

Pat Spellman, president of Perry's Rotary International chapter, gives information on the organization to the first woman member, Patty Anderson.

Rotary club inducts first woman member

• By Juli D. Probasco Chief managing editor

There have been two firsts for the Rotary International chapter in Perry this summer.

The first was when the local chapter adopted by-laws written in non-sexist language. Those were adopted on July 1. The second first came about Aug. 12 when the group admitted the first woman member — Patty Anderson, a Perry real estate agent.

Anderson said she hadn't really thought about joining Rotary until she was invited to do so by a local member.

She visited one meeting and was met with friendly members and an enjoyable group, she

Anderson said she felt some hesitation about joining because of the possible controversial nature of being the first women. "But the one time I did go before I joined, I did feel welcome and I didn't feel there was any resentment."

The new member is a real estate agent with

Heenan Realty, Better Homes and Gardens in Perry. She also serves as secretary-treasurer of the Raccoon Valley Board of Realtors.

Pat Spellman, a local attorney and president of Rotary in Perry, said he expects other women to

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local Rotary president

join. Prospective members can either ask to join or be invited to join.

When a new member is considered, the Rotary chapter looks at the by-laws to see if the person is eligible. Some of that depends on profession.
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tion," Pat commented about Rotary admitting women. Spellman explained that the programs and special projects of Rotary are not genderoriented.

The current project of the international organization is to raise money for polio vaccinations for countries where polio is a problem. Locally, weekly programs by people such as business

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Fatal

 By Nancy Carver Chief reporter

One of two Perry men accused of of Luther admits to the shooting, but

"It was an accident," said Gary Y with LeRoy Basham, 37, are accused Luther on March 2.

Winnett's remarks are contained interrogation by C.W. Wood, an age ment of Criminal Investigation.

The court documents show that \ third person, Brad Johnson, had me Oscar Mayer plant in Perry.

Johnson, Winnett said, was the rob Carithers on March 2. Johnson a work and Winnett was working at B

"He (Johnson) knew where we money and all we'd have to do is to and beat him up and take his mo. drugs or anything just money," Wi queried by Wood at the Perry pol according to the documents.

Winnett said Johnson had the ide was the one who later went to the a story of what happened, leading to

Basham and Winnett were arreste

Town & activities

· By Juli D. Probasco Chief managing editor

Perry's 10th annual Town & (several traditional events --- such a addition offers new activities -- suc a talent show.

A major activity, which drew a l are go-cart races, slated for Sunt The myriad of activities get unde

ing earlier in the week.

A valuable coin display opened h be on display through Friday du

Among the coins on display ar compised of a silver half dollar, a si gold panda Chinese coin.

An Easter Seal Society Handicraf to 5 p.m. at the Knights Lounge The Friends of the Public Librar, Friday and Saturday where the Cloth

Tarlton Aviation will be giving a Airport throughout the weekend. Ri ing to how many fly, will be given

Appointments can be made by c Fans of '50s and '60s music and ' and listen to the music beginning at

at the Dairy Stripe. The show will resume Saturday

Man found guilty of vehicular ho

nited Methodist Church is ing postponed.

The social will now be on pt. 9 and will start at 5 p.m.

air performer

Danielle McKinney, 13, of le will present a tap act ing Bill Riley's 28th annual a State Fair Talent Search at

Iowa State Fair running m today to Aug. 30 in Des

²reliminary competition date Sunday, beginning at 1 p.m. the Coke Plaza stage.

chleisman named

More than 50 Iowans from ross Iowa are volunteering to ordinate Take Pride in Iowa ojects in their communities. Ťake Pride in Iowa is a yearng celebration of pride nounced by Gov. Terry Branid in June.

Branstad appointed Roland Whitey' Schleisman of Perry

to help coordinate events in Dallas County.

August is Take Pride in Iowa Communities month. September will highlight Take Pride in Labor and Industry.

Ministry comes

The Heaven and Home Hour of Glendale, Calif., will be featured at First Baptist Church 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

This ministry is regularly featured on Christian radio stations. The Heaven and Home Hour individuals appearing at First Baptist will be involved at programs each day at the Iowa State Fair.

Speaking for the Heaven and Home Hour ministry will be Dr. Russell Killman, who is former president and currently pastorat-large.

The public is invited to attend this program, A freewill offering will be taken for the Heaven and Home Hour ministry.

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owners, professionals and politicians, are presented at luncheon meetings.

Once the board of directors has determined a person is eligible, the name goes to the membership for comment and then it is up to the board of directors to décide.

The non-sexist language adopted at the beginning of July was done at the local level, Spellman said. He, along with the board of directors, went through the constitution and by-laws line by line to make the documents nonsexist.

This involved either deleting the word "man" or "men" or changing the term to "person" or "persons." Spellman explained.

The Rotary president said he has not checked with other Iowa

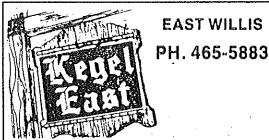
Rotary chapters, but believes Perry is one of the first in Iowa to adopt the non-sexist language.

Spellman said the local chapter started considering the changes following a decision handed down in May in the case, Board of Directors of Rotary International vs. Rotary Club of Duarte. That case arose in 1977 in Duarte, Calif.

The Duarte chapter admitted three women to full membership. Rotary International then revoked the chapter's charter.

Following the revocation, the Duarte Rotary chapter sued Rotary International for sex descrimination.

After the case making its way through the court system and ending up in U.S. Supreme Court, the judges voted 7-0 that California law required women to be admitted to the club.



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