

Rotary



Club of Carmel GEARBOX Newsletter

Club Meeting

Carmel
Woodland Country Club
Friday at 11:45 AM

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Events & Speakers

April 16th
Board Meeting

April 17th
**WEEKLY MEETING -
Leadership
Connection**

IMS President Doug Boles Revs Up Rotarians for May!

Doug Boles, president of Indianapolis Motor Speedway and INDYCAR, captivated a full crown at the Carmel Rotary Club's meeting April 10th. Boles shared several insights into the success of the IMS and Indy 500, including the secrecy of the IMS being bought by Roger Penske. Only Penske and 3 other people knew about the purchase when Boles and senior IMS officials were informed to be in the IMS office for a 7am meeting. Boles extolled the benefit of Penske's ownership, saying the IMS would be a different place today were it not for the many improvements Penske has made to improve the Speedway and dramatically elevate motor sports. After his fascinating remarks, Boles was joined by his wife Beth and answered many questions ranging from how his race day begins (it starts Saturday morning with virtually no sleep until well after the race is over Sunday) and what is the most stressful part for Beth (qualifications and the race's first few laps) whose son Conner Daly has led a record number of laps without yet winning the race. Doug and Beth Boles graciously remained long after the meeting ended to continue answering questions.



Pic 1: IMS President Doug Boles

Scholarship Luncheon

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

May 1st
WEEKLY MEETING - Club Meeting

May 1st
Rotary Club Ignite Night Suite Experience - Register by April 17

May 2nd
Children's TherAplay HORSEPOWER

May 8th
**WEEKLY MEETING -
Mayor Sue Finkam**

Club Leaders



Doug Willard
President



Nancy S. Heck
President-Elect



Dubbie Buckler
Secretary



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President-Nominee
Vice President
Club Vice President



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Leadership Connection Chair



Robert Wright
Swanay Sergeant-at-Arms



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Rotary Foundation Chair



Stanley Lebron
CarmelFest Chair

Natalie O'Hara
Webmaster



Pic 2: Tammy Haney, Doug Boles, Beth Boles and club president Doug Willard



Pic 3: Doug Boles autographed books about racing that the club presents to local schools

Leadership Connection Scholarship Winners

The Rotary Club of Carmel is pleased to share that the review process for the 2026 Leadership Connection Scholarships is complete, and the following students have been selected as this year's recipients.

Dr. Rick Markoff Leadership Connection Scholarship Winner
Carter Buhr – Carmel High School | Purdue University

Carter submitted his application through a [video](#), where he demonstrated strong communication skills, confidence, and thoughtful reflection on his Leadership Connection experience. His presentation highlighted personal growth and a clear commitment to



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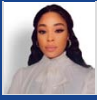
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Club Youth Services Chair



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Past President
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Lyra Lee
Club Social Chair



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continuing his development as a leader and current involvement in several service organizations.

Leadership Connection Scholarship Winners

- Halla Wilburn – Christel House | Indianapolis University of Indiana
- Kane Lomax – Pike High School | IU Indianapolis
- Anthony Garcia – Christel House | IU Indianapolis
- Zach Flint – Carmel High School | Brigham Young University (Provo)
- Cheryl Yu – Carmel High School | New York University

We had a highly competitive pool of applicants this year, over 30 applications from 3 schools. These students represent a strong cross-section of leadership, growth, and future potential. We look forward to recognizing them at the upcoming scholarship luncheon at next week’s meeting.

Please Welcome Potential New Member Jared Shum



by David I. Hollander

Jared is the Head of Investor Relations at Focused Capital, a private real estate firm. He leads investor engagement, communications, and capital strategy. Jared has dual bachelor degrees in Economics and Political Science from Stanford University. He earned his Master degree in Public Administration in International Development from the Harvard Kennedy School. He is currently the Head Coach for the University High School Swimming and Diving Team. He also is an Assistant Coach for the Carmel Swim Club. He has served on multiple nonprofit boards and he has held leadership positions in student organizations during graduate school. Jared loves to mentor young people, build their confidence, and help them develop both as athletes and individuals. He is drawn to Rotary because of its commitment to service, leadership, and local impact. Some of his multiple hobbies include alpine skiing, golf, weight lifting, martial arts, pickleball, reading, travel, and musical theatre.

April Volunteer Opportunity

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LITERACY AWARENESS

Book Drive

Find out how you're never too young to make a difference while collecting new and used children's books.

