# Rotary



## Club of Jefferson City Breakfast

#### Programs

November 25th Angela Hirsch, RACS Speaker: Angela Hirsch Subject: Angela Hirsch, the new director for Rape and Abuse Crisis Services, will be introduced to the Club and provide an update about RACS operations. Humor: Jay Jordan December 2nd

Tentative Hold - Don Alberti December 9th Tentative Hold - Bob Reed December 14th Jefferson City Breakfast board meeting

#### **Birthdays**

Steve M Bruce December 4th Steven Erickson December 5th Richard Telthorst December 15th Thomas L. Sodergren December 17th Dudley Galloway December 19th Carolyn J Perry December 22nd

#### Years of Service

Mark Mehmert 11-23-2007 13 Years Kelley J. Ogletree 12-05-2018 2 Years Carrie S Spicer 12-05-2018 2 Years

## **Christmas Gift Bags Packed for Veterans**

By Richard Telthorst on Saturday, November 21, 2020



Several generous Breakfast Club members responded quickly to the call last week for small gift items to be donated for the long term care unit at the Harry S Truman Veteran's Hospital in Columbia. Project chairman Nicole Slusser reports that each of the 35 gift bags contains a Harry's shaving kit, a pair of socks. a Veterans Challenge coin, Kleenex, crackers and snacks, gum, hard candy, sunglasses, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, chap stick, and word search and puzzle books. The items were packed by a small group of club members at Nicole's office, and will be delivered in time to brighten

the holidays for the veterans.

## **Club's First Matching Grants Made International Impact**

By Richard Telthorst on Saturday, November 21, 2020

The first set of Rotary International matching grants that the JC Breakfast Club pursued more than 20 years ago made a positive impact in two countries, according to then-president Norb Plassmeyer. Plassmeyer shared his memories of the initial 1998 grant projects in both Argentina and the African nation of Lesotho with club members last week.



The Lesotho project was inspired by Plassmeyer's daughter Mary, who was a Peace Corps volunteer there at the time. The club raised

\$8,500 to renovate the school building in Ha Sefako, the town where Mary was teaching. The Breakfast Club partnered with the Ficksburg Rotary Club that oversaw the actual construction project. The Ficksburg Club is located about 100 miles away in the country of South Africa.

During that year, the Breakfast Club also raised about \$2,000 to assist a wheelchair basketball team in Argentina. Combining local funds with Rotary matching grant funds, more than \$17,000 was invested in the two projects. Plassmeyer said these early projects paved the way for later successful international efforts.

## Member Spotlight Will Help Keep Club Connected

By Richard Telthorst on Saturday, November 21, 2020



Family of Rotary Chairman Connie Vaughan has announced a new feature at our weekly meetings aimed at keeping members connected and allowing us to know one another better. Each week a member will be chosen (in advance of course) to be featured in the "Member Spotlight" portion of the agenda. The member will have a five-minute opportunity to tell the club about their life and family, their hobbies or interests, or share other information to help us know one another better. In addition, new members will continue to be asked to share a "New Member Bio" soon after joining the club. Look for more details soon from Connie on this new initiative.

## Club to Go Virtual Until End of Year

By Richard Telthorst on Monday, November 16, 2020 In light of the recent spike in COVID-19 infections in Cole County, the Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club Board of Directors has decided to hold weekly meetings **by Zoom only** until the end of the year. 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 2021. 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:



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