

Youth to Yellowstone Hosts Local Kids on Life-changing Trip



From R-L: Tim Hausman of Youth to Yellowstone, Linda Simmons (speaker sponsor), and Rotary Club President Alex Sefton

The United States is a nation blessed with abounding natural beauty, with its natural wonders preserved through the efforts of the [National Parks Service \(NPS\)](#). Indeed, according to the NPS, the nation's national parks had over 297 million visitors in 2021!

However, there are many who do not have the means to travel to these monuments to nature and enjoy their splendor. According to Tim Hausman, that's a problem [Youth for Yellowstone](#) (Decatur County) seeks to address for students in our local community. Youth to Yellow-

stone in Decatur County is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to providing local "travel-challenged" high school juniors with the opportunity to experience the trip of a lifetime - a 12-day, all-expense-paid trip to Yellowstone and Grand Tetons National Parks. During this 4,000-mile trip, students, chaperoned and guided by vetted adult volunteers, experience the wonders of two national monuments, Mount Rushmore and Devil's Tower, and three national parks, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, and Badlands. They also get to see [Crazy Horse Monument](#), the Lakota [Dignity Statue](#), and the [Corn Palace](#). Eight days are spent tent camping in Canyon Campground in Yellowstone, with daily excursions to different sites and biomes within the park.

As part of their trip package, students also receive hiking boots, a jacket, t-shirts, a digital camera, and two SD cards to capture and keep photos from their trip. They are also given some basic photography lessons. Hausman said it isn't unusual for the kids to take over a thousand pictures during their trip, and that more than one of the students from previous trips had taken up photography as a hobby after home.

But it's more than just a nice trip, photos, and some new clothing that students take away. According to Hausman, they also learn important social skills that serve them the rest of their lives: developing friendships, teamwork, planning, and a respect for nature. Some of the friendships that develop during the trip

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ROTARY CALENDAR

Nov 07 - Nora Bruns - 4-H

Nov 11 (745a) - Board Meeting @ the Branch

Nov 14 - Eric Rowles—High Point Orchard

Nov 21 - RYLA kids report

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Greensburg Rotary 26th Annual Poinsettia Fundraiser Begins!!

Greensburg Rotarian Diane Hart-Dawson, Director of the Decatur County YMCA, announced the beginning of Greensburg Rotary Club's annual Poinsettia Sales Fundraiser. Club President Alex Sefton set the goal of surpassing last year's record sale of 694 Poinsettias for a total of \$6,940 in sales, netting ~\$2,700 for local Rotary scholarships

An electronic version of the sales form will be sent to all club members via email and will be available on the club website. A copy of the form will also be attached to all Greensburg Rotary Bulletins during the fundraiser.

Forms and checks (made payable to Greensburg Rotary Club) are due by **21 November**, and pick-up/delivery days will be **2 & 3 December** at the Decatur County Family YMCA.



GREENSBURG ROTARY PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Hey, friends!

Another month bites the dust. It's November starting tomorrow! How crazy is that?! Thanks to Linda Simmons for recruiting today's program. Youth to Yellowstone is an amazing organization, and it was nice to learn a little more about it. As we enter into the Thanksgiving season, I challenge each of you to wear your thankfulness on your sleeve this month. If you're thankful for a coworker, tell him! If you're thankful for your wife, tell her! If you're thankful for a new client, let him know. If you're thankful for a fellow Rotarian, be eager to share the impact she's had on your life. There's a whole lot to be thankful for in our community and in our club. I can't wait to hear all about it!

Hope you all have a great week! You are loved!

Best, Alex

“Yellowstone” Cont’d endure, and Hausman said one group still meets regularly to catch up with each other.

Hausman said Youth to Yellowstone’s annual summer trip schedule includes two of these trips, with 7-8 students per trip. When they started the program in 2014, all 16 youth went in a single trip. However, according to Hausman, they didn’t “get the results they wanted,” with the number of students resulting in less individual attention.

