



# Holyoke Rotary Club News

Issue: July 2018

## Letter from Past President, Kathy Viens

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since I was officially appointed as the President of the Holyoke Rotary Club. I'm a firm believer in the KISS Principle so with that said I just want to share the following:

The Rotary Theme for 2017-18 was "Rotary - Making A Difference". Over the course of my time in this Club I can honestly say that everyone in this club makes a difference in the lives of those in our community and throughout the world in some way. Whether it is through our volunteer work, donated services, service projects, community events or scholarship programs it is clear that Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self" is at our core.

As President it has been very rewarding to get to know all of you in a deeper way. I have a better understanding of who you are and the commitment you make to this Club. It is clear that through your volunteer work you are leaving the world a better place and should be commended for doing so.

I have had the privilege of serving as your President this past year. The fact that you felt I was up to the task was and still is quite humbling. I want you to know that your choosing me to lead was truly an honor and has meant a great deal to me.

Looking at this past year I'd like to think we took a journey together. We have evaluated our drive to grow membership, discussed a vision for the future and ultimately set a strategic direction to guide our work. I believe with the course that has been set we can ensure this club remains vibrant and impactful for many years to come and ultimately - Rotary will be the club of choice for all community and business leaders.

It is hard to imagine that the year is now ending. So with that said I want to thank all of you for placing your trust in me.

I am looking forward to the future under the leadership of Bob McKay. He has been right next to me all year long and is more than ready to provide strong leadership. He as well as Helen Arnold and Katie Buckley will continue the legacy that was set by the Founders over 100 years ago.

I wanted to be sure to share my thoughts with everyone. For those who were able to attend the meeting you know this message comes from my heart.

I look forward to spending time and sharing my talents with you for many years to come.

With gratitude, Kathy Viens

## Upcoming Meetings

**DATE:** July 3, 2018 - NO MEETING

**DATE:** July 10, 2018

**INVOCATION:** Peggy Woods

**PROGRAM CHAIR:** Kathy Viens

**PROGRAM SPEAKER:** Bianca Walker, Senior Development Officer at the Alzheimer's Association of Western Central MA.

**DATE:** July 17, 2018

**INVOCATION:** Tom Accamando

**PROGRAM CHAIR:** Patricia Wise

**PROGRAM SPEAKER:** Mr. Lotspeich's, Park Supervisor, Holyoke Heritage State Park.

**DATE:** July 24, 2018

**INVOCATION:** Deb Buckley

**PROGRAM CHAIR:** Barbara Baran

**PROGRAM SPEAKER:** RYLA Students

**DATE:** July 31, 2018

**INVOCATION:** Christine Burns

**PROGRAM CHAIR:** CLUB ASSEMBLY

## Upcoming Program Assignments

07-Aug-2018

Rosemarie Ansel

14-Aug-2018

Gil Woods

21-Aug-2018

Peggy Woods

28-Aug-2018

Tom Accamando

## Member Birthdays

Baran, Barbara	Jul 12
Buckley, Deborah	Jul 17
Arnold, Helen	Jul 20
Desnoyers, "Bagger Bob"	Jul 23
Corrigan, Steve	Jul 28

## Rotary Anniversaries

Kulig, Wes	6 Years
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