



The FIZZ

The Weekly Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Champaign
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Service Above Self

Birthdays

- Tim Born August 7th
- Samuel P. Banks August 15th
- Eric L Meyer August 16th
- James F. Keene August 19th
- Edward M. Krol August 21st
- Guy C. Hall August 22nd
- Kenneth A. Buel PDG August 22nd
- Nicholas R. Melrose August 25th
- Edward Delaporte V August 27th
- Marlys J. Scarbrough September 2nd
- Alan Wilcox Haussermann September 4th

Wedding Anniversaries

- John Paul Buzard August 9th
- Eric L Meyer August 11th
- Connie D. Walsh DGE August 14th
- Janet Ellis-Nelson DGN August 20th
- Douglas Nelson August 20th
- Anh D. To August 30th
- Danielle Matthews September 2nd

Events

- August 9th [Golden Gates Cultural Exchange Program](#)
- August 23rd [University of Illinois Women's Volleyball](#)
- August 16th [Empowering Girls Initiative](#)
- August 30th [District Governor Visit](#)

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August 9, 2021: Golden Gates Cultural Exchange Program

Vitaliy Bezrodnov is the founder of RCF (formerly known as "Rotary Childrens Fund") and is the coordinator for the International Cultural Exchange Program "Golden Gates". Since 2003, Golden Gates has awarded over 500 young people to be in 40 youth groups that traveled internationally and shared their talent and culture with over a million people. (Source: [RCE](#))

Vitaliy will speak about the Golden Gates mission of promoting goodwill between countries by building cultural bridges.

NOTE: This meeting is expected to take place in-person at the Holiday Inn Champaign. It will also be offered online, via [Zoom](#).



Vitaliy Bezrodnov (Source: [LinkedIn](#))

Service Opportunities

Here are some ways you can help this summer

Thank you for your service and dedication to Rotary.

AUGUST SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



Rotary Blood Drive

The Rotary Blood Drive will take place from Monday, August 9 through Saturday, August 14 at Impact Life Donor Center at 1408 W. University Avenue in Urbana (NW corner of University & Wright). Go to www.bloodcenter.org and use code #71073 or call 217-367-2202 to register (*all donors must make an appointment and wear masks, as this is a healthcare facility*). Please tell them you are a member of Champaign Rotary.

For questions, please contact Teri McCarthy at 217-722-3516

Impact Life! Blood banks need our support now more than ever, so it is a great time to donate! They are currently facing a nationwide blood shortage and are struggling to meet our local hospital patient need for August and beyond. Your donation of a pint of blood will make a lifesaving impact for someone right here in our own community!

District Basket Auction for PolioPlus*

Rotary District 6490 is asking each club in the district to donate a basket for the District Basket Auction with all proceeds going to PolioPlus to eradicate polio from the world. Our theme basket for this year is **Healthy Eating**. An air fryer has been donated to use as our basket, and we need members to donate other items. Suggestions: healthy cookbooks, a kitchen decor sign, colorful utensils, cute dish towels or napkins, cutting sheets, etc. Please label your donation with your name and the cost, and bring your items to a club meeting by August 23. If you cannot attend a club meeting, email John Kelley at jekeak1@yahoo.com to make arrangements for him to pick up your donation.

***The District Basket Auction will be held virtually this year, a week or two before the September 25 District Conference at Richland Community College in Decatur.**

Furniture for Habitat for Humanity

[Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County](#) needs 6-8 people for a furniture building project. Please contact **Shandra Summerville** for details.

Y on the Fly

The [Stephens Family YMCA](#) is collecting backpacks in conjunction with its newly launched [Y on the Fly](#) program. Please contact **Shandra Summerville** for details.

Meet Our New Member

Thursday, August 5, 2021



Michael Warrell was born in Jamestown, New York and also lived in Michigan and Ohio. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design at Kent State University and a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Strategic Marketing from Northwestern University. He was the Design Team Leader for McGraw-Hill Higher Education for thirteen years, then started his own company, Design Solutions in 1998. Design Solutions provides design, branding, content development, marketing, communications, and event planning services for not-for-profit agencies. His concentration has been with social justice not-for-profits, such as the Archdiocese of Chicago's Immigration Ministry, Lincoln Park Community Services, the University YMCA's New American Welcome Center, the Y's Anti-Racism Community Conversation Series, and Uniting Pride of Champaign County. Michael and his husband, William Ocasio, split their time between Champaign and Chicago where they live on the 68th floor of the John Hancock Building. Michael enjoys traveling, restaurants, and gardening **new** since he now has a house and yard!

Club Social-August 21

Thursday, August 5, 2021



Image Credit: prairiefruits.com

Mark your calendar for our next club social on Saturday, August 21 at 10:00 am. We will meet at the Prairie Fruit Farm & Creamery located at 4410 N Lincoln Ave, Champaign, IL 61822.

August Cup: C-U One to One Mentoring

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Our Charity Cup organization for August is C-U 1-to-1. The group is a school-based mentoring program of the Champaign Unit 4 and Urbana District #116 Schools.

To donate, click [◆Make a Charity Cup Donation◆](#) on our [club website](#).

Rotary Leadership Institute

Thursday, July 29, 2021

[Registration is open](#) for the Heart of Illinois Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) seminars to be held August 14 at Richland Community College. Our club will cover the registration fees of any members who wish to attend. Registration closes on August 11.

Members in the News

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Scott Burge and **Scott Reynolds** were photographed in the [Neighbors of Southwest Champaign](#) magazine (page 24), working on a Born Learning Trail. The feature was part of a Charity Spotlight on the United Way of Champaign County.

Dustin Heuerman was interviewed on [WCIA](#) about the shortage of correctional officers and his recommendations to the County Board to increase employees.

The News-Gazette recapped past recipients of its [Tourism Impact Awards](#). In the list were **Peter Tomaras** (2015) and **Steve Carter** (2013).

Cookbook Recipes for Action Auction 2022



Calling All Cooks!

Champaign Rotary is compiling a cookbook as a fundraiser in advance of the Action Auction. We are asking for your favorite recipes and any stories/memories that accompany them.

Please email them to me at Carol@EducationalDividends.com as soon as possible. Recipes in Word format will be appreciated.

Also, if you'd like to join our Recipe Committee, please let me know.

Carol Timms
Action Auction 2022 Co-chair

Duty Roster

	August 9, 2021	August 16, 2021
Greeters	Stephanie Seay Michael Warrell	Stephanie Seay Gary Bowen
Introducer	Marlys Scarbrough	Marlys Scarbrough
Reflection	Sheryl Palmer	TBD
Zoom Greeter	Katie Walker	TBD
Cashiers	TBD	TBD
Virtual Meeting Coordinators	TBD	TBD