



Club Meeting

Carmel
Woodland Country Club
Friday at 11:45 AM

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Events & Speakers

April 3rd
NO WEEKLY MEETING - Good Friday

April 10th
Weekly Meeting - J. Douglas Boles

April 16th
Board Meeting

April 17th
WEEKLY MEETING - Leadership Connection Scholarship Luncheon

Mrs. Indiana Universe 2025, Bhavana Karuturi Shares Pageant Insights

Carmel Rotarians learned what goes into and behind the scenes of competing in a beauty pageant at its March 27, 2026 club meeting. The reigning Mrs. Indiana Universe 2025, Bhavana Karuturi, explained the process of competing in a pageant and dispelled some myths. In addition to being crowned Mrs. Indiana Universe 2025, Mrs. Karuturi also placed 6th in the Mrs. Universe USA pageant. Mrs. Karuturi shared that competing includes various segments, including the National Costume Round, where contestants wear costumes representing their culture and beliefs. She described her costume (pictured in this article) which represents women as modern day warriors fighting to protect the family from negativity and balancing multiple responsibilities across work, family, personal growth, and social obligations. She explained the multiple arms represent the different virtues of love, kindness, patience, courage, and self-confidence.

Bhavana shared with the club her experiences in the pageantry process. She said it need not be expensive, and since most outfits are only worn a few times, she shops sales and thrift stores. Mrs. Karuturi is the State Director for Indiana Pageantry. In that role she gives talks to inspire and empower women, helps individuals identify and develop their unique skills and passions. She advises women to take life as it is, don't waste time comparing yourself with others, and most importantly, she said, "believe in yourself". For her tireless mentoring efforts, she received a "Most Inspiring Woman" award.

A Biomedical Engineer, Mrs. Bhavana Karuturi works as a Director of Clinical Technology Planning at a consulting company. She is a life coach, pageant judge and a published fashion model who has graced the runway at New York Fashion Week, walking for celebrated Bollywood designers such as Attires & Paroma Ala Monde. As a wife and mother of two sons, she said her mission is to inspire others by sharing her journey and experiences. Following her presentation, she answered several questions about pageant life and her Indian culture. She was then presented books *When You Dream Big*, to autograph and which the club will present to local elementary school libraries.



Mrs. Indiana Universe 2025, Bhavana Karuturi describes the National Costume round

April 24th
WEEKLY MEETING -
Brandy Jemczura

April 27th
Cheftacular
Community Impact
Event - Reserve
your seat by
April 17

April 28th
Merciful Help
Center: Food Pantry

Club Leaders



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 President



Nancy S. Heck
 President - Elect



Dubbie Buckler
 Secretary



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



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 Treasurer



Donna Gray
 Club Comm. Officer
 Club Public Image Chair
 Webmaster



Monica Frauhiger
 Club Admin Chair



David I. Hollander
 Membership Chair



Louise M. Jackson
 Leadership Connection Chair



Robert Wright
 Swanay Sergeant-at-Arms



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Stanley Lebron
 CarmelFest Chair
 Natalie



Carmel Rotary Vice President Nancy Heck and Mrs. Karuturi

Sarah Diaz is Our Guest Speaker April 24

Sarah Diaz, MSW serves as the inaugural Site Director of [Seeds of Caring](#) in the greater Indianapolis area. Seeds of Caring creates service, social action and community building projects for kids ages 2-12 and the grown-ups who care for them. Sarah comes to Seeds of Caring after 5 years leading the development of healthy living programming for youth at the Girls Inc. National Resource Center and a 13 year stint leading health promotion and violence prevention efforts at Butler University. Sarah lives with her family in midtown Indy, and when she's not leading Seeds of Caring you can find her cheering on her 3rd and 6th grade sons from the



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Club Social Chair



sidelines of soccer fields and basketball courts all over town. Sarah's commitment to community care started at an early age and was modeled by her parents whose chosen careers were as a public school educator and a community mental health professional. Sarah leans into Seeds of Caring's deeply held belief that we're *all* going to be able to give help sometimes and we're *all* going to be in a position to need help at other times -- and she gives what she can with gratitude for the support she has received along the way!

Bocce is back in the Village!!!

There will be a bocce kickoff meeting on **Sunday, April 12th at 4 pm** at Ronald Reagan Green. All are welcome. We will be discussing rules and demonstrating play. No experience necessary. This is a fun recreational league. Last year, we had one Rotary team. This year we hope to add a second team on a different night to give everyone more options.

