



Jacksonville  
**Rotary**  
Club



CELEBRATING  
**100 YEARS**  
OF SERVICE • 1918-2018

**Centennial  
Celebration Dinner**

**Saturday, March 17, 2018**  
**Hamilton's 110 North East**

# Welcome



On behalf of the Jacksonville Rotary Club, I welcome you to our Centennial Celebration. Since 1918, Jacksonville Rotarians have been making a difference in our community and in the world. We have a lot to celebrate! Our club has many impressive accomplishments. We are so grateful for every Rotarian who has contributed to the work of this club over the past century, and we deeply appreciate the broad range of support the Jacksonville community has provided for all of our endeavors.

Tonight's Celebration is more than just a review of our collective history. It is also an opportunity to look forward to what we can do to promote peace and goodwill at home and around the world as we embark on the next century of the Jacksonville Rotary Club.

There is still a great deal of work to do, and there are so many people who desperately need the support and aid that Rotary can provide. The eradication of polio is within reach. Once we achieve that goal – and we will – other complex challenges await: fighting other widespread diseases; providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; saving mothers and children; supporting education; promoting peace; and growing local economies.

Let us be inspired by the courage and resolve of the Rotarians who have gone before us, as we join together in Service Above Self to meet tomorrow's challenges.

Thank you for joining us this evening. I hope you enjoy the program.

**Happy 100th Birthday, Jacksonville Rotary Club!**

*- Ginny Fanning*

Jacksonville Rotary Club President 2017-2018

# Dinner Agenda

## 6:30 P.M. | WELCOME

### Call to Order

Jacksonville Rotary Club President Ginny Fanning

### U.S. National Anthem

Tiffany Mathis, Springfield Westside Rotary Club

### Welcoming Remarks

### Introductions by Master of Ceremonies

Past President Ryan Byers

Jacksonville Rotary Club

President Ginny Fanning

Jacksonville Sunrise Rotary Club

President Linda Meece

Jacksonville High School Interact Club

President Sydney Hembrough

Illinois College Rotaract Club

President Anthony Hand

## 7:00 P.M. | DINNER

### Invocation

Reverend Jean Hembrough, Jacksonville Rotary Club

## 8:00 P.M. | PROGRAM

### Singing

Past President Melissa Pantier, Jacksonville Rotary Club, accompanied by Kathleen Beard, Jacksonville Rotary Club

### Introduction of Guest Speaker

Past Rotary International Director Robert Stuart, Jr., Rotary Club of Springfield

### Keynote Address

Rotary International President Nominee Mark Maloney

### Closing Remarks

Jacksonville Rotary Club President Ginny Fanning

### Four-Way Test (in unison)

Of the Things We Think, Say, or Do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### Dismissal



# Songs of Celebration

## Our Centennial

*(to the tune of "O Christmas Tree")*

We celebrate the Centennial  
of Jacksonville's first Rotary.  
100 years of service we've  
invested in this community.

We bless and thank the twenty-five  
who brought this fledgling club alive,  
and all of those who, subsequent, their service,  
time and treasure spent.

We people who join Rotary  
Believe in what the world can be.  
We'll work and give and teach and care  
'Til goodwill prevails everywhere.

We start our club's next century  
With truth and service as our keys.  
We aim for peace in every land  
And stand united, hand in hand.

## Smile!

Smile, and the world smiles with you.  
Sing a song!  
Don't be weary; just be cheery all day long.  
Whenever your trials, your troubles and your cares,  
Seem to be more than you can really bear,  
Smile, and the world smiles with you.  
Sing a song!

# Centennial Club Members

Thank you to our Centennial Club members for helping to make tonight's event possible.

John and Deb Bailey

Brian and Nancy Barstead

Jane Breen

Ryan D. Byers

Amy Coats

Bill and Peggy Durall

Babu Eladasari

Todd and Laurie Evans

Ginny Fanning

Barbara A. Farley

Linda and Charles Grojean

Gina Hayes

Jean Hembrough

Keith Lape

Phyllis Lape

Robert E. Linde

Linda Meece

Maryjane Million

Penelope M. Mitchell

Emy Osburn

Melissa and Tom Pantier

Sandy Sanders

Mike Schneider

Diane and Robert Seufert

Lynne and Charles Sheaff

Daphne L. Spradlin

Allen Stare

Nancy Thorsen

Jan and Tony Williams

# Our Honored Guest Speaker, Mark Maloney



Mark Daniel Maloney, of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2019-20.

