

Birthdays

Vanessa Bechtel
November 20th
Scott Anderson Jr.
November 24th
Holladay Thompson
November 26th
Karen Kay Machula
November 27th
Gary Kester Bowen
November 27th
Maureen Banks
November 28th
Dale Crane
November 29th
Stephanie Seay
December 1st
Elizabeth McGreal
Cook
December 4th
David C. Thies
December 6th
Joseph C. Deluce
December 6th
Frank DeSales Keck
II
December 8th
Shelly Romack
December 15th
L James Hampton
December 17th
Gina Scarpetta
December 20th

Wedding Anniversaries

Scott Anderson Jr.
November 21st
Anthony P. Corapi
November 27th
Scott Dahman
November 29th
Marlys J.
Scarborough
November 30th
Chester L. Alwes
November 30th

Events

November 22nd
[Braver Angels](#)

December 6th
[Champaign Unit 4 Schools](#)

November 29th
[Club Recognition](#)

December 13th
[Cancer Center at Illinois](#)

The FIZZ - November 22, 2021

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I'm sorry for the 2nd send. I forgot to add a couple of announcements.

November 22, 2021: Braver Angels

[Braver Angels](#) is a national organization that works to depolarize American politics, bridge the the partisan divide, and strengthen our democratic republic. Our own Sheryl Palmer is the Senior Pastor at Faith United Methodist Church in Champaign.

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



Sheryl Palmer (Source: [Faith United Methodist Church](#))

Champaign Parade of Lights

We have an opportunity to serve at the Champaign Parade of Lights on *November 27, 2021, 6:00 PM (pre-parade activities start at 3:00 PM)*. Here is the link to sign-up directly if you are interested in serving: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948aca722a4fb6-parade>. This will be counted as a service project for our Club this year if we have at least 5 people from our club to sign-up. If you would like more information about the event please go to the website to learn about the cool activities. <https://champaigncenter.com/parade-of-lights/>

November Cup: Wesley Food Pantry

Thursday, November 4, 2021



Our Charity Cup organization for November is Wesley Food Pantry. Their mission is to alleviate food insecurity in our community one family at a time by providing them with one week's worth of nutritious groceries.

Holiday Social: December 14, 2021

Please RSVP [here](#) by December 6.



Save the Date! Our Action Auction is May 20th, 2022

By Lauren Gramly on Friday, October 29, 2021

Our 2022 Action Auction is on the horizon, and we are getting excited! This "signature event" is Champaign Rotary's major fundraiser to fulfill the



May 20th, 2022

funding requests of local non-profit organizations doing good, vital work in our community. This event is held once every 3 years and we need everyone's help in making this a success. Plus, the Action Auction is always BIG fun for all!

Rector Construction has generously committed to be the lead sponsor of 2022's event and the Master of Ceremony will be Deon Thomas. The guests of honor at the 2022 Action Auction will be Rick and Jeanine Stephens. We are still looking for commercial sponsors for the auction, as well as lots of wine! Please contact Marlys Scarborough at scarbrou@illinois.edu if you are willing to donate a bottle of wine valued at \$50 or more. And stay tuned for more ways that YOU can help make the

2022 Action Auction a success!

Meet Our New Member

Thursday, November 18, 2021



Katie M. Blakeman grew up in Champaign. She was a member of Centennial High School's Interact Club and graduated from Centennial. Katie earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Augustana College and a Master of Science degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Katie is the Senior Data and Innovation Manager for the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts. She was the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Champaign County from 2012-2020. Katie is very involved in the community. She is President of the Champaign Public Library Board of Trustees and a member of the Junior League of Champaign-Urbana and the Executive Club of Champaign County. Katie has earned several prestigious awards: the Community Service Award from the East Central Illinois Women Attorneys Association, the Joseph R. Barylak Pro Bono Award from the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, and 20 Women of Influence Award from the Junior League of Champaign-Urbana. She has been an Edgar Fellow of the University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs, a Forty Under 40 Honoree, and part of the United Way Emerging Community Leaders Program. Katie and her husband, TJ, who is the Senior Planner for Economic

Development for the City of Champaign, have three daughters: Mary Ella, Julianna, and Lillian. Katie was sponsored for membership by her father, **Bill Malone**.

Special Thanks on behalf of Erik Olsen



This message is sent on behalf of the Veteran's Day Program Speaker Erik Olson:

Dear Members of Rotary Club of Champaign, Thank you all for the opportunity to tell a little of my story and to share my thoughts with you. I would like to express my gratitude for the overwhelmingly positive feedback. My intention was to say something in kind during my presentation, but my emotions got the better of me. Thank you for graciously welcoming my family and I into this community and club. Although this is the only Rotary I've known, I do believe it is the WGRC.



Duty Roster

November 22, 2021

Greeters

Andrea Fain
Pam Karlstrom

Introducer

Marlys Scarbrough

Reflection

Todd Salen

Zoom Greeter

U of I Students

Room Setup

Marlys Scarbrough

**Virtual Meeting
Coordinators**

Jared White

November 29, 2021

Connie Walsh

Sheryl Palmer

Sam Banks

U of I Students

Janet Ellis-Nelson

Jared White