

## Greensburg Rotarian Mandy Lohrum Sworn in as New DG

(By Jeff Emsweller) On Saturday, June 22, 2024, Mandy Jo Lohrum, Executive Director of the Hospital Foundation of Decatur County, was sworn in as the 2024-25 Rotary District 6580 Governor. The event was held at Greensburg City Hall with approximately 75 Rotarians from a wide area in attendance including as far away as Nashville, TN. Lohrum's home club is The Rotary Club 3437 of Greensburg.

The Rotary Club of Greensburg 3437 has had the honor of seeing three members serve as the District Governor since the Club was chartered in 1920. The first Greensburg Rotarian District Governor was William J. Scheidler from 1939-1940, Jerry Fox from 1998-1999, and now Lohrum for the 2024-2025 Rotary International year. Past District Governor Jerry Fox performed the honor of administering the Oath of Office to Lohrum. District 6580 consists of 36 Rotary Clubs in the southern third of Indiana.

Rotarian Larry Moore joined the Greensburg Club in 1978 after being invited by Jack Hurst, a lifelong member, to attend a meeting. Moore had the distinct pleasure of introducing Lohrum following the swearing-in. "Almost every Rotarian remembers the person who asked them to join Rotary," Moore said. "For me, it was Jack Hurst. For Mandy, it was me."

"She was an active young banker in Greensburg, and I asked her to come to a Rotary meeting," he continued. "And the rest, as they say, is history."

Lohrum has been very active ever since her first day. She served as the Greensburg Club President in 2017-2018; Area 6 Assistant Governor 2018-2023, District 6580 Paul Harris Society Coordinator 2021-2022, and District House of Friendship Chair in 2022.

A graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute, Lohrum has assisted in facilitating continuing RLI classes. She has attended four Rotary International Conventions, including the 2023-24 Convention in Singapore. She is a Major Donor and a Paul Harris Society member. A Major Donor is a Rotarian who has contributed at least \$10,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

Outside of Rotary, Lohrum served as a two-term President of the Greensburg Decatur County Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer for the Arts and Cultural Council since 2015, and Board of Directors of Girls Inc. Shelbyville since 2022. She holds a BS degree in Finance from Ball State University and is the Executive Director of the Hospital Foundation of Decatur County. Lohrum resides in Greensburg with her husband Micah and two children, MacKenzie, 12, and Mason, 8, all honored as Paul Harris Fellows.

### ROTARY CALENDAR

**Jul 01** - District Governor Visit  
**Jul 08** - Service Project TBD  
**Jul 15** - Linda Simmons - Club Finances  
**Jul 22** - Networking Event  
**Jul 25** - Board Meeting (8am @ The Branch)  
**Jul 25** - Smoke Alarm Service Project  
**Jul 29** - 5th Monday @ Lk Santee 5p-9p

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<b>Robert DeHoff</b>	President
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<b>Larry Moore</b>	Rotary Foundation Chair
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<b>Mandy Lohrum</b>	District Governor

## GREENSBURG ROTARY PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Hello all,

As another month passes, I find it hard to believe that it's been almost a year since I became president of the club. It truly feels like just a few months ago.

In the past month, we welcomed three new members and dedicated several hours to cleaning our community. Our mission to grow the club while maintaining a service mindset is truly inspiring.

I encourage you to continue sharing the values of Rotary and our dedication to the community with others.

God bless, Rob

Want to know what events and speakers are coming to Greensburg Rotary? Just save the link [HERE](#) to your web-browsing favorites list to see what's in store for upcoming meetings and events!

There is now a [cashless option](#) to pay for your Happy Dollars and 50/50 tickets; simply mark the number of tickets and happy dollars on the meeting attendance sheet, and they will be added to your quarterly bill!



## Greensburg Rotary Holds Annual Leadership Changeover; Recognizes Rotarian OTY



(By Jeff Emsweller) Greensburg Rotary Club #3437 District #6580 held its annual officer changeover and award presentation event on Monday, June 17, during its normal, weekly meeting at The Branch. This event formally recognizes the changeover from one club year to the next, to include changes in members filling various board positions and presentation of the Jack Hurst “Rotarian of the Year” award for the outgoing club year.



