

## CLUB NEWS

### Art Turner Leads Greensburg Rotarian Vocational Exchange



As part of a Club Assembly, Dr. Arthur Turner, Greensburg Rotarian, led the club in small breakout discussions for the Rotary Club of Greensburg #3437 in District #6580. The Assembly allowed each Rotarian to tell a few things about themselves to their respective groups. When Paul Harris started Rotary International in 1905, this was one of the original intentions as members would rotate meeting places and offices, building relationships

and connections. (And an early Happy Birthday to Doc as he turns 86 this week.)

### Greensburg Rotarians Step-up and Set-up for Tree City Fall Festival

In the spirit of community service, members of Greensburg Rotary Club showed up early on Friday, 17 September, to help local organizers set up and prepare for the Tree City Fall Festival - a local tradition since 1979. Rotarians placed trash and recycling containers, put up awnings for vendors and local agencies, and did a general clean up of the area around the festival venue, the Decatur County Courthouse grounds.

The Tree City Fall Festival, which lasted from 17 - 18 September, included crowning of 'royalty' from the Little Miss/Little Mister and Junior Miss Tree City Pageants held earlier in the week at Greensburg Community Schools; live performances from multiple bands with genres from Bluegrass to Classic Rock Tribute acts; food and craft vendors; and, of course, the Tree City Fall Festival Parade.



The Tree City Fall Festival has its origins in 1978 when Greensburg residents David Begley, Art Powers, & Herb Kohler visited the Versailles Pumpkin Show and brought home the idea for a similar event in Greensburg. The Tree City Fall Festival began the next year and featured the Hoxie Brothers Circus, the Dixon Dancers, Melody Mart combo, Square Dancers, Clown contests, Tree County Players, and a battle of the bands contest in parade.

The festivities have been an annual part of the Greensburg and Decatur County calendar, with the exceptions of 2016 and 2020.



### Africa Region Marks One Year Since Being Certified Wild Polio Free

(Adapted from e-article by Ryan Hyland - <https://www.rotary.org/en/african-region-marks-one-year-being-certified-wild-polio-free>) August 25 marked the first anniversary of the World Health Organization's African region being certified free of wild polio. This milestone has already benefited children's health and public health across the continent, with the infrastructure and innovations that helped the African region become free of wild polio playing an important role in the COVID-19 pandemic response and being available to use in future public health emergencies. Polio workers now conduct other routine immunizations, deliver medicines, and provide other health care services.

The achievement in Africa is the result of a decades-long effort by millions of Rotary members, health workers, government officials, religious leaders, and parents. Since 1996, when wild polio paralyzed an estimated 75,000 children across Africa, health workers have administered more than 9 billion doses of oral vaccine, preventing 1.8 million wild polio cases. Rotary members have contributed nearly \$920 million toward eradicating the virus in the region, advocated for support from their governments, mobilized communities around National Immunization Days, and conducted events to raise funds and public awareness. Five of the WHO's six regions, representing more than 90% of the world's population, are now free of the wild poliovirus. Africa's success in eliminating wild polio proves that the virus can be eliminated under complex circumstances and provides a blueprint for eradicating wild polio in the last two countries where it's endemic: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

## GREENSBURG ROTARY PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Jackson's Nursery will begin work on the sign landscape soon. Be on the lookout for progress.

The board has decided we will not be sending any students to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) this year. Because it's virtual, the experience isn't quite the same. We hope to return to this time-honored tradition next year.

If you have any suggestions for an October service project, let me know. We have projects lined up for November and December.

See you Tuesday night at Big Sky!

Serving to change lives - Jenni

## ROTARY CALENDAR

### Upcoming Programs:

**September 27** — 5th Monday (No Noon Meeting); Meet **Tuesday** at 5:30p at Big Sky Steakhouse

**October 04** — Rex McKinney-Hospital Update

**October 11** — City Hall Tour

### Other Important Dates:

**October 21**—World Polio Day Event @ The Branch

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