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100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO JACKSONVILLE ...AND THE WORLD



Happy 100th Birthday, Jacksonville Rotary!

This is the way we have started every Friday noon meeting this past year. Rotary is truly something to celebrate as you will see when you read through this tab.

The Rotary motto, "Service Above Self," has been our goal this past century. Projects and programs have varied over the years; however, the motivation to serve has not. Our founding members believed as we do today that Rotarians are People of Action focusing on doing good locally as well as internationally.

Perhaps after reading about our club, you will be interested in learning more about us. Please visit www.jacksonvillerotary.org to see more of our story and for contact information. Ask a current member how you can be a guest at one of our weekly meetings at Hamilton's 110 North East.

Jacksonville Rotarians strive to fulfill the Rotary International theme for this year, *Making a Difference*. We will continue to serve, endeavoring to leave a legacy of service as rich and as strong as that established in the past 100 years.

- Ginny Fanning

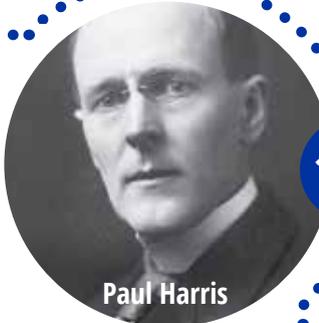
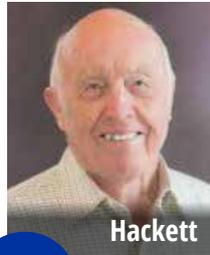
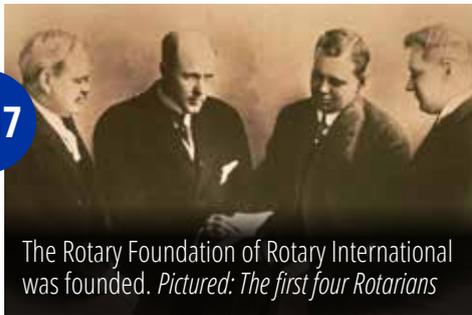
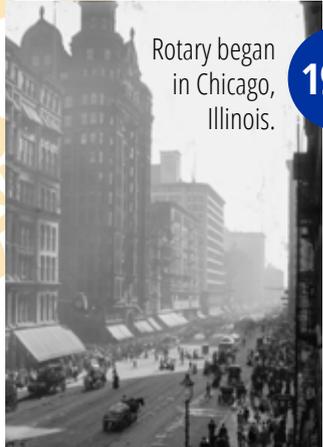
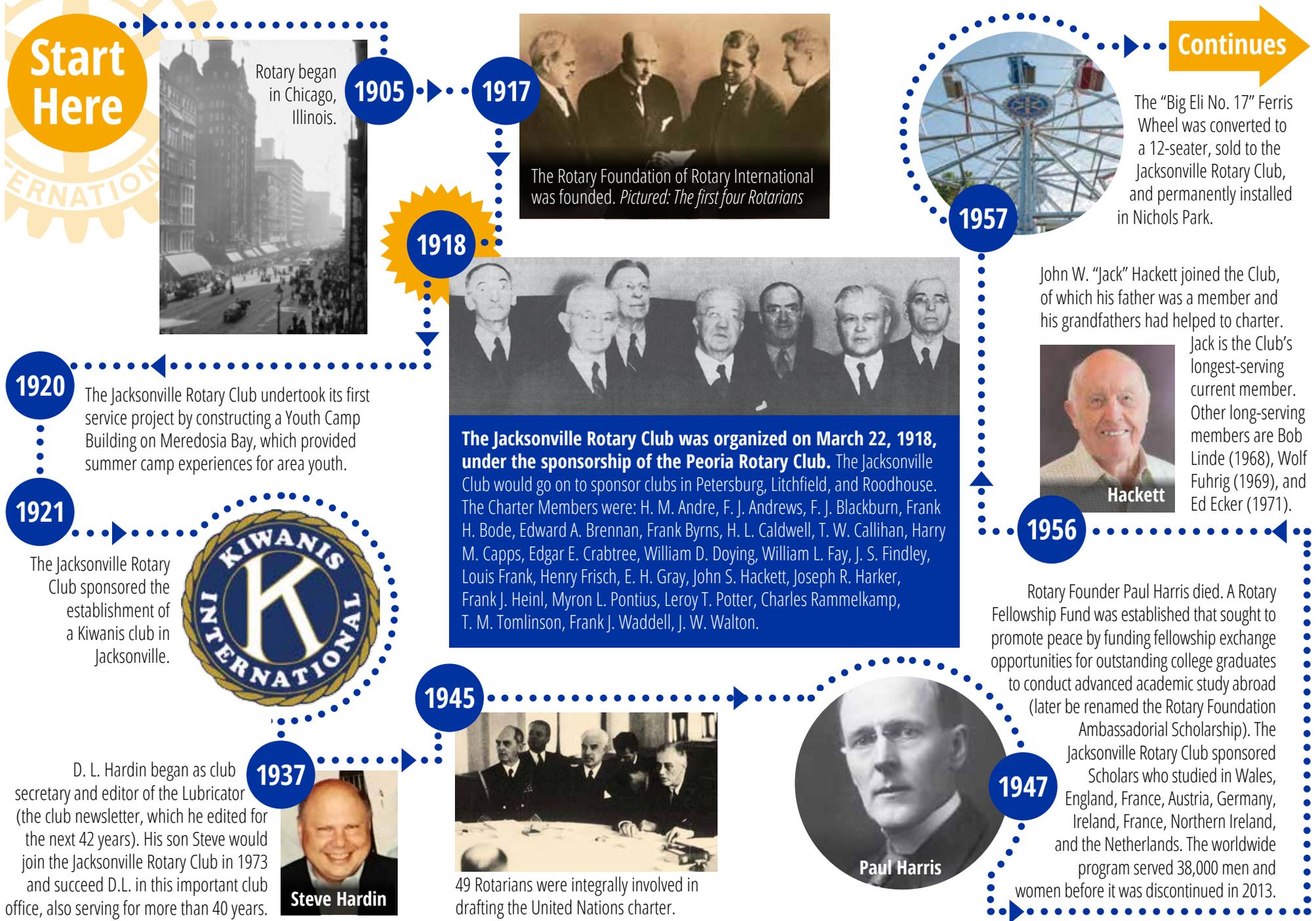
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A PROUD HISTORY

The Jacksonville Rotary Club was organized on March 22, 1918, by 25 new Rotarians. Follow along our Club timeline to see how the Jacksonville Rotary Club, along with Rotary International, has grown and evolved over the past 10 decades.



