

Reasons to Celebrate

August Birthdays

Eric Van Hook – August 3

Steve Medford – August 4

Shirley Cook – August 7

Donna Johnson – August 8

Greg Yank – August 13

Rick Van Etten – August 24

Doug Distler – August 25

Jerry Albrecht – August 26

Jill Pietrusinski – August 29

Alexis Deets – August 29

August Rotary Anniversaries

Jim Simpson – 8 years

Gary Mueller – 7 years

Herb Roach – 5 years

August Wedding Anniversaries

Debbie Arell-Martinez

Mark Fulford

Kevin Meder

Don Murdoch

Gary Owen

ROTARY CLUB OF O'FALLON

(Chartered May 19, 1925)

August 2020

RI Theme: Membership & New Club Development

O'Fallon's Premier Service Club – Working Together, Having Fun, Positively Changing Our Community and The World



Club Meetings held on Mondays at noon

Katy Cavins Community Center

308 E. 5th St.

O'Fallon, IL

www.ofallonrotary.org

August Calendar

August 3rd

August 10th

August 17th

August 24th

August 31st

Mary Harvey DGN, Membership

Todd Eschman, Major League Baseball

No noon meeting

5:00 p.m. Virtual Social – DG Lorraine Cavataio

Visit; Special Guest – Sean Carpenter who will host a music game called “Lost Lyrics”

Daniel Toenjes – Commercial Real Estate Activity

Metro-East/St. Louis

Business Meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last weekend, my daughter pulled out a jigsaw puzzle and we started putting it together. We are still working on it, but it has been such a source of comfort, especially now. With each piece that we put in the puzzle, we gain confidence in our ability to continue to find the “right answer” to the puzzle. It is such a welcome feeling, especially given our current situation in the world. Lately, it doesn't feel like we have many correct answers outside of that puzzle, so that makes this activity with my daughter feel even more special.

August is the month that Rotary recognizes new members and new clubs. Meeting new members and hearing what other clubs are doing is one of my favorite things about Rotary. Getting to hear their stories and what Rotary means to them reminds me why I joined Rotary and why getting involved in the Board was important to me. I wanted to pave the way for more people to give back. Some people that I have talked to about our club want to give back and they love the idea of Rotary. However, they are hesitant to join, because they aren't sure they have the time to attend meetings. With meetings no longer being a requirement, I wonder if they are now hesitating because they aren't sure where they fit in. Are we doing enough to engage them and give them the latitude to express their ideas for our club? Are we welcoming them at every meeting or service event and truly getting to know them to help them find their “Rotary Voice”?

When I look at our club, I see a puzzle much like the one I am working on. We are a diverse club with so many different backgrounds. Each of us has a story to tell and we are all unique in our Rotary Voice (or the why did you join Rotary and why do you stay?). We bring our time and our talents to this club and for that, we can give back in a much more meaningful way. I challenge you to look around at our puzzle and see what people we are missing and how we can encourage them to join you in giving back to our great community. Sometimes, all it takes is someone believing in you enough to ask.

*Yours in Rotary Service,
Tanya Hawkins*

OFFICERS for 2020 – 2021

*President – Tanya Hawkins
VP/President Elect – Dave Kelahan
Secretary – John Bailey
Treasurer – Kevin Meder
Past President – Rich Lunan
Sergeant-At-Arms – Ken Davis*

DIRECTORS

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Community Service – Grant Litteken
International Service – Mary Alice Koriath
Youth Service – Bob Kaufman
Membership – Woody Almind
Foundation – Jerry Albrecht
Public Relations – Dale Rupright*

*Club Programs Chair – Scott Huels and Tom Sullivan
Club Bulletin – Barb Carstens*

Rotaract by the Numbers

<i>Rotary</i>	<i>200 countries 33,000 clubs 1,200,000 members</i>
<i>Rotaract</i>	<i>184 countries 10,904 clubs 250,972 members</i>
<i>Interact</i>	<i>109 countries 10,000 clubs 200,000 members</i>