“The clubs are where Rotary happens,” says Maloney, an attorney. He aims to support and strengthen clubs at the community level, preserve Rotary’s culture as a service-oriented membership organization, and test new regional approaches for growth.

“With the eradication of polio, recognition for Rotary will be great and the opportunities will be many,” he says. “We have the potential to become the global powerhouse for doing good.”

Maloney is a principal in the law firm of Blackburn, Maloney, and Schuppert LLC, with a focus on taxation, estate planning, and agricultural law. He represents large farming operations in the Southeastern and Midwestern United States, and has chaired the American Bar Association’s Committee on Agriculture in the section of taxation. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Alabama State Bar Association, and the Alabama Law Institute.

He has been active in Decatur’s religious community, chairing his church’s finance council and a local Catholic school board. He has also served as president of the Community Foundation of Greater Decatur, chair of Morgan County Meals on Wheels, and director of the United Way of Morgan County and the Decatur-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce.

A Rotarian since 1980, Maloney has served as an RI director; trustee and vice chair of The Rotary Foundation; president’s aide; zone coordinator; and a leader on the Future Vision and 2014 Sydney Convention Committees. He serves on the Operations Review Committee and has served on the Rotary Peace Centers Committee. He has received the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. Maloney and his wife, Gay, are Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Bequest Society members.



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

# Centennial Project

## New LED Sign and Rotary Patio at the Morgan County Fairgrounds

Earlier today we dedicated the new Rotary Patio at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. This ceremony was the culmination of two years of planning for a project that will represent the club's dedication to improving the Jacksonville community. The club considered many projects, and ultimately asked the Morgan County Fair Board to identify needs that were a good match for the Rotary Centennial Project. Two projects were selected: replacement of the aging sign located at the northwest corner of the fairgrounds at the intersection of Westgate and West Lafayette Streets, and improving the area between the grandstand and pavilion, an area used by thousands of fairgoers each year, as well as anyone who attends races, parties and community events at the grandstand or pavilion.

The new sign is now in place, featuring a new Morgan County Fair Logo and two LED panels that can hold customizable messages. The Rotary Patio is also completed, including a covered open-air pavilion that can be used as a stage, and a patio comprised of commemorative bricks in various sizes, forming a large Rotary emblem design. We appreciate everyone and every organization that purchased bricks and otherwise supported Rotary throughout this project. We especially want to thank the Morgan County Fair Board for its support and partnership. We hope the community will recognize the Jacksonville Rotary Club's ongoing dedication to the community whenever they use the Rotary Patio for parties, receptions, and other events.



Fairground Sign Rendering



Fairground Sign Dedication



Fairground Patio Rendering



Completed Fairground Patio

# Club Presidents

1918 Frank Waddell	1939 Earle Miller	1960 D. Fahnestork	1981 John C. Bomke	2001 Bob Leach
1919 Harry Capps	1940 J. T. Hackett	1961 Jim Bunting	1982 Glenn Bickel	2002 Fred Clinton
1920 Myron Pontius	1941 Jim Dunlap	1962 Jim Coultas	1983 John E. Urbance	2003 John Power
1921 Vince Riley	1942 W. McCreery	1963 H. Crabtree	1984 Gerald Raymond	2004 Kurt Gwillim
1922 Will Walton	1943 W. H. Pankhurst	1964 Robert Spink	1985 David Osburne	2005 Trent Cain
1923 Albert Dollear	1944 C. C. Birr	1965 C. W. Dix	1986 Thomas Young	2006 Kevin Heitz
1924 Bob Wooston	1945 Tom Cornish	1966 Richard Simmons	1987 Fred Osburn	2007 Mike Schneider
1925 Earl Spink	1946 Sam Baker	1967 B. O. Roodhouse	1988 Ron Tendick	2008 Rick Mogler
1926 Harry Andre	1947 Walt Bellatti	1968 C. P. Runkel	1989 Jesse Chapman	2009 Helen Downey
1927 Sam Clark	1948 H. L. Caldwell	1969 Richard Brown	1990 Jeffrey B. Coultas	2010 Noel Beard
1928 C.P McClelland	1949 Crit Haneline	1970 Iver Yeager	1991 Roy E. Gogel	2011 Lori Hartz
1929 Albert Dollear	1950 Bob Hartman	1971 Cliff Crone	1992 Timothy E. Rupel	2012 Tony Williams
1930 Albert Dollear	1951 Yorker Smith	1972 Jim Atherton	1993 R. Jean Cummins (Jumper)	2013 Ryan Byers
1931 Charlie Ator	1952 Hank Dollear	1973 Vern Fernandes	1994 Robert E. Linde	2014 Melissa Pantier
1932 Charlie Ator	1953 B. Holkenbrink	1974 Wolf Fuhrig	1995 Wallace Jamison	2015 Todd Evans
1933 Dick Rowe	1954 Bob Caldwell	1975 J. R. Fairfield	1996 Loren Cline	2016 Nancy Thorsen
1934 Ray Gruny	1955 Elmer Lukeman	1976 J. J. Brix	1997 Diana Olinger	2017 Ginny Fanning
1935 Earl Spink	1956 Floyd Cox	1977 Jim Churchill	1998 Keith Lape	2018 Daphne Spradlin (president elect)
1936 Bill Randall	1957 Ed Garlich	1978 Ed Ecker	1999 Mike Halsne	2019 Brittany Henry (president nominee)
1937 Jack Dial	1958 D. L. Hardin	1979 Tom Stevens	2000 Brian Ganz	
1938 Eli Black	1959 Ray Miller	1980 Robert McKinney		

