



IMAGINE ROTARY

The FIZZ

The Weekly Newsletter of The Rotary Club of
Champaign
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Birthdays

Elizabeth Borman
February 26th

Zach Wetherell
March 8th

Jay Downey
March 16th

Patrick Kovar
March 17th

Kip R. Pope
March 18th

Willie G Comer Jr
March 23rd

Dana Schaumburg
March 25th

Jeff Fullilove
March 27th

E. Richard Ensrud
March 28th

Wedding Anniversaries

Ashley Dye
March 4th

Tim Bannon
March 24th

Events

February 27th
[Fighting Illini Softball](#)

March 13th
[The Champaign Police Department](#)

March 6th
[City of Champaign](#)

March 20th
["100 in 100" Service Project](#)

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February 27: Fighting Illini Softball

Tyra Perry was hired as the University of Illinois' second-ever head coach in June, 2015. Entering her 22nd season as a NCAA Division I softball head coach and eighth at the helm of the Illini, Perry has totaled over 600 career victories as the head coach at Illinois, Ball State, Western Kentucky and Birmingham Southern. (Source: [Illinois Athletics](#))

NOTE: This meeting is expected to take place in-person at the Holiday Inn Champaign. It will also be offered online, via [Zoom](#).



Coach Perry, Source: [Illinois Athletics](#)

Meet the Member- Welcome Michael "Mike" Gunderson

By Shandra Summerville on Thursday, February 2, 2023



Michael "Mike" Gunderson grew up in Mahomet. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, where he was named the UI College of ACES Outstanding Young Alumni. He went on to earn a master's degree from Cornell University and a PhD from Purdue University, all in agricultural economics. After working in academic settings, Mike is now the Chief Credit Officer for Farm Credit Illinois. He and his wife, Alee, live in Mahomet with their son and two daughters, and are expecting a fourth child in 2023. Mike is passionate about kids, farming, agriculture, professional development, and marathons. He is a Paul Harris Fellow +8, a member of the Paul Harris Society, a Sustaining Member, and EREY. Mike was the Secretary of the Rotary Club of Gainesville (Florida) Sunrise Club, the President of the Rotary Club of Lafayette (Indiana) Daybreak Club, and a member of the Rotary Club of Somerset Hills (New Jersey)! Champaign Rotary is fortunate to have such an experienced Rotarian transfer to our club!

Cup Recipient for February: First Followers of CU

By Shandra Summerville on Thursday, February 2, 2023



"FirstFollowers is a reentry program based in Champaign, Illinois. We provide services and guidance to those impacted by the criminal justice system. Our advocacy and outreach initiatives aim to build healthy relationships that positively impact communities." Source: <https://www.firstfollowersreentry.com/>

Rotary Youth Exchange: Host Families Needed!

[Rotary Youth Exchange](#) advances Rotary International's mission of world peace through understanding. The Rotary Club of Champaign has been guaranteed an inbound International Student for the 2023-24 Academic Year to attend school at Centennial in Unit 4 **IF we can secure two more families to host**. We have one family in the process to host the first 3 ½ months, so we will need two more. One for the winter - basketball season - and one for the spring. You do not have to have kids at home or even a spouse or significant other, but you must live in Champaign or Savoy. There is a process to go through - including a background check - so please let me know as soon as possible if you would be willing to consider hosting. My email is sheryl@champaignfaith.org. Thanks from your Youth Exchange Officer - **Sheryl Palmer**.

March Social: Candle Making

Please [RSVP here](#) (or use the QR code below)!



Fire Doll Artisan Chandlery
29 E. Main Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820



Scan Me
to R.S.V.P.

Rotary March Social Candle Making @ Fire Doll

Wednesday March 8 - 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Champaign Rotary is hosting a private candle making event at their downtown Champaign location.

Tickets are \$47 per person.
Cost includes custom candle, fees, and tax

Reservations and pre-payments are required before the event, please R.S.V.P. and pay by March 1.

To pay online, please visit <https://www.champaignrotary.org/>

For any questions please email gina.scarpetta@gmail.com

Duty Roster

	February 27, 2023	March 6, 2023
Greeters	Dustin Heuerman Pam Karlstrom	Alvaro Hernandez Pam Karlstrom
Reflection	Michael Gunderson	Robert Freeman
Introducer	Sheryl Palmer	Lee Ann Kelly
Zoom Greeter	Shandra Summerville	TBD
Room Setup	Marlys Scarbrough	Sheryl Palmer
Virtual Meeting Coordinator	TBD	TBD