

Birthdays

William E. Gleason Jr.
February 20th
William D. Malone
February 21st
John M. Reed
February 21st
Rebecca Ries
February 21st
Matthew A Carr
February 22nd
Jeffery Lehmann
March 7th
Zach Wetherell
March 8th
Jay Downey
March 16th
Patrick Kovar
March 17th
Kip R. Pope
March 18th
Susan Grey
March 19th

Wedding Anniversaries

Bradley Uken
March 4th
Ashley Dye
March 4th
Winnie Crowder
March 19th

Events

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

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

The FIZZ - February 22, 2021

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February 22, 2021: The Next Chapter in University of Illinois Football

Bret Bielema (pronounced BEEL-ma) was hired in December 2020 as the 26th Fighting Illini Head Football Coach in the 132-year history of the program. A native of Prophetstown in Northwestern Illinois, Coach Bielema has 24 years of collegiate coaching experience and compiled a 12-year record of 97-58 (.626) as head coach at Wisconsin and Arkansas. (Source: FightingIllini.com)

Coach Bielema will be introduced by **Kent Brown**.



Bret Bielema

NOTE: This meeting will be conducted online, via [Zoom](#).

- 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.

February Chat & Chew

The February "Chat & Chew" event will be on Tuesday, February 23 from 6:30-7:30pm and will feature special guest, Donna Tanner-Harold. The event will be held virtually via Zoom. Join the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee for our fourth Chat & Chew event! Donna will lead the discussion that will revolve around the question "Does race still matter?" This event will allow members to have open discussion and ask questions in a friendly environment. **RSVPs are needed in order to get the Zoom link to those wishing to attend. Please send RSVPs to Rebecca Ries at r.ries.94@hotmail.com.** We hope to see you there!

DOES RACE STILL MATTER?

**LET'S CHAT
& CHEW
ABOUT IT!**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6:30-7:30PM

VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM



RSVPS REQUIRED TO [R.RIES.94@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:r.ries.94@hotmail.com)

Please save these dates for more upcoming Chat & Chew events!

- Monday, March 22

Building Bridges: Connie Walsh & Janet Ellis-Nelson

Our February **Building Bridges Facebook Live** event will feature future District Governors, Connie Walsh & Janet Ellis-Nelson! These leading ladies will be discussing their preparation and plans for their time as Rotary District 6490 Governors. This event will be live on Thursday, February 25th, but you can find the video at any point after the live event on our club's Facebook page. We hope you can tune in!



Champaign Rotary is Building Bridges!
Join us LIVE via Facebook to hear more!
Thursday, February 25th at 7pm



Mark your calendars for the upcoming Building Bridges events!

- Monday, March 29

February Cup: Daily Bread Soup Kitchen

Friday, February 12, 2021



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.

Meet the Members February 22, 2021

By Carl Burkybile on Thursday, February 18, 2021



Bethany Whoric grew up in Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, outside of Pittsburgh. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh. She and her partner, David Bambrey, moved to Champaign from Ohio. Bethany is currently the Assistant Director of Advancement for the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts and also assists with fundraising and corporate relations for the Departments of Dance and Theatre at the University of Illinois. She started her career as a research associate and specialist for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, then worked in management positions for Nordstrom Inc. in Pittsburgh and in Columbus, Ohio from 2012-2018. Bethany joined Champaign Rotary in January 2021 to become more actively involved in our community. She assisted the Champaign Urbana Theatre Company with One Night Only in 2020 and the Champaign County Humane Society with their Fur Ball in 2019 and served as a Fashion for Philanthropy volunteer for Dress for Success in Columbus, Ohio from 2015-2018. Bethany enjoys traveling, fitness, cooking and baking, the arts, fashion and styling, and animals.

Rotary Foundation- Matching Program

By Renae Cory on Thursday, February 18, 2021



MATCHING POINTS AVAILABLE THROUGH FEBRUARY!

Set up regular donations to The Rotary Foundation AND get a boost up the Paul Harris recognition ladder.

Here is information that was emailed by our Assistant Governor, Michael Hirschi earlier this month.

Have you ever wished you could give to the Rotary Foundation consistently and easily? Try Rotary Direct! It is the best way to give consistently to **doing good in the world** and it is so easy to do.

We want you to try it, so if you sign up in February, the recognition points you receive for your first month of Rotary Direct will be matched 10 times over. **You read that correctly... 10 times!** The minimum monthly contribution to be a recurring contribution (Rotary Direct) is \$10, so **if you sign up for a \$10 per month recurring contribution to Annual Fund SHARE or Polio Plus, you will receive 100 points toward your next PHF level.**

If your budget can handle it and you like the idea of giving \$1000 per year (and be included in the Paul Harris Society), give \$84 per month starting with a new recurring contribution in February and receive 840 points toward your next PHF level. Every other amount in between and beyond will do the same, 10x recognition points.

We are trusting that you, as a Rotarian, will honor the spirit of this campaign and keep your recurring gift going into the future. You **will** find it so easy to give this way, we think you'll keep going.

1) If you want to start giving via Rotary Direct with a credit card on the web, go to www.rotary.org/donate. You will be able to sign in if you have a My.Rotary.org login. If you haven't set that up, please do so. You will need your RotaryID, which is listed in dactb in your club roster. If you cannot find it, ask your club secretary or president, or email Mike Hirschi at michaelchirschi@gmail.com. Send the confirmation email to Mike Hirschi (email above) when you receive it.

2) If you would rather fill out a form and use a credit card or electronic check drafts to contribute each month, the form for that purpose is attached. Just fill it out and mail it per the instructions, then email Mike Hirschi (michaelchirschi@gmail.com) and let me know what you decided to contribute each month so I can get your 10 times points set and ready to transfer..

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=A8YXBQ7YB5YFQ&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

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

Rotarian of the Month - January

By Samuel P. Banks on Friday, January 29, 2021

Rotarian Of The Month



Our honoree this month has been a member of our club since August of 2018. She is a member of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, Orientation & Mentoring Committee, Charity Cup, Co-chair of World Community Service, and is chair of our Interact Committee. She also is our PR chair, posting activities and events on our club FB page. She has been instrumental in creating our Chat & Chew and Building Bridges events. PLUS, she is leading the Marketing Committee for our 2022 Action Auction Committee. She designed the very beautiful Rotary billboard that was on Neil Street last month. Congratulations to **Rebecca Ries!**

Duty Roster

	February 22, 2021	March 1, 2021
Introducer	TBD	TBD
Invocator	Chris Chambers	TBD