

## Local Restaurateur & Entrepreneur Speaks to Greensburg Rotary About New Soy-based Snack Food Venture



(By Nathan Vandrey & Jeff Emsweller) During the October 7th Greensburg Rotary meeting, Mayasari “Maya” Effindi, owner of the local Mayasari Indonesian Grill, spoke to Rotarians about her newest venture into the food market, Maya Tempeh chips - sold as “SoyaMaya.”

Tempeh is a traditional Indonesian fermented soybean product that has gained popularity worldwide for its nutritional benefits and versatility in cooking. Indeed, Tempeh is the primary source of protein for much of the Indonesian population. Maya has spin off from her strong background in Indonesian food and her long-running efforts as a local advocate for Soybean sales from Decatur county to he home country of Indonesia to successfully use locally produced soybeans to product the SoyaMaya chips under her brand “Mayasari Tempeh,” and they’re available now in several grocery stores

and restaurants across Southern Indiana.

During her presentation (which included samples of the delicious snack) Mayasari discussed her desire to bolster not just appreciation for this traditional food but also the local agriculture economy. With a team of just six people (herself, her husband, Richard Mays, an administrative manager and three production managers), Maya has rapidly gone from concept to production and distribution of the SoyaMaya product, including building up a local production facility. Maya’s stresses that her soy-based chips differ from other, similar products on the market in that they are completely plant-based and rely on locally-grown soybeans and production.

To learn more about Maya, her restaurant and her production facility in Greensburg, IN. visit: <https://www.mayasaritempeh.com/> and/or her [YouTube Video](#) - Better yet, visit Mayasari Restaurant in beautiful downtown Greensburg. The food is fantastic.



### ROTARY CALENDAR

- Nov 04 - GCHS Girls’ Basketball Coach
- Nov 08 - Friends of the Foundation Event
- Nov 09 - Service Project - Greensburg Veteran’s Day Parade (9:30-11a)
- Nov 11 - Veteran’s Day—**NO MEETING**
- Nov 18 - Colin Rigney - Dean of Students GCHS/Boys’ Basketball
- Nov 19 - Board Mtg (8a) @ The Branch
- Nov 25/Dec 2 - Cheer Fund Service Project

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## GREENSBURG ROTARY PRESIDENT’S CHAT

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your commitment to Rotary and the meaningful work we do together. Your dedication to our mission is inspiring, and I am so grateful for the many ways you contribute to our club and our district.

Thank you for the efforts many of you have made to connect with other Rotary clubs within our district. By attending meetings and supporting their initiatives, you’re helping to strengthen our broader Rotary community and embody the spirit of “Service Above Self.” Showing other clubs that we are all united in our shared mission to make a positive impact.

As we move forward, let’s keep the story of Rotary alive in our hearts and minds. When you have the opportunity, I encourage you to share that story with others. You never know who may be inspired to join us in our mission and bring new energy, talents, and ideas to our club.

Finally, I want to wish each of you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you have a chance to relax, reflect, and enjoy the holiday with loved ones.

May this season bring you joy, gratitude, and warmth.

God bless all of you, and thank you.

Rob

**The Zoom Link for our Monday meetings has changed**

The new link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85149035092?pwd=zjHU6SLb3z7qazLeRVndnyeJXibwfk.1>

The Meeting ID is: 851 4903 5092

The Passcode is: 491176



## Medicare Agent/Rotarian Speaks to Upcoming Changes in Program Benefits/Costs

On October 21, Greensburg Rotarian Jaime Ritchey, a local Medicare Benefits representative spoke to Greensburg Rotarians about upcoming changes to Medicare benefits, programs, and supplementals.

Jamie identified the main drivers to upcoming changes to Medicare as the ongoing high inflation and associated 2024 Inflation Reduction Act, Reduction in insurance carrier payments by CMS, and a refocus by CMS on core medical/health benefits—moving away from benefits such as helping with grocery costs and utility payments.

Jaime stated that federal funding for CMS has seen cuts since 2023, and these cuts will continue into 2025. The federal government is in negotiations with pharmaceutical companies about cutting process for a number of name-brand drugs, but there is no clear indication of how this will affect the majority of Medicare recipients.

Medicare recipients can expect a slight increase in copays. The government is working with insurance companies on a deal to limit drug plan increases in 2025, but expect reductions in benefits and increased costs in 2026. It's likely that dental benefits will also be reduced or eliminated.