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 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>





Guest is Laura —Cindy Davis' sister

2 Free Tickets for Carmel Symphony Orchestra's Symphonic

Saturday April 18th at 7pm
Payne Mencias Palladium

Contact Jay Brill at jbrill@indy.rr.com for tickets

Carmel Symphony Orchestra

Symphonic Odyssey

Payne & Mencias Palladium // Saturday, Apr 18,
7pm ET



Kelly Corcoran
Conductor



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EVENT DETAILS

Sat Apr 18 - 7pm ET

Carmel Rotary Night - May 6, 2026

Tickets - only \$25 a person (50% off)

For tickets, call - 317-843-3800

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CARMEL ROTARY NIGHT!
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Tickets only \$25! Use code **ROTARY25**
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Book & Lyrics by Don Black & Christopher Hampton

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Based on the 1950 Film "Sunset Boulevard" written by Charles Brackett, Billy Wilder & D.M. Marshman Jr.

Directed by Michael Blatt

Synopsis:

Sunset Boulevard revolves around the former star of the silent screen era, Norma Desmond. Aging and largely forgotten for years, she lives in her dilapidated mansion in Hollywood with her butler and chauffeur, Max. Lost in her memories, she is stirred into action when struggling screenwriter, Joe Gillis, suddenly enters her home and her life. Joe is down on his luck and struggling to escape debt collectors. Norma offers him a room and board if he agrees to edit her incomprehensible script of Salome, a movie she has written and in which she wants to star as the teenage seductress. Norma is convinced that she is still as beautiful and in demand as ever. This misguided belief is sustained by Max, who writes fake fan letters to her and shields her from the realities of the much changed, modern-day movie business. Buoyed by Joe's presence in her house, she lavishes him with gifts and soon declares her love for him. Her obsession with the young writer further reveals her increasing mental instability, leading to tragic consequences.

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

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](#)

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

Rotary 

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!

Theraplay Needs Volunteers

Come Join fellow Rotarians to help support Children's Theraplay at their annual Horsepower Event.
When: Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 9am-2pm
Where: 9919 Towne Road, Carmel, IN 46032



Please email Ranj Puthran (ranjitputhran@allstate.com) to sign up to volunteer. More details to come as we get closer to the event!

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=ZjBGekNaYkczTOVZdnhDYjhidUtsQT09>

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Passcode: 4waytest

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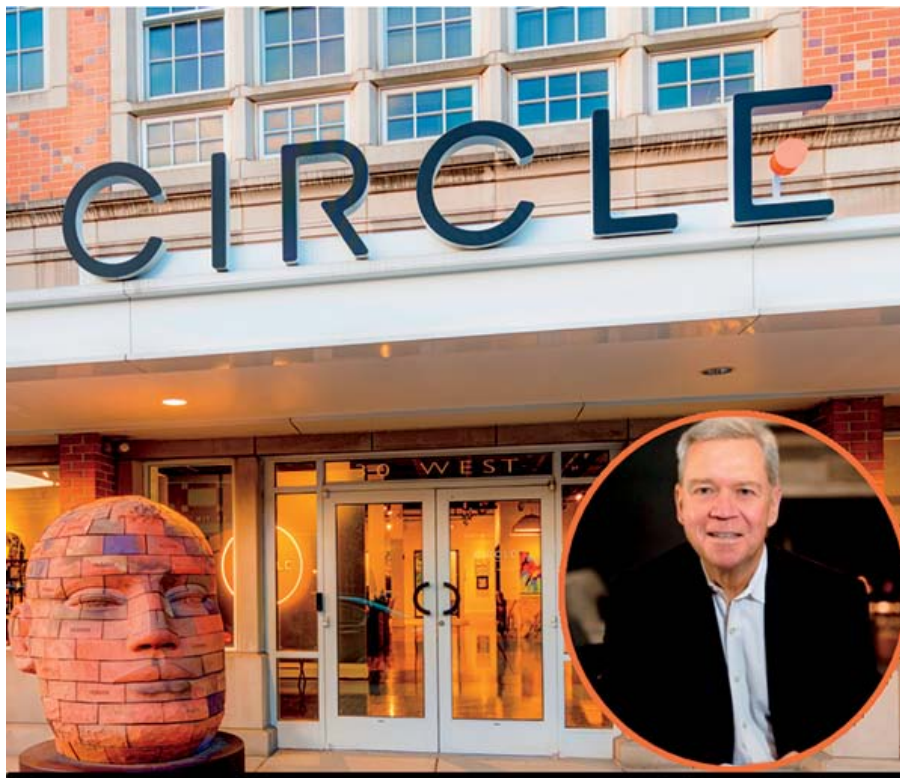
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14 Years



[Doug Willard](#)
6 Years



[Ramesh K. Joshi](#)
4 Years



[Gail Bardach](#)
2 Years

Birthdays

[David Zech](#)
April 14th

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May 4th

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May 7th

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May 7th

[Semiu Olanrewaju Bello](#)
May 11th

Wedding Anniversaries

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April 22nd

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April 29th

[Cristina Mazza Piccolo](#)
May 8th