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March 13th

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March 20th

Farm Bureau  
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March 27th

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## What is Rotary Rule of 85?

It is actually a provision of excused absence, according to Rotary International. The Rule of 85 is an exemption from regular attendance requirements stated in the club's by-laws. The qualified member's attendance is not counted when determining our overall club attendance for the month or year. A member can qualify if their age is 65 or above and the total of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs totals 85 years or more. The member must notify the club secretary in writing of their desire to be excused from attendance requirements and the board of

directors must approve. Upon approval, the member is still responsible for club dues and the cost of meals when the Rotarian is attending meetings. Rule of 85 members are strongly encouraged to support and participate in club service projects and participate in club social activities.

Our board recently approved the following members for R-85 status: David Grimes, Gayland Jones, Mary Caye Pfister, Steve Williams and Allen Varner. We now have 38 of our 124 members who are attendance exempt per the Rule of 85.

## Two Approved for Membership, Past Member Returns; Callahan Inducted

The board of directors has approved Dorothy Chambers, executive director of the Candles Holocaust Museum, and Mike Harding, retired school administrator, as new members. Chambers was nominated by Kim LaGrange. Dorothy previously served as an assistant dean at Columbia University. Mike is a retired Indiana school administrator. He is the volunteer president of the Friends of Rea Park, a non-profit group working with the Terre Haute Parks Board and the Terre Haute Parks Department to create a feasibility plan for the future use of Rea Park and restoration of the park's club house building. Allen Varner has been approved by the board to renew his Rotary membership.

Recently inducted as a new member was John Callahan. John was born and raised in Terre Haute. He is a graduate of Terre Haute North Vigo High School and Ball State University. After college he began his career as a data analyst working for First Merchants National Bank in Muncie and most recently for Allegion Corporation in Carmel. About a year ago, John moved back to Terre Haute with his wife, Marie and their daughter Eleanor, to begin working at Callahan & Hughes Funeral Home with his father, David. John is the third generation of the family to be a member of the Rotary Club of Terre Haute. David's father, John P. Callahan, was a long-time Rotarian. The family's involvement in our club spans roughly 75-80 years to date.

## Ross Chairs Membership Committee

Strategies for recruiting and retaining members are being discussed by a new membership committee chaired by past club president Brian Ross. Other members of the committee are Willie Banks, Kim LaGrange, Bobby Moore, Jane Nichols and Beth Tevlin. Our club with 124 Rotarians is the second largest among 32 clubs in our district. The Evansville club has 197 members, Bloom-

ington has 108, Columbus is fourth with 97 members. There are three Rotary clubs in Bloomington, two in Columbus and the same number in Evansville.



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## Member Profiles: 71 Years in Rotary



Jan and Lou Harmening

It will take a long time for a married couple in the Rotary Club of Terre Haute to outdo what Lou and Jan Harmening have accomplished. Not only was Jan the first woman to join her husband as a member of our club, their combined membership in Rotary totals 71 years.

Lou joined Rotary in 1976. Jan was the second woman to become a member of our club. In addition to their long tenure as Rotarians, Lou and Jan were the first and only married couple to be members of our club for many years. They've since been joined by P.J. and Bill Aubin.

"Lou joined when my dad (the late John Bloxsome) was a member," Jan recalls. She joined Rotary in 1988 not long after Rotary International approved women for membership. Jan will celebrate her 30th year in Rotary in March. Rotary membership in the Harmening family extended to their son, Andy, who was a Rotarian while living in Cincinnati. The family's Rotary involvement includes older son, Jeff, who has been a featured speaker twice at our club.

"Participating in Rotary meetings means sharing a common interest and listening to a variety of speakers which promotes interesting discussion," Lou said. "Being active in a service group is important to us. Getting to know people in other professions and knowing that Rotary promotes the

eradication of polio and does other good works through the foundation make us proud to be Rotarians."

When asked how our club has changed during her time as a member, Jan stated, "There are more female members and they are serving in leadership positions. There is also more professional diversity."

Jan's favorite Rotary volunteer project has been participating in the annual program to help the local Goodwill. Lou continues to use his teaching skills as a volunteer for Rotary Reads.

The two were attending DePauw University and met on a blind date to play bridge. Their bridge playing continues as it ranks among their favorite hobbies along with golf. After graduating from DePauw, Lou earned a master's degree from Northern Illinois University and began his teaching career at Glenbrook High School in Northbrook, Ill. While on the faculty at Elmhurst College, Lou accepted the position as registrar and assistant professor at Rose-Hulman in 1970. He retired from Rose-Hulman in 2001 as associate professor emeritus of American literature. Lou is also an honorary alumnus of the college. As if college teaching and administration was not stressful enough, Lou was a high school and college basketball referee for 20 years. He was honored by the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

Jan is a Wiley High School alumna and earned the bachelor's degree from DePauw. Her education continued at Indiana University where she received a master's in nursing and a doctorate degree in higher education administration. Jan's career began as a registered nurse at Evanston Hospital in Evanston, Ill. She became associate professor and chairperson of the undergraduate nursing program at Indiana State University. She later joined Union Hospital as vice president of patient care and retired in that position. Jan currently serves on the board of directors of the Goodwill and Maryvale Housing.

Lou and Jan have four grandchildren.

