club to 100%!

The Rotary Foundation has been improving lives since 1917. Learn about our work and

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help us celebrate 100 years of doing good in the world.

The centennial celebration officially kicks off in May at the Rotary Convention in Korea and culminates at the 2017 convention in Atlanta.

History

At the 1917 convention, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

GROWTH OF THE FOUNDATION

In 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into Easter Seals.

When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

Evolution



1947: The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.

1965-66: Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

1978: Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.

1985: The [PolioPlus program](#) was launched to eradicate polio worldwide.

1987-88: The first peace forums were held, leading to [Rotary Peace Fellowships](#).

2013: New [district, global, and packaged grants](#) enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world's greatest needs. Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion.

