



CLUB NEWS

Greensburg Airport President Provides Construction Update

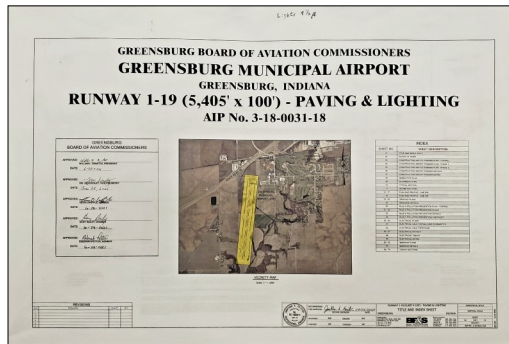


Bill Ernstes, President of the Greensburg Municipal Airport and a two-time, former president of the Greensburg Rotary Club, spoke with Greensburg Rotarians about the history and future of our local airport. A native Decatur County resident and aviation enthusiast, Ernstes recounted the history of the airport, a grass strip from 1946 until its first paving in 1980, including his first plane ride in a Piper Cub in 1950 and a stop by politician Bobby Kennedy just a week before his assassination. But it was the future of the airport, an its current expansion project, that proved the exciting focus of the presentation.

Efforts to expand Greensburg's airport began in 2000. While the effort started slowly, it picked up steam when the city took over ownership of the facility from the county. Eager to make Greensburg a prime location for potential businesses, Ernstes and city leadership sought out guidance and funding from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the state to make the airfield and facilities compliant with requirements for larger aircraft used to provide rapid logistics for local factories and businesses.

With planning complete and appropriate funding secured, construction work to up-

grade Greensburg Municipal Airport began in Fall of 2020. Updates to the airport will include an extension from 3430 ft to 5405 ft and widening from 40 ft to 100 ft. Equipment will also be installed to support GPS-assisted approaches from both ends of the runway. At four times its current size, the upgraded airport will meet federal and insurance requirements to support significantly larger aircraft. Ernstes said that these improvements, as well as new hangars to meet current and future demand, will not only satisfy current, local businesses such as Honda and Delta Faucet, but potential attract new businesses to the area.



Social Committee Schedules First Rotary Social & Membership Event



Spearheading Greensburg Rotary efforts to match Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's vision of increasing Rotary membership internationally, the Social Committee has identified the Club #3437's first social event focused on bringing in new members.

Rotarians, families, and guests will meet from 5pm to 7pm at Parkside Sweet Shoppe, 815 S. Co Rd 200W, Greensburg for treats, putt-putt golf, and bowling.

Entry costs for Rotarians and their family members are \$10/person. Guests and their families will be able to participate for free!

Lora Williams Earns Third Paul Harris Foundation Recognition

Past Greensburg Club President, Lora Williams, was recognized for her contributions to the Paul Harris Foundation, leading to her third Paul Harris Award.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary established the recognition in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.



GREENSBURG ROTARY PRESIDENT'S CHAT

I feel like the club has been very busy lately. My sincere thanks to everyone who helped not only at Bread of Life and Power of the Past, but those who have also helped plan the Social Committee outing and Educator of the Year dinner. Our publicity and newsletter folks have been knocking it out of the park, too. Lots of hands have been involved, and you have all made this an easier job than I ever imagined. Thank you!

Hope to see you at the Educator of the Year dinner next Monday. As a side note, please know that there will **not** be a bar that evening. The venue has to provide the bartender, and they do not have anyone available. Just FYI, but don't let that stop you from coming to celebrate!

Serving to change lives, Jenni

Sign up for Educator of the Year Dinner, August 30 @ Hampton Inn, Greensburg

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ROTARY CALENDAR

Upcoming Programs:

August 30 – Educator of the Year Dinner @ Hampton Inn (No noon meeting)

September 06 – Labor Day (No noon meeting)

September 13 – Brendan Bridges - Inclusion Park

September 20 — Art Turner - Member Vocational Exchange

Other Important Dates:

September 09 – Rotary Social & Member Drive: Parkside Sweet Shoppe, 815 S. Co Rd 200W (Greensburg) - 5p-7p

September 17 – Service Day: Tree City Fall Festival Set Up -7:00a, Decatur Co. Courthouse

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