# Rotary Foundation

The Jacksonville Rotary Club has donated \$376,816 to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Donations to the Rotary Foundation are used worldwide and distributed to local clubs to promote peace; fight disease; provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; save mothers and children; support education; and grow local economies.

Of this total, \$284,000 has been donated to honor individuals (Rotarians and non-Rotarians) who meet high professional and personal standards; honorees are recognized with a \$1,000 donation to the Foundation in their name, and they receive a Paul Harris Fellow Award. The Paul Harris Fellow Award is named in honor of the founder of Rotary International. During this Centennial year, the Jacksonville Rotary Club has awarded at least one Paul Harris Fellow Award in each month. These awardees include: Randy Allen, Amy Byers, Bob Chipman, William Chipman (posthumously), Randy Duvendack, Gina Hayes, Dan Henry, Susan King, Ryan Martin, Gigi Galloway Patterson, Maria Phillips, Susan Weller, and Jan Williams. Thank you to all of our Paul Harris Fellows for your Service Above Self.

# Paul Harris Fellows

## About Paul Harris • 1868-1947 | Founder of Rotary



In 1905, Harris organized the first Rotary Club “in fellowship and friendship” with three clients and local businessmen. Rotary was formed so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities. Rotary’s name came from the group’s early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of its members.

When Harris was elected as third president of the Chicago Rotary Club in 1907, the club initiated its first public service project, the construction of public toilets in Chicago. This step transformed Rotary into the world’s first Service Club. By 1910, at least 15 new clubs had begun in major cities, and Rotary’s impact on the world has continued to grow dramatically since then. For more than 112 years, Rotary members have been addressing challenges around the world. Today, Rotary International has 1.2 million members in 35,000 clubs in nearly every country in the world.

### 1971

McClelland, Clarence  
Rowe, Richard Y.

### 1972

Hardin, D. L.

### 1973

Dunlap, James A.

### 1974

Hackett, John T.

### 1975

Bunting, James D.

### 1976

Caldwell, Robert H.  
Davis, Earl E.

### 1977

Caldwell, Jo  
Doyle, B. E.  
Hartman, Robert R.

### 1978

Fuhrig, Wolf D.  
Lukeman, Elmer B.

### 1979

Meek, Lou

### 1980

Fernandes, Vernon R. Q.

### 1981

Brown, Richard W.  
Coffman, Lloyd

### 1982

Yeager, Iver F.

### 1983

Basden, Richard\*  
Mann, Jewell A.

### 1984

Nelson, Edwin

### 1985

Caine, L. Vernon  
Cox, Floyd E.  
McKinney, Robert E.

### 1986

Holkenbrink, Byron B.

### 1987

Luber, Jerome P.

### 1988

Bickel, Glenn  
Bomke, John C.

Fawkes, Marshall E.

Osburn, Frederick W.

Snider, Don\*

### 1989

Littleton, Marvin\*

### 1990

Downey, Ernest C.  
Dresing, Tim W.

### 1992

Tendick, Ron  
Urbance, John  
Young, Thomas W.