Jaime stressed a few “important things to consider: your ANOC from your insurance company will show upcoming changes in coverage; it's ESSENTIAL to have your Medicare plan reviewed during the open season for changes; ignore the barrage of advertising on TV, radio, email, etc. - these are most often not the best options; it's illegal for anyone to call you to solicit any aspect of your Medicare benefits; and never, ever give out your MBI number and/or zip code.

Anyone seeking more information about Medicare choices and changes can contact Jamie at 812-560-4957 or stop by his office at the Medicare Resource Center - 111 E. Main Street, Greensburg, and make an appointment. Jaime is a 100% independent Medicare Agent and his services are free.

## Greensburg Rotary's October Service Project Gives a Shine to Local Childcare Center

For their October Service Project, Greensburg Rotarian's took on the daunting task of cleaning up behind little children! On ## October, they swung by [Carousel Play & Learn Center](#) for an hour of hands-on deep cleaning of windows, floors, classrooms, and play areas. This effort was made more meaningful by the fact that Greensburg Rotary is one of the founding organizations of this local, community-owned, non-profit.



## Register Now for the Rotary International Convention 2025 - Calgary, Canada

Embark on an exhilarating journey of connection and inspiration at the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary! Engage in riveting discussions, learn from distinguished speakers, and explore enlightening breakout sessions against the backdrop of Calgary's picturesque beauty nestled amid the Canadian Rockies.

Fueled by friendship and a spirit of collaboration, exchange best practices, ignite innovative projects, and form lifelong connections with fellow changemakers from around the world.

Take part in this transformative, one-of-a-kind event and experience the Magic All Around at the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada 21-25 June 2025. Click [HERE](#) for convention information and registration!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**GREENSBURG ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
**BRUNER EVENT CENTRE, ST PAUL**  
**(MORE INFORMATION TO COME)**



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!



## Greensburg Rotarians Rise and Shine in Early-Morning World Polio Day Event



World Polio Day was celebrated 24 October, and Greensburg Rotarians came out (very early) to pass on the message to Greensburg residents that the battle to eliminate this disease is “this close” to victory. Rotarians gathered as early as 5:30am at the local Cornerstone Bakery to hand out purple-iced donuts to customers of the long-standing, local shop. Purple icing was chosen in recognition of the purple dye used on the finger of Polio vaccine recipients to indicate they’ve been inoculated.

World Polio Day is an annual observance when members of Rotary International, along with public health advocates and individuals committed to a polio-free world, convene to commemorate their accomplishments in the global campaign



against polio. This day also provides a platform for deliberation on the requisite measures to permanently eliminate polio from the face of the Earth.

October 24 was selected for this annual event because it’s the birthdate of Virologist and researcher Jonas Salk, the man who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis. Use of this and subsequent vaccines has resulted in a 99% elimination of this fatal or crippling disease worldwide.

## US President Biden Issues Official, Oct 24 Statement in Honor of World Polio Day



On October 24, 2024, United States President Joseph “Joe” Biden issued the following statement about World Polio Day:

The United States is proudly a leader and core strategic partner in the world’s quest to eradicate polio and because of our efforts, the world has a historic window of opportunity to end polio for good. Today, we reaffirm our commitment to secure a polio-free future.

Through our leadership in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, our sustained commitment to ending polio has resulted in 20 million people walking today who otherwise could have been paralyzed. We have reduced the number of children paralyzed by 99.9 percent and vaccinated over 3 billion children against polio. However, polio persists in some of the world’s most challenging environments.

If high vaccination rates against polio are not achieved and maintained, including amidst instability, conflict, and misinformation mounting around the world, the risk of polio outbreaks will rise even in places long considered polio-free, like we’ve recently seen in New York, London, and Ukraine as well as in Gaza, where all parties must ensure the safe and effective implementation of the polio vaccination campaign that is urgently needed throughout Gaza.

In order to achieve the goal of eradicating polio, the world must rally together. Delivering a polio-free world with stronger health systems and communities is not only the right thing to do for humanity, but a smart investment in the health of future generations and our collective global health security. Together, we can make it a reality.

## Greensburg Rotary Brings Another New Member Into the Fold at 21 Nov Meeting

Lola (Fox) Vandrey, daughter of Greensburg Rotarian Jerry Fox and wife of Greensburg Rotarian Nathan Vandrey, became the club’s newest Rotarian following her induction at the 21 October meeting.

