

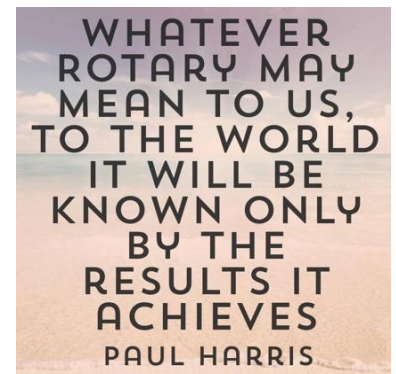


THE DAYBREAKER

October 3rd, 2024



Today we had 28 in person attendees and 7 ZOOM attendees.



Service Opportunities:

John Polles needs help with supporting our efforts at LUM – please contact him if you are interested in helping with this important Rotary project.



GUESTS: Stephen Horrock – MHA
Christine Petkov – NAMI

VISITING ROTARIAN: Stephanie Shrock – Honorary Daybreak Rotarian
Tim Luzader - ADG

INVOCATION: David McGaughey

Program: The Toast Presentation

We began the presentation with a special award to Stephanie Shrock, Matt's fiancée. Stephanie has been a great help each year with the Toast and has become an

integral part of the Toast Committee. She was presented with a certificate of appreciation as well as Rotary jewelry.



Matt then took over to highlight the history of The Toast, noting that he has now chaired the committee for 11 years! This year was by far the most successful ever, and he attributes much of this to the decision to hire Kelly Russell to update and organize the event this year. Some

of the changes were to somewhat downplay the efforts for the silent auction but to put more emphasis into the evening itself. This included the Special Appeal this year which raised over \$11,000, as well as getting a professional MC in Jim Stone from Q106. This year we also sold tickets and sold 229 tickets with the previous record being 140. We also had over \$47,000 in sponsorships. He concluded by explaining that we will be distributing \$22,000 each to MHA, NAMI and Willowstone.



Brandi Christiansen asked Stephen Horrocks to accept their check to MHA and he thanked the Club for helping to work to diminish the stigma around mental health. He said this is a real positive, but that the remaining stigma is going to be even harder to erase.



Sherrie Moore accepted the check for NAMI, noting that this will be used to support their Living Room program and continue to help the ability to have mental health professionals rather than law enforcement deal with people with mental health issues. She thanked us for all our efforts for The Toast.

Jenni Murtaugh accepted the check for Willowstone and again thanked us for our efforts, noting that this donation would fully fund over 150 hours of counseling to those without insurance and without any funds or supplement up to 350 hours of counseling. She also thanked Daybreak Rotary for allowing Morgan to share her story, noting that it had actually been a very positive experience for her and her family.



Matt concluded by reporting that Daybreak Rotary has now raised over \$660,000 for the support of mental health agencies and to plan on May 4, 2025, for the next Toast!

Thought of the Week: When someone tells me “no,” it doesn’t mean I can’t do it, it simply means I can’t do it with them. — *Karen E. Quinones Miller*

Trivia Question for the week: In which U.S. state did Chuck Yeager first break the sound barrier?

The answer to last week’s trivia question:

The **1904 Summer Olympics** (officially the **Games of the III Olympiad** and also known as **St. Louis 1904**) were an international [multi-sport event](#) held in [St. Louis, Missouri](#), United States, from 1 July to 23 November 1904. Many events were conducted at what is now known as [Francis Field](#) on the campus of [Washington University in St. Louis](#). This was the first time that the [Olympic Games](#) were held outside Europe.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

October 10 – Matt Melody – United Way

October 17 – Tour of the new Humane Society

October 24 - Cameron Kuhl – Caregiver Companion

October 31 – Dave Anders – The Rotary Foundation

November 7 – Stan Jacobs – Club Membership

November 14 – Pat Harrington – Tippecanoe County Prosecutor

November 21 – Rep. Chris Campbell – High School Diploma Update

November 28 – Thanksgiving – No meeting

December 5 – Jefferson High School Show Choir

WHAT DOES THE ROTARY WHEEL MEAN?