Kelby Owens of Phase Fi-

nancial received the coveted Jack Hurst Award as the Greensburg Rotary Club Rotarian of the Year for 2023-24. President Rob DeHoff credited Kelby's dedication and quiet efforts behind the scenes as well as financial support of local Rotary causes as the determining factor. Jack Hurst was a lifelong member who had perfect attendance and Rotary dedication for years and that is why the award is named after him.

Lora Williams was honored for her service as a Board Member and Secretary of the Board, which has monumental responsibilities. Lora will step down as Secretary to become the local Rotary Foundation Director for 2024-25.

Board members for the 2024-2025 year were recognized by President Rob DeHoff and include Carrie Bedel (Secretary), Linda Simmons (Treasurer), Jeff Emsweller (Public Relations), Tami Wenning (Vocational Service), Daryl Tressler (Sergeant-at-Arms), Emily Kuntz Steele (Club/Youth Service), Kelby Owens (Membership Director), Steve Freeman (Program Chair), and Mandy Lohrum (District Governor for 2024-25). Rob DeHoff will maintain his role as President of Greensburg for 2024-25 year.

## Greensburg Rotary Committee Selects Annual Service Above Self Winners for 2024

At the June 03 Greensburg Rotary Meeting, Jenni Hanna announced the winners of the club's 2024 Service-Above-Self Awards: Addie Gauck of North Decatur High School and Ava Wilmer and Claire Nobbe of Greensburg Community High School.

The Service-Above-Self Award recognizes local high school seniors who have made service to the community a core part of their life during high school and as part of their plans for the future. Winners are based on scoring of a personal essay and their demonstrated dedication to serving the community.

Due to work and vacation schedules, award recipients were unavailable to attend the meeting, but Jenni took the time to read their essays for the club. (Service-Above-Self Recipient essays are attached at the end of this Rotary Bulletin.)

## Greensburg Rotary Continues Long-standing Special Olympics Tradition w/ Donation



(By Jeff Emsweller & Nathan Vandrey) Greensburg Rotary Club #3437 District #6580 has been a long time sponsor of the transportation of the Decatur County Special Olympians to the State Games via a luxury bus.

Special Olympics has been around for over 50 years now with the mission of “[providing] year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.”

To learn more about the amazing history and accomplishment of Special Olympics, click [HERE](#). To follow Special Olympics-Decatur County on Facebook, click [HERE](#)!





## Decatur County United Fund Exec Director Discusses Partners, Fundraising Efforts



Joane Cunningham, Executive Director of Decatur County United Fund (DCUF), presented the program at The Rotary Club of Greensburg #3437 meeting on Monday, June 10. Joane opened her presentation by stating she'd been with DCUF for over 15 years and "I still love my job!"

A large part of Joane's job is annually seeking funds for DCUF's continuing support to 16 local agencies and 21 local projects that provide significant impact Decatur County. "We vet our agency partners that are funded through a great process, because we know in a small rural community the Dynamics of non-profits sometimes can change pretty quickly," said Joane, "So I think in that regard we hold a very higher high standard on who we fund why we fund them and the impact that they're creating in our community."

Joane pointed out that the agencies DCUF has chosen to partner with represent a diversity of offering to help meet various needs in the community. These agencies include Champions of Youth, Advocates for Children, Carousel Play & Learn Center Day Care, Human Services Food Pantry, Head Start, Decatur County YMCA, Speranza House,

Our Hospice, Decatur County Youth Baseball, Decatur County Kid's Closet, Girl Scouts, Children's Advocacy Center, Turning Point, Catch-a-Ride, Community Healthcare Clinic, and Bread of Life.

In addition to raising funds for these local agencies, DCUF also advocates for volunteerism in the local community, primarily through their annual "Day of Caring." Held in September, this event sees DCUF match volunteers from agency partners and other entities throughout the community with local non-profits needing a bit of manual labor for a day. Last year, Day of Caring saw over 90 volunteers help out on 23 projects, including at the local animal shelter and senior center.

The annual United Fund Auction is planned for November 1st this year, and will have a "Halloween" theme. DCUF is already collecting donations to support that event.

For more information about the Decatur County United Fund, please see the brochure below and/or go to their website by clicking [HERE](#)! To follow them on Facebook, click [HERE](#)!



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Volunteering your time and talent throughout the community. 23 projects completed by 95 volunteers in 2023.



Camp Invention turns curious kids into innovative thinkers. 80 students participated in the Decatur County STEM Camp in 2024. It is a hands-on learning camp designed with activities in science, technology, engineering, mathematics.




