

## GCSEF President Discusses Foundation Goals, Praises Local Rotarians



Greensburg Rotarians were treated to the wit and inspiration of Dr. Rodney King, president of the Greensburg Community Schools Education Foundation (GCSEF), as he spoke about his history in education and how the seven-year-old foundation he heads is fulfilling its mission of “providing resources to supplement and enrich educational opportunities that prepare our students to be effective, successful, and responsible citizens.” King also pointed out how fitting it was for him to be speaking to Rotarians, as amongst Rotary’s many goals is to “support education.”

King admitted to a rough start in his experience with education. A student at Greensburg High School, King almost didn’t graduate. He also received rejection letters from all of the seven colleges he applied to during his senior year. “The only reason I got to go to college was because the principal liked me, and he made a phone call.” This call led to King attending Indiana University (IU), but his first semester resulted in a 1.3 GPA, and an injury and 1.1 GPA the second semester resulted in his leaving IU. Returning to Greensburg, King worked locally until returning to IU, then transferring to Franklin College, where he graduated in just five semester! Tying his experiences in education to his current role as GCSEF president, the retired Greensburg Junior High School administrator said he was given so much during his education years that “My mission is to give back.”

Speaking of the foundation itself, King said that the organization started with small scholarships initially funded by donations by Greensburg residents for the opportunity to win a quilt created by his wife. The GCSEF now gives two to three \$1000 scholarships to Greensburg Community School students each year. Among the most recent scholarships given by GCSEF was its first scholarship for a student entering trades school. King said the plan is to continue this as “there are good students, not ‘A’ students, who are needy but want to go to school.” The foundation is also working toward enough funding to support “renewable scholarships” that are directly funded year after year. The GCSEF also supports local teachers with grants to help offset costs for classroom projects. “Teachers take out of their own pocket to do special things, and this is a way to reward them,” said King.

King wrapped up by saying that Rotarians represent those people you see around Greensburg who, like he, “continue to give back because they’ve received.” (<http://greensburgsef.ss8.sharpschool.com/>)



## Greensburg Rotary Recognized as District’s Top Rotary Foundation Contributor



The Rotary Foundation recognized Greensburg Rotary Club as the top club in District #6580 for its members’ per-capita contributions. During the 2020-2021 season, Greensburg Rotarians contributed an average of \$365 per member.

Greensburg Rotary is one of only 1,530 to achieve a district top three in per capita giving and one of only 4,000 of the worldwide 35,000 clubs to achieve a minimum Annual Fund contribution of \$100 per capita of every dues paying member.

## Greensburg’s Rotary Members Welcome Caleb Robertson as Club’s Newest Rotarian

Caleb Robertson, a licensed independent life & health insurance agent with Phase Financial and independent construction contractor, became Greensburg Rotary Club’s newest member at Monday’s meeting. Robertson is a Rush County native with an entrepreneurial mindset and a passion for helping individuals.



Robertson is married to Cheyenne Robertson and was sponsored into Greensburg Rotary by Kelby Owens.

## GREENSBURG ROTARY PRESIDENT’S CHAT

From our health, to our friendships, to our families, we all have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving holiday. I personally feel lucky indeed to be tucked away into our small, safe little corner of the world.

I very much appreciate the skills, the expertise, and the heart you all bring to the Greensburg Club. When we work together, I feel like anything is possible. Here’s to all of you for what you do to make this a great place to be.

Thanksgiving blessings to you all!

Serving to change lives - Jenni

## ROTARY CALENDAR

### Upcoming Programs:

Nov 29 - Sharee Sheets--Rotary ShelterBox Program

Dec 06 - Cassie Roth--Tree City Times

### Other Important Dates:

Dec 01 - Auction Items Due!

Dec 10 - Rotary Christmas Party, Hampton Inn

## OFFICERS 2021-2022

Jenni Hanna	President
Tami Wenning	Past President
Alex Sefton	President-Elect
Lora Williams	Secretary
Linda Simmons	Treasurer
Jeff Emsweller	Public Relations
Alex Sefton	Vocational Service
Daryl Tressler	Sergeant-At-Arms
Sally Koors	Club / Youth Service
Donju Taylor	Vocational Service
Nathan Vandrey	Bulletin Editor
Jerry Fox	Int’l Service
Kelby Owens	Membership Director
Larry Moore	Rotary Foundation Chair
Mandy Lohrum	Asst District Governor



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THANKSGIVING

- Donations for the Greensburg Rotary Annual Christmas Auction Due NLT 01 Dec at the Decatur County Community Foundation
- Hospital Foundation Holiday Lane Service Event (Thu, Dec 02 - 12:30 to 3:30PM) - Sign up [HERE](#)
- Rotary Christmas Party (Dec 10) @ Hampton Inn, Greensburg - Social Hour 5:30 to 6:30PM, followed by dinner - Sign up [HERE](#)
- Cheer Fund Bell Ringing Service Event (Sat, Dec 18 - 9AM to 1 PM) - Sign up [HERE](#)