

THE ROTARY BELL

January 10, 2025



GUIDELINES FOR ROTARIANS

Please consider the following guidelines when selecting a speaker:

- Start searching for your speaker at least a month in advance.
- Choose a speaker with a topic of informational, educational, motivational or entertainment value that will be of general interest to all club members.
- Avoid controversial topics or volatile issues that could arouse anger and division among members. Refer to the Four-Way Test when considering speakers and topics.
- Avoid repetition or sameness. Look for a speaker we haven't heard before with a fresh topic.
- Avoid political or religious topics. Rotary International is a non-political and non-religious organization. As a matter of policy, Rotary organizations do not take positions on public questions including political or international issues.
- No political candidates within an election year. It is acceptable, however, to have an elected official speak to our club when the format is simply a report to constituents on congressional or legislative affairs.
- Avoid local representatives of non-profit organizations. Consider such speakers only if they have a unique topic that is not a sales pitch for funding. Never allow requests for funding unless the request has been formally approved in advance by the club board of directors.
- Avoid product or service promotion. Advise company executives who are invited to speak to deal with issues that affect their industry and the community and how they cope with them. They should not use the Rotary podium to promote their products or services.
- Club members as speakers are encouraged if the topic is of general interest and the speaker's program does not involve the commercial promotion of the individual nor the individual's business or employer
- Emphasize to the speaker they only have a total of 20 minutes, which includes the Q&A time.

Responsibilities and courtesies for all members when guest speakers are present:

- All speakers are guests of the club.
- Introduce yourself and welcome them to the meeting.
- Please be courteous and respectful of their time and of their presentation.
- Never ask questions that would put a speaker "on the spot" or embarrass them.
- Never ask any questions of a political or religious nature.
- Let them know how much you enjoyed their presentation and thank them for attending.

JERSEYVILLE ROTARIANS: Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 15, 2025, 12:00 PM, First Baptist Church. Sharon Cameron will be presenting Stacy Burney from CASA of Jersey and Greene Counties as our speaker. Lunch will be served. Feel free to bring a potential new member. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Past Meeting Updates:

Wednesday January 8-Dennis Ford, Chair of the Foundation Committee discussed the Paul Harris Fellowship and a new program he is working on to increase Paul Harris donors. Sharon Cameron Chair of the Public Relations and Administration Committee gave out three tools to assist in securing and hosting a speaker that explains our policy, a letter addressed to the speaker explaining our policy and their responsibilities, and a questionnaire to assist in gathering your speaker's bio information to be used to complete your introduction. If you missed this meeting, all three of these tools are located at the back of the meeting room. Please pick up your copies soon.

Wednesday December 18-Laura Dugas hosted our annual Christmas party. We had a nice lunch, played games and sang Christmas Carols, with Judy Pruitt accompanying us on the piano. A fun time was had by all!



Please do not forget your Foundation Donations. **Every Rotarian, Every Year.** Time to start your 2024-2025 donations!

January Birthdays



Sue Beach-January 2

December Junior Rotarians



Pictured L to R: Katie Schultz, Abby Benz, Jeshurun Opolencia, Garin Schleeper and our President Judy Pruitt.

Rotary Board Meeting Update



From the Rotary Board Meeting 01/07/2025- Jersey State Bank balance \$6,196.97. The club helped raise \$866.32 during our bell ringing day for the Salvation Army. A new Speaker Guideline Policy was approved by the board and Sharon Cameron will present them to the club at the January 8th meeting. Chili Fest tickets and flyers will be distributed at the January 15th meeting. Robert Durr from the Riverbend East Rotary Club will be attending our Chili Fest with information on the Dental Project in Eswatini Africa. We have applied for a grant for learning tools for The Jerseyville Public Library.

Next Board Meeting February 5, 2025, 12:15 PM First Baptist Church. Bring your own lunch.

Member Updates

- Don Schaaf has agreed to be our “Seargent at Arms” through June 30, 2025. Thanks Don!
- Pamela Rice-Weber was presented with the “Club Builder Award” by Neal Miller at our December 11 meeting. Congratulations Pam!
- Jim Siebert has been moved to Liberty Village. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers. You may call him at 618-535-3953.
- David Foltz has moved to be closer to his family. You may call him at: 314-372-2344. His new address and email are:

Dr. David Foltz
c/o Greg Foltz
11517 N. Park Ave. N
Seattle, WA. 98133
Dr.david.foltz@gmail.com



Please inform Sharon Cameron of any member updates for placement in the Member Updates Section. This would not only include illness etc. but promotions, new jobs, additions to your family, engagements, weddings, anniversaries etc.