The spring league will **start the week of April 19th and continue through the end of June**. You do not need to commit to coming every week. Exact evenings to be determined based on interest level and desired evenings. We will have games from 5-6:15 pm, 6:15-7:30 pm and 7:30- 8:45 pm. If we have weekend games, they will start at 4 pm. Schedules will be issued after the kickoff meeting. We will use the bocce court at Ronald Reagan Green. We will play for ten weeks including a tournament.

We plan for this league to be very social and encourage everyone to bring food and drink to have a great time. If you have any questions, please contact the bocce commissioner, Julie (Angelotti) Standish at standish.julie@gmail.com.

Please complete the sign up form to help us choose the evenings that Rotary will play.

<https://forms.gle/EGZxEbuJQHy2BSXu8>



Volunteer Opportunity!

Rotary Tent
Volunteer Sign up 5/3/2026 Sunday at Japan SpringFest
by Kawachinagano Japanese Garden

Volunteer Sign up is needed for the Rotary Tent to pass out brochures and talk to people about Rotary Club and RYLA.
When: On May 3, 2026 Sunday we will have a Rotary Tent at 2026 Carmel Japan SpringFest at City Hall Parking lot by Kawachinagano Japanese Garden
9:30-11:30 Tent set up Tent, Table and chairs
Pick up Rotary pop-up tent and set up at the designated location

11:30 - 1:30 (event)
1:30-3:30 (event)
3:30-5pm Event (event)
5pm Tear down tent and return to the storage

Contact Tyler Smith
Tsmithrotary3398@gmail.com
Kaybrunson7@gmail.com

Cheftacular - Tickets Available



Monday, April 27

6:30-8:30 PM

Carmel High School Fieldhouse
520 E Main Street
Carmel, IN 46032

Door 17

\$25

Limited Discounted Tickets



Doug Boles is Speaker April 10th

Doug Boles added the role of president of INDYCAR in February 2025 after being named president of Indianapolis Motor Speedway in July 2013. Boles has been widely recognized for his promotional expertise and strategic marketing acumen, expanding IMS' global reach and deepening the connection between fans of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES and the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge.

With more than 20 years of executive leadership experience in motorsports – spanning team operations, sponsorship, marketing, public relations and beyond – Boles is tasked to lead INDYCAR into a new era of opportunity and visibility.

Boles served as chief operating officer of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway from January-June 2013, along with his role as vice president of communications for Hulman & Company, which he assumed in November 2011. Boles joined the company in November 2010 as IMS director of public relations after more than 15 years of executive-level motorsports experience in team operations, marketing, sponsorship and public relations.

At IMS, Boles oversaw the sellout of the 100th Indianapolis 500, the first full-capacity crowd in the event's storied history. In addition, he's managed more than \$150 million in strategic investment at the Racing Capital of the World, including "Project 100" and significant infrastructure improvements following the acquisition of IMS by Penske Corp.

As a founding partner and chief operating officer at Panther Racing and as Hulman & Company's vice president of communications, he has worked extensively within the INDYCAR paddock. At Panther, Boles helped lead the team to 15 INDYCAR SERIES race wins and two INDYCAR SERIES championships, in addition to seven INDY NXT by Firestone race wins and a championship.

A Butler University graduate who also earned a law degree from the Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis, Boles served as executive vice president of the marketing and advertising agency ignition, Inc., from 2006-08. He then became partner in the marketing agency i3Worldwide while conducting his private law practice, primarily representing drivers, race teams and sponsors.

Boles also served as director of governmental and corporate affairs for Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith from 1992-97, where he also spearheaded the nation's first government-led effort to attract motorsports companies and jobs to a community.

Boles serves on the boards of the 500 Festival, Ascension St. Vincent Hospital, Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, Star Bank and United States Auto Club. He has previously taught courses at his alma mater, Butler University, and was selected as a member of the first group of "50 Under 50" highlighting Butler graduates. Boles and his wife, Beth, live in Zionsville, Indiana, and enjoy as many outdoor activities and sports as possible in the water and on the mountains, skiing and hiking. They have four children.



Join Rotary at Japan Spring Fest on May 3rd

ATTENTION ROTARIANS - We are sponsoring this event on May 3rd 12-5 and would love to see you there! Volunteers are needed to help promote Rotary at our tent.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)
JAPAN SPRINGFEST



Come celebrate the spring season and all things Japan at the Carmel Japan Spring Fest. Sample tasty Japanese foods, enjoy local Japanese cultural performances, take photos with Cosplayers, and experience Japan through various family-friendly activities.

