

Rotary



Club of Carmel GEARBOX Newsletter

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Carmel
Woodland Country Club
Friday at 11:45 AM

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Carmel Strategic Plan Progress Shared with Club

At the Carmel Rotary Club meeting held February 6, 2026, club members learned that much progress is being made with implementing the goals of the club's strategic plan. Club President Doug Willard reviewed the process that led to the plan's development, and praised the many club members involved, especially the amassing work done by facilitator and board member Beth Sexton. He shared that the Strategic Plan's purpose is to plan and deliver club and committee activities aimed at achieving the 19 initiatives within these 5 Strategic Priorities: 1) Ensure a growing and vibrant club environment; 2) Promote civic pride by investing in local community; 3) Invest in youth development; 4) Promote Rotary ideals, values, and world Impact; and 5) Optimize communication both internally and externally. He went through the plan's goals, noting the action items and President Willard summarize the results for Q1 and Q2 metrics through December 2025 – the halfway point in the club's administrative year – noting the many successes already made.



Rotary Club President Doug Willard shares strategic plan progress

February 13th Speaker is Kevin Bowen

We're excited to welcome Kevin Bowen from ESPN Radio as our upcoming speaker.

Kevin grew up in Carmel and attended IU before beginning his career in sports journalism and broadcasting. He loves Notre Dame - he's brilliant.

Kevin will share insights from his career in sports media, the role local sports play in shaping community identity, and what it means to connect authentically with audiences every day on ESPN in the AM. He'll also reflect on the influence of his parents as teachers, who instilled in him strong values around work ethic, humility, and community service, principles that closely align with Rotary's commitment to service above self.



Kevin's presentation offers an engaging look at how storytelling, leadership, and values intersect both on and off the air.

Dr. Lindsay Weaver

March 6th
WEEKLY MEETING -
Lane Young

Club Leaders



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Webmaster

Our 5:31 Last Thursday



RYLA is back for 2026!

The Rotary Club of Carmel will be selecting several students to attend. This opportunity is open to current sophomores and juniors.

[Application Link](#)

Deadline March 6

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where youth develop skills as a leader while having fun and making connections.

Rotary
District 6560

RYLA

Leadership Camp

March 27-29, 2026 | Camp Tecumseh

Selected students will be notified by Friday, March 13th

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Club of Carmel
Rotary Family Fun Night!



IGNITE VOLLEYBALL SUITE EXPERIENCE!!!

Fishers Event Center
11000 Stock-Dale Street, Fishers, IN 46037

Friday May 1st @7pm

Cost: \$55.95 per person
(Includes Ticket, Food & On Court Flag Experience)

<https://square.link/u/Oz5tsRtv>

Parking is available at Fishers Event Center for General \$10 & VIP \$20



Club-Sponsored Student to Receive \$40,000 Rotary Global Scholarship

Carmel Rotarians Beth Sexton and Rick Markoff, announced to club members that Rotary Club of Carmel's scholarship nominee, Christian Gray, has been endorsed to receive the All-Indiana \$40,000 Global Grant Scholarship. Sexton and Markoff are serving their second year as voting members of the statewide selection committee, and shared that the All Indiana Rotary Global Scholar

Committee met January 24th and 25th to interview candidates and select the recipient of this year's \$40,000 award. Christian was selected from a field of five candidates as the recipient of the 2026-2027 All-Indiana Global Grant Scholarship. This award is made annually for graduate level study at a university outside of North America. Eligible candidates must have graduated from a four-year college in Indiana or have legal residency in Indiana and present a plan of study and a career commitment that align with one of Rotary's seven areas of focus.

Growing up on the west side of Indianapolis, Christian Gray earned a B.A. degree in Psychology at Wabash College where he studied abroad segment at Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam. Gray volunteers at the local MLK Center. He will return to Amsterdam this autumn and use the scholarship to pursue a Masters in International Development Studies at Universiteit van Amsterdam. After completing a one-year graduate program, he plans to work for a non-profit organization in the Netherlands focused on community self-empowerment, developing and assisting with programs for basic literacy and financial independence.

The All-Indiana Rotary Global Scholar program is part of the three Indiana districts' ongoing commitment to supporting education and developing future leaders. More information can be found at: <https://rotaryglobalscholar.com/>.



Beth Sexton and Rick Markoff announce All-Indiana Rotary Global Scholarship Winner



Carmel Rotary Club endorse Christian Gray, awarded All-Indiana \$40,000 Global Grant Scholarship

Please Welcome Potential New Member Colten Remington

by David I. Hollander

Colten is a Risk Management consultant with M.J. Companies. He focuses on partnering primarily with healthcare organizations. Colten has a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and Finance from the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business at Utah State University. He has a passion for philanthropic work. He has previously served an LDS mission in Indiana prior to attending Utah State University. His experience was centered on service and teaching. He also grew up in the Boy Scouts where leadership, accountability, and service to others was taught and reinforced. He loves camping, hunting, fishing, boating, and all that the great outdoors has to offer. He also plays golf, tennis, and pickle ball. He is married to his wife Sarah. They have 3 young children.



