

Birthdays

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
William D.
Malone
February 21st
Rebecca Ries
February 21st
John M. Reed
February 21st
Matthew A Carr
February 22nd
Elizabeth
Borman
February 26th

**Wedding
Anniversaries**

Karen Kay
Machula
February 10th
Ashley Dye
March 4th

Events

February 6th
[Champaign Neighborhood Ambassadors](#)
February 20th
[Sola Gratia Farm](#)

February 13th
[U.S. Ambulances for Ukraine](#)
February 27th
[Fighting Illini Softball](#)

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February 6: Champaign Neighborhood Ambassadors

The City of Champaign launched a [Neighborhood Ambassadors](#) program in 2022. The team consists of Supervisor **Jacqueline Kalipeni** and four ambassadors who work proactively to assist residents, share information, and serve as an alternative first contact model focused on engagement and education. The Neighborhood Ambassadors program is a pilot project that operates year-round, primarily afternoons and evenings on Tuesdays through Saturdays. The Neighborhood Ambassadors help address safety and wellness concerns at a neighborhood-based level in partnership with residents, workers and visitors, in neighborhoods and commercial districts throughout the city. (Source: [City of Champaign](#))

Jacqueline will be introduced by **Janet Ellis-Nelson**.

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



Jacqueline Kalipeni (second from left) with Ambassadors Javier Zenil Pena, Naajidaah Jones, and Sara Rand (Source: [City of Champaign](#))

Duty Roster

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Greeters

Holly Thompson
Pat Kovar

Reflection

Douglas Nelson

February 13, 2023

Nathan Montgomery
Michael Gunderson

Sheryl Palmer

Introducer	Nathan Montgomery	TBD
Zoom Greeter	Shandra Summerville	Shandra Summerville
Room Setup	Marlys Scarbrough	Marlys Scarbrough
Virtual Meeting Coordinator	Jared White	Jared White

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/>

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.

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!

Rotary Social

By Shandra Summerville on Thursday, February 2, 2023

Rotarians attended the Illini Women's Basketball Game on Sunday, January 29, 2022. Thank you to Ginna Scarpetta and the Social Committee

for coordinating this event for Rotarians and their families.



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.

