



# The FIZZ

The Weekly Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Champaign  
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## Birthdays

- Tracy Wahlfeldt  
January 16th
- Jared David White  
January 18th
- Timothy J. Manard  
January 21st
- Connie D. Walsh DGN  
January 25th
- Esther Ngumbi  
January 28th
- Dean V Cavey  
February 2nd
- Winnie Crowder  
February 2nd
- Joan M. Dixon  
February 5th
- Abbie Osterbur  
February 5th
- Carl R. Meyer  
February 9th
- James A Ploeger  
February 10th
- Shandra Summerville  
February 11th

## Wedding Anniversaries

- Dale Crane  
January 18th
- Vanessa Bechtel  
January 18th
- Holladay Thompson  
January 31st
- Karen Kay Machula  
February 10th

## Events

January 18th  
[Building Bridges](#)

January 25th  
[University of Illinois Athletic Facilities](#)

## The FIZZ - January 18, 2021

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### January 18, 2021: Building Bridges

Dr. James A. Fielder is a Life Coach & Pastor, serving through [Higher Calling Leadership Development](#) and Church of the Way in Champaign. A St. Louis, Missouri native, Dr. James A. Fielder is a devoted family man who served his country as a decorated marine for twelve years before pursuing education. He enjoyed a successful, twenty-year career in information systems, mostly with Farm Credit Services of Illinois. He left the corporate world to heed his call to full-time ministry and has since pastored congregations in Bement and Champaign. (Source: [Higher Calling Leadership Development](#))

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



Dr. James A. Fielder, source: [Higher Calling Leadership Development](#)

## January Social

Thursday, January 14, 2021

The Social Committee invites you to join us at 7:00pm, before the upcoming Fighting Illini Basketball game on Tuesday, January 19th for a Virtual Social and Trivia Night. Put on your Illini Gear for the Illini vs. Penn State Basketball Game and Zoom to the social for some Illini Basketball Trivia. The Zoom link will be sent out the morning of the game.

# JANUARY SOCIAL

**FIGHTING  
ILLINI**

*trivia  
night!*

**TUESDAY 7:00  
JAN.19 PM**



PUT ON YOUR ILLINI GEAR & JOIN US FOR ILLINI BASKETBALL TRIVIA-  
BEFORE THE FIGHTING ILLINI VS. PENN STATE BASKETBALL GAME.

*a zoom link to participate will be provided via email*

## January Chat & Chew

The January "Chat & Chew" event will be on Monday, January 25 from 6:30-7:30pm and will be held virtually via Zoom. Join the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee for our third Chat & Chew event! The discussion will revolve around the question "How do we find opportunities to engage virtually?" and will allow members to have conversations about how Rotary can continue to get members involved during these strange virtual times so our organization can keep moving towards an inclusive and productive future. 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](mailto:r.ries.94@hotmail.com). We hope to see you there!

# HOW DO WE FIND OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE VIRTUALLY?

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 25**

**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!

- Tuesday, February 23
- Monday, March 22

## **Building Bridges: Jan Bahr**

Our January Building Bridges Facebook Live event will feature long-time club member and our club's first ever female president, **Dr. Janice Bahr**! Jan will be discussing her time as Champaign Rotary's first female president in 1992 and her experiences with Rotary over the past 32 years. This event will be live on Thursday, January 28th, 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, January 28th at 7pm



Mark your calendars for the upcoming Building Bridges events!

- Thursday, February 25
- Monday, March 29

## Committee Spotlight: Program Committee

The Program Committee, co-chaired by **Shandra Summerville** and **John Kelley**, meets first at the beginning of the Rotary Year to scope types of programs that may be beneficial. Criteria include diverse perspectives and topics that offer opportunities to serve beyond the presentation. The Committee plans to meet again in February to fill out the rest of the year and respond to interest from prospective speakers that have reached out to the club.

Please let Shandra know if you have any ideas or speakers to propose for upcoming meetings. Contact **Marlys Scarbrough** if you are willing to join the Program Committee in the next Rotary Year.

