

Birthdays

Carol Timms
September 15th
Francis J. Jahn
September 19th
Anthony P. Corapi
September 27th
Robert J. Ballsrud
September 29th
Lott H Thomas
October 3rd
Doug Nelson
October 7th
Douglas Nelson
October 7th
James S. Acheson
October 8th
Jeffrey R. Livesay
October 11th
Harold Moe
October 13th
Janet Ellis-Nelson
October 13th

Wedding Anniversaries

Randall L Summit
September 24th
Matthew A Carr
September 28th
Abbie Osterbur
October 6th
John Paul Buzard
October 9th
Russell Hamilton
October 9th
Claudette Gonsiorowski
October 9th
Ted T. Gonsiorowski
October 9th

Events

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September 16, 2019: An Illini Place

Alexis "Lex" Tate is an adjunct lecturer in journalism and advertising at the [University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](#), and served as associate director of the University of Illinois Office for University Relations. She co-authored, with John Franch, [An Illini Place: Building the University of Illinois Campus](#). She will be introduced by **Donna Giertz**.

The meeting will also include the WGRC Annual Report.



Lex Tate (Source: [University of Illinois: College of Media](#))

Duty Roster

	September 16, 2019	September 23, 2019
Greeters	Sam Banks Maureen Banks	Anthony Corpori TBD
Invoker	Chet Alwes	Sheryl Palmer
Introducer	Marlys Scarbrough	Claudette Gonsiorowski
Cashiers	Dean Wheatman Jeff Taylor	Dean Wheatman Jeff Taylor

Music leader	Marlys	Ed Krol
Photographer	Bill Malone	Bill Malone

September 2019 Cup: Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center



Each day the [Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center](#) serves youth from K-12th grade in Urbana public school District #116. Our youth are growing academically through the Afterschool homework and study center. Tutors assist our youth with their homework and the center staff collaborates with the school to bridge the achievement gap among students. The Center's educational director provides a comprehensive program where students work on enrichment curriculum and technology learning software on the computer when their teacher's do not assist with homework.

Special Thanks to Corn Roast Volunteers

By Shandra Summerville on Saturday, September 14, 2019

Corn Roast Special Thanks!!



Many members helped to make this year's corn roast successful! MANY THANKS to the following Rotarians: Tom Costello purchased most of the food and the wine and organized the kitchen crew of Steve Carter, Chet and Chris Alwes, and friend, Tom Kacich. Dan Wheatman used his influence to get Schnucks to donate 400 ears of corn. Eric Meyer provided the beer. Chet Alwes made the scrumptious fruit cobblers. Lin Warfel headed up the corn roasting crew, picking up and soaking the corn. Brad Uken and Jared White were also on corn roasting duty. Harry Baxter served as photographer. David Thies and Doug Nelson provided musical entertainment. Champaign Rotary Dance Team members Connie Walsh, Shelly Romack, Marlys Scarbrough, Shandra Summerville, Rebecca Reis, Renee Osterbur, and Janet Ellis-Nelson performed, and Marlys Scarbrough rewrote the lyrics to two popular songs with Rotary lyrics to perform for District Governor Julie Dobski. In addition, Tom Costello donated a beautiful, Rotary belt buckle, which was presented to Lin Warfel for his many years of serving as Chief Corn Roaster. Next week, we'll provide a write-up on the Golf Outing. Golfers Please send your pictures to Janet Ellis-Nelson at janetnelson1994@gmail.com.

Farewell to Shota Nihari

By Shandra Summerville on Saturday, September 14, 2019

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This is the last week of Shota Nihari's 40-day stay with Champaign Rotarians. MANY MEMBERS stepped up to show Shota Midwestern hospitality during his time here: Connie Glazik-Pierce, Chet Alwes and Marlys Scarbrough, Abbie Osterbur, Bill Malone, Todd Salen, Sam Feathers (Illinois Ambassador to Yanai, Japan), Sam and Maureen Banks, Doug and Janet Nelson, and Scott Anderson, Jr. hosted Shota for one to eight nights and took him to a variety of places in and around Champaign, as well as St. Louis, Chicago, Arthur, Casey, and Indianapolis. Several other people took Shota for the afternoon, evening, or on day trips: Jan Bahr campus and St. Joseph for dinner; John Knoblett St. Louis for a Cardinal's game and to see the Arch; Steve Carter downtown Champaign, including Kofusion, the City Building, Champaign Fire Department and Champaign Public Library; Donna Pittman tour of the library; Pat Kovar bowling and pizza; Jeff Lehmann The Courier Caf and Allerton; Nellie Haug (2017-2018 Interact Club President) more of campus, swimming, and home cooking. Kimiko Gunji had Shota over for dinner and to her tea ceremony class. Shota made tempura for his host families and helped Japan House prepare for their Matsuri festival.

