



Speakers

May 16, 2023

Clay County Update
**County Commissioner JB
Renninger and County
Manager Howard
Wanamaker**

May 23, 2023

Interact Club SJCDs &
Athlete of the Year

May 30, 2023

Clay County Teacher of the
Year



Birthdays

Farris Robinson

May 5th

Selena Barbieri

May 17th

Cindy Grassi

May 27th

Wedding Anniversaries

Josh & Shelley Farmer

May 4th

Brett & Diane Hutchings

May 9th

Bob & Teresa Harrington

May 16th

The COG

2022-23 #46

Club Program - May 16, 2023

Clay County Update



JB Renninger, Vice Chair County Commissioner

The goals and objectives of the Clay County Board of County Commissioners directly relate to its mission to provide for the quality of life, safety, and health of the county's citizens. The Commission is committed to a vision of a better tomorrow and the best possible today.

The Board of County Commissioners is the lawmaking body of the county that has operated under the Home Rule charter since 1991. Charter powers address self-government, which cannot conflict with general law or special law approved by the voters of the county. The county is governed by a

Lou & Cindy Grassi
May 23rd
Scott & Gi Teevan
May 26th
David & Susan Broskie
May 31st
Garland & Mary Lou Hudson
May 31st



Celebrating in May!

Jim Kaelin
34 Years
Curtis McClees
23 Years
Shelley Farmer
3 Years

five-member Board elected as single-member districts for four years.



Howard Wanamaker, County Manager

The mission of the County Manager's Office is to manage and direct all activities of the county government as outlined by the County Charter, Code of Ordinances, and as directed by the Board of County Commissioners. The County Manager's Office strives to provide the residents of Clay County with efficient, effective services that meet their needs through customer service-based delivery.

Rotary News



Rotary has a long history of working with youth, from providing scholarships, encouraging youth leadership and student exchange programs, to sponsoring youth-based service clubs.

From Interactor to International Student: How Rotary Has Guided My Path

By Yusuf M. Tasyurt, member of the 2022-2023 Rotary International Interact Advisory Council

I first learned about Rotary International when I was just 14 years old. Immediately interested in Rotary's focus on service and leadership, I knew this was an organization I wanted to be a part of. In my prep year of high school, I decided to join my school's [Interact club](#) and I recognize this as the first of many important steps in my Rotary journey.

In the five years since, **Interact has empowered me to serve my community and grow leadership skills** in many ways. In 2018 I participated in the [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#) (RYLA), organized by the Istanbul Rotary Club, where I learned that great leaders adapt and take initiative under difficult conditions. Two years later, I served as the President of my Interact club and helped to organize this same experience for others. Unfortunately, the pandemic hit that same year

and threatened to cancel our RYLA event. Recalling my experience as a RYLA participant and the valuable lessons on leadership I learned, I proactively suggested that we transition to an online RYLA and broaden our audience. We successfully organized our RYLA online and invited over 120 participants from all over the world to join!

The following year, I became District 2420's Interact Representative. In this role, I had access to mentors, from Rotaractors to Rotarians. I found this mentorship to be so valuable that I partnered with the Rotaractors in my district to create a project development mentorship program between Interactors and Rotaractors. This program empowered Interactors to build new skills and increase their commitment to Rotary through the personal connections they made with each other and their Rotaract mentors. Inspired by my experiences within my district, I was ready to reach Interactors across the globe and was selected to serve on the 2022-2023 Interact Advisory Council.

My experience in the 2022-2023 Interact Advisory Council has shown me that the Rotary spirit exists without borders. Not only was I able to build relationships and collaborate with Interactors and Interact alumni from different countries, but my contributions during my time on the Council will have an impact on Interact clubs across the globe!

Without Interact, I wouldn't have realized my potential for leadership and service. Interact has helped me discover my character and passion, and the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self" has become a guiding principle in my life that I strive to put into practice every day. Thanks to Rotary, I have learned that there is great satisfaction and fulfillment in service and making a positive impact on my community. I am also grateful for the friendships that I have made through Interact, and I am sure that these connections will last a lifetime.

As I prepare for the next chapter of my life, I am determined to remain committed to Rotary for life. Next year, I will be in the United States of America for my college education as an international student. Although I have never visited the USA before, being a part of a global organization that shares my values and beliefs instills me with a sense of confidence. I know that I will be welcome in my future Rotaract club, and I look forward to connecting with other Interact and Rotary members to make a positive impact on my new community.

Club News

The Citizen of the Year Committee is accepting nominations for the 2022-23 Citizen of the Year!

Please see Jane DiLoreto for nomination forms.

Club Happenings

CLUB MEETINGS

May 16th, 23rd & 30th

CLUB SOCIAL

~ Friday, June 2nd Casino Night
See *Nicole Hepler to sign-up*

UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECTS

~ OPJH Interact Project - Birthday Cake Boxes for Clay County Food Pantry
Donations being accepted to purchase kits

~ PET Project at Penney Farms



We continue to collect shoe boxes used for delivery of PET parts around the globe.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Courses available 24/7 - [Rotary Learning Center](#)

2022-23 Club Leadership



Bo Norton
President



Gi Teevan
President-Elect



Jack Scorby
Secretary



Michele Riley
Treasurer



Curtis McClees
iPast President



Shelley Farmer
Sergeant-at-Arms



Dan Powers
*Administration
Club Chair*



Jake Young
*Foundations
Club Chair*



Teresa Harrington
*Membership
Club Chair*



David Tarkington
*Public Image
Club Chair*



Mary Virginia Fisher
*Service Projects
Club Chair*



Nicole Hepler
*Social Events
Club Chair*