Providing a pipeline of skilled high school graduates for today's workforce. 24 students graduated from Greensburg High School with this certification.



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Mentoring youth  
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812.372.2808  
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Human Services  
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Energy assistance  
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[hsi-indiana.com](http://hsi-indiana.com)




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Pre-K  
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Decatur County Family YMCA  
Fitness, childcare, & prevention programs  
812.663.9622  
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Bread of Life  
Food pantry & Education  
812.663.1855  
[greensburgbreadoflife.com](http://greensburgbreadoflife.com)




Community Healthcare Clinic of Decatur County  
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812.663.7707  
[communityhealthcareclinic.com](http://communityhealthcareclinic.com)




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800.330.7603  
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
Turning Point  
Domestic Violence Services  
812.379.5375  
[turningpointdv.org](http://turningpointdv.org)




Children's Advocacy Center  
Serves victims of child abuse  
812.222.0061  
[cacsotheast.org](http://cacsotheast.org)




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Girl Scouts  
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Decatur County Kid's Closet  
Clothing assistance for children  
[www.kccode.org](http://www.kccode.org)



Our Hospice  
Bereavement  
812.662.6375  
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## Second Annual Bourbon Tasting Fundraiser a Success; \$5100 Raised for Local Agencies



(By Jeff Emsweller) Greensburg Rotary Club #3437 District #6580 held its second annual Bourbon Tasting Fundraiser Event at Big Sky Steak & Spirits on Monday evening. A nearly sold out crowd of supporters enjoyed cocktails, bourbon tastings, appetizers, a silent action, comradery, and jazz music from Gary Lauziere. Sponsors for this event included Phase Financial, Williams Law Office, The Studebaker Studio, JCBank, and Centra Credit Union. Proceeds from this event help support Greensburg Rotary Club #3437 local contributions.





## Service Above Self Recipient Addie Gauck (North Decatur HS) Essay:

### "Service Above Self"

Service is a choice one must make everyday, or not make. The art of choosing to do or not to do a certain task is a reflection of one's true intentions and deepest heart. Looking into and around the world today, it is not common to see people put others before themselves. As a high school student I have seen both older and younger demonstrate curiosity to others while also seeing many demonstrate ignorance. Seeing each of these actions I realized that I did not want to be similar to those who were not willing to help others.

Throughout my highschool career I gained the opportunity to serve others through organizations like my church youth ministry, the Mayor's Youth council, 4-H, my FFA chapter, and finally my school. Through St. Mary's Youth Ministry I obtained the option to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference which allowed me to develop new perspectives on my faith and how I should treat and serve others. When returning from the conference I used the perspectives gained to help create a more active youth ministry by creating the concept of "Youth Night". This event creates a way for young members of the church to further develop their faith while being led by upperclassmen. I served as one of those upperclassmen who shared my stories, findings, and journey with the youth. Since my first trip to NCYC I learned the importance of teaching others the great deals that faith holds.

Participating in 4-H for 10 years has shown me multiple examples of how I can and do show service over self. Through my 4-H club, Saltcreek Jr. Farmers, I started my service right away by helping with fish fries, roadside cleanup, and fairgrounds cleanup. After helping with multiple service projects I felt a yearning to do more, so I did. I ran for an office in my club and worked my way up to the top as President. In that position, in which I have served 4 years, I was able to create many opportunities to help younger members of the club create a new passion or joy for something through 4-H. I love seeing younger members strive to be their best selves while learning important life skills of management, public speaking, and many more.

Similarly to 4-H I gained many opportunities to develop people through FFA. Serving as Vice President at the moment I have a big influence on the members of my chapter, allowing me to make more of a difference. I choose to serve the members of the chapter by teaching them about presentation, accountability, responsibility, and how to be successful. I have been able to serve my community through the numerous service projects my chapter does together.

Experiencing all of the opportunities to help others grow and develop into better people brings me joy and excitement like none other. As I have succeeded in my life so far, I want to continue to do everything possible to help anyone and everyone else become their best version. I will continue to show service and perform acts of service throughout my lifetime because I know how important it can be for one to look out for another and help them through a journey. I want to continue to show service over self because of the joy it brings me.