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1965



GSE Team in Sweden in 2012

Rotary's Group Study Exchange program began (GSE). International exchange groups were made of young Rotarian and non-Rotarian business people and professionals who traveled and learned about each other's country.



1972

Youth Exchange became an official

Rotary International program, providing support for youth to spend a year abroad, with the goal of creating a more interconnected and understanding world. Read the full story in this publication.

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 - this year April 6-8, 2018.



1977

Jacksonville was visited by the Rotary International President W. Jack Davis. While here, Davis received an Honorary Doctorate degree from MacMurray College.

1998



A Rotaract Club was established at MacMurray College.



1996

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.



1992

The Jacksonville Rotary Club for the first time conducted the 4th of July Parade - a tradition that has continued through 2018.

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.



Jumper

She would be the Club's first woman president in 1993. In 2018, half of the Jacksonville Rotary Club's membership are women.

1979



The U.S. and Canada were declared polio-free.

1985

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 No. 17 to the City of Jacksonville and in 1995 moved it from Nichols Park to Community Park.

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2002

Europe was declared polio-free.



Franklin Elementary School was closed and the Jacksonville Rotary Club entered a Business Education Partnership with South Elementary School in South Jacksonville.



2016

Jacksonville Rotarian Keith Lape received the Rotary International Citation for Meritorious Service. The only other Jacksonville Rotarian to receive the award was Robert Caldwell in 1982. 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.

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.

2013

The Jacksonville Rotary Club sponsored the establishment of the Illinois College Rotaract Club.



2014

All but three countries worldwide have been declared polio-free, and Rotary continues its dedicated effort to eradicate polio worldwide.

2018



The Interact Club was established at Jacksonville High School.



2005



2008

Jacksonville was visited by Rotary International President Wilfred J. Wilkinson on the occasion of its 90th birthday.

2013



The Jacksonville Rotary Club established a scholarship program and awarded its first scholarships for college-bound students.

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.

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.

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.

**Looking Forward
to the Next 100 Years of
Service to Our Community!**

A BIRTHDAY GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY



New Patio at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.

In honor of the Jacksonville Rotary Club's 100th birthday, the Club resolved to give a centennial gift to the local community, culminating in a project for The Morgan County Fairgrounds. The project includes a new LED display and sign, and a new patio and gathering area between the grandstand and fair pavilion.

Past club president Lori Hartz led the committee that designed the project. She said, "We already had a strong partnership with The Morgan County Fairgrounds, which has been the site of our Rotary Club Oktoberfest fundraiser since that event's inception in 2011. The Fair Board has made all of its facilities and equipment available to support Oktoberfest, which we deeply appreciate."

Hartz said the committee and the club considered many projects, and ultimately asked the Fair Board to identify needs that were a good match for the Rotary Centennial Project. Two projects were selected. One was to replace the aging sign located at the northwest corner of the fairgrounds at the intersection of Westgate and West Lafayette Streets. The second was to improve 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.

Hartz said the project has been underway for the past year. Ground was broken for the new sign in spring 2017. The L-shaped sign, featuring a new Morgan County Fair Logo and two LED panels that can hold customizable messages, is now in place on the fairgrounds corner and can be seen by vehicles traveling the intersection of Westgate and West Lafayette Streets. The sign sits in a round flower

bed that is framed with a paver wall. Trees were also planted on the back side of the sign feature. The sign project was completed in the summer of 2017.

Ground was broken on the patio after the fair ended in summer 2017. A new concrete pad was poured which now joins the walkway from the pavilion to the grandstand. Included on the patio is a covered open-air pavilion that can be used as a stage. The patio will be called the Rotary Patio and a sign will be installed to commemorate its connection to the Jacksonville Rotary Club's Centennial Celebration.

Turner Tree and Landscaping was in charge of the design. Tipsord Turf and Landscape won the bid and was hired as general contractor for the project.

Fanning said "We funded this \$100,000-plus project through several years of activities, including Oktoberfests, Valentine Dinner Dances, Bass Tournaments, and Johnsonville Brats Days. In addition, we sold commemorative bricks in various sizes, which have been laid on the patio in 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."

Anyone wishing to reserve the Rotary Patio can contact the Morgan County Fair Board at 217-245-6800. ●

You are Invited to Attend the Rotary Patio Dedication!

The public is invited to attend a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for the new Rotary Patio at the Morgan County Fairgrounds at 12:30 on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Local officials and club members will be joined by Rotary International dignitaries including 2019-2020 Rotary International President Mark Maloney.

According to Ginny Fanning, Jacksonville Rotary Club President, this ceremony is the culmination of two years of planning for a project that will represent the club's dedication to improving the Jacksonville community. "We are celebrating the Centennial of the Jacksonville Rotary Club's founding in 1918 by investing in this capital improvement project at the Fairgrounds because it aligns with the ideals of Rotary, will serve many people, and will have a lasting effect on the community."



Rotarians and Morgan County Fair Board and representatives at the sign dedication.

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MAKING CONNECTIONS ACROSS THE WORLD

Rotary Youth Exchange is one of the most popular programs of the Jacksonville Rotary Club. Our club has hosted at least one foreign exchange student in Jacksonville per year, for over 25 years.

Each high-school aged foreign exchange student spends a year in Jacksonville. The student lives with three host families to get a flavor of different types of family life in the United States. The student attends Jacksonville High School and participates in extra curricular activities such as sports and clubs, as well as weekend trips and local activities with their host families.

Host families are an essential piece of the exchange student puzzle. Being a host family is one of the most rewarding experiences your family can have. Welcoming a student into your home and your heart can shape how your children – and you – see the world. Most host families don't just host once. Many host year after year, which is a testament to the rich experience of having a new family member in their home.

There is no perfect host family. Because the student stays with three host families, it is good for them to get an idea of how a family with young children, older children or no children, lives. Empty-nesters

are often great hosts, as are single-parent homes. And one great part about a Rotary Exchange student is that the local coordinator lives right here in Jacksonville and helps with transportation and other logistics. Host families are well-supported with training and a club of Rotarians who support the student.

People often talk about world peace and making the world a smaller place. There is no better way to do this than on a personal level, right in your home. Once you've had a student from another country live with you for four months, that country is no longer is a place "over there," and instead becomes a place where a new member of your family lives. The world will never look the same after you have hosted a student from another country.

Another facet of Rotary Youth Exchange is the opportunity our local American students have to spend a year abroad. Most exchange students take a gap year between high school and college when they go on exchange. They describe it as the best year of their lives. Because the program is completely run by volunteers, the cost is manageable and some scholarships are available. This program is open to students 16-18.5 years old and in the top half of their class.