### 1993

Chapman, Jesse P. III  
Churchill, Jim  
Ecker, Edwin D.  
Haggerty, Eugene A.  
Hardin, Steve  
Jamison, Wallace N.  
Raymond, Gerald A.  
Toby, Keith

### 1994

Heiss, Ralph B.  
Judd, Laurence C.

Jumper, R. Jean

McKinney, Marilyn E.

Osburn, Emily J.

Ruppell, Timothy E.

### 1995

Colvin, John C.  
Lape, Keith R.  
Olinger, Diana

### 1996

Bellatti, Walter R.  
Linde, Robert E.

### 1997

Cline, Loren  
Daniels, Ronald B.  
Hathaway, Glen  
Jamison, James W.  
Olinger, Glenn S.  
Power, John

### 1999

Jackson, Anne  
Lape, Phyllis N.  
Long, Toni  
Newman, Martin  
Wynn, Chester

### 2000

Caldwell, Joeanna  
Coultas, Jeffrey B.  
Green, Ray J.  
Halsne, Mike  
Stuart, Eloise F.  
Stuart, Samuel

### 2001

Calise, S. John  
Ganz, Brian  
Leach, Robert W.

### 2002

Hutchinson, Margaret  
Kay, John S.  
Shipp, Jim

### 2003

Carl, Carol A.  
Castro, John  
Clinton, Fred  
Denison, Terry L.\*  
Floreth, Brad  
Gwillim, Kurt A.  
Hill, John  
Hurst, Cyndee



Nichols, Christine M.  
Surratt, Bruce

#### 2004

Cain, Trent  
Evans, Todd  
Hamilton, George R.  
Robb, Dale W.  
Ryan, Carl E.  
Staake, Kelly  
Tendick, Rosemary  
Watson, Jim

#### 2005

Becker, Joy  
Bone, Ernst C.  
Cody, Frederick  
Downey, Helen C.  
Johnson, Richard A.  
Lape-Martin, Kristine  
Lape-Young, Kathryn  
Little, Danny R.

#### 2006

Findley, Paul  
Gauge, Libby  
Mitchell, Edward J.  
Nelson, Francis B. Jr.  
Nelson, Jo Ann  
Pennell, Lynne  
Steuer, Loreli

#### 2007

Chapman, Jesse P. IV  
Fanning, Ginny  
Fisher, David C.  
Heaton, Kristen  
Longstreth, Amy C.  
Phipps, Raymond W.  
Schneider, Michael J.  
Stevens, Thomas J.  
White, Paul  
Williams, Anthony  
Zanini, Pedro

#### 2008

Anderson, Patricia C.  
Bernat, Elba

Evans, Larry E.  
Hartz, Lori  
Haxhinasto, Alban  
Ludvigsen, Michael T.  
Marks, Laura A.  
McDowell, Jason E.  
Mogler, Richard  
Rawlings, Richard G.

#### 2009

Beard, Noel R.  
Clinton, Mildred  
Davidsmeyer, C.D.  
Ford, Elizabeth L.  
Fouk, Robert  
Hester, Colleen L.  
Hill, Robert T.  
Large, Robert J.  
Lillpop, Steven T.  
McCombs, Shawn  
McLin, Robert\*  
Mitchell, Penelope  
Schroeder, Theresa  
Seufert, Diane M.  
Sheaff, Charles  
Steuer, Axel  
Underwood, Michael R.  
Warmowski, Tiffany  
Zuiderveld, Sharon R.

#### 2010

Albers, Craig  
Baldwin, Helen  
Beard, Kathleen  
Bradbury, Kenneth W.  
Byers, Ryan  
Cooksey, Colleen  
Ecker, Betty  
Ecker, Steve  
Henry, Joey L.  
Hinchen, James E.  
Hinchen, Michelle N.  
Kluge, Lisa  
Littleton-Wahl, Cathy Jo  
Pantier, Melissa Ann  
Shea, Lana

Shea, Tim  
Snider, Hazel Marie  
Snider, Kristin  
Stare, Allen  
Tearney, Tom  
Widdows, Loretta

#### 2011

Chipman, Timothy W.  
Coultas, Adah  
Denney, Cathy  
Findley, Grace  
Hansmeier, Barb  
Heitz, Kevin V.  
Richards, Debra J.  
Schmidt, Alvin  
Sheaff, Lynne  
Shiels, Amos A.  
Shiels, Cynthia J.  
Sibert, Jessica  
Sibert, Robert L.  
Strohl, Terri  
Terry, Janet M.  
Toby, Mary  
Varble, Martha T.  
Wahl, Stanley L.  
Zeller, Bradley A.