Upcoming Rotary Service Projects and Events:



SAVE THE DATE-MARCH 4, 2025, 11:00 to 2:00 First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall is our Rotary Chili Fest. Prep/set up day is Sunday March 2, 2025, First Baptist Church at 1:00 PM. Volunteer sign-up sheets are enroute and tickets will be available at our January 15, 2025, meeting.



SAVE THE DATE-JUNE 27, 2025, Annual Rotary Blood Drive. First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Sign-up sheet for volunteers will be available closer to the event.



ROTARY PARK PROJECT. Update: Grant applications are being researched. More information to come.



Please send us your ideas and suggestions for Rotary Service Projects. You can reply to this email, speak with any Board Member, or voice your suggestions at the next Rotary meeting.

2024-2025 Rotary Member Challenge



New member challenge for 2024-2025!

Pam Weber-1 John Houseman-2

Kim Hardin-1



UPCOMING SPEAKER ASSIGNMENTS:

January 8-Sharon Cameron
January 15-Sharon Cameron
January 22-Club Assembly
January 29-5th Wednesday night out Steve's Old Cabin BBQ 5:30 PM
February 5-1st Wednesday Night Out Charcoal House 5:30 PM
February 12-Pam Weber
February 19-Sharon Cameron
February 26-?
March 5-1st Wednesday night out Georges Pub and Grill 5:30 PM
March 12-Beth King
March 19-Kim Hardin
March 26-Sharon Cameron
April 2-1st Wednesday night out Casa Tequila 5:30 PM
April 9-Candi Johnson
April 16-Charity Roth
April 23-Dennis Ford Administrative Assistant's Day
April 30-5th Wednesday Night Out Terrapin Place 5:30 PM
May 7-1st Wednesday Night Out Steve's Old Cabin BBQ
May 14-Don Schaaf

If the date you are scheduled does not work for you, please trade your day with another member and let Sharon Cameron know. Thank you!



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Friday Inspiration



ROTARY DIRECT

Rotary's recurring giving program



ROTARY DIRECT SAVES...

- ✓ **Time** — Sign up once to give continuous support
- ✓ **Money** — Lower administration costs means more money for programs
- ✓ **Lives** — Give to The Rotary Foundation to do good in the world

There are three ways to enroll in Rotary Direct:

- Online:** my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct
By mail: Rotary Direct, 17th Floor, Annual Giving
One Rotary Center
1560 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201-3698 USA
By phone: +1-866-976-8279

Manage your recurring giving at any time by signing in to My Rotary and going to Donor Self-Service.

YES! I INTEND TO GIVE US\$1,000 OR MORE ANNUALLY AND WILL JOIN THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY.*

YES! I WILL ENROLL IN ROTARY DIRECT.

Name _____

IF YOU ARE A ROTARIAN, PLEASE COMPLETE.

Rotary membership ID _____

Club name _____

Club number _____

Billing address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Postal code _____ Country _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Contributions are tax deductible where allowed by law. For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions via email.

*Note: By checking this box, donors notify The Rotary Foundation of their intention to contribute US\$1,000 or more every Rotary year to the Annual Fund or PolioPlus Fund. Learn more at rotary.org/phs.

GIFT DESIGNATION (choose one)

- Annual Fund-SHARE Other _____
 PolioPlus Fund

RECURRING GIFT AMOUNT (minimum US\$10)

- \$25 \$85 \$100 \$250 \$1,000 Other _____

Currency (if not US\$) _____

FREQUENCY

- Monthly Quarterly Annually (specify month) _____

CHECKING ACCOUNT, please attach a voided check
Available for U.S. and Canada bank accounts only
Not available online

CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD

- Visa MasterCard AmEx Discover

Card number

Expiration / CVN

Signature _____



Your privacy is important to Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation (collectively, "Rotary") and the personal data you share with Rotary will only be used for official Rotary business, such as for Rotary fundraising purposes, financial processing, donor recognition, and record keeping. Personal data collected with this contribution is subject to Rotary's Privacy Policy found at rotary.org/privacy.

EN—(721)