**Beatriz Marques from Brazil,
inbound exchange student 2016-2017.**

If you are interested in any part of Rotary Youth Exchange, being an exchange student or being a host family, please contact Jacksonville Rotarian Tiffany Warmowski at tiffany@warmowskiphoto.com or 214-473-5581 and she will be happy to answer any questions you have about the program. ●



2015-2016 foreign exchange students from the area district.



2017-2018 Exchange Student Benedict von Hünefeld from Berlin, Germany with club president Ginny Fanning.



Aaron Blue, outbound student, spending 2017-2018 in the Netherlands.

ROTATING THROUGH HISTORY

“We Have a Ferris Wheel!”

There are several unique things about Jacksonville Rotary, but probably none more unique than this: we have our own Ferris Wheel. Jacksonville Rotarians, and the City of Jacksonville, may have become a bit jaded about this unique possession but, as far as we know, the Rotary Clubs of Jacksonville (Jacksonville Rotary and Sunrise Rotary) are the ONLY Rotary Clubs in the entire world to have a Ferris Wheel. The history of the Ferris Wheel, the Eli Bridge Company and the Jacksonville Rotary Club are all interestingly intertwined. The enduring product of those relationships stands at the corner of Main and Morton in Jacksonville. It is the towering marvel of century old engineering known as “Big Eli No. 17.”

To understand the Eli Bridge Company, it’s important to know a little bit about the creation of the Ferris Wheel which was designed and built by singular visionary engineer George Ferris.



The Original ‘Ferris Wheel’

The original Ferris Wheel made its debut at the “Columbian Exposition” World’s Fair held in Chicago in 1893. The celebration was supposed to coincide with the 400th anniversary of Columbus’ discovery of the New World. Famed Chicago architect Daniel Burnham headed the crew building the immense and amazing “White City” that would be the central showpiece of the Fair. Preparations for the Fair grew to such enormous proportions, the work schedule forced the opening date to be moved back from October of 1892 into the summer of 1893.

One of the amazing sights on display at the Exposition, and one of the construction projects that delayed the opening, was George Ferris’ Giant Wheel. Just a few years earlier, in 1889, bridge builder and engineer Gustave Eiffel had unveiled his massive tower in Paris. It was featured as a part of the Paris International Exposition. Eiffel’s tower was just over 1,000 feet tall. At the time, the Eiffel Tower was the tallest man-made structure of any kind in the world. What could possibly top the Eiffel Tower as an attraction? Burnham and the White City architects felt the pressure to outdo their European engineering rivals. The committee solicited design submissions from architects and engineers all over the world. Even Eiffel submitted a design for a tower that would be taller than his Paris structure. His design was rejected by the committee. They felt Eiffel’s name was too strongly associated with his Paris tower.

Thirty-three year old engineer George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr. proposed an almost 27-story rotating wheel as Chicago’s answer to the Eiffel tower. Burnham initially said ‘no’ to the concept. He told Ferris his design was too dangerous. Slender brackets and wide-open spaces made the structure unstable, according to Burnham. Also, how could it possibly be built? In the mid-1890s there was seemingly no method of lifting that would allow for the construction of something that enormous...especially



Susie Headen and her granddaughter enjoying the wheel in Community Park.

something so huge that also MOVED. Ferris was relentless. He wanted to build his mighty wheel. Eventually, after investing thousands of his own money into continued design, Ferris was able to convince the Exposition Committee to back his unique attraction.

In 1893, a rotating wheel as an amusement ride was not a new concept. “Pleasure Wheels” had been a part of European fairs since the mid-1600s. These wooden structures could usually seat about a dozen people. The Pleasure Wheel was powered by strong men turning a gearing system. In 1892, fifty-foot high wheels, based on the European Pleasure Wheels, had been built on the boardwalks in Asbury Park, Atlantic City and Coney Island by a man named William Somers. Somers even secured a patent for what he called a “Roundabout.” Ferris rode the wheel in Atlantic City. It was the basis and inspiration for his design, but the wheel built by Ferris for the Exposition was massive. It required the creation of new building processes. Instead of wood, Ferris’ Wheel would be built using the stunning new material known as steel. Ferris’ Wheel was determined to be so different from the boardwalk Roundabouts, that Ferris won a legal battle brought by Somers for patent infringement.

Ferris’ Wheel, also called the “Chicago Wheel,” took months to build. The center axle was 45 feet long. Each car on Ferris’ incredible ride was a Pullman Trolley Car. The center axle was, at the time, the

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largest man-made object ever lifted to that height. It weighed just under 90,000 pounds and was lifted to a height of 140 feet (about 14 stories). A series of towers was used to lift the massive axle.

The finished Wheel was breathtaking. In each of the cars, 60 swiveling chairs were mounted for riders. A ride consisted of two rotations. The first took eleven minutes for loading. The second was a nine-minute full rotation. Each turn of the wheel took so long that one happy couple decided to hold their wedding ceremony, with guests, in one of the cars during the ride. They said their "I do"s at the top of the rotation.

The 1893 Columbian Exposition drew hundreds of thousands of people from all over North America and the World to witness its wonders. One of those fascinated souls in attendance was William E. Sullivan of Roodhouse, IL. Sullivan was a young man at the time, an engineer, and a dreamer. Once he had experienced Ferris' creation, Sullivan was hooked on an idea that would define his life.

Big Idea, on a Smaller Scale

After his Columbian Exposition adventure, Sullivan is quoted in 1893 as saying, "I have discovered the machine I want to design and build, a portable 'Ferris Wheel'."

Sullivan's idea was to miniaturize the design of the Ferris Wheel so that it could be easily moved from town to town. Sullivan knew that only a tiny fraction of the world would ever get to experience the giant Wheel that Ferris had constructed. What if someone could bring a version of that thrill, on a smaller scale, to their hometown?

Sullivan began his designs for a portable Wheel and assembled a group of investors. By 1900 the "Eli Bridge Company" had been founded and produced its first Wheel. The name "Eli Bridge" might sound like a misleading moniker for a company with the stated purpose of building Ferris Wheels. As enthusiastic as Sullivan was about his idea, his investors were a bit more skeptical. They felt the Ferris Wheel fad might wear off and Sullivan would not be able to market his invention. Should that happen, the investors believed the company could easily transition to bridge building. The engineering and materials necessary were very similar to what went into making a Wheel (interesting note: in its more than 115 year history, Eli Bridge has built a grand total of one bridge).

Our Wheel is Born

Sullivan's first "Big Eli" Wheel made its debut on the Jacksonville Square in May of 1900. "Big Eli No. 1" was 45 feet high with 12 structural steel spokes that each held a rider car. Unlike the wooden

"Roundabouts" from the boardwalks, this steel Wheel could be easily broken down and moved. The attraction grossed \$5.56 its first day of operation. Sullivan knew his machine was going to be a hit and he was right. Every Ferris Wheel you've ever seen at a County Fair or Street Festival was most likely a "Big Eli." Even the Wheel installed at Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch was built in Jacksonville.

