

**January 2025 Newsletter** 



#### HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we welcome 2025, let's take a moment to reflect on the past year with pride for all we have achieved in support of our community.

Your contribution to our club, whether through your time, skills, or financial support, reflects your commitment to upholding the Rotary 4-Way Test in all we do while encouraging business networking and friendships.

I hope 2025 brings new challenges that spark our passion and countless opportunities to celebrate our successes. Let us plant seeds of dedication, hard work, and commitment and reap the rewards of happiness and accomplishment.

The year ahead promises to be a rich tapestry woven with success, laughter, and treasured moments, blending our shared experiences with new aspirations.

May this year open doors to serve and inspire as we create bridges of understanding and compassion throughout our community and beyond. Embrace the potential that lies ahead, nurturing the values that define us and striving to make a positive difference in all our pursuits.

Here's to a year of growth, joy, and meaningful connections.

Cheers to 2025!



The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say, or do.



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Is it fair to all concerned?



Will it build goodwill and better friendships?



Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN

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## 225 HAPPY New Years





Fruitcake Toss Day is on January 3.

On this day, take that fruitcake you never got around to eating and send it spiraling hundreds or thousands of feet into the air, depending on the power of your throwing arm.

Every year, a few hundred people gather in downtown Manitou Springs, Colorado, to hurl hundreds of fruitcakes into the air by hand, cannon, or slingshot.

Fruitcakes last for ages, so don't throw out that fruitcake we both know no one in your home will eat; throw it into the air!



Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be observed on Monday, January 20, 2025.

This holiday honors the principles of this civil rights leader and Nobel Prize Winner dedicated to nonviolence.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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#### IN THE NEWS

#### JACKSON ROTARY MEDICAL MALL SATELLITE CLUB

On December 3,2024, Rotary Club members had the privilege of volunteering for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. We spent the day ringing the bell and spreading holiday cheer, with a little Christmas music, all while raising funds to support those in need. Every donation, big or small, helps provide food, shelter, and critical services to our community members.



Rotarian, Harold Hart is out shopping for an angel tree recipient he adopted during this holiday season. Giving back during Christmas is such a meaningful way to spread joy and warmth this holiday season. Whether it's a warm blanket, some pots and pans, a puzzle, or a few favorite treats, small gifts can really make a big impact.





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The Jackson Rotary Medical Mall Satellite Club's first fundraiser was a huge success. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and spread the word. Your generosity is helping make a real impact, and they are so grateful to be on this journey with such an amazing community.











#### JACKSON ROTARY MEDICAL MALL SATELLITE CLUB

The entire month of December has been dedicated to service.

Rotarians had the privilege of donating new undergarments and suits to the Gateway Rescue Mission. Thank you to Chairperson, Blanche Adams and Co-chair, Steven Tharpe for making this possible.





Mrs. Earlene J. Wheeler, nursing home Chairperson and other Rotarians generously donated toiletries to a local nursing home, helping to meet the residents' personal care needs and enhance their comfort. Special thanks to Mrs. Wheeler's company and staff at Trophy Hands Quilting and sewing the handmade blankets.







#### JACKSON ROTARY MEDICAL MALL SATELLITE CLUB

Great times were had at the December 17 Jackson Rotary Medical Mall Satellite Club Christmas Social! They shared delicious food, games, lots of prizes, plenty of laughter, and great conversation. It's always a joy to come together with such an amazing group.



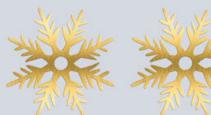
















The **Jackson Academy Interact Club** was chartered in August and has been active this year.

#### **♦ JA Interact Members**

They have almost 100
 members who signed up for
 the club.

#### Volunteer Services

- They volunteered at
  - We Will Go Ministries
  - Stewpot Community Services

#### Dues and Donations

- They also collected dues and donated \$200 to the Rotary Club of Jackson for its service initiatives
  - The Drive to End polio

They look forward to more service projects at **We Will Go Ministries** and **Stewpot Community Ministries** in the spring.

The students love these community service projects.



#### We Will Go Ministries Projects



The JA Interact Club served food at **We Will Go Ministries** on Saturdays.

The Interact Club, accompanied by teachers Susan Ingram and Theresa Berman, visited *We Will Go Ministries* for Fall Planting Day! Students planted cabbage, cauliflower, spinach, and collard greens while learning about serving Christ through kindness.



#### Stewpot Community Services

JA's Interact Club volunteered at *Stewpot Community Services*' Children's Christmas Party on December 9, spreading holiday cheer to children in the afterschool program. Volunteers helped make ornaments, passed out snacks, and celebrated as the children received gifts from Santa. Some students also donated toys for the event. Student volunteers included Natalya Salvo, Julia Berman, Trey Compretta, Chappell Lang, Elizabeth Hosea, Ebbie Barbour, Rosemary Adams, Bess Borne, Sarah Kathryn Williams, Liza Benner, and Darby Horn.





The JA Interact Club helped with a school canned goods drive for **Stewpot Community Services.** 













JA's Interact Club helped at **Stewpot Community Services**' after-school children's program.















On December 3, 2024, The Rotary Club of Jackson welcomed The Madison Central High School Madrigal Singers under the direction of Leigha Nix.

With a special holiday message from the Rev. Tom Fanning, Associate Rector - Chapel of the Cross.







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On December 9, 2024, the Rotary Club of Jackson welcomed Mississippi State Auditor Shad White. His presentation was titled "Project Momentum: Reducing Waste and Increasing Efficiency in State Government."







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