

Rotary



Club of Carmel GEARBOX Newsletter

Club Meeting

Carmel
Woodland Country Club
Friday at 11:45 AM

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Providing Wastewater Treatment and Clean Water for Carmel is a \$48 Million Annual Operations

At the March 6, 2026 Carmel Rotary Club meeting, Carmel Rotarians learned what a huge undertaking it is to provide clean water and treat wastewater in the city. Carmel Utilities Director Lane Young presented facts and figures about the Utilities Department, a Water and Wastewater Utility owned and operated by the City of Carmel. He shared that the Utility's core responsibility is to provide a) safe drinking water that meets flow and pressure requirements including fire protection, and b) sanitary sewer service that includes wastewater treatment for more than 100,000 people. He explained that the Utility operates under permits issued and enforced by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), with the day-to-day operations of the Utility governed by the Carmel Board of Public Works. The Carmel City Council approves all rates and charges and the issuance of debt for capital projects.

Carmel Utilities' operations include Water Treatment, Water Distribution, Wastewater Collections, Wastewater Treatment, Household Hazardous Waste, and Billing/Customer Service for the City's 32,446 Water Customer Accounts and 17,207 Wastewater (Sewer) Accounts. Young noted that the water accounts are nearly twice as many as the sewer customer accounts, as Carmel developed east to west, and most of west Carmel residents still have septic systems. Carmel has 4 water treatment plants that handle 34 million gallons per day, nearly 4 billion gallons of water annually through its water supply system of three water towers, 2 booster stations, 4 ground storage tanks, nearly 600 miles of water main and some 6,000 fire hydrants. Carmel's wastewater system includes 1 Wastewater Treatment Plant, 261 Miles of Sanitary Main, and 22 Lift Stations that treat up to 28 million gallons of wastewater every day, nearly 3 billion wastewater gallons a year. Young provided details about the City's current and planned water and wastewater projects.

Young became Carmel Utilities Director nearly a year ago following the retirement of longtime director John Duffy. Prior to becoming Carmel's Director of Utilities, Lane Young previously served as executive director of Evansville Water and Sewer Utility. A native of Evansville and a U.S. Army veteran, Young earned his bachelor's degree in economics at Indiana University and his master's degree from Wheaton College. Following his presentation, Young answered many questions from members ranging from neighborhood projects to facilities' security. He invited club members to contact Carmel Rotarian Tara Washing, Carmel Utilities' Manager of Public Relations and Education, to sign up for the fall session of the Carmel Citizens Utility Academy, a 7-week program providing insight to the public on the responsibilities and operations of Carmel's Water, Wastewater, Trash & Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal services. Following Young's presentation, Rotarian Tammy Haney presented Young with books "Garbage Crew to the Rescue" to autograph. The books will then be presented to Carmel elementary school libraries.

March 27th
WEEKLY MEETING -
Elizabeth McFarlane

April 3rd
NO WEEKLY
MEETING - Good
Friday

Club Leaders



Doug Willard
President



Nancy S. Heck
President -
Elect



Dubbie Buckler
Secretary



Tyler E. Smith
President -
Nominee
Vice
President
Club Vice
President



Greg Pilling
Treasurer



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Club Comm.
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Club Public
Image Chair
Webmaster

Monica Frauhiger
Club Admin
Chair



Tammy Haney with Lane Young autographing the library books



David I. Hollander
Membership
Chair



Louise M. Jackson
Leadership
Connection
Chair



Robert Wright
Swanay
Sergeant-
at-Arms



Sue M. Westermeier
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



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Chair



Natalie O'Hara
Webmaster



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Community
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Community
Service
Chair



Carolyn M. Shaw
Community
Service
Chair



Julie Standish
Club Youth
Services
Chair



Arnold Elston
Past
President
iPast
President



Lyra Lee
Club Social
Chair

TANAKA



Carmel Rotarian and Carmel Utilities Public Relations and Education Manager Tara Washington, Director Lane Young, Carmel Rotarian and Mayor Sue Finkam

March 13th Speaker is Shelley Raper



Shelley Raper serves as the Corporate Relations Manager at Brooke's Place. In this role, she is responsible for identifying new corporate partners and deepening engagement with current corporate supporters.

Prior to joining Brooke's Place in April 2025, Shelley's career spanned the financial services, nonprofit, and communications technology sectors. She also spent 13 years in the sports industry, specializing in marketing, sponsorships, premium suite sales, event operations, and volunteer management.

Shelley holds a B.S. degree from the Indiana University Kelley School of Business. Her community leadership experience includes serving on the Indiana University Alumni Association Board of Managers and as the Board Chair for We R Richmond Scholarships. She resides in Fishers, Indiana.

Save The Date

Join US!