#### 2012

Caldwell-Jacques,  
Suzanne  
Coats, Amy  
Ezard, Andy  
Fender, Michael W.  
Hamilton, Gina  
Hart, Neal  
Hembrough, Jean  
Holt, Stephen H.  
Kluge, Rick  
Kuhn, Helen C.  
Kuster, Larry  
Singleton, Shelley Flynn  
Thorsen, Nancy E.  
Tighe, Judith A.  
Tyus, Vanessa  
Wainscott, Edward B.

Warmowski, Stephen J.

#### 2013

Allman, Garrett N.  
Bradish, Alan P.  
Bradish, Maureen T.  
Brosmith, Susan  
Carpenter, Eddie  
Daniel, Dennis  
Daniel, Pamela  
Glossop, Thomas M.  
Harrington, Kevin W.  
Harrison, Philip J.  
Racey, Joe  
Rajaguru, Elamparithi  
Seufert, Robert  
Weikert, Matthew  
Weikert, Richard  
Weikert, Susan

#### 2014

Becker, Elizabeth  
French  
Chipman, Janet  
Costa, Liliana  
Farley, Barbara  
Findley, J. S.  
Flynn, Michael  
Gray, Ron  
Harrison, Pamela A.  
Hoffman, Kristan  
Becker  
Huber, Ted  
Ioia, Darren  
Luber, Thomas A.  
Pantier, Thomas W.  
Spradlin, Daphne Lynn  
Walker, Karen

#### 2015

Artis, Shawn L.  
Coats, Beverly  
Ezard, Roger  
Henry, Brittany N.  
Kluge, Paul A.  
Mather, Sharon  
McCorkle, John

Middleton, Tammy L.  
Ptacek, Steven  
Rieken, Carol Anne  
Sanders, Sandra  
Thorsen, Todd O.  
Wood, Forrest L.  
Wood, Nina  
Wynn, Leanna  
Young, Lauren W.

#### 2016

Alfano, Antonia  
Bailey, John L.  
Benz, Terri  
Blanford, Fred  
Bohan, James  
Breen, Jane A.  
Daniels, Kori  
Gonzalez, Ralph M.  
Grojean, Linda K.  
Hackett, John W.  
Hill, Edward L.  
Hill, Edward L., Jr.  
Littleton-Watret, Sara  
Million, Maryjane  
Patterson, Marcy  
Rahn, Doug  
Spradlin, Jess R.  
Tierno, Mark J.  
Valuck, Jonathan P.  
Varble, Steven

#### 2017

Allen, Randy  
Byers, Amy  
Chipman, Bob  
Chipman, William  
Duvendack, Randy  
Hayes, Gina  
Henry, Dan  
King, Susan  
Martin, Ryan  
Patterson, Gigi Galloway  
Phillips, Maria  
Weller, Susan  
Williams, Jan

\* Indicates the award was designated by another Rotary Club

# District Governors From The Jacksonville Rotary Clubs

The Jacksonville Rotary clubs have been fortunate to have strong, visionary leadership throughout the past century. In addition to leading in the community, Rotarians go on to provide leadership in the region by serving in positions of responsibility in District 6460.

District 6460, of which the Jacksonville Rotary Club and the Sunrise Rotary Club are members, is comprised of 49 clubs in west-central Illinois. The Jacksonville clubs are recognized within the District for their outstanding support of Rotary ideals, engagement in international programming, and service to the local community.

Since Rotary began in Jacksonville in 1918, nine members have been elected to serve as District Governors of Rotary District 6460. District Governors provide leadership, support, and motivation to the clubs located throughout their region, as they carry out service projects and participate in Rotary programs. Their leadership is important to strengthen clubs, organize new clubs, and grow membership; serve as the spokesperson for the District; maintain a safe environment for youth participants; and prepare future leaders for District responsibilities.

The Jacksonville Rotary Club and the Sunrise Rotary Club are proud to recognize these nine District Governors as we celebrate this Centennial. Thank you for your Service Above Self.

