



# The FIZZ

The Weekly Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Champaign  
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## Birthdays

- Dustin Heurman  
May 11th
- Thomas O. Dawson  
May 13th
- Trevor A. Wiles  
May 14th
- Scott Burge  
May 15th
- Scott A. Moe  
May 17th
- Gregory D. Cozad  
May 17th
- Renee Osterbur  
May 18th
- Stephanie Stuart  
May 19th
- Kent Brown  
May 24th
- John F. Deckert  
May 28th
- Scott Reynolds  
May 29th
- Harry L. Baxter  
May 29th

## Wedding Anniversaries

- David C. Thies  
May 21st

## Events

May 10th  
[Strengthening Local Business](#)

May 24th  
[Golden Gates Cultural Exchange Program](#)

May 17th  
[Media and COVID-19](#)

## The FIZZ - May 10, 2021

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### May 10, 2021: Strengthening Local Business

Matthew M. (Matt) Thomas, President and co-founder of the L M Thomas Group, has worked as a business consultant for over a decade. He will discuss ways that communities can work to strengthen local businesses. He will be introduced by **Jared White**.

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



Matt Thomas (Source: [L M Thomas Group](#))

## Meet Our New Member

Thursday, May 6, 2021

**Elizabeth McGreal Cook** grew up in Champaign and graduated from Centennial High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and did internships with Walt Disney World and Tri-City United Way in Granite City, Illinois. Elizabeth earned a Master of Arts in Teacher Leadership from the University of Illinois at Springfield. She joined her mother and stepfather in ownership and management of Crouse Printing and Mailing for ten years



and spent eleven years working with the University of Illinois Advancement Team, most recently as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Advancement Talent Management and Administration. She became the CEO of Courage Connection in June 2019. Elizabeth joined Champaign Rotary in April 2021. She was a member of the Urbana Rotary Club from 1998-2004 and received a Paul Harris Fellow and Rotary International's Avenues of Service Award in 2001. Elizabeth loves to stay active by biking, working out at the gym, and walking her Yellow Lab. She is an avid reader and looks forward to doing more traveling and exploring in the years to come. Elizabeth and her daughter, Samantha, live in Champaign.

## Members in the News

**Peter Tomaras** authored a stirring tribute to the life of **Kyle Robeson** in the [News-Gazette](#) on April 27.



Kyle Robeson, second from left, as provided to the [News-Gazette](#)

## Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

Thursday, May 6, 2021

**Ken Buel** recognized several Rotarians for [Paul Harris Fellowship](#) milestones.

- **Abby Osterbur**, as a Paul Harris Fellow **+1**.
- **Atron Regen**, as a Paul Harris Fellow **+1 and +2**.
- **Eric Meyer**, as a Paul Harris Fellow **+4**.
- **Mark Thies**, as a Paul Harris Fellow **+6**.
- **Steve Carter**, as a Paul Harris Fellow **+7**.
- **Janet Ellis-Nelson** and **Doug Nelson**, as **Major Donors**.

Paul Harris Fellows have made cumulative donations of at least \$1000 to the [Rotary Foundation](#), with an additional \$1000 for each "plus" level. Major Donors are recognized initially after \$10,000 of cumulative donations and as Level 2 Major Donors after \$25,000.

Our Club's other Major Donors include **Jan Bahr**, **Gary Bowen**, **John Wright**, **Frank Keck**, and the late **Kyle Robeson**. **Jay and Winnie Stortzum**, **Ken and Margaret Buel**, and **Kimiko Gunji** are Level 2 Major Donors.

Fellowship may also be achieved through a combination of giving and matching points, and Rotarians may designate their points to be awarded to another individual such as a fellow Rotarian, family member, or friend. Congratulations to all of our Paul Harris Fellows!

## Check Presentation: Austin's Place

**Holly Thompson** presented a check to [Austin's Place](#) from our March charity cup collection. Rob Dalhaus, Executive Director of C-U at Home, accepted. Austin's Place, operated by C-U at Home since June 2020, is the only emergency shelter for single women in

Champaign County. In January 2021, it opened a dedicated facility capable of accommodating up to 14 women. These funds will help with the general mission of Austin's Place to give the opportunity to women to take the next steps toward independence.