Volunteer Opportunity!

If you wanted to join the STEM Connection Service day, but couldn't make it, you're in luck. Due to the weather, it has been rescheduled to Wednesday February 11.

Come join fellow Rotarians the evening of Wednesday, February 11 from 5pm-7pm for a service opportunity. We will be building STEM kits for the STEM Connection. Weather permitting, a facilitated hike around our property will also be available. We will be assembling take-home STEM kits for students.

Wear your outdoor 'work' clothes and comfortable walking shoes as we will be assembling in the barn and have the opportunity for a nature hike throughout the property to see first hand all the awesome opportunities The STEM Connection offers opportunities for kids who might not normally be exposed to cool applications of math and science. This is a working farm that offers day camps, summer camps, and special camps aimed at middle school kids who are underrepresented in STEM education and careers.

Please use this link to register for the event so they know how many to expect! <https://www.thestemconnection.org/volunteer-registration>

When: Wednesday, February 11, from 5pm-7pm

Where: 8407 Moore Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46278



Check Request Form

<https://forms.gle/WnHuUVemxDZGdiwe6>

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'.

Important Links

[Carmel Rotary Website](#)

[District 6560 Website](#)

[Carmel Rotary Facebook Page](#)

[Rotary International Website](#)

Carmel Rotary Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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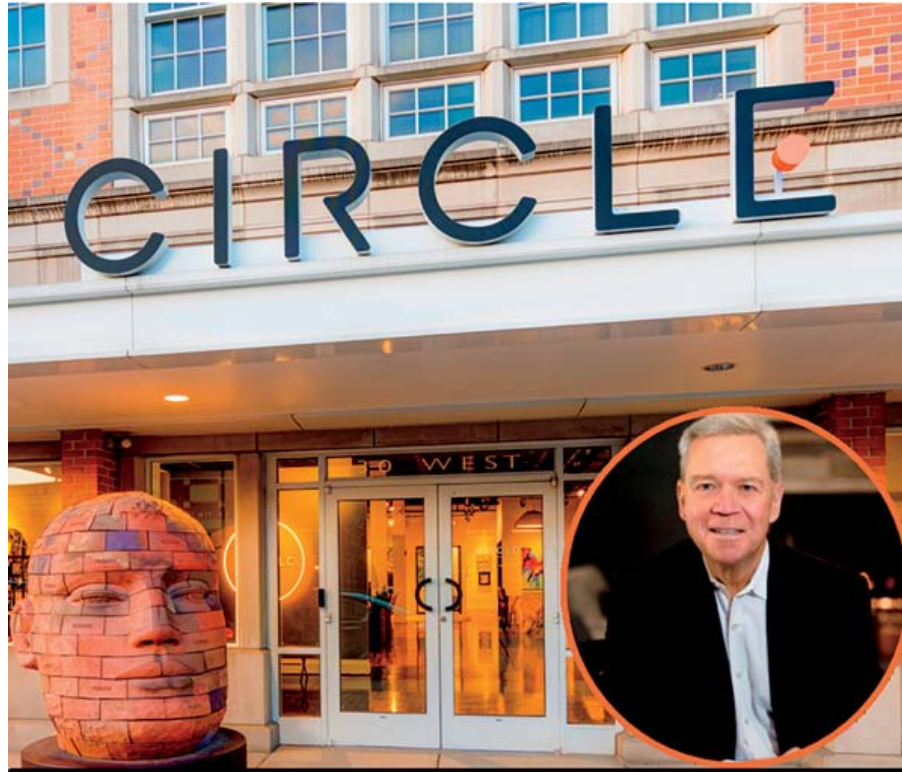
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37 Years



[Kumiko K. Brunson](#)
25 Years



[David Pencak](#)
19 Years



[Sharleen Miller](#)
14 Years



[Richard M. Markoff](#)
9 Years



[Kwan Hui](#)
7 Years



[Robert Wright Swanay](#)
7 Years



[Susie Steel](#)
6 Years



[Monica Frauhiger](#)
3 Years



[Greg Pilling](#)
3 Years



[Lynda Pitz](#)
3 Years



[Jess A. Lawhead](#)
2 Years



Nam Mokwunye
2 Years

Birthdays

[Tyler E. Smith](#)
February 11th

[Peggy A Powell](#)
February 17th

[James H. Tannehill](#)
February 29th

[David Haboush](#)
March 5th

[Kelvin T Okamoto](#)
February 11th

[Cristina Mazza Piccolo](#)
February 20th

[Lyndsey M Brown](#)
March 2nd

[Judith A. Ford](#)
March 6th

[Ramesh K. Joshi](#)
February 14th

[Elizabeth Hamilton](#)
February 26th

[Lyra Lee](#)
March 2nd

[Sarah Luedtke](#)
March 7th

Wedding Anniversaries

[Elyas F. Musleh](#)
February 17th

[Natalie O'Hara](#)
March 5th

[Subhash C. Khanna](#)
February 19th

[Gerald M. Hughes](#)
February 19th