



The FIZZ

The Weekly Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Champaign
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Birthdays

- Janice M. Bahr
February 14th
- Charles C. Moore II
February 17th
- William E. Gleason Jr.
February 20th
- John M. Reed
February 21st
- William D. Malone
February 21st
- Rebecca Ries
February 21st
- Matthew A Carr
February 22nd
- Jeffery Lehmann
March 7th
- Zach Wetherell
March 8th

Wedding Anniversaries

- Bradley Uken
March 4th
- Ashley Dye
March 4th

Events

February 15th
[Cannon Grant Presentations](#)

March 1st
[Project READ at Parkland College](#)

February 22nd
[University of Illinois Football: the Next Chapter](#)

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February 15, 2021: Cannon Grant Presentations

Joseph H. Cannon was a member of the Rotary Club of Champaign for 53 years until his death in 2000. He bequeathed one third of his estate to an endowment for the Club to use for projects that benefit the Champaign County community. **Joan Dixon** of the Joseph H. Cannon Memorial Grant Committee will present checks to seven grant recipients for the 2020-2021 Rotary Year.



Joseph H. Cannon

Members in the News

Dustin Heuerman was interviewed in the [News-Gazette](#) about the partnership the Champaign County Sherriff's office has formed with the Regional Planning Commission to provide a social worker to assist those in mental health crises.

Esther Ngumbi is the recipient of the [2021 Mani L. Bhaumik Award for Public Engagement with Science](#) from the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Do yourself a favor and **watch the video!** It reflects well on the University of Illinois, Auburn University, Esther's family, and her home community in Kenya, and will be the best 3 minutes of your week. Congratulations Esther!!!

Donna Pittman was featured in the [News-Gazette's](#) Beyond the Boardroom profile of local leaders.

Students from Central High School recently recognized as our students of the quarter were included in the News-Gazette's High School Confidential on February 5.

Clark Grant Award: College for Kids

Jeff Troxell announced a Clark Grant award to the [College for Kids Program](#) at Parkland College. Terry Thies, Youth Program Director at Parkland, accepted the \$2230 award. The proceeds will be used for equipment to help the program operate 16 different summer camps safely amid a pandemic: digital thermometers, headsets and microphones to allow participants to hear while maintaining social distance, and a storage cart and chargers for iPads.

Students of the Quarter: Judah Christian

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Joe Thomas recognized Students of the Quarter from Judah Christian. Congratulations to all of the students!

Academics:

Chelda Okeke



Athletics:

Joshuah Schultz





Activities:

Lily Berry

Committee Spotlight: Social Committee

Social Committee co-chair **Renae Cory** gave an overview of the committee and their near-term future plans at the February 8 meeting. The committee plans and executes monthly social activities. This is a bit challenging in a pandemic, but they strive to be creative and fun! **Marlys Scarbrough** also presented a brief Zoom poll to gauge member interest in types and timing of activities. A more detailed survey will also be conducted soon. Please reach out to Marlys if you are willing to serve through the Social Committee.

February Service Project: Save Lives buy an Oximeter!



For the month of February, you may buy a pulse oximeter on Amazon by clicking on one of the links below and having it shipped to Janet Ellis-Nelson, 1905 Moraine Drive, Champaign 61822 or donate money on the Happy Bucks link on our website: champaignrotary.org. The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District will add the oximeters we donate to the COVID kits they are currently distributing to low-income families that have a family member with COVID. Oximeters are important in detecting blood oxygen levels and can potentially save someone's life. Please let Janet or Marlys know, if you order an oximeter. Marlys will receive a record of donations made online.

https://smile.amazon.com/gp/product/B08HH86RT2/ref=ox_sc_saved_title_6?smid=A8YXBO7YB5YFQ&psc=1

https://smile.amazon.com/gp/product/B07F7Z2HZM/ref=ox_sc_saved_title_2?smid=A30O8C1I929H74&psc=1

March Service Project: Read Across America



Champaign Rotary will once again participate in Read Across America, which will be held virtually this year on Saturday, March 6. **Since the event is virtual, you will need to record yourself reading a children's book by February 26th.** If you have a Champaign Rotary polo shirt, wear it. At the beginning of your recording, state your name and that you are a member of Champaign Rotary. State the title, author, and illustrator and then read your book. Remember to hold the book in front of you so your audience will be able to see the pages as you read. The easiest way to complete your recording is to have a family member or friend record you reading using your cell phone. You can then upload it to youtube, a google drive, or just an mp4 file and email it to Niki Hoesman at

nahoesman@urbanaparks.org. Please let Marlys know if you record a book.

February 22 Meeting: Coach Bret Bielema

Newly hired University of Illinois Football Coach Bret Bielema will be the featured speaker for Champaign Rotary Club's meeting on Monday, February 22 starting at noon. Rotary clubs in District 6490 are invited to participate in the Zoom meeting as Coach Bielema spells out his vision for Fighting Illini Football. The first 500 registrants can participate in this special Champaign Rotary virtual meeting.

To register, go to DACdb.org and log in. If you are a Rotarian, your user name is your email address. After logging in, click on the DISTRICT tab at the top of the page. Click on the CALENDAR icon, and scroll down to February 22. If you can attend the Zoom meeting with your spouse and/or family members, just register yourself to keep as many seats open as possible. You may also register non-Rotarian guests, if you wish. A Zoom link will be emailed to everyone who registers for this event in DACdb. Kent Brown will introduce Coach Bielema.



Bret Bielema

February Cup: Daily Bread Soup Kitchen

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The mission of [Daily Bread Soup Kitchen](#) is to feed the hungry of our community regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity. They serve a hot meal of soup, salad, entree, dessert and beverage to over 200 guests per day, are entirely volunteer run, and depend on donations from individuals, businesses, and local grants.

Please remember to [donate here](#), as we continue to meet remotely.

Rotary Leadership Institute Registration is Open



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Take your leadership skills to the next level with Rotary Leader Institute (RLI) on

February 13, 2021. Rotary Leadership Institute is a program designed to provide the following opportunities for Rotarians:

- A comprehensive leadership and development program designed to strengthen individual Rotary Clubs through education, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas among current and future leaders.
- A multi-part curriculum facilitated by experienced and trained faculty members that engages all participants through open discussion, problem solving and even creative role-play exercises.
- A program recommended by Rotary International and implemented in more than 400 districts in over 180 countries.

More info: <http://www.hoa-rli.org/>

Register today! <http://www.hoa-rli.org/rli/district-6490-rli-seminars>

Duty Roster

	February 15, 2021	February 22, 2021
Introducer	TBD	TBD
Invoker	Sue Grey	Chris Chambers