The 17th Wheel manufactured by Eli Bridge rolled off the line in 1907. It was a ten-seater, dubbed, appropriately enough, "Big Eli No. 17." It began a long and storied career in the amusement business. No. 17 could be found at fairs all over the Central part of North America, from Leavenworth, KS to San Antonio, TX...even Guaymas, Mexico and Miami, FL.

No. 17 returned to Jacksonville in 1957 after 50 years of continuous service on the road. The Wheel was converted to a 12-seater and sold to the Jacksonville Rotary Club.

At that time, the Rotary Club created a semi-permanent installation for the Wheel in Nichols Park. The Club operated No. 17 in Nichols Park until rising insurance costs forced it to be shut down in 1985.

Big Eli Keeps On Turnin'

As a way to keep No. 17 available to area residents, the Rotary Club donated the Wheel to the City of Jacksonville in 1986. Thanks to support from the City, the Eli Bridge Company, and private donors, the Wheel was once again renovated and moved to its present location at the corner of Main and Morton in Jacksonville's City Park.

Although technically owned by the City, the Jacksonville Rotary Club continues to act as caretaker and operator. From April through October, the Wheel has regular hours of operation on Sunday afternoons. Beginning in 2016, the Club started to offer free rides to local residents thanks to area sponsors who underwrite the cost.

The main structure of the more than 110 year old Wheel stays up year 'round. The seats are removed every fall and put into storage then returned to the Wheel in the spring. Rotarians, lead by members of the Ferris Wheel Committee, handle all aspects of Wheel maintenance, operation and upkeep.

Jacksonville Rotarians are honored to be the caretakers of such an incredible, and fun, piece of both Jacksonville and American History. ●



Rotarians 'testing' the Big Eli Ferris Wheel in Community Park



PARTNERS WITH EDUCATION

The Jacksonville Rotary Club has a proud tradition of supporting education in the Jacksonville area. A few highlights of our local educational programs include our ongoing partnership with South Elementary School, a classroom renovation completed at Eisenhower School this year, our annual Scholar-Athlete Recognition Program, and scholarships awarded to area college-going students.

Book Donation Program

Second grade students in at South Elementary School look forward to the Fridays in March because it is Literacy Month, and that's when the Rotarians start to present the books. Rotarians arrive with boxes of books on four successive Fridays, and guest readers from the club read aloud to students. The excited children learn that they will receive four new books that are theirs to take home so they can practice reading skills with family members.

Rotarian Penny Mitchell, who applied to Rotary District 6460 for the grant that funded the 2018 book program, said, "The club has been able to conduct literacy projects at South School for several years with the help of grants from our Rotary District. Our goal is to help the children develop a personal library and a lifelong love of reading."

Franklin Elementary School

Ginny Fanning, President of the Jacksonville Rotary Club, said, "Our work with South School grows out of a long tradition of supporting education in Jacksonville. Our club partnered with Franklin Elementary School, and we built a strong program of volunteerism in its classrooms. When Franklin Elementary was closed, we didn't want to lose that educational connection with children. The teachers and students (many of whom transferred from Franklin School) warmly welcomed us into the South School family, and we are very grateful for their partnership."



Rotarian Wally Jamison reading to students

Business Education Partnership

According to Rotarian Linda Grojean, the book presentation program is just one facet of a strong and vibrant Business Education Partnership between the club and the school. "We have a dedicated group of Rotarians who each volunteer up to four hours per week at South School. We serve as tutors, classroom assistants, reading buddies, and mentors, supporting students as they improve their reading and math skills, and helping the teachers as needed in their classrooms. The Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce facilitates this valuable partnership between Rotary and South School."

Over the past decade, the club has provided books to students in all grades, an iPad mobile lab stocked with iPads for students to use in class, Staples gift cards for teachers to buy classroom supplies, an air purifier and medical supplies for the school nurse's office, a copy machine, and support for other needs identified by the school. Rotarians help to staff Carnival nights and family events at the school. South School educators reciprocate by volunteering at Oktoberfest, and supporting other club fundraisers.

Eisenhower Elementary School

Eisenhower School students also felt an impact from Rotary this year. Rotary collaborated with District 117 and the Jacksonville Schools Foundation to renovate the school's special needs classroom, and to purchase and install new equipment to serve the students who receive instruction there.

Jacksonville Rotary Club President-elect Daphne Spradlin said, "We wanted the teachers to have new educational tools to serve the students' special needs. District 117 offered to purchase paint and carpeting to fully renovate the classroom, which allowed us to spend more of our funds on equipment for the students." The club contributed \$2,000 from a Rotary District 6460 grant, which was matched by club donations.

"We had great support from Rotary Club members and the educators and staff of District 117 and the Jacksonville Schools Foundation. We worked as a team to clear out and paint the room before Christmas, so the District could install the carpeting over the holidays. Then we got back together to reassemble the room



Exchange Student Nicolas Guerrero Abreu (Mexico) and Rotarian Todd Evans



Rotarian Linda Grojean at South Elementary

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and install the new equipment after the carpeting was in place. We hope the students will really benefit from this enhanced learning environment," Spradlin said.

Scholar Athlete Recognition Program

Rotary also has an impact on high school students. For more than three decades, Rotary has recognized students from west-central Illinois for their outstanding leadership, athletic achievement and academic excellence. The Scholar-Athlete Awards program, which takes place in April, celebrates students who are selected by administrators and coaches as the top Scholar-Athlete in each of 29 area school districts.

According to Rotarian Nikki Henry, who chairs the annual event, "These students exhibit characteristics that will prepare them well for leadership in their communities, in future educational endeavors, and in their chosen careers. We are proud to recognize their achievements through the Scholar-Athlete Award program, which is made possible through the sponsorship of club members and businesses from throughout the region."

Henry said more than 1,000 high school seniors have been named Scholar-Athletes since the program's inception. "It is fun to review the list of awardees in each school district over time. Last year, the Scholar-Athlete from one community was the second generation in his family to be honored."

Scholarships

In April 2017, the Jacksonville Rotary Club awarded college scholarships totaling \$9,000. Thomas Asama, Abigail Mitchell, Caleb Holaway and Savanna Long were each awarded the \$2,000 Rotary Scholarship, and Katelyn Tabit was awarded the \$1,000 Staff Sergeant Matthew Weikert Memorial Scholarship.