## Service Above Self Recipient Ava Wilmer (Greensburg HS) Essay:

### Service Above Self

Many people live with schedules packed full of activities and commitments. Finding openings in my busy agenda to selflessly help those in need by volunteering is how I demonstrate putting "Service Above Self." I believe each volunteering opportunity I have been a part of has helped to remind me what it means to be a part of something bigger than myself.

In my parish, I have volunteered in the kitchen and several game booths at the St. Mary's Picnic and SMAFA Chili Supper for numerous years. I have also been a Vacation Bible School group leader for preschool and kindergarten. These experiences have taught me the importance of community togetherness and serving God and my parish before myself. Without everyone's involvement and generous service, events like this would not be possible.

I have also had many volunteering opportunities in the community through different clubs and organizations I am a part of. I have volunteered to cook and serve pancakes at the Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast for the last four years. This not only taught me teamwork but has made me realize how great it feels to put a smile on someone's face. Some of my favorite events to volunteer at are ones where I can recognize the joy I am bringing to a child. These events have included volunteering at the Kid's Closet last year, wrapping Christmas presents for kids in the Head Start Program for the last two years, and wrapping Christmas presents for the Cheer Fund this past year. These also remind me to thank God for all my blessings and pray for those less fortunate. In the past year, I have additionally volunteered at Greensburg's College Fair to escort college representatives to their booths. I have also helped run a booth for Mayor's Youth Council at National Night Out. Recently, I have also gotten involved with tutoring at Greensburg Jr. High School. This has allowed me to help any kids struggling with homework and be someone they can look up to.

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## Service Above Self Recipient Ava Wilmer (Greensburg HS) Essay (Cont'd):

Aside from volunteering, helping my grandparents with tasks is another way I have demonstrated "Service Above Self." As they have gotten older, their needs have, in turn, grown as well. Spending my time providing trips to the store, rides to church, and help around the house are ways I have been able to impact their lives. I realize it was a blessing to be able to assist them, and to this day my sisters and I are still thanked frequently by them for all the many tasks that seem so simple to us but are a tremendous help to them. We provided them with the relief of knowing they did not need to stress about how they would get groceries this week or if they could make it to the mailbox to pick up their mail, along with brightening their day just by simply visiting with them.

These opportunities have taught me how important it is to share my time and talents with others while I still can. This has also taught me that making a difference in someone's life does not need to be a big ordeal. By giving up a minimal amount of time to help with these tasks, I truly left a lasting impact on others. My goal is to always live true to "Service Above Self," positively impacting others' lives without expecting anything in return. The services I have helped provide leave me with a satisfactory feeling of helping the less fortunate and knowing I have contributed to bettering someone's day. In college and beyond, I will continue giving my time to those in need by volunteering at local organizations or tutoring at schools in the area.



## Service Above Self Recipient Claire Nobbe (Greensburg HS) Essay:

Growing up in a Christian household, I was always taught to put others before myself. My family has been a great example and the kindness that they have shown ultimately taught me the importance of kindness. Their kindness provoked me to carry on the tradition of helping others and showing generosity in any way possible. Through many different scenarios, the idea of "Service Above Self," has truly been exemplified and displayed as a real priority in my life.

A huge blessing in my life has been having the opportunity to help and serve others. From a young age, my family has encouraged me to get involved in an organization known as Hot Meals. This involvement made a big difference in the community by preparing and sending out dinners to those in need. I like to think that my actions and participation in Hot Meals created positive alterations in the lives of the meal recipients. That said, in order to continue the service aspect, I had to give up different opportunities outside of the helpful realm. I missed different social situations such as shopping, hanging out with friends, or even just a calm Sunday afternoon. I also volunteered with multiple tennis and volleyball camps at school, helping children learn more about the sports that I love. With these camps being around finals, I had to sacrifice valuable studying time. I ended up staying up late afterward to prepare for my tests that were soon to come. This truly tested my want to volunteer and allowed me to put others before myself. Because I enjoy helping others, I was also involved in Church Cleaning, church gathering volunteering, and other volleyball teaching experiences, along with various opportunities within the community.

After completing all of this service, I am proud that I was involved and helpful to different people. I am ultimately glad to have made a difference in people's lives. Sure, it took a lot of time away from my high school experience, but I was happy to put others first and would do it again in a heartbeat. The opportunity to positively impact the community is one that not everyone has and I am grateful to have had the blessing.