District Conference Auction Basket

By Scott Burge on Thursday, September 5, 2019



◆Treasure Trove for Grade Schoolers◆ Auction Basket

We are gathering items for our club's silent auction basket for the District Conference October 18-19 in Bloomington, IL. Proceeds will go to benefit PolioPlus. If you would like to donate, please bring in items and gift cards at upcoming club meetings for activities that would interest children in grade school, ages 5-12.

Ideas: books, educational games, toys, craft kits, gift cards for a movie, mini-golf, pizza, DQ, McDonalds, etc. Please see Marlys Scarbrough for more information.

Meet the Members September 16, 2019

By Shandra Summerville on Saturday, September 14, 2019

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Harry Baxter earned a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University of Illinois and a Master's degree in Architecture from Harvard University. He worked for the USDA in Rural Development and as a State Architect. Harry and his wife, Liz, have two children: Sarah and Brent and two grandchildren: Henry and June. Harry is a Master Gardener and enjoys gardening, reading, and woodworking. He joined Champaign Rotary in December 2005, transferring from the Danville Rotary Club. Harry is the Co-Chair of our Local Projects and Environmental Committee and organizes our Mattis Avenue Clean-Ups. He also serves as a Club Photographer.



Shandra Summerville grew up in Champaign-Urbana, the daughter of Willie and Valerian Summerville, community legends. Shandra graduated from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. She currently serves as the Cultural and Linguistic Competence Coordinator for the Champaign County Mental Health Board and Developmental Disabilities Board. She has one son, Adrian Rochelle, who is a recent college graduate. Shandra joined Champaign Rotary in August 2013 and has been very involved ever since. She serves on the Club Board of Directors and is our President-Elect Nominee, which means she will serve as Club President in 2021-2022. Shandra Co-Chairs the Program Committee and Membership Recruitment Committee, is on the Music Committee and Communications Committee, writing both *The Fizz* and the Awareness Board. Shandra was a member of the Group Study Exchange Team to Romania. She will graduate from the Rotary Leadership Institute on September 21. Shandra is also an active volunteer outside of Rotary: She is First Vice President of Zeta Pi Beta Sorority, a Leaders Cabinet Member for HOPE Center at Vineyard, is Freedom Fund Chair for the NAACP Champaign County Branch, on the Illinois Public Media Community Advisory Committee, is a United Way Emerging Leader, and participates in GEMS Single Mom's Ministry.



Ken Buel grew up in Collinsville, Illinois. He graduated from the University of Illinois in Journalism in 1957. He and his wife, Margaret, have been married for 62 years. They have three children, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Ken worked in radio broadcasting for thirty-two years in Champaign, Burlington, Iowa, the Quad Cities, Illinois and Iowa, and in Kankakee. Ken has been a Rotarian for over 50 years, President of three different Rotary clubs and is a Past District Governor. He received the Avenues of Service Award from Rotary International in 2016 and the International Service Above Self Award in 2017. Ken is active on Champaign Rotary's Foundation Committee and attends many District-level events throughout the year. Ken serves on the Illinois Public Media Board and is an Illinois NETworker. He enjoyed travel and has been to seven continents. Ken also enjoys genealogy.

Photos: Corn Roast

Photos from the 2019 Corn Roast are available on our [Facebook Page](#). Thanks to all who participated and volunteered time to make the Corn Roast and Golf Outing a success!



Upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute Sessions

Want to learn more about Rotary and develop your leadership skills? Training by the [Heart Of America Rotary Leadership Institute](#) will be held at [Richland Community College](#) in Decatur on Saturday September 21. Those who were enrolled in the cancelled June session may also attend.