Youth for Yellowstone is always in need of corporate, organizational, and individual donors to help support this effort to provide a unique travel opportunity to our local youth. Each trip costs approximately \$13,000, and rising transportation and materials costs have already forced the organization to drop the number of slots available from 16 to 14 for the summer of 2022. Indeed, Hausman said transportation costs were expected to increase 47% this year!



The organization is also always on the look out for adult volunteers to accompany the students on these trips. Adults must be at least 25 years old and have a valid drivers license. They are vetted by local law enforcement and provided CPR/AED training by the Westport Fire Department, which also loans AED units for the trips. Each adult must pay for their own trip costs, about \$500 each, but that price includes travel, food, and all park accesses.

If you’re interested in volunteering or donating to help Youth to Yellowstone, please contact Tim Hausman at 812-593-3057.



Greensburg Rotarians Celebrate Being “This Close” on International World Polio Day

On 24 October, World Polio Day, Greensburg Rotarians partnered with The Branch to bring awareness to Decatur County residents of the worldwide efforts of people and organizations, including Rotary, to eradicate this dreaded disease. The Branch offered drink specials from 10a - 12p, with Rotarians present to provide guests with information about the fight against Polio and giving out tickets for a free “Purple Coffee.” A purple dye is applied to children who receive the Polio vaccination during mass-vaccination events. The indicator prevents double-dosing the vaccine.

As part of the event, Greensburg Mayor Joshua Marsh issued a city proclamation of October 24th as “World Polio Day” in Greensburg, showing the community support to an effort that has brought the disease “this close” to eradication, only the second disease after Small Pox.

According to [Rotary International](#), Polio (Poliomyelitis) is a highly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of five, spreading from person to person, typically through contaminated water. It can attack the nervous system, and in some instances, lead to paralysis. Although there is no cure, there is a safe and effective vaccine – one which Rotary and our partners use to immunize over 2.5 billion children worldwide. Thanks to a worldwide, concentrated effort to vaccinate against this dreaded disease, the number of polio cases has dropped 99.9% since 1988, with only two countries (Pakistan and Afghanistan) still listed as having endemic, or consistently present, Polio cases.

Beginning with a Polio vaccination effort in the Philippines in 1979, Rotary International has been a part of the Polio eradication effort for 35 years, using its network of over 46,000 clubs and 1.4 million members in over 200 countries (more countries than are represented in the United Nations) to spread information about the campaign, organize vaccination efforts, and raise essential funding. Indeed, Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary’s advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

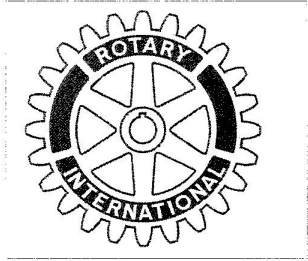
The first major documented polio outbreak in the United States occurs in Vermont in 1894. Eighteen deaths and 132 cases of permanent paralysis were reported. In 1916, A major polio outbreak in New York City killed more than 2,000 people, mostly children. By the 1950s, the disease would cause 15,000 cases of paralysis annually. However, thanks to a safe, oral vaccine developed in the 1955 and a concerted vaccination effort through the schools, Polio was eliminated in the United States by 1979. Children in the United States continue to receive the Polio vaccine because the disease still occurs in other parts of the world and, in a time of regular international travel, could easily be brought into the country. Indeed, a case of polio was identified in New York City in September 2022, the first case in the country since 2013. This infection was a result of the unvaccinated patient being exposed to the virus overseas, then traveling back to the United States.



GREENSBURG ROTARY CLUB

2022
26th ANNUAL
HOLIDAY POINSETTIA SALE

We are offering superior quality Poinsettias
for the low price of \$11.00 per plant.



THE 2022 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.
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Poinsettia PICK-UP:

Friday, December 2, 2022----- 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Saturday, December 3, 2022 ---- 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 diane hd@dcfymca.org

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You may keep this top portion as a receipt. (Top Portion Customer Copy)

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Name _____ Phone _____ Bus Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

I want to order _____ Poinsettia (s) @ \$11.00 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 21, 2022. (Orders will be accepted after this date but cannot be guaranteed)

Signature _____ Date _____