

**Birthdays**

Timothy J. Manard  
January 21st  
Connie D. Walsh  
January 25th  
David Glik  
January 26th  
Esther Ngumbi  
January 28th  
Robert Freeman  
January 29th  
Dean V Cavey  
February 2nd  
Abbie Osterbur  
February 5th  
Joan M. Dixon  
February 5th  
James A Ploeger  
February 10th  
Shandra Summerville  
February 11th  
Janice M. Bahr  
February 14th  
Charles C. Moore II  
February 17th  
Rich Brantley  
February 20th

**Wedding  
Anniversaries**

Holladay Thompson  
January 31st  
Karen Kay Machula  
February 10th

**Events**

January 23rd  
[Handpainted Rotary Quilts](#)  
February 6th  
[Champaign Neighborhood Ambassadors](#)

January 30th  
[The Pad Project](#)  
February 13th  
[U.S. Ambulances for Ukraine](#)

**The FIZZ - January 23, 2023**

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**January 23, 2023: Hand-Painted Rotary Quilts**

Internationally known quilt artist **Rod Buffington** has developed a style of unique watercolor paintings related around the history of quilting. His grandmother inspired his work through her 104 years of life by seeing her quilting almost always entering her home. The past few years Rod has worked on two areas of "logo" designs from the Rotary International logos to Professional Baseball teams logos.

Rod's paintings are created through inter-crossing 100% designer cotton fabric in between his watercolor painting designs creating the quilt patterns. Rod often uses silk buttonhole thread sewing through the hand made paper to further image the quilting idea.

Rod was recently featured in The Rotarian International magazine (April - 2022) on the "Found Page". His work has been included in many collections including the "Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum" and the National Quilt Museum (Paducah). Paintings can be found within other collections and individual purchases.

Rod's presentation for our Rotary Club will include the Presidential Theme Logos of the past eight years for Rotary International. He is a member of the [Rotary Club of Springfield](#) and a Past District Governor.

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



Rod Buffington (Source: The Rotarian, August 2016)

**January Cup: Champaign County Down Syndrome Network**

The [Champaign County Down Syndrome Network](#) partners with families and others to create an environment in which individuals with Down syndrome are welcomed with fairness, enthusiasm, and encouragement in their community.



**2023 Cannon Grant Recipients**

By Lauren Gramly on Saturday, January 21, 2023

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Joseph H. Cannon Memorial Grant! During our MLK Day meeting on 1/16, Joan Dixon, co-chair of the Cannon Grant committee, presented checks to seven local non-profits in need of durable goods in order to support their community programs and services. Champaign Rotary is happy to support the important work that our local non-profits do, and to carry out the legacy of Joseph H. Cannon.



## January 2023 Social: Illinois Women's Basketball

By Lauren Gramly on Sunday, December 25, 2022

Join other local Rotarians and cheer on the Illini Women's basketball team Sunday January 29 as they take on Michigan State! Tickets are limited, [click here to RSVP today!](#)

**I January Rotary Event**  
**Illinois Women's Basketball Game**

Illinois vs. Michigan State  
Sunday January 29  
5 p.m. @ State Farm Center  
Tickets \$3 each

This event is open to all local Rotary Clubs,  
**RSVP by Friday January 20** to participate.

Credit card payments accepted for ALL CLUBS on the Champaign Rotary website → [www.champaignrotary.org](http://www.champaignrotary.org). Cash or check payments should be submitted to your Club President.

For any questions related to securing tickets, please email Champaign Rotary Social Chair: [gina\\_scarpetta@gmail.com](mailto:gina_scarpetta@gmail.com)

Scan here to RSVP and reserve your basketball tickets!

## In-Person Lunch Reservations



If you plan to attend a Rotary meeting in person, please keep in mind **ALL** reservations must be made by **11:59 p.m.** on Wednesdays as Holiday Inn now requires our order on Thursdays.

You can register through Square at:  
<https://checkout.square.site/buy/N5BEIKXMYFLHSIVAYXBQ6OFV>.

The fee for lunch is \$15.00.

## Duty Roster

|                        | January 23, 2023   |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Greeters</b>        | Dustin Heuerman    |
| <b>Reflection</b>      | Nathan Montgomery  |
| <b>Introducer</b>      | Sheryl Palmer      |
| <b>Zoom Greeter</b>    | TBD                |
| <b>Room Setup</b>      | Janet Ellis-Nelson |
| <b>Virtual Meeting</b> | Scott Dahman       |

|  | January 30, 2023    |
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|  | TBD                 |
|  | Shandra Summerville |
|  | Scott Burge         |
|  | TBD                 |
|  | Nathan Montgomery   |
|  | TBD                 |

