



## Events

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## Birthdays

Michael Douglas Stafford  
May 3rd  
Robert Buckhave  
May 6th  
Thea Lewis-Conway  
May 12th  
Tim Story  
May 16th  
Rene Roberts  
May 23rd  
German Reyes  
May 26th  
Jennifer A Walker  
May 26th  
Marita A. Smith  
May 29th

## Club Meeting

Northville  
Meets at First Presbyterian  
Church (2nd and 4th  
Tuesdays only)  
200 E Main St  
Northville, MI 48167-1680  
Time: Tuesday at 12:05 PM

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## Rotary Round-Up

*A between-meetings collection of what's happening with our Club, District 6400, and Rotary International.*

### Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:05 p.m. Lunch will be provided by **Genii**. Sign up here,

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CACAB2FABF4C70-49477480-lunch>

**Please sign up by 5:00 p.m. Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up is required if you want a lunch. If you sign up and do not attend the meeting, you will be billed for your lunch.**

Our guest speaker will be George Lahanas, Northville City Manager.

This is a reminder that lunch will be **FREE!** The board is picking up the cost of lunch in the hopes that we have a robust showing for our meeting.

See you there!

### Get to know me – Isidoro Mazzitelli!

A highlight in the Rotary Round-Up is a feature on one of our members in the Rotary Club of Northville. This week is, Isidoro.

1. When did you join Rotary and how did you become interested in getting involved?

I officially became a member of the Rotary Club on February 20, 2023. My journey to Rotary began after moving to Northville in 2019, where I was immediately struck by the community's vibrant spirit and strong sense of involvement, evident through numerous local initiatives such as the art fair, the Victorian festival, Tour de Ville and many others. The pandemic made it challenging to connect with people traditionally at the beginning, but the welcoming nature of Michiganders and the alignment of Rotary's values with my own drew me in. Eager to deepen my roots in this wonderful community and give back in meaningful ways, I reached out to the Northville Rotary president and soon found myself proudly part of this dynamic group.

2. Where did you grow up? How did you find yourself in the community of Northville?

My story starts in Acquappesa, a small village in South Italy, where my heart truly lies. It's a place I return to often, reconnecting with my family and childhood friends. My professional journey has taken me from Pisa to places as diverse as Houston, Utrecht, and Gothenburg, eventually leading me to Northville. Each move was driven by career opportunities, and each city added layers to my life's narrative, with Northville becoming my latest (amazing) chapter.

3. Tell us about your career path.

My entire career has been dedicated to rolling bearings. Starting in academia as Teaching Assistant in Italy, I also helped launch a spin-off from the University of Pisa that served the aerospace industry. My work then took me to Texas A&M University and across the ocean to a leading bearing company in the Netherlands. After various roles and international experiences, I found myself in Gothenburg with SKF, and later moved to Michigan to spearhead initiatives in R&D and product development. This March, I embarked on a new adventure, founding my own company here, continuing to innovate within the bearing sector.

4. Have you had a memorable experience in Rotary that you can share?

I've had several memorable experiences with the Rotary Club of Northville, all of which welcomed me warmly. I have enjoyed participating in the club meetings and various initiatives, although my available time last year limited my involvement. One evening stands out in particular: shortly after joining, I was invited to a social gathering at Carol S.'s house. It was an evening dedicated to socializing and playing cards—a game called Euchre, which is very popular in Michigan but was new to me. The night was delightful, and it was there, amid the laughter and friendly competition, that I truly felt embraced as part of a larger family. This experience at Carol's home made me realize the blessing of being part of such an extended and supportive global Rotary family.

5. What is one interesting or unexpected connection you've made through being a member in Rotary?

Every individual I meet at Rotary enriches my life, expands my network, and offers me opportunities to give back to the community. These connections have deepened my sense of belonging and strengthened my commitment to service. On a more personal note, a delightful surprise was discovering fellow motorbike enthusiasts among the members. We are now planning a ride together, turning our shared interests into new adventures.

6. Lastly, what is your favorite vacation spot?

My soul finds its peace back in Acquappesa, amid the familiar landscapes and loved ones. Whether I'm by the sea or cruising on a boat, it's where I recharge and reflect on my journey through life.

7. Additional Thoughts

Life has blessed me with incredible experiences and professional successes, and now, it feels right to give back. Being a part of Rotary allows me to contribute to the community that has given me so much, embodying my commitment to continuous personal and professional growth.



## Apply for Grants!

Our club is in position to apply for District 6400 grants. Are there any projects coming up this year that we can utilize these funds for? It would be nice to offset some costs that normally would come out of our Northville Club Foundation for community projects. We have to have a grant application in by May 31<sup>st</sup> to qualify so let's brainstorm some ideas! Follow up with Kevin Kelly if you have any ideas/questions/comments.

## Membership Refresh – New Date

We have moved the Membership Refresh meeting to the evening of Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at DJ Boyd's residence. This will be a fun evening of fellowship with a refresh of what's Rotary. Whether you're still new to Rotary or not, you're invited. More details to come the closer we get to June 13.

## Rotary Magazine – June

One of our members has been working for **years** on trying to get a feature in the Rotary magazine. Persistence has apparently paid off because it looks like the June edition will have a feature on land conservancies. He stated, "My hope is that this article will inspire a movement, encouraging Rotary Clubs to unite in creating new nonprofit land conservancies in their regions, thereby safeguarding our environment and helping landowners permanently protect cherished working farms, forests, and meadows for the betterment of our communities, and in cases purchasing large tracts of land to protect them forever."

Congratulations are in order to Kirt Manecke! Thank you for representing the Rotary Club of Northville!

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

**Friday, May 3 – Sunday, May 5** District 6400 Conference at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids

**Tuesday, May 14** Rotary Rewind 6:00 pm at the Sports Den

**Wednesday, May 22** Service Project Rotary well clean up from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

**Monday, June 24** Golf de Ville Northville Hills Golf Club

**Tuesday, June 25** Meet the Governor Harrow, ON

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