

Rotary



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Woodland Country Club
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Bob Swanay is Our Speaker This Week (at the Library)



We're pleased to welcome our next speaker Bob Swanay, Director of the [Carmel Clay Public Library](#).

Bob will share insights on how Carmel's libraries are evolving beyond books—serving as hubs for learning, innovation, community connection, and lifelong enrichment. His perspective offers a great look at how libraries continue to strengthen our community and support education at every stage of life.

Community Service Opportunities



INDIANAPOLIS

Seeds of Caring engages young children—our future leaders—through a variety of service, social action and community-building projects. Instilling kindness and empathy from the earliest age, we help kids see and understand the needs in their community, then develop skills and confidence to make a difference.

Looking for a way to get involved in the community? Check out these local opportunities for service. Get involved with family, kids, friends, or a fellow Rotarian!

<https://www.seedsofcar.org/>

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BASIC NEEDS

Dental Kits

*Assemble dental kits
so healthy smiles can
brighten our world.*

SAVE THE DATE

Join US!

Rotary



Club of Carmel

5:31 Club Thursday January 8th

Club Leaders



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President-Elect



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Secretary



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CarmelFest Chair



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Webmaster



Peter Primason
Community Grants Chair

Katie L. Smardo
CarmelFest



Aberdeen Social House
150 W 96th St, Indianapolis, IN 46260, United States

Everyone is welcome to join

UPDATE! Milt Thompson is January 16th Speaker at Woodland Country Club

Milt Thompson will be our featured speaker for the Rotary Club of Carmel's 10th annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Program, Friday, January 16, at the Woodland Country Club.



Treasurer



[Beth Sexton](#)
Community
Service
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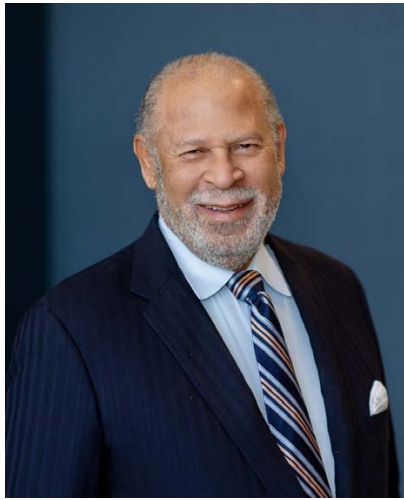
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Community
Service
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[Julie
Standish](#)
Club Youth
Services
Chair



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Past
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President



Milt Thompson is:

- A sports and business attorney.
- An international attorney having done work for 106 different countries.
- A star athlete who attended Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, Milt was a 1976 first team All-American in Baseball and was inducted into the Wittenberg Athletics Hall of Fame in 1998.
- The former Indiana State Gaming Commission Chair and is presently Indiana's State Lottery Chair.
- The legal representative of the 1976 Indiana National Championship Basketball Team which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2026.
- The Chairman of the Indianapolis Foundation's English Foundation.
- And, has a new book coming out, "Know Your Strike Zone."

Among the topics Milt will discuss is the Black 14 of the University of Wyoming. The Black 14 received the [NCAA 2023 Inspiration Award](#) and has been the subject of several ESPN programs.

This is one speaker you won't want to miss!

Please Save the Date for an Upcoming Service Project at Coburn Place!

Coburn Place, a transitional housing and support for those facing domestic abuse, is in need of 8-10 volunteers for a service project. We will be collecting their most needed items the month of January to bring with us (please see below).

There is also a link to their Amazon wishlist provided!

When: Saturday, January 24, 2026 9am-12pm (Please arrive 15 minutes early)

Where: Coburn Place: 604 E. 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205

Please contact: Ranj Puthran for further details and to sign up! ranjputhran@gmail.com

We can coordinate carpooling if needed and will provide further instructions and parking guidance as we get closer.

January Collection Drive:

- Cleaning/Kitchen Needs: (Please include receipts if you are able)
 - Toilet paper, toilet cleaner, shower cleaner, disinfecting spray and wipes, Kleenex, glass cleaner, air freshener, paper towels, dish soap, dishwasher pods, floor cleaner, dryer sheets, trash bags
- Other Needs:
 - Transportation: gas gift cards, Uber/Lyft gift cards (physical only), bus passes 31-day.
 - Self-sufficiency: grocery store gift cards, quarters for laundry
- Amazon Wishlist:
 1. Click this link - <https://a.co/5CJA63J>
 2. Choose the item/quantity, select "This item is a gift" and add to cart
 3. Choose the address "ATTN: Drew LaCroix, Coburn Place Safe Haven"
 4. In the gift message box write "Rotary" for tracking. (This step is essential for Coburn's taxes and grants.)

Items NOT Accepted: Clothing/Coats/Shoes, Used Toys, Luggage, & travel-sized toiletries

Important Links

[Carmel Rotary Website](#)

[District 6560 Website](#)

[Carmel Rotary Facebook Page](#)
[Rotary International Website](#)

Rotary Members - Are You New to DACdb?

DACdb is the database that houses details for Carmel Rotarians, the Carmel club, and District 6560. If you are new to DACdb or need a refresher, then go to the newly created link titled 'How to's on DACdb' on the website's left navigation bar, under Club Links.

From here you can learn how to:

- Login
- Change Your Password
- Update Your Contact Information
- Enter a Make Up

***If you have previously logged into DACdb but don't remember your password, then contact Andrea Rice to have your password reset. You can directly email her by clicking on the 'Member Directory' link on the left navigation bar of the website. Once the page opens, scroll to Andrea's name and click on it. Fill out the requested information, including a note to reset your password. Click 'Send Mail'.

Carmel Rotary Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87091303825?pwd=ZjBGekNaYkczT0VZdnhDYjhidUtsQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 9130 3825

Passcode: 4waytest

One tap mobile

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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 870 9130 3825

Passcode: 73005176

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kH5bJHKI5>

Club Member Anniversaries



[Marilyn Jeter](#)
15 Years



[Marta H. Spence](#)
14 Years



[Jon Walker](#)
14 Years



[Brandon Weddle](#)
4 Years



[Brian A Beck](#)
0 Years



[Jonathan P Hueftle](#)
0 Years



[Benjamin Pearson](#)
0 Years



[Erika Steele](#)
0 Years

Birthdays

[Emily F Wuebkenberg](#)
January 6th

[Phillip G. Anderson](#)
January 12th

[Rebecca J Wanick](#)
January 19th

[Kurt A. Rupenthal](#)
January 25th

[Salim K. Najjar](#)
January 6th

[David P. Luedtke](#)
January 15th

[Brian G. Poindexter](#)
January 24th

[Mark Satz](#)
February 4th

[Zackary Darring](#)
January 12th

[Dao Richmond](#)
January 17th

[Michael E. Warren](#)
January 25th

Wedding Anniversaries

[Tatyana Komarova](#)

