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Youth Service Month

This Week

Dr. David Trouille Ph.D., Professor of Sociology at JMU

Last Week

Eric L. Fitzgerald – 4-H-FFA Awards



Next Week

Childcare Panel Discussion (Angela Rouse, Krisztina Szekely, and Delores Jameson)

May 15th

Ethics Awards – JMU FESTIVAL CENTER

Birthdays

Paul Leaman	5/2
John Downey	5/3

Anniversaries

Michael & Marlena Sharp	5/7
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Pictures

Did you know that we have an archive of pictures available online for you to view? Remember the antiques shows? Golf tournaments? Stuff the bus? Go to [Pictures](#) and have a look.

If you want to catch a monkey, behave like one. - Mozambican proverb

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary (by Steve Garret, District Governor 1994-1995)

41 – GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

One of the most popular and rewarding programs of The Rotary Foundation is the Group Study Exchange. Since the first exchange between districts in California and Japan in 1965, the program has provided educational experiences for about 25,000 business and professional men and women who have served on about 5,500 teams. The GSE program pairs Rotary districts to send and receive study teams. Since 1965, more than \$42 million has been allocated by The Rotary Foundation for Group Study Exchange grants.

One of the attractive features of GSE is the opportunity for the visiting team members to meet, talk, and live with Rotarians and their families in a warm spirit of friendship and hospitality. Although the original Group Study Exchanges were male only, in recent years teams include both men and women.

In addition to learning about another country as the team visits farms, schools, industrial plants, professional offices, and governmental establishments, the GSE teams serve as ambassadors of goodwill. They interpret their home nation to host Rotarians and others in the communities in which they visit. Many of the personal contacts blossom into lasting friendships.

Truly, the Group Study Exchange program has provided Rotarians with one of its most enjoyable, practical, and meaningful ways to promote world understanding.

Upcoming Service Projects

The RAM clinic is still in need of volunteers! Please visit <https://volunteer.ramusa.org/> to sign up for our **May service project**. Volunteers should fill out all of the necessary information and sign up for a time slot. United Way has expressed an increased need for the overnight parking slots.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The following represents the new Club Committee structure as we see it. Unless otherwise noted, all current committees were nested under the five major umbrella committees in this proposal.

I. Club Administration – Board Member Responsible: Current President

- A. Programs:
 1. Weekly Programming – Shannon Porter
 2. Audio/Visual – Michael Neupauer
 3. Invocation/Song – Les Helmuth
 4. Code of Ethics Awards – Andy Vanhook & Lynn Dively
 5. Club Scholarship Awards – Sue Totty & Mike Mendez
 6. Skelton-Jones Scholarships – Lynn Diveley
 7. 4-H/FFA Agriculture Awards - John Rosenberger
 8. YES! Economic Education Awards – Paul Cline
- B. Social Events – Wayne Witmer & TBD
- C. Member Communication and Attendance – Michael Neupauer
- D. Technology – Andy Miller
- E. Catering Contract Review – Tom Jackson
- F. Hospitality
 1. Family of Rotary – Valerie Weaver
 2. Welcome – Dan Rice

II. Membership – Board Member Responsible: Braydon Hoover

- A. New Member Attraction and Orientation – Robyn Neupauer
- B. Member Engagement - Ash Heatwole & Valerie Weaver
- C. Diversity, Inclusion, Equity – Michael Sharp

III. Public Image – Board Members Responsible: John Mather & Mike Garber

- A. Website – Michael Neupauer
- B. Social Media – Michael Neupauer (photos), John Mather, Mike Miriello
- C. Advertising and Marketing – John Mather
- D. Media Relations – Michael Miriello & Rodney Alderfer

IV. Services Projects – Board Member Responsible: Quinton Callahan

- A. Club Service Projects – Noah Yoder
 1. At least one Polio Event – TBD
 2. Strawberry Festival – Dave Larson
 3. ValleyFest – Andy Vanhook & Quinton Callahan
 4. Blacks Run Cleanup – Quinton Callahan
 5. Great Day of Sharing – Wayne Witmer
- B. Grants and Collaborative Projects – Quinton Callahan
- C. Youth Services – John Downey
 1. RYLA/Interact – Braydon Hoover
 2. Rotaract (both JMU and EMU) - TBD
 3. Youth Protection Coordinator – Braydon Hoover

V. Foundation – Board Members Responsible: John Rosenberger & Ken Horst

- A. Grants administration – Corey Davies
- B. Fundraising – Les Helmuth

Other local clubs and meeting times and places:

Harrisonburg Satellite – 2nd Wednesday, 5:30pm, Beyond Restaurant, Harrisonburg

Harrisonburg-Massanutten – 1st & 3rd Thursdays, Noon, Spotswood Country Club, Harrisonburg

Rockingham County – Tuesdays, 7am, Hyatt Place, Harrisonburg

Bridgewater – 1st, 3rd, 5th Tuesdays, 6pm, Alexander Mack Room, Bridgewater Retirement Community, Bridgewater

