

Reasons to Celebrate

July Birthdays

Mary Alice Koriath – July 7
Terry Bruckert – July 11
John Coers – July 11
Rick Ragsdale – July 11
Kevin Meder – July 11
Dave Kelahan – July 12
Ryan Johnson – July 16
Allison Agar – July 19
Mark Fulford – July 22

July Rotary Anniversaries

Ned Drolet – 31 years
John West – 20 years
Jill Pietrusinski – 15 years
Lex White – 11 years
Woody Almind – 6 years

July Wedding Anniversaries

Doug Distler
Sid LeGrand
Jill Pietrusinski
Casey Scharven
John West
Grant Litteken
Phil Roberts

ROTARY CLUB OF O'FALLON

(Chartered May 19, 1925)

July 2020

RI Theme: New Year Kick-off

***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**

July Calendar

July 6th
July 13th
July 20th

July 27th

*President Tanya's Address
Board Members Induction
No noon meeting
5:00 p.m. Virtual Social
Business Meeting*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I prepare to begin this year, which is shaping up to be unlike any year we have had together since I have been in the club, and I would dare to say, ever. It can be a little overwhelming to take all of your best laid plans for a successful year, and just tip it on its head. However, I am reminded of my time as a spouse of an Active Duty Air Force member. When we were young, and had littles, it seemed that he was always heading out to some new undisclosed location and we weren't really sure if or when we would see him again. As we pulled away from dropping him off, it was always the epic pity party. The one where you sang, "Why Me?" This usually lasted for a short while until one of our littles crawled up in my lap and reminded me that it was dinner time. Over the course of his deployments, I always had a project and the "Why Me?" chorus turned into "Why Not Me?" Every time he returned home; he found an even better version of me. I was stronger, smarter, and had accomplished more than I ever thought possible. Every deployment had its challenges, but they also were defined by what I had accomplished. I lost weight, ran a 10k, re-landscaped the yard, made friends, went back to school, joined clubs, and raised two vibrant beautiful daughters.

As we look forward to this year together, I am inspired by each of you and your commitment to our club and our community. I know this is going to be an unusual year, but I would encourage you to not let it be defined by what we don't have and challenge you to define our year together by what we are able to accomplish. I look forward to serving you and our club.

*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

*Club Service – Dave Plocher
Vocational Service – David Hill
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*

MEET THE 2020-21 RI PRESIDENT

2020-21 RI President Holger Knaack is from Ratzeburg, Germany. He holds a degree in business administration from the University of Applied Science Kiel. Since 1995, Holger has been CEO of the real estate company Knaack KG. Previously, he was a partner and General Manager of Knaack Bakery Enterprises, a 125-year-old family business. For six years, he served as Chairman of Rotary Youth Exchange Germany.

He has been a Rotarian since 1991, and is a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln. He was RI Director and RI Treasurer as well as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board. Holger is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation, a member of the Paul Harris Society and the Bequest Society. He and his wife Susanne have hosted more than 40 Rotary Youth Exchange students. In his leisure time, Holger enjoys sailing and playing golf.