## April/May Club Social

By Renae Cory on Wednesday, April 21, 2021

**Champaign Rotary Club  
April/May Social**

**VIRTUAL  
SCAVENGER HUNT**  
**APRIL 23 - MAY 14**

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Take a picture of the following and email them to President Marlys Scarbrough, Gina Scarpetta, or Renae Cory. All who participate will be entered to win a gift card to a Champaign-Urbana Restaurant! *\*must complete all 6 to be entered*

- 1. Water-** a fountain, a bottle of water, a pond, etc.  
*\*Consider a donation to our water project for an extra entry!*
- 2. Something alive-** a dog, a tree, flowers, etc.
- 3. A plaque or memorial-** something that honors someone.
- 4. A place specific to Champaign-Urbana-** State Farm Center, a restaurant, etc.
- 5. Something you can't live without-** coffee, donuts, your significant other, ROTARY, etc.
- 6. A Selfie of you attending a Champaign Rotary Club meeting-** virtual or in person

## May Service Project: Mattis Avenue Cleanup



Spring has arrived and we can now get outdoors to do **community service projects** with other Rotarians! Twice a year our club does a Mattis Avenue cleanup. The next opportunity is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-approximately 10:00am. Volunteers gather at Christie Clinic at Windsor and Mattis to get their block assignments for trash pickup. Cleanup takes about an hour, followed by Rotary fellowship at Panera at the Old Farm Shoppes. Please contact Harry Baxter ([hbaxter@529@yahoo.com](mailto:hbaxter@529@yahoo.com)) or Scott Burge ([sburge@f-w.com](mailto:sburge@f-w.com)) if you can help or for more information.

## Happy Bucks

### April Happy Bucks Extended! Fundraising for World Water Day



Our April HAPPY BUCKS project **needs an additional \$209** to complete, so your donations will continue to support it. Our World Water Day project in Zimbabwe serves an area that is typically dry, hot, and drought stricken. Although the Turwi River is a water source for their community garden, many of the gardeners are elderly and find it difficult to carry the water from the river to the garden. We have a goal of raising \$1576 for a pump and pipe project to help bring water to the garden.

Please consider a donation for this water project through the [HAPPY BUCKS link on our website](#), or send a check made out to Healing Hands International, to:  
Carl Burkybile, 3508 E. University Ave., Urbana, IL 61802.

## May Cup: The Reading Group

Thursday, April 29, 2021



# THE READING GROUP

Our Charity Cup for May is designated to The Reading Group.

The Reading Group offers private one-on-one tutoring to help students with Reading, Mathematics, Writing & Gifted Enrichment

## Golf Outing with Danville Sunrise Rotary

## Attention Golfers!

**Danville Sunrise Rotary** is hosting their **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Scramble Fundraiser @**

Harrison Park Golf Course on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

8:00am Registration

8:30am Shotgun

Entry fee is \$60 per person / \$240 team

Includes greens fee, car, lunch, & prizes.

Call the Harrison Park pro shop to reserve a team at 217-431-2266.

## Rotary Foundation Website

Have you ever wanted to know more about the Rotary Foundation? Have you ever been confused about the difference between a Clark Grant and a Cannon Grant? Be sure to visit the Champaign Rotary Foundation website to find answers to these questions and more.

<https://www.champaignrotary.org/champaign-rotary-foundation.php>

## Duty Roster

	<b>May 10, 2021</b>	<b>May 17, 2021</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Pam Karlstrom Elizabeth McGreal Cook	Pam Karlstrom Holly Thompson
<b>Introducer</b>	Scott Burge	Zach Wetherell
<b>Invocator</b>	Todd Salen	Lee Ann Kelly
<b>Zoom Greeter</b>	Sheryl Palmer	TBD
<b>Cashiers</b>	Chet Alwes TBD	Chet Alwes TBD