

Holyoke Rotary Club News

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Holyoke Rotary Club Elevator Speech

The Marketing and Communication Committee has been hard at work throughout the strategic planning process. As the Club looks to recruit new members, please take a moment to review the elevator speech and consider people in your network who would be good rotarians!

Have you ever been asked to be a Rotarian? If not, I am asking you now.

You will be joining a group of individuals who are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of those in this community as well as worldwide. As a Rotarian you will have the opportunity to network and develop lasting friendships with other business, professional and community leaders. I've met wonderful people who share my passion for bettering our community at large.

Some of the work we do includes:

- supporting literacy through scholarships to high school students
- helping local not for profits purchase needed equipment for their mission
- running community events like our summer concert series
- and, on a global level, supporting access to clean water and ending Polio throughout the world

Would you like to be my guest at one of our meetings? I believe it will be one of the best decisions you ever make.

A Message and Thank You from Wayne Gass

I want to report the results of this club's donations to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) in November.

Before I do, I want to call your attention to last Thursday, March 22nd on which TRF (among others) participated in World Water Day. You probably received an e-mail message from the Foundation requesting a donation.

If you had read that notice, you would have learned that through the years Rotarians have contributed \$15 million to more than 200 pure water projects. Because of these donations 23 million people now have access to safe water.

Over the last 11 years this club has given \$55,000 to 7 clean water and sanitation projects in Honduras and Guatemala. Some of these contributions were matched with Foundation funds. These efforts have provided sand filters and latrines for over 1,000 families.

Last November the members of this club, 100% of you, either by putting checks or cash into the envelope or by direct gifts to the Foundation contributed \$2,665. I congratulate you all on meeting our goal and thank you all for you generous participation. I am very proud that the Holyoke Rotary Club actively participates in this world-wide effort. -Wayne _____ The _____ Doing Good In The World



Member Birthdays

Parsons, Kerry	
Randall, Bonnie	
Florio, Helene	
Woods, Peggy	

Rotary Anniversaries

Maureen Ross O'Connell

16 years

May 11

May 20

Mav 23

Mav 24

Upcoming Meetings

DATE: May 1, 2018 INVOCATION: Deb Buckley PROGRAM CHAIR: Glenn Shealy PROGRAM SPEAKER: Bennett Walsh, Superintendent of the Soldiers Home, who will speak on the work of the Soldiers Home.

DATE: May 8, 2018 INVOCATION: Christine Burns PROGRAM CHAIR: Marian Poe-Heineman PROGRAM SPEAKER: Scholarship Recipients

DATE: May 15, 2018 INVOCATION: Helene Florio PROGRAM CHAIR: Ed McCarron PROGRAM SPEAKER: Rick Lawrence will discuss the Pure Water Project

> DATE: May 22, 2018 INVOCATION: Barbara Baran PROGRAM CHAIR: Speaker to be determined.

DATE: May 29, 2018 INVOCATION: Rebecca MacGregor PROGRAM CHAIR: CLUB ASSEMBLY - Strategic Plan

Upcoming Program Assignments

05-June-2018MARIE SHEEDY12-June-2018LOU SILVER19-June-2018CLUB ASSEMBLY26-June-2018CHANGING OF THE GUARD