The Rotary Scholarships, made possible by Rotary Club fundraising



2017 Rotary Scholarship Recipients

efforts, are designed to not only recognize scholastic achievement, but also leadership, volunteerism and contributions to the community. The Weikert Scholarship, established to honor the memory of Staff Sgt. Matt Weikert, is funded by an anonymous donor and administered by the Jacksonville Rotary Club.

Steve Holt, scholarship committee chair, said the scholarships presented to Asama, Mitchell, Holaway, and Long were funded through the Rotary Club's fundraisers, including its Oktoberfest, Valentine's Dinner-Dance, and Bass Tournament. Holt said, "We appreciate the community's support for our fundraising programs, and we are proud to reinvest these donations as scholarships for future community leaders."

In presenting the Staff Sergeant Matthew Weikert Memorial Scholarship award, Holt said, "This scholarship was established within the Jacksonville Rotary Club Foundation to honor the memory of Staff Sergeant Matthew W. Weikert, who was mortally wounded in 2010 while serving in Afghanistan. Weikert, who was

a member of the Jacksonville High School Class of 2000, joined the U.S. Marine Corps in August of 2001 serving three tours in Iraq over four years. He later joined the U.S. Army serving with the 101st Airborne completing a tour in Iraq and was deployed in Afghanistan at the time of his death." Holt continued, "Matthew Weikert personified the characteristics that Rotary values. He was known for his leadership and his attitude of service above self."

Holt said, "This scholarship is open to JHS seniors or alumni - including those who may be returning to school after years in the work force." An anonymous donor has provided the initial funding to offer the Staff Sergeant Matthew Weikert scholarship. The Jacksonville Rotary Club Foundation has and will accept tax-deductible donations from anyone interested in extending the scholarship's availability.

Applications for both scholarships are being accepted through March 23, 2018. More information is provided on the Jacksonville Rotary Club web page at jacksonvillerotary.org/scholarships. ●



2017 Scholar-Athlete Award Recipients

Interested in Applying for a Rotary Scholarship?

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WORKING TO END POLIO



**Rotarian Chuck Sheaff
administering polio vaccines in India.**

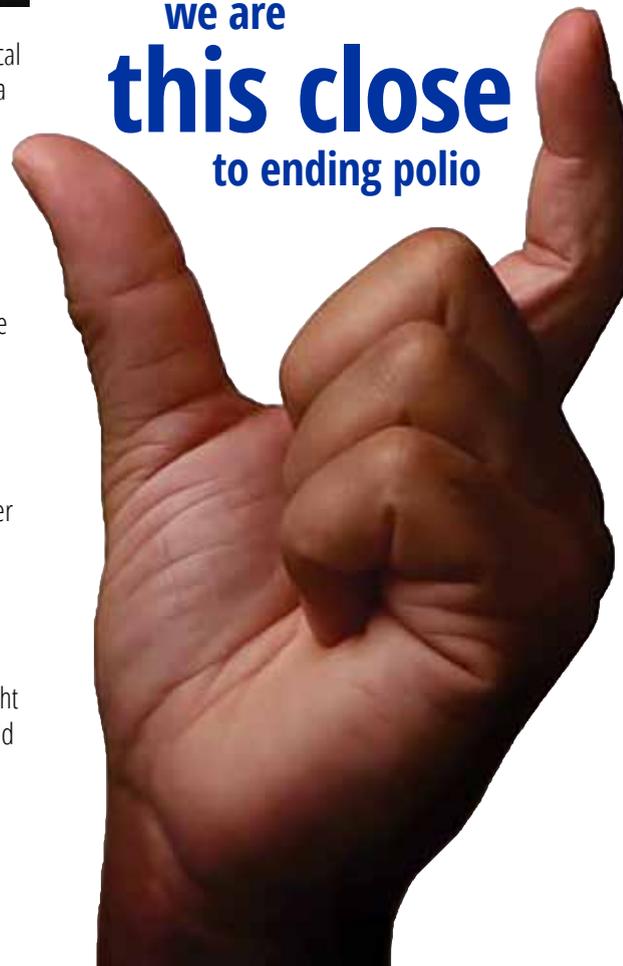
join a vaccination team and travel to India to help distribute vaccines to children (see sidebar).

Because of this great effort, polio has been eradicated in all countries except for Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. In these three countries, polio is still endemic, due to conflicts and other problems that prevent workers from going to the isolated regions.

Rotary International has committed \$50 million per year over the next three years to help eradicate this disease. In 2017 there were 22 confirmed cases. So far just one case has been reported in 2018.

Each year October 24 is designated as World Polio Day. In 2017, more than 3,000 events took place to recognize the progress made in the fight. Rotary will continue to fight against this disease until it is no longer a threat. Find out how you can help at www.endpolio.org. ●

we are
this close
to ending polio



For the past 30 years, Rotary International in cooperation with local Rotary clubs, has been involved in taking an active stand against a dreaded and feared disease, polio.

In the early 1900's, polio was widespread and greatly feared among parents. It was disease that would affect children more than adults, appeared in warm weather, and was easily spread. There was no cure.

By 1955, a vaccine was developed by Jonas Salk and a team at the University of Pittsburgh. The oral polio vaccine was developed by Albert Sabin and came into commercial use in 1961.

In 1970 the immunizations were sent worldwide, especially to developing countries. In 1988, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative began. Many countries and organizations joined together to immunize children worldwide. Polio was eliminated in the Americas by 1994. The disease was officially eliminated in 36 Western Pacific countries, including China and Australia in 2000. Europe was declared polio-free in 2002.

Rotary International is one the organizations that joined in the fight to eradicate polio, along with the Bill Gates Foundation and World Health Organization.

Rotary started in 1979 with vaccinations for six million children in the Philippines. The local Jacksonville Rotary club had the opportunity to have two club members, Charles and Lynn Sheaff,

Couple joins in overseas fight against polio

Helping to eradicate polio led two Jacksonville medical professionals to go halfway around the world.

Dr. Charles Sheaff and his wife, Lynne, joined a Rotary International service trip to India in February 2016 to assist with Rotary's PolioPlus, a 31-year-old campaign to wipe out polio.

The Sheaffs' efforts and those of many others helped immunize about 185 million children between the ages of 0 and 5 over two days.

Charles Sheaff said he and his wife welcomed the chance to assist the PolioPlus project after getting an email from Rotary International.

"Last year, this particular service trip filled in 24 hours, so within two hours of the email going out, we got our names on the list to go," he said. "We were informed that this most likely would be the last Rotary-sponsored polio immunization trip in India. That's the reason we went."

Charles Sheaff, a general surgeon at Passavant Area Hospital, has 40 years of surgical experience, and his wife has been a nurse practitioner for 25 years.

