

Summer 2026

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Quarterly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Urbana, Ohio



Rotary
Club of Urbana, Ohio



MEETINGS:

Monday - 12:00 PM
Lunch/networking
begins @11:45am

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September 4, 1957

2026 ANNUAL CHARTER NIGHT

The Club celebrated its 2026 Annual Charter Night on June 22, with 35 members and guests in attendance. Members proudly debuted their new club shirts, adding to the festive atmosphere of the evening.

A highlight of the event was the recognition of members for their years of dedicated service to the Club. Honorees included: 60 years - Roger Wilson; 55 years - Alan Maurice; 50 years - Bill Borland; 20 years - Tim Martin, Terry Pope, Tammy Vernon; 15 years - Karen Bailey, David Hoskins, Mike Terry; 5 years - Joe Curran and Joanne Petty.

Tim Martin was also recognized with a Perfect Attendance Award for the 2025-26 club year, marking his second consecutive year receiving the honor.

The Club welcomed and recognized eight new members who joined during the 2025-26 year: Dean Ortlieb, Rob Dwyer, Ambria Small, Margaret Mitterholzer, Terry Markin, Carolyn Roark, Chad Burroughs, and Tiffani Huffman.

The evening concluded with the installation of officers and directors for the 2026-27 year. Karen Bailey was installed as Club President, with Isabel Gill serving as President-Elect for 2027-28 and Charles Thiel assuming the role of Secretary. New directors Dave Case, David Hoskins, and Samantha Winner were also installed.

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CLASS OF 2026



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The annual Rotary Club of Urbana, Ohio Scholarships were awarded again for the graduating Class of 2026. A scholarship is offered to seniors of each high school in Champaign County, with the traditional three scholarships available to Urbana graduates. This year, the Board of Directors approved an increase in the annual scholarship amount to \$1,000 per student. With this action, the club has now committed to providing \$14,000 in scholarships each year.



NAME: Mason Malone
SCHOOL: Triad - Ohio Hi-Point
COLLEGE: University of Northwestern Ohio for Graphic Design



NAME: Vincent Lightle
SCHOOL: Urbana
COLLEGE: University of Akron for Business Administration



NAME: Malia Quesenberry
SCHOOL: Graham
COLLEGE: Ohio State University in Lima for Zoology



NAME: Brody Donahoe
SCHOOL: Urbana
COLLEGE: Miami University for Public Administration



NAME: Addison Hutton
SCHOOL: West Liberty-Salem
COLLEGE: University of Kentucky for Pharmacy



NAME: Evan Upchurch
SCHOOL: Urbana
COLLEGE: Bowling Green State University for Accounting



NAME: Eli Wilson
SCHOOL: Mechanicsburg
COLLEGE: Ohio Northern University for Mechanical Engineering

2025 Scholarship Recipients also shared an update and received their second-year awards.

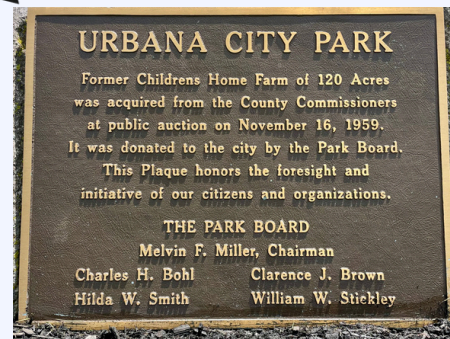
Jacob Kohler - Triad
Caleb Hershberger - West Liberty-Salem
Essie McGuire - Graham
Darby Ayers - Mechanicsburg
Colton Lafferty - Urbana
Corynn Ryan - Urbana
Bell Talebi - Urbana

CLUB HISTORY SPOTLIGHT: MELVIN MILLER PARK

In 1959, Melvin Miller bought 120 acres of land, the site of the former Children's Home Farm. A Park Acquisition Board was formed to manage the mortgage.

Miller, a Charter Member of the Rotary Club, convinced other Rotarians that the City of Urbana needed a city park. Rotarians participated in planting, tilling, and harvesting the corn crops on the farmland, allowing the loan to be paid off in 1969.

The land was deeded to the City of Urbana through four separate parcels in 1965, 1975, 1986, and 1991. Over 30-plus years, civic organizations such as the Mothers' Study Club, the Urbana Jaycees, the Lions Club, and the Rotary Club worked with the Park Board to improve the site.



SENIOR SERVICE DAY 2026

The Urbana High School Annual Senior Service Day took place on April 24th. A group of students spent the morning working with Champaign County Master Gardener Volunteers and club members to plant trees on the site and pull weeds from the flower beds.



Tim Martin and Mike Terry spreading mulch.

FREEDOM GROVE WORK SESSION

Club members completed the annual spring work session at Freedom Grove on May 18th in preparation for Memorial Day. An approaching storm cut the work short for the evening.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL MONTHLY THEMES:

July 2026 - Maternal and Child Health Month

August 2026 - Membership and New Club Development Month

September 2026 - Basic Education and Literacy Month

October 2026 - Community Economic and Development Month

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Important Dates & Events

July 3rd: Chicken BBQ at Grimes Field serving 3-6:30 pm
Fireworks Concessions at Grimes Field 7-10 pm

July 6th: No Meeting - Chicken BBQ Recovery

July 27th: District Governor Visit

August 7th-14th: Dairy Bar at Champaign County Fair

August 17th: No Meeting - Dairy Bar Recovery

September 4th: Club Charter Date, 1957

September 7th: Labor Day, No Meeting

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