Rotary Club of Carmel



Pasipamire
Kaleso
Club Social
Chair

5:31 Club

Thursday March 12th

Thai Prime Carmel



Thai Prime Carmel

1200 S Rangeline Rd UNIT 120, Carmel, IN 46032

Everyone is welcome to join



Carmel Rotarians Participate in Mayor's She L.E.A.D.S. Conference 3/5/26

Several Carmel Rotarians participated in Mayor Sue Finkam's 2nd annual She L.E.A.D.S. conference held March 5, 2026 at the 501 Event Center. She L.E.A.D.S. is dedicated to inspiring and equipping Carmel's women and young girls through Leadership, Empowerment, Advancement, Development and Service.

The Rotary Club of Carmel, of which Mayor Sue Finkam is a member, was one of the conference sponsors. The conference strives to help women sharpen their leadership abilities, build strong networks, and heighten their confidence to make meaningful impacts across business, community, and civic life. This impactful event with more than 250 attendees connects professional women and inspires middle school girls through two distinct programs: a half-day Professional Session segment that included a keynote speaker, panel discussions, and networking opportunities to foster leadership development and career growth, and a half-day Youth Session that featured hands-on activities, career exploration, and mentorship to ignite leadership potential in middle school girls. Some of the Carmel Rotarians attending are pictured below.



Dubbie Buckler, Tanaka Kaleso, Dao Richmond, Chaya Reich, Chelsea Flint, Magdalen Bergeron, Jennifer Piatt, Tammy Haney, Beth Sexton, Nancy Heck,





Tanaka Pasipamire Kaleso was a model for the keynote, "Styled for Purpose: Confidence, Identity, and the Power of an Intentional Presence" – to help women confidently build intentional, professional wardrobes – delivered by Michele Dieckmeyer, founder of Fringe & Form.



Dao Richmond, Carolyn Shaw, Mayor Sue Finkam, Dubbie Buckler

Please Welcome Potential New Member Margaret Davidson

by David I. Hollander

Margaret is currently a VP/General Manager with the Asher Agency, a Marketing/Advertising/PR firm based out of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. She opened the Central Indiana office of the Asher Agency in 2014. She developed her extensive advertising experience initially by spending 19 years at MZD Advertising (now ZMP) as a VP/Account Service Director. Margaret had multiple accounts there with the majority being non-profits and public education clients. The Indiana State Fair was one of her main clients. She subsequently moved there to become the CMO of the Indiana State Fair. She has a B.A. degree in Communications with a focus on marketing from DePauw University. She has 3 grown children and 4 grandchildren who she adores. She has a strong weekly commitment to the Carmel Farmer's Market which she considers her "hobby." She volunteers at her church. She is involved with a chapter of ICAN (Indiana Canine Assistant Network). She loves spending time at the Monon Center and spending time with a great network of friends enjoying all of the Carmel Community activities.



Membership Challenge



8 in 8

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

MARCH 1 – APRIL 30

**The goal is simple: add eight
new members in eight weeks.**

Any Rotary or club in Zones 30 and 31 that
meets the goal qualifies—plain and
simple.

**To add extra motivation, clubs that
successfully add eight new members
during the challenge period will be entered
into a drawing for \$1,000 to host a member
social event in May or June.**

Event must include members bringing guests.

GET INVOLVED!

Rotary Outstanding Service Award (ROSA) Nominations Request

It is that time of year to submit your nominations for 2026 ROSA.

The ROSA Award recognizes a non-Rotarian who best demonstrates dedication to enhancement of Carmel Indiana through

community service and who has demonstrated service above self in our community.

Nominations deadline is April 4, 2026. When you submit your nomination, please include the nominee's name, position, organization and reason why you believe your nomination should receive this award. Please send nominations to: rotaryclubcarmelin@gmail.com

Please Welcome Potential New Member Richard Areba



by David I. Hollander

Richard is a Registered Nurse who currently works with oncology patients at the Ascension St. Vincent Hospital. He is also the CEO/Founder of Gates of Hope, Inc. This faith-driven non-profit organization's mission is dedicated to combating malnutrition and enhancing community health in Kenya. Richard has 16 years of nursing experience and health care management. He has previously worked in multiple hospitals in Kenya, in 12 African countries, and for the WHO from 2014-2017. He was awarded the Gold Medal for volunteering to help fight the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. He moved his family from Nairobi, Kenya to the USA in 2021. He has a Master's degree in Public Health and a Master's degree in Oncology. Richard and his wife have three young children. He loves to play golf, to play volleyball, and to travel. He has a passion for community health volunteerism. He is very involved with church activities.

Rotary Family Event- Ignite Volleyball

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

Rotary



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



Fellowship at its finest!