In their first five days in India, the Sheaffs joined 40 other Rotarians from the United States, Canada and Australia.

Lynne Sheaff said they spent their first few days in India touring the northern part of the country and "realizing how little we knew about India and its history and culture. But the best part of the trip for the Sheaffs was getting the chance to help people.

"It was immensely satisfying to be part of this international effort," Lynne Sheaff said. "Part of what made it satisfying was the huge amount of generosity and thanks we received from locals and Indian Rotarians for participating in this," Dr. Sheaff added.

The Sheaffs' group of Rotarians immunized about 800 children during a two-day period.

"If we can eradicate polio, which I think will happen in the next two years, it will mark the second disease ever to be eradicated, with smallpox being the first," Charles Sheaff said.

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WE KNOW A LITTLE GERMAN...



Admit it, when you hear the word "Fundraiser" in just about any context, there is a moment of slumped shoulder sighing. "What tickets (or products) do we have to sell (or buy)?" and "How quickly can I get this over with?" are the most common reactions to the announcement of a new fundraiser. As much as we love to fundraise for great projects like the Eradication of Polio, Rotarians are no different than anyone when it comes to the dreaded task of "fundraising."

Until, of course, we came up with "Oktoberfest!" Now THAT'S a fundraiser!

The Jacksonville Rotary Club Oktoberfest was conceived in the Spring of 2011 by a group of Jacksonville Rotarians who felt we needed a good fall fundraising event (they also may have wanted an excuse to drink some good beer). The Bass Tournament and Valentine's Dance were well-established in late winter/early spring...but there was nothing happening most of the rest of the year.

What if we were to do something BIG in the fall? Like...maybe a beer and food-based party with roots dating back to the early 1800s?? Yeah, that sounded like a REALLY good idea! Hold on...so we get to drink beer AND make money for great causes? Instead of the slumped shoulder sigh, Oktoberfest has become a much anticipated fall club fundraising project.

Our first Oktoberfest was held on October 1st of 2011. The event was based out at the Morgan County Fairgrounds (where it remains to this

day). The Morgan County Fair Board was outstanding! They were very supportive of the event. Much of the reason we selected the County Fairgrounds for the site of our Centennial Project was as a 'thank you' for the years of support of Oktoberfest by the Fair Board.

That first Oktoberfest was GREAT! The weather was perfect, the beer was good, the food was amazing...and about 700 folks from around the Jacksonville area were brave enough to take a chance on this new event. As a fundraiser, it was a huge hit. Sure, there were expenses... but the profit for a single day was outstanding.

It was pretty obvious we had a winner. Since 2011, the Club, and the Oktoberfest committee, have learned a lot about putting on a one-day beer and food bash. The tweaks and improvements make it better and better every year.

Over the years, the Rotary Oktoberfest has adhered to a schedule of "first Saturday in October" for the event. And, aside from that first year, the weather has always been a bit "iffy." The first Saturday in October, even when it's sunny, can be chilly and windy. There's also been quite a bit of precipitation on that day.

The original Oktoberfest in Munich is also plagued by weather woes. Their event, first held in 1810, runs over anywhere from 16 to 18 days...and MOST of that time falls in September. The organizers of the original Oktoberfest discovered the

same thing we did...the weather in October can be pretty ugly.

In 2017, for the first time, the Jacksonville Oktoberfest was moved back to the last Saturday in September. No one seemed to mind that an event named "Oktoberfest" was being held in September. The weather was noticeably nicer, it was a few degrees warmer, and the crowds were even better!

The Jacksonville Rotary Club Oktoberfest relies heavily on member involvement to make it happen. Unlike our other fundraisers, which can be planned and executed by a committee and a few volunteers, Oktoberfest requires "all hands on deck." From serving beer, to preparing and serving food, to running activities like the human foosball or the goofy stage games, getting Oktoberfest up and running requires at least a shift of volunteer work from every single Rotary member during the day of the event, and a huge amount of behind the scenes setup and tear down.

The pay-off is well worth it. The day can be long, but ultimately putting on the biggest party of the fall can be a lot of fun. Make sure to mark your calendar and come join us. The 2018 version of the Jacksonville Rotary Club Oktoberfest will take place this year on Saturday, September 15th. Come join us for a beer, a brat and a polka or two! ●

Prost!



ENGAGING YOUTH

In addition to engaging adults in service, Rotary International also offers service opportunities to high school students and young adults. Jacksonville is fortunate to have active clubs at both of those levels – known as Interact and Rotaract – sponsored by the Jacksonville Rotary Club.



Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary Club members assembling packaged meals for Feeding Children Worldwide.



Rotaract member Abby Mitchell modeling a Yuda Band.

service project. We selected Ellen Mandizora from the list of students seeking sponsorship. Knowing about Ellen, what kind of life she has, her hopes, dreams and so much more, gave us a sense of urgency and desire to help. Each Yuda Band bracelet we sold would make a big difference in Ellen's life by allowing her to get an education. I really enjoyed being able to help Ellen because I am aware of how fortunate I am to be able to go to school every day, and I want every student to be able to have the same opportunities that I have."

Hembrough said, "Our club meets on the first and third Monday of each month during the year at 6 p.m. at the Soap Company Coffee House, and we would love to have more students join us!"

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INTERACT

Jacksonville High School sponsors the local Interact Club, which involves high school students in leadership development and service activities. Interact is a service club for youth ages 12 to 18 who want to connect with others and have fun while serving their community and learning about the world. Interact is one of the fastest-growing programs of Rotary International, with more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries. Any high school can establish an Interact Club.

Sydney Hembrough, a Jacksonville High School senior and president of the JHS Interact Club, said "Nicole Riley hosts our meetings at her Soap Co. Coffee House and inspired our most recent service project. Nicole spoke to the Interact Club about her efforts to gather and deliver items that hurricane victims needed. She had traveled to Texas in the immediate aftermath of the storm to deliver supplies, and she saw firsthand how rural areas were not receiving the same level of recovery services that urban areas were. So our club decided to focus on sending money to rural areas affected by the hurricanes that weren't receiving federal aid."

Interact conducted the "Fork & Knife - Change a Life" benefit dinner, held at Riley's restaurant in November 2017. They raised \$1,005 which was donated to All Hands Volunteers, a nonprofit that works with communities after a disaster to meet their long-term needs by rebuilding the basic hubs of a community including homes, schools,

daycare facilities, and community centers. All monies went to Texas hurricane relief efforts.

JHS senior and club public relations manager Anna Pevey said she knew the Jacksonville community would support the Interact Club project. "Working at Our Town Books on the square, I have seen how impactful the different events have been in our community," Pevey said. "That's why we knew the community would come out and support the Interact Club's hurricane relief fundraiser."