Myron L. Pontius	1925-1925	James A. Dunlap	1966-1967	Keith R. Lape	2005-2006
Albert H. Dollear	1931-1932	Robert H. Caldwell	1976-1977	Gordon D. Jumper	2011-2012
Harris Pankhurst	1946-1947	Fred W. Osburn	1993-1994	Tony Williams	2016-2017

# Club History

## 1918 Jacksonville Rotary Club Charter Members

The Rotary Club of Jacksonville, Illinois | Organized on March 22, 1918 | Chartered as Club #396

H. M. Andre	Frank Byrns	William D. Doying	E. H. Gray	Leroy T. Potter
F. J. Andrews	H. L. Caldwell	William L. Fay	John S. Hackett	Charles Rammelkamp
F. J. Blackburn	T. W. Callihan	J. S. Findley	Joseph R. Harker	T. M. Tomlinson
Frank H. Bode	Harry M. Capps	Louis Frank	Frank J. Heini	Frank J. Waddell
Edward A. Brennan	Edgar E. Crabtree	Henry Frisch	Myron L. Pontius	J. W. Walton

### First Officers

President Frank J. Waddell  
Vice President W.L. Fay  
Secretary Frank Heini  
Treasurer L.T. Potter.

### Organizing Committee

Frank J. Heini, Chairman  
Frank H. Bode  
F. J. Andrews  
J.W. Walton  
Leroy Potter  
Dr. Clifford N. Collins, Peoria, Acting District Governor

- 1905** Rotary began in Chicago, Illinois.
- 1917** The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International was founded.
- 1918** The Jacksonville Rotary Club was organized on March 22, 1918, under the sponsorship of the Peoria Rotary Club. The Jacksonville Club would go on to sponsor clubs in Petersburg, Litchfield, and Roodhouse.
- 1920** The Jacksonville Rotary Club undertook its first service project by constructing a Youth Camp Building on Meredosia Bay, which provided summer camp experiences for area youth.
- 1921** The Jacksonville Rotary Club sponsored the establishment of a Kiwanis club in Jacksonville.
- 1937** D. L. Hardin began as club secretary and editor of the Lubricator (the club newsletter, which he edited for the next 42 years). His son Steve would join the Jacksonville Rotary Club in 1973 and succeed D.L. in this important club office, also serving for more than 40 years.
- 1945** 49 Rotarians were integrally involved in drafting the United Nations charter.
- 1947** Rotary Founder Paul Harris died. Contributions to Rotary in his memory resulted in a Rotary Fellowship Fund that sought to promote peace by funding year-long fellowship exchange opportunities for outstanding college graduates to conduct advanced academic study abroad. This program would later be renamed the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship, and would provide scholarships for 38,000 men and women from about 100 nations before it was discontinued in 2013. The Jacksonville Rotary Club sponsored Scholars who studied in Wales, England, France, Austria, Germany, Ireland, France, Northern Ireland, and the Netherlands.
- 1956** John W. "Jack" Hackett joined the Club, of which his father was a member and his grandfathers had helped to charter. Jack is the Club's longest-serving current member. Other long-serving members are Bob Linde (1968), Wolf Fuhrig (1969), and Ed Ecker (1971).

- 1957** The “Big Eli No. 17” Ferris Wheel was converted to a 12-seater, sold to the Jacksonville Rotary Club, and permanently installed in Nichols Park.
- 1962** Interact, a service organization for people in high school, was created.
- 1965** Group Study Exchange program began. These international exchange groups involved small groups of Rotarians and non-Rotarian business people and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 in the early stages of their careers, in two-month study periods where they traveled to and learned about each other’s country. The Jacksonville Rotary Club was involved in the District 6460 Group Study Exchange program, which sponsored exchanges with India, South Africa, Norway, Nigeria, Italy, Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Thailand, Sweden, the Philippines, Macedonia, and other countries. The program concluded in 2013.
- 1968** Rotaract programs (for people ages 18-30) were launched.
- 1971** Rotary International adopted the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program, which helps high school youth hone their leadership, decision-making, citizenship, and conflict resolution skills. The Jacksonville Rotary Club sponsors youth to attend District 6460 RYLA training in April of each year at Lake Williamson in Carlinville. RYLA will take place April 6-8, 2018.
- 1972** Youth Exchange became an official Rotary International program, providing support for youth to spend a year abroad, with the goal of making the world smaller -- creating a more interconnected and understanding world. The Jacksonville Rotary Club has hosted students for year-long exchanges from Brazil, South Africa, Germany, Columbia, Japan, France, Italy, Slovakia, Sweden, Taiwan, Mexico, Bolivia, Denmark, Chili, and other countries. The Club has sponsored “out-bound” students from central Illinois for a year-long experience in Japan, Brazil, West Germany, Finland, Argentina, Venezuela, Belgium, Sweden, France, Norway, Spain, Poland, Taiwan, Germany, Australia, Belgium, the Netherlands, and other countries.
- 1977** Jacksonville was visited by the Rotary International President W. Jack Davis. While here, Davis received an Honorary Doctorate degree from MacMurray College.
- 1979** The U.S. and Canada were declared polio-free.
- 1982** Jacksonville Rotarian Robert Caldwell received the Rotary International Citation for Meritorious Service. This award is given to Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Rotary Foundation. No more than 50 such awards are presented worldwide, each year.
- 1985** Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has since contributed more than \$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries.
- The Jacksonville Rotary Club, led by Fred Osburn, held its first Scholar Athlete Banquet, which recognizes the accomplishments of students from regional high schools who personify excellence in both athletics and academic achievement.
- 1986** The Jacksonville Rotary Club donated the Big Eli Ferris Wheel to the City of Jacksonville and in 1995 moved it from Nichols Park to Community Park.
- 1987** The U.S. Supreme Court rules that women can be members of Rotary, and R. Jean Jumper becomes the first woman to join the Jacksonville Rotary Club. She would be the Club’s first woman president in 1993. In 2018, there are more than 200,000 women in Rotary, and half of the Jacksonville Rotary Club’s membership are women.