You'll also get a first look at the updated Carmel Japanese Garden, plus learn all about our sister city in Kawachinagano, Japan!

Free to attend.

Visit the Facebook event [at this link](#) for up-to-date details.

[Sign up to volunteer](#)

Leadership Connections Scholarships



We are pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the Leadership Connection Scholarship, presented by the Rotary Club of Carmel.

This scholarship will be awarded to six seniors who attended the Leadership Connection events on October 24th and November 6th, 2025.

Each scholarship winner will receive:

1. A \$2,000 scholarship for tuition at a college, university, community college, or trade school.
2. A technology award to support their academic journey.

Eligibility & Application Details:

- Applicants must have attended Leadership Connection and be in their senior year.
- Submissions should highlight their desire to continue their education, the school they plan to attend, and the impact Leadership Connection has had on them.
- Creative responses in various media formats are encouraged!

Application Deadline: March 27, 2026

Scholarship Recipients Rotary Luncheon: April 17, 2026

To submit final applications or to ask any questions, please email the Leadership Connection Team:

rotaryleadershipconnection@gmail.com

Thank you for your support in helping our students!

Leadership Connection & the Rotary Club of Carmel

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

Rotary Family Event- Ignite Volleyball

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

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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



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!

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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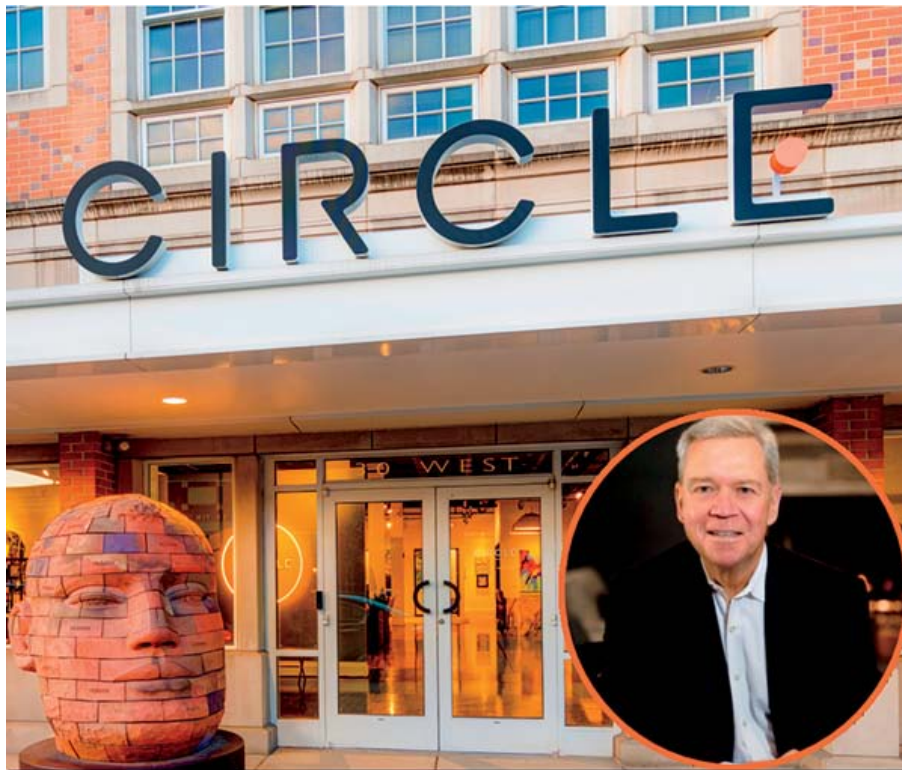
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Club Member Anniversaries



[David Zech](#)
10 Years



[Doug Willard](#)
6 Years



[Ramesh K. Joshi](#)
4 Years



[Gail Bardach](#)
2 Years

Birthdays

[Joseph S Barnes](#)
April 1st

[Zachary Mayhew](#)
April 7th

[Benjamin Pearson](#)
April 2nd

[David Zech](#)
April 14th

[Susan J Gath](#)
April 2nd

[Robert L Brown](#)
April 17th

Wedding Anniversaries

[Meg Gates Osborne](#)
March 31st

[Nam Mkwunye](#)
April 7th

[Bradford S Osborne](#)
March 31st

[Kyle D Maisano](#)
April 22nd

[Sharleen Miller](#)
April 4th

[TANAKA Pasipamire Kaleso](#)
April 29th