"Our Interact Club leaders do a great job serving communities both locally and internationally. Interact Club members have participated in foreign exchange programs and contributed to international Interact clubs," said Jon Valuck, Jacksonville Rotary Club's Interact Club liaison. "in 2016-17, Interact raised \$2,800 to sponsor a school scholarship for Ellen Mandizora, an 18-year old high school student in Zimbabwe. They sold Yuda Bands, which are 'fair trade' bracelets made in Guatemala from hand crafted leather and coconut with different designs. Yuda is derived from 'ayuda' the Spanish word for help."

The Club learned about Yuda Bands at a Rotary District Conference, and got more information through its website, yudabands.org. They signed up to sell 400 bracelets and selected an international student to sponsor. According to Past Interact Club President Abby Mitchell, "We loved the fact that we knew who we were supporting with this



Interact members at a meeting at the Soap Co. Coffee House.

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ENGAGING YOUTH, Continued...



Rotaract filling holiday care packages with a volunteers of the Franklin-Waverly Military Support group.

ROTARACT

Illinois College hosts a Rotaract Club, which engages students in a global movement of young leaders who are developing innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18-30 to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. In communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service. There are more than 10,900 Rotaract clubs worldwide in 184 countries. Some clubs are affiliated with colleges, although it is not a requirement.

The Illinois College Rotaract Club was chartered in February 2014 and has been involved in multiple service initiatives since that time. Illinois College sophomore and IC Rotaract Club President Anthony Hand said, "Our club is involved in a variety of service activities on campus and in the community. We have "adopted" Hoagland Boulevard, which borders the Town Brook near Jacksonville Middle School. We hold several cleanup days each year to remove trash and improve the health of the brook. We also partner with the Jacksonville Rotary Club and the Interact Club to conduct service projects."

Hand continued, "In 2016, Rotaract, Interact and Rotary joined with the Franklin Waverly Military Support Group and the Waverly Girl Scout Troop to send holiday care packages to 83 U.S. military personnel stationed in the Middle East. The Franklin Waverly Military

Support Group conducts activities throughout the year to support active military personnel from this area. They were able to double the number of holiday care packages sent to military personnel by joining with our clubs to successfully apply for a \$2,000 grant from Rotary District 6460. The Jacksonville Rotary Club also provided matching funds totaling \$2,000 in support of the project."

Nancy Wood, a charter member of the Franklin Waverly Military Support Group, said, "Our group is totally volunteer-supported and volunteer-funded, so we really appreciated Rotary's help in purchasing items for the care packages and paying for the substantial postage costs."

The groups gathered for work nights at Franklin United Methodist Church where they prepared and wrapped the gifts, which included batteries, socks, handmade pillowcases, tiny Christmas trees, and personal items. The final work night was an assembly line where they packaged and addressed the gifts for mailing.

Erin Hodgson, an IC graduate and Past President of the Illinois College Rotaract Club said, "It was really great to work together with people of all ages to do something so meaningful for these military personnel who are away from home during the holidays. We hope the care packages helped them to know how very much we appreciate their sacrifice."

Rotarian Diane Seufert, the Rotaract advisor at Illinois College, said, "These students feel strongly about serving others, both on campus and in the Jacksonville community. We hope that being in Rotaract will inspire students to become Rotarians, wherever their future plans take them." ●



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program provides a weekend of training for high school students who want to make an impact on their school and community. The program develops leaders and encourages them to build connections and teamwork skills with peers from both in their district and in other countries. The District 6460 program that serves Jacksonville is run by the Bradley University Rotaract club, and takes place at Lake Williamson in Carlinville. Students who are high school sophomores are especially invited to attend. Interested persons should contact Cathy Jo Littleton-Wahl at 217-883-1155.



Rotaract event at Illinois College



Rotaract event at Illinois College

RECOGNIZING LEADERSHIP WITH PAUL HARRIS AWARDS

The Jacksonville Rotary Club is honored to regularly bestow Paul Harris Awards to community members who have met high professional or personal standards. This designation has been proudly awarded to nearly 300 individuals during the Club's history.

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.



Paul Harris recipient Amy Byers (center) with husband Ryan Byers and coordinator Susan King.

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.

History of Paul Harris

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. ●



Paul Harris recipients (L to R) and Rotary members John Valuck, Jane Breen, Maryjane Million, Linda Grojean, and Fred Blanford.



Randy Duvendack, recent Paul Harris Fellow recipient with Susan King, Paul Harris Coordinator.

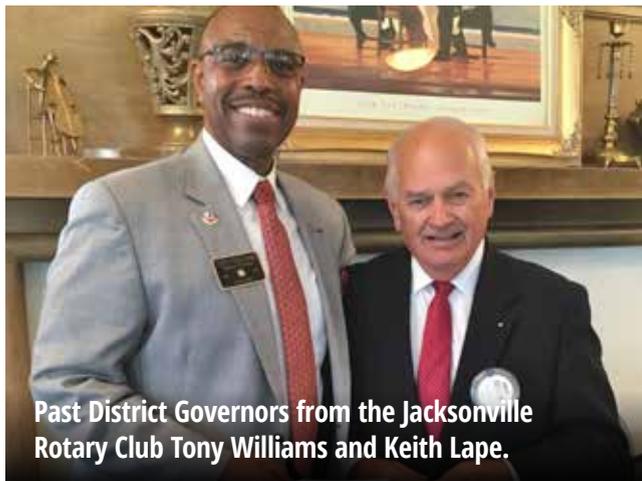
PAUL HARRIS AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 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
Gaige, 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.
Foulk, 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
Ioza, 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

SERVICE TO A LARGER WORLD

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.



Past District Governors from the Jacksonville Rotary Club Tony Williams and Keith Lape.

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. ●

DISTRICT GOVERNORS FROM THE JACKSONVILLE ROTARY CLUB

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

A BASS-TASTIC EVENT

The annual Jacksonville Rotary Club Bass Tournament was begun in 2000 as a fundraiser for the club's community activities. The 40 team buddy tournament is held the week before the lake opens on Lake Jacksonville with the assistance of the staff of the Jacksonville Parks and Lakes office. Applications are mailed and available in mid-February with an opportunity for anglers to compete for the "big Bass" as well as to weigh a maximum five fish to win the prize money. Prizes are awarded to the top eight teams. In addition to the prize money, Falcon fishing rods have been won by two lucky teams.

