

DATE: May 3, 2016

INVOCATION: Karen Blanchard
PROGRAM CHAIR: Edward McCarron
PROGRAM SPEAKER: Rick Lawrence will speak on Clean Water projects in Guatemala.

DATE: May 10, 2016

INVOCATION: Christine Burns
PROGRAM CHAIR: Deborah Buckley
PROGRAM SPEAKER: Dr. Ramon S. Torrecilha, new President of Westfield University.

DATE: May 17, 2016

INVOCATION: Helene Florio
PROGRAM CHAIR: Margaret Mantoni
PROGRAM SPEAKER: **ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS!**

DATE: May 24, 2016

INVOCATION: Barbara Baran
PROGRAM CHAIR: Christine Burns
PROGRAM SPEAKER: Tammy Fitzell, an autism/RISE teacher at Donahue School and founder of Miracle League Western Mass, a group that works to build adaptive playgrounds for disabled kids.

DATE: May 31, 2016

INVOCATION: Rebecca Mac Gregor
CLUB ASSEMBLY

Member Birthdays

Parsons, Kerry May 11
Florio, Helene May 23
Woods, Peggy May 24

Rotary Anniversaries

Ross O'Connell, Maureen 14 years

SUMMER CONCERTS SET!!!

The Positively Holyoke Summer Concert Series has been planned for the following dates:
Wednesday, July 20: Darik & the Funbags
Wednesday, July 27: Out of the Blue
Wednesday, August 3: Union Jack British Invasion Band
Wednesday, August 10: Trailer Trash
Concert Co-Chairs: Maureen Ross O'Connell & Cappie Glica

SAVE THE DATE

The Eat, Drink & Be Holyoke Annual Wine Tasting will occur on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at Gateway City Arts.

Co-Chairs: Brittney Kelleher & Jake Perkins.

CLUB RUNNER

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UPCOMING PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

June 7, 2016 Martin Schoenemann
June 14, 2016 Stephen Corrigan
June 21, 2016 Robert Desnoyers
June 28, 2016 CHANGING OF THE GUARDS

BOYS' WEEK / YOUTH WEEK

The history of Rotary's work with youth dates back to the 1920s, when many clubs took part in an international event known as Boys' Week.

The first Boys' Week was held in New York City in May 1920 by the Rotary Club of New York and other local organizations. The event was part of an effort to promote youth development in the areas of education, citizenship, health and hygiene, and vocation.

New York club members reported on the success of Boys' Week at the 1920 Rotary convention, hoping that it would become part of the Boys' Work program, which Rotary had established several years earlier with the creation of the Committee on Work among the Boys (later known as the Boys' Work Committee). The program encouraged Rotary clubs to work with other community initiatives and organizations to counter juvenile delinquency, truancy, and poor physical health, with the goal of developing good citizens.

Boys' Week events quickly spread throughout the world. By the mid-1920s, they were being held in almost 600 locations across 25 countries. In 1928, the number of participating cities and towns had grown to about 3,000.

The target audience also grew rapidly. Girls rode on the float sponsored by the Rotary Club of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in a 1924 Loyalty Day parade held in conjunction with Boys' Week.

By the late 1920s, the United States had established a National Boys' Week Committee, in which Rotary participated. Rotary clubs were encouraged to support their local Boys' Week events as a way to achieve the goals of the Boys' Work program.

In 1934, Boys' Week became known as Youth Week, and in 1936, Boys and Girls' Week.

The RI Board of Directors voted to discontinue Rotary's official sponsorship of Boys and Girls' Week in 1956 in order to support new youth efforts, but it encouraged clubs to continue participating in local youth service initiatives.

Rotary went on to create other programs for young people in the following decades, including Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

In 2010, Youth Service became Rotary's fifth Avenue of Service. Rotarians recognize the positive change that young people implement through leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

A 1924 poster advertising Boys' Week in Shelbyville, Tennessee