## Members in the News

**Joan Dixon** was featured in the [News-Gazette](#) for the legacy of her 20-year leadership of the [Community Foundation of East Central Illinois](#) and her upcoming retirement. Please read the article to catch her shout-out to a fellow Champaign Rotarian who is stepping down from another non-profit organization on the same day!

**Dustin Heuerman** outlined his 2021 plans for the Champaign County Sheriff's Department in the [News-Gazette](#).

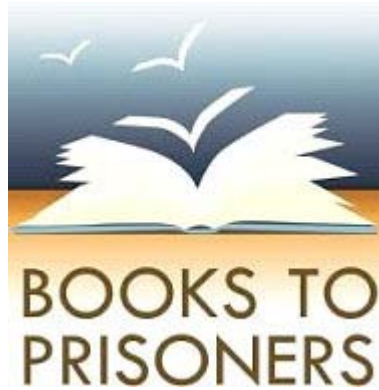
**Willie Comer** is the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award for the 20th Annual [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Countywide Celebration](#) being held on January 17, 2021.

## One Winter Night

The annual [One Winter Night](#) event sponsored by [CU at Home](#) will be held on February 5. The event challenges participants to spend a night outside in a makeshift cardboard shelter to better comprehend the daily hardship facing the homeless in our community.

Rebecca Ries and Sheryl Palmer will participate. Make pledges here ([Rebecca](#), [Sheryl](#)) to help them meet or exceed their fundraising goals. Thank you Rebecca and Sheryl!

## January Service Project and Cup Collection: Books to Prisoners



Champaign Rotary usually does some type of service project in January in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year, we have decided to make Books to Prisoners our January Cup Recipient and also collect books to donate. Prisoners who read have a much lower recidivism rate than those who do not so we will not only be helping prisoners in Illinois but society as a whole with our donations. Books to Prisoners is unable to collect random books at this time because they cannot hold book sales and do not have the space to store them so **they are asking that only requested topics be donated**. I have listed the book price on Amazon next to each item. You may order a book on Amazon and have it shipped to: Janet Ellis-Nelson, 1905 Moraine Drive, Champaign

61822 or buy a book and drop it off at my house. If you happen to have used paperback copies on any of these topics, you may donate those. Multiple copies of books are needed. **Please let Janet know if you have shipped a book to her house; Marlys enters our volunteers for each service project in My Rotary.** She needs donations by Sunday, January 17 so she can take them to Independent Media Center on the afternoon of January 18. You may also donate to Books to Prisoners on our website anytime during the month of January. Go to [champaignrotary.org](http://champaignrotary.org), and click on Make a Charity Cup Donation (lower left). Only paperback editions are allowed:

- Study guides for the GED, \$9.99
- How to draw (Books must not have any pictures of nudes), \$10-20.00
- Beginners Guide to DIY and Home Repair, \$11.99
- Ultimate Guide to Plumbing, \$17.99
- Heating and Air Conditioning Test Prep., \$23.35
- Complete Book of Woodworking, \$22.24
- Starting A Business Quick Start Guide, \$23.74
- Vibrant Hair: African American Hair Care, Knowledge, and Culture, \$8.75
- The Science of Black Hair: A Comprehensive Guide to Textured Hair, \$24.95
- Viking Tales, \$8.95
- The Vikings, A History, \$16.39
- The Age of the Vikings, \$17.95

## Upcoming District 6490 Events

The Rotary Club of Champaign [website](#) contains listings of upcoming District 6490 Events under the heading "District Links" in the left margin. Key upcoming events include the Rotary International Assembly on February 7-11 and the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on February 13. Register from the [District Events listing](#) on the website.

## Charity Cup & Happy Bucks giving available on our website

In addition to paying for in-person lunch meetings and donating to Happy Bucks, you can now donate to our monthly Cup recipient online. Go to [champaignrotary.org](http://champaignrotary.org) and scroll down to the payment links. Thanks to member **Edward Delaporte** for making these payment links possible.

You may wish to consider making several months of Charity Cup or Happy Bucks donations at a time. Our club pays Charity Cup organizations a minimum of \$300, even if we do not collect that much.

## Duty Roster



**January 18, 2021**

**January 25, 2021**

**Introducer**

TBD

TBD

**Invoker**

Randall Summit

Kris Bell