- 1992** The Jacksonville Rotary Club for the first time conducted the 4th of July Parade – a tradition that has continued through 2018.
- 1994** The Jacksonville Rotary Club sponsored the establishment of the Jacksonville South Rotary Club, which would be renamed the Jacksonville Sunrise Rotary Club in 1997.
- 1995** The Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Education Partnership paired the Jacksonville Rotary Club with Franklin Elementary School.
- 1996** The Russian Federation was declared polio-free.
- 1998** A Rotaract Club was established at MacMurray College.
- 2000** The Club conducted its first Bass Tournament at Lake Jacksonville, a major fundraiser allowing the Club to support a broad variety of charitable purposes within the community.
- 2002** Europe was declared polio-free.  
The Club conducted its first Valentine Dinner Dance, a major fundraiser allowing the Club to support a broad variety of charitable purposes within the community.
- 2005** In celebration of Rotary International's centennial, the Jacksonville Rotary Club donated \$100,000 to the Morgan County Historical Society for restoration of the property that was formerly the Jacksonville Post Office and will serve as a future museum for the community.  
The Interact Club was established at Jacksonville High School.
- 2007** The 100-year anniversary of the Big Eli Ferris Wheel No.17 was celebrated in Community Park.
- 2008** Jacksonville was visited by Rotary International President Wilfred J. Wilkinson on the occasion of its 90th birthday.
- 2010** The Jacksonville Rotary Club established the Jacksonville Rotary Foundation to support the Club's charitable work. Helen Downey, Larry Kuster, and Mike Schneider were the founding, *pro tem* officers and directors. The first full board after incorporation consisted of Keith Lape as President, Mike Schneider as Vice President, Diana Olinger as Secretary, Kevin Heitz as Treasurer, and Fred Osburn as an additional director.
- 2011** The Jacksonville Rotary Club began conducting an annual Oktoberfest, a major fundraiser allowing the Club to support a broad variety of charitable purposes within the community.
- 2013** The Jacksonville Rotary Club established a scholarship program and awarded its first scholarships for college-bound students.  
Franklin Elementary School was closed and the Jacksonville Rotary Club entered a Business Education Partnership with South Elementary School in South Jacksonville.
- 2014** The Jacksonville Rotary Club sponsored the establishment of the Illinois College Rotaract Club.
- 2016** Jacksonville Rotarian Keith Lape received the received the Rotary International Citation for Meritorious Service in recognition of his exemplary service to the Rotary Foundation.
- 2018** The Club celebrated its Centennial by undertaking a \$100,000+ project to replace the sign and construct the Rotary Patio at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. The featured speaker at the Centennial banquet is Mark Maloney, 2019-20 Rotary International President.  
All but three countries worldwide have been declared polio-free, and Rotary continues its dedicated effort to eradicate polio worldwide.

# A note of thanks

## Centennial Planning Committee

Thank you to everyone who served on the Centennial Committee or otherwise volunteered to support the preparations for this Centennial Celebration. Your involvement made a difference, and we appreciate your work and dedication to this project.

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