Lola was raised in Rushville, Indiana, by Jerry and her mom, Darleen Fox. She has an Associates of Science degree from Vincennes University in Elementary Education and a Bachelors of Science degree in Child Development from La Verne University (CA). Lola is the Executive Director of Carousel Play & Learn Center, a local, non-profit childcare facility founded by the Decatur County community, including Greensburg Rotary.

Lola and Nathan have been married since 1993 and have two children, Kathryn (29) and Samuel (25).

Welcome Lola to the Greensburg Rotary family!



### PONSETTIA SALES ARE ON-GOING!!!

Please ensure you give your orders and payments to Diane Hart-Dawson NLY 25 November, and please sign up to help out with organization and delivery of orders on 6-7 December using the link [HERE](#). (See Page 5)



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!

Covenant Resources Miscarriage Ministry is a non-profit supported by Greensburg Rotary. The organization's founder, Rebecca Harpring, has an open invitation to the community to attend the dedication ceremony of the Little Souls Cemetery



## You Are Invited to the Little Souls Cemetery Dedication

Sunday, December 8, 2024

1:30 p.m.

At South Park Cemetery, Greensburg



Picture of Cemetery During Construction.

This new cemetery will provide a place in Decatur County for families to memorialize or bury their miscarried babies.



Your support of this project has been greatly appreciated!  
May God bless you always!

For more information about this event, reschedule notices due to inclement weather, or to have your baby's name read aloud during the dedication, please visit [www.covenantresources.org/events](http://www.covenantresources.org/events).

Covenant Resources Miscarriage Ministry  
P.O. Box 433, Greensburg, Indiana 47240  
812-212-3463  
[www.covenantresources.org](http://www.covenantresources.org)  
[contactus@covenantresources.org](mailto:contactus@covenantresources.org)



Poinsettia sales are on-going. Please use the form (below) for orders (due NLT 25 November), and please go to the link [HERE](#) to sign up for hour-long shifts on Friday, Dec 6 (12:30-5:30p), and Saturday, Dec 7 (10:-11:30a) to help with Poinsettia distribution and delivery

GREENSBURG ROTARY CLUB

2024  
28th ANNUAL  
HOLIDAY POINSETTIA SALE



We are offering superior quality Poinsettias for the low price of \$13.00 per plant.

THE 2024 POINSETTIAS ARE:

- FROM Kruger-Maddux Greenhouse
- 12" - 18" TALL PLANTS
- 5 - 7 BLOOMS
- FOIL WRAPPED AND COVERED IN A 6 1/2" POT
- CHOICE OF RED, WHITE, MARBLE, PINK OR SPECKLE (RED & PINK) BLOOMS

THIS SALE OF POINSETTIAS SERVES TWO PRIMARY PURPOSES:

- To raise funds for the county, scholarships to our local students and other worthy Rotary community service projects.
- To reward the public with an excellent product.

Poinsettia PICK-UP:

Friday, December 6, 2024----- 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Saturday, December 7, 2024 ---- 10 AM – 11:30 AM

at the Decatur County Family YMCA

1 YMCA Way

Greensburg, IN 47240

For more information, phone 812-663-9622 (ask for Diane Hart-Dawson) or email [dianehtd@dcfymca.org](mailto:dianehtd@dcfymca.org)

I ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia (s) @ \$13.00 each, Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_ Marble \_\_\_\_\_ Speckle \_\_\_\_\_  
RCD By \_\_\_\_\_ Pick -up \_\_\_\_\_ Delivery \_\_\_\_\_ (Greensburg only & an extra charge of \$1 per plant)  
*You may keep this top portion as a receipt. (Top Portion Customer Copy)*

ORDER FORM POINSETTIAS 2024

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Return to: Greensburg Rotary Club, c/o Diane Hart-Dawson, Decatur County Family YMCA, Greensburg, IN 47240  
or email [dianehtd@dcfymca.org](mailto:dianehtd@dcfymca.org).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I want to order \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia (s) @ \$13.00 each, Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_ Marble \_\_\_\_\_ Speckle \_\_\_\_\_

Included is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_, Made payable to Greensburg Rotary Club.

Pick -Up \_\_\_\_\_ Delivered \_\_\_\_\_ (Greensburg only & an extra charge of \$1 per plant)

Return order form and check no later than November 25, 2024. (Orders will be accepted after this date but cannot be guaranteed)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_