Today I am in Natchez, MS for a pre-tour site inspection. I enter the Grand Hotel and immediately spot the Rotary wheel. I introduce myself to a gentleman, and he turns out to be DG Willis Frazer of District 6800! I unknowingly crashed into their President

Training and was introduced to many welcoming Rotarians, and even International Board member Brian Hall.

Cristina Mazza Piccolo



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=ZjBGekNaYkkzTOVZdnhDYjhidUtsQT09>

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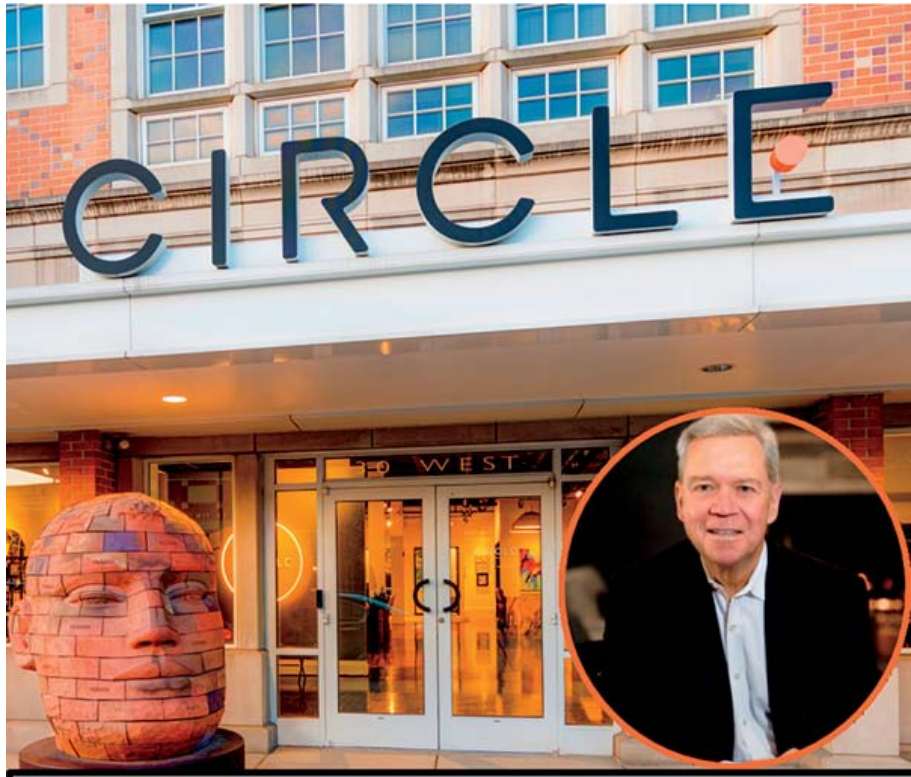
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Club Member Anniversaries



[Phillip G. Anderson](#)
38 Years



[Kumiko K. Brunson](#)
26 Years



[Kim Gaskill](#)
21 Years



[David Pencak](#)
20 Years



[William Robert Schnell](#)
17 Years



[Marta H. Spence](#)
15 Years



[Jon Walker](#)
15 Years



[Sharleen Miller](#)
15 Years



[David Zech](#)
10 Years



[Richard M. Markoff](#)
9 Years



[Kwan Hui](#)
8 Years



[Robert Wright Swanay](#)
8 Years



[Susie Steel](#)
7 Years



[Monica Frauhiger](#)
4 Years



[Greg Pilling](#)
4 Years



[Lynda Pitz](#)
4 Years



[Jess A. Lawhead](#)
3 Years



[Nam Mokwunye](#)
3 Years



[Erika Steele](#)
1 Year



[Carol Applegate](#)
0 Years



[Meg Gates Osborne](#)
0 Years



[Bradford S Osborne](#)
0 Years



[Julie N Eckert](#)
0 Years



[Nolan Schloneger](#)
0 Years



Miles A Oden
0 Years



Erin Husband
0 Years



Ethan McAndrews
0 Years

Birthdays

[Mika L Takahashi](#)

March 12th

[Erika Steele](#)

March 21st

[Caitlin Karvasky](#)

March 26th

[William Robert Schnell](#)

March 29th

[Susan I Gath](#)

April 2nd

[Chris Hawkins](#)

March 14th

[Timothy A Flint](#)

March 25th

[Nolan Schloneger](#)

March 27th

[Joseph S Barnes](#)

April 1st

[Zachary Mayhew](#)

April 7th

[Judith F. Hagan](#)

March 14th

[Amanda Massey](#)

March 25th

[Jess A. Lawhead](#)

March 28th

[Benjamin Pearson](#)

April 2nd

Wedding Anniversaries

[John Stanley](#)

March 29th

[Sharleen Miller](#)

April 4th

[Meg Gates Osborne](#)

March 31st

[Nam Mokwunye](#)

April 7th

[Bradford S Osborne](#)

March 31st