### Slate of 2018-19 Club Officers

President:	Craig McKee
President-Elect:	Nick Mahurin
President Nominee:	Kim Perkins
Treasurer:	Mike Collins
Secretary:	Jane Nichols



### March Birthdays

Day	Member
8	Mary Caye Pfister
8	Dave Piker
10	George Brattain
19	Tom Siefert
21	Chad Clark
25	Scotty Scott

## President's Column: The Power of Rotary's Common Purpose



Brien Smith

Rotary International paints a vision where people around the world work together to effect lasting change around the globe, in our communities, and within ourselves. What makes Rotary powerful is that we are a membership organization with a strong common purpose and direction. This common purpose serves as a foundation for the relationships we build within our club. Together we inspire each other to a higher calling and to direct our talents to several "avenues of service."

Soon, our club will be announcing this year's Four Avenues of Service award recipient. This award recognizes an individual's commitment to "service above self" which is channeled through Rotary's avenues of service: Club, Vocational, Community, International, and Youth.

- *Club service* strengthens the club through fellowship and beneficence. A strong club is anchored by friendship, interactions guided by purpose, and a sentiment toward membership development.
- *Vocational service* calls on every Rotarian to serve others through their vocations, education, and skill sets. Each Rotarian is called upon to use their unique skills to find solutions to the needs and problems of society.

### Don't Forget the Happy Jar

It is easy to forget as you talk to the always friendly group as you pay for your weekly lunch entering the Red Barn. On July 1, the money donated to the Happy Jar during the previous 12 months is given to a local charity. A perk of concluding the year as club president is that the outgoing president gets

- *Community Service* reflects the projects and activities each club undertakes to improve community life. Our club has a strong history of serving our community, especially in youth education and responding to the needs of the disadvantaged.
- *International Service* exemplifies Rotary's global reach in promoting peace and understanding. International service is strengthened when we give to the Rotary Foundation, sponsor projects in other countries, and work with international partners to support projects in their communities.
- *Youth Service* works to engage youth and young adults in leadership roles. Our club also has a rich history of empowering youth and young professionals through Rotaract,
- Interact, Rotary Youth Exchange and sponsoring students to attend the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards weekend retreat.

As we move forward, as a club we should continually reflect on the many avenues of service to which we are called. Let's continue to be leaders in service in our club, our vocations, our community, among the youth, and internationally. Together we make a difference.

to select the charity to receive the Happy Jar proceeds. Last year, Past President Brian Ross selected the Vigo County Education Foundation as the recipient of \$1,400 from donations to the Happy Jar.

### Mark Your Calendar—Future Rotary Activities

Attendance Make Up

Monday, April 2  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Noon at Goodwill Industries

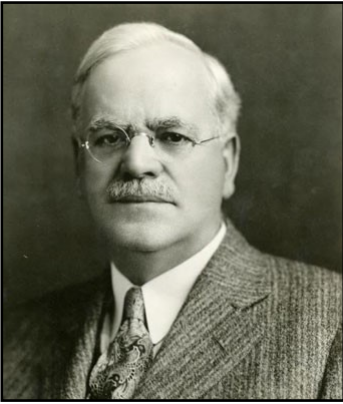
Tuesday, April 10  
North High School Interact Luncheon

Friday & Saturday, April 20-21  
All IN Rotary Statewide Conference  
Indianapolis Marriott

Saturday, May 12  
Next Club Service Project  
2018 Stamp Out Hunger Campaign



## Terre Haute Native Among Rotary's Founders



Silvester Schiele

There is a direct link between the creation of Rotary and Terre Haute. The link is Haultian Silvester Schiele, who met with Rotary founder Paul Harris and three other men on Feb. 23, 1905 for what became known as the first Rotary club meeting. Schiele a coal dealer, served as the Chicago club's first president in 1905 and Rotary International's third treasurer in 1945. Born in Terre Haute in 1870, Schiele attended Terre Haute Business College and

served in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War. He was president of the Schiele Coal Company from 1902 until his retirement in 1939. He and Harris became lifelong friends and lived near each other on the South Side of Chicago. Schiele died on 17 December 1945 and is buried near Harris at Mount Hope Cemetery. Now you know!

## 11 Community Service Organizations Receive Rotary Donations

Donations totaling \$6,478 from our club's foundation were presented to 11 Vigo County non-profit organizations that help under privileged children, people who have suffered domestic abuse and families struggling to pay utility or medical bills. The Wabash Valley Health Center received the largest grant of \$1,000 to assist families living in poverty be able to afford medical treatment. Camp Navigate for children was awarded a \$980 donation to purchase a commercial refrigerator. The 14th and Chestnut Community Center will use its \$798 donation for maintenance at the center. The St. Joseph University Parish accepted a grant for \$750 for its program to help the poor pay for utility services.

Four charities each received \$500 donations. The Terre

Haute Women's Club will use its gift to purchase shoes for under privileged children. Rotary's donation to the West Central Indiana Community Action Agency will purchase new coats for under privileged children. The Council on Domestic Abuse will use its grant to purchase food for those it serves. Vaccination services provided by the Terre Haute Humane Society will be enhanced by the support from Rotary.

Gibault Children's Services will use its \$450 gift to purchase textbooks. Rotary donated \$250 to help the Terre Haute Children's Museum bring special exhibits to the museum. Art Spaces also received a \$250 donation to assist in the renovation of a culturally important area of downtown Terre Haute.



Representatives of 11 non-profits that received 2018 Rotary grants