

Rotary



Club of Jefferson City Breakfast

Speakers

January 06, 2021

[Earnette Smith and Steve Bruce](#)
Earnette Smith and Steve Bruce will give Club members a bio so we have the opportunity to know them a bit better. Prayer: Greg Frank. Humor: Matt Tolksdorf.

January 20, 2021

[DG Jacque Howard](#)

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[Jackie Howard](#)

District Governor Jackie Howard will visit with the Club. Prayer: Ric Telthorst. Humor: Jay Jordan.

January 27, 2021

[Victor Pitman](#)

Victor Pitman, MO Sheriffs Assoc. Program Coordinator, will update us on the Assoc. He is also Past President, former South Callaway Rotary Club. Facilitated by Don Alberti. Prayer: Sally Powell. Humor: Nicole Slusser.

Club Meeting

Jefferson City Breakfast
Meets at Hy-Vee Meeting room
3721 W. Truman Blvd.
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Time: Wednesday at 07:00 AM

Events

January 6th

[New Club Members Bios](#)

January 11th

[Jefferson City Breakfast board meeting](#)

January 13th

[Jefferson City Breakfast Weekly Club Meeting](#)

January 20th

[District Governor visit](#)

January 27th

[Missouri Sheriffs Association](#)

Birthdays

Steve Dinolfo

January 9th

Jonathan Browning

February 1st

Castor Says Local News Focus of News Tribune

By Richard Telthorst on Tuesday, January 5, 2021



Covering local news stories well and accurately is the "bread and butter" of the Jefferson City News Tribune, according to Gary Castor, managing editor of the paper. Castor recently spoke to JC Breakfast Rotary members about the role of the paper in the community.

Castor, a 1983 graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, was a reporter and editor elsewhere in Missouri before coming to the News Tribune in 2009. He supervises a team of six local reporters who are assigned various "beats" to cover in the community, including sports, the courthouse, and state and local government. The team is mostly working now from home, as are the page designers who lay out the paper each day.

He said the current mistrust of the media is centered around political viewpoints that filter into news stories, mostly at the national level. He strongly believes that opinions should only be found on the editorial page and should stop at the news page.

Although his local reporters are fact-based, that is not always the case in national or regional stories covered by the Associated Press. Some AP reporters use their "reporter's voice" to inject certain viewpoints into a story. He has had discussions with the AP about the issue, telling them that they are sometimes too slow to report on issues important to conservative readers.

Castor predicts that this year the paper will continue its focus on local news, but, due to the continuing pandemic, will cover more virtual events. He also sees continued growth of the paper's "replica" online edition, as subscribers look to keep up with local events digitally.

Club Ends 2020 with Solid Financials, Strong Service Project Record

By Richard Telthorst on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

The JC Breakfast Rotary Club ended the calendar year with an impressive bank account, but an even more valuable list of service projects that helped the local community. Treasurer Don Neumann reported that the club has more than \$17,000 on hand in its operating account, with an additional \$30,000 in the club's foundation.

Service chairman Nicole Slusser outlined a list of 16 service projects completed to date, with more planned in the second half of the Rotary year. The projects include efforts to clean trash from Missouri Boulevard, provide Christmas gifts to patients at the VA hospital, and bring cheer to nursing home residents through the "caravan of caring". All together, club members have donated more than 450 service hours. Club President Patrick Prenger says more is planned for the rest of the year, with a major focus on building (and funding) a Habitat for Humanity house with the other three Rotary clubs in Jefferson City.



Habitat House Focus of 2021 Club Efforts

By Richard Telthorst on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Building (and funding) a Habitat for Humanity house in Jefferson City will be a major goal of the JC Breakfast Club in 2021, one that the club is well on the way to accomplishing. Club member Kit Freudenberg is coordinating the project along with leaders from the other three Rotary clubs in Jefferson City.

The clubs must raise \$40,000 to sponsor the "Rotary" house, with



each club contributing a proportional amount based on club size and resources. The JC Breakfast Rotary currently has \$8,400 in cash and pledges toward its \$15,000 goal. The project's steering committee will meet later this month to check on progress and refine fundraising plans. Construction is slated to begin in late summer, with the goal of having the family under the roof by next Christmas.

Club members are encouraged to make their pledge ASAP to the project. Pledges should be paid no later than May 1. Checks should be made payable to the Breakfast Rotary Club Foundation. Contact Treasurer Don Neumann for more information.

Join Breakfast Rotary by Zoom

By Richard Telthorst on Monday, November 16, 2020

In light of continuing COVID-19 infections in Cole County, the Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club will continue to meet by Zoom only until further notice. Out of an abundance of caution, and to protect the safety of club members and guests, we will not meet in person at Hy-Vee until it appears safe to do so. Grab a cup of coffee and power up the laptop to join us online at 7:00 am each Wednesday. One click on the link below will get you a seat at our digital Rotary breakfast table:

<https://zoom.us/j/194707874?>

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Years of Service

James L. Wieberg
31 Years
Dudley Galloway
0 Years

Joseph N. Scheppers
27 Years
Rebecca King
0 Years

Donald L. Neumann
5 Years
David E. Griffith
0 Years