The tournament begins at 6:00 a.m. when fishermen gather to hear the rules and regulations for the tournament. At that time, a drawing is held for take-off position. Each boat is required to have two people in the boat with the restriction of no alcohol. After a day of fishing, the weigh-in begins as fishermen return, no later than 2:30 p.m., and prizes are awarded to the boat with the highest

weight of fish, weighing five fish or less. The largest bass caught also wins the Big Bass pot. The largest bass ever caught and weighed is 8.38 pounds. The exciting day has a large viewing audience at the weigh-in. Many Rotarians assist with the tournament, helping with the early morning meeting and take-off and the weighing of the fish, returning the fish to the lake.

The Rotary tournament has funded or assisted many community events. One year, a fishing dock for children and handicapped individuals was constructed. Another year, Rotary helped with a fish replacement program. Over the 18 years, approximately \$150,000 has been raised. The first year



the tournament was held in 2000 and only 16 boats entered; however, as the tournament increased in popularity and reputation, the maximum 40 boats participated.

The annual Rotary Club Bass Tournament has been a successful event, raising money for projects and involving many Rotarians. The Jacksonville Journal-Courier has printed a tab each year, allowing Rotary to sell sponsorships for the tournament as a way to increase funds. In addition anglers pay an application fee.

The 2018 tournament takes place on Sunday, April 15. Please join us! ●

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LEADERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP



Weekly Rotary meeting at Hamiltons.

CURRENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP *(as of March 1, 2018)*

Albers, Craig S.	Ezard, Andrew	Hill, Celeste K.	Marks, Erich J.	Stare, Allen B.
Artis, Shawn L.	Fanning, Ginny L.	Hill, John	McCombs, Shawn	Thorsen, Nancy E.
Bailey, John L.	Farley, Barbara A.	Hinchen, James E.	McDowell, Jason E.	Tighe, Judith A.
Baldrick, Dan	Findley, Paul	Holt, Stephen H.	McLin, Robert	Tucker, Jenna
Basden, Richard	Fisher, David C.	Horabik, Joseph	Metz, Sharon D.	Valuck, Jonathan Paul
Beard, Kathleen M.	Flynn, Michael	Iozia, Darren	Million, Maryjane	Varble, Steven
Beard, Noel R.	Fuhrig, Wolf D.	Jackson, Anne	Mitchell, Penelope M.	Wainscott, Edward B.
Blanford, Fred J.	Grady, Kathryn	Jones, Marcy	Nell, Jodelle D.	Walker, Karen
Breen, Jane A.	Grojean, Linda K.	Jumper, Jean	Pantier, Melissa Ann	Warmowski, Tiffany M.
Bury, John C.	Hackett, John W.	King, Susan	Phipps, Raymond W.	White, Paul
Byers, Ryan D.	Hardin, Steve	Kinley, Dana F.	Power, John R.	Williams, Anthony
Cain, Trent	Harrington, Kevin	Kluge, Lisa	Rieken, Carol Anne	Williams, Faren
Carl, Carol A.	Harrison, Pamela A.	Kluge, Paul A.	Ryan, Jan	Williams, Jan
Coats, Amy L.	Harrison, Philip J.	Kuster, Larry Donald	Sanders, Sandra	Woiwode, Becky
Cody, Richard Todd	Hartz, Lori A.	Lape, Keith R.	Schneider, Michael J.	Wood, Nancy E.
Cooksey, Colleen M.	Haxhinasto, Alban	Lape, Phyllis N.	Seufert, Diane M.	Wright, Amber
Coultas, Jeffrey B.	Hayes, Gina A.	Linde, Robert E.	Sheaff, Charles	Wynn, Chester
Cumming, Jeff	Heitz, Kevin V.	Littleton, Marvin E.	Sheaff, Lynne C.	Zoerner, Melissa
Daniel, Dennis	Hembrough, Jean	Littleton-Wahl, Cathy Jo	Singleton, Shelley Flynn	Zuiderveld, Sharon R.
Davidsmeyer, C.D.	Henry, Brittany N.	Lomelino, Christina L.	Soltermann, Jeffrey L.	
Ecker, Edwin D.	Henry, Daniel K.	Lonergan, Linda	Spradlin, Daphne Lynn	
Evans, Kerri	Henry, Joey Lee	Luber, Thomas A.	Staake, Kelly	
Evans, Todd E.	Henry, Nicole	Lyle, JaNell M.	Stambaugh, Lisa M.	

CLUB PRESIDENTS

1918 – Frank Waddell	1953 – B. Holkenbrink	1988 – Ron Tendick
1919 – Harry Capps	1954 – Bob Caldwell	1989 – Jesse Chapman
1920 – Myron Pontius	1955 – Elmer Lukeman	1990 – Jeffrey B. Coultas
1921 – Vince Riley	1956 – Floyd Cox	1991 – Roy E. Gogel
1922 – Will Walton	1957 – Ed Garlich	1992 – Timothy E. Rupel
1923 – Albert Dollear	1958 – D. L. Hardin	1993 – R. Jean Cummins (Jumper)
1924 – Bob Wooston	1959 – Ray Miller	1994 – Robert E. Linde
1925 – Earl Spink	1960 – D. Fahnestork	1995 – Wallace Jamison
1926 – Harry Andre	1961 – Jim Bunting	1996 – Loren Cline
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1929 – Albert Dollear	1964 – Robert Spink	1999 – Mike Halsne
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1931 – Charlie Ator	1966 – Richard Simmons	2001 – Bob Leach
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1933 – Dick Rowe	1968 – C. P. Runkel	2003 – John Power
1934 – Ray Gruny	1969 – Richard Brown	2004 – Kurt Gwillim
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1936 – Bill Randall	1971 – Cliff Crone	2006 – Kevin Heitz
1937 – Jack Dial	1972 – Jim Atherton	2007 – Mike Schneider
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1945 – Tom Cornish	1980 – Robert McKinney	2015 – Todd Evans
1946 – Sam Baker	1981 – John C. Bomke	2016 – Nancy Thorsen
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1948 – H. L. Caldwell	1983 – John E. Urbance	2018 – Daphne Spradlin (president elect)
1949 – Crit Haneline	1984 – Gerald Raymond	2019 – Brittany Henry (president nominee)
1950 – Bob Hartman	1985 – David Osburne	
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Mark Maloney, the 2019-20 President of Rotary International, to speak at Jacksonville Centennial



The Jacksonville Rotary Club is honored to host Mark Maloney as the featured speaker at the club's Centennial Dinner on March 17, 2018. Maloney will be the president of Rotary International in 2019-20.

Maloney, a member of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, 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.

The Jacksonville Rotary Centennial will be celebrated on March 17, 2018 with a patio dedication at the Morgan County Fairgrounds at 12:30 p.m., and a celebration dinner at Hamilton's 110 North East at 5:30 p.m.

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