



### Events

June 28th  
**10 Man Bike - for  
Spark!Fishers  
Parade**

### Speakers

### Club Leaders



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## Program for June 20, 2025

Jake Reardon-McSoley  
Fishers Director of Recreation and Wellness



### Coffee and donut crew this week!



June 20  
Coffee: Steve Leonard  
Donuts: Pat Mapes

Please note that there will no club meeting on either  
June 27 or July 3.

Our speaker on July 11, Rich's first meeting as club  
president, will be Carl McIntry of Carrington Homes.  
Topic: Dream Home

### URGENT NEED!!!!

### June 28 is the Spark Fishers Parade!

**We need more Rotarians to ride the bike! Volunteer  
to ride the 10-person bike by contacting Susan  
Guindon at: 317-501-9266 (cell) or  
[smguindon62@gmail.com](mailto:smguindon62@gmail.com)**



**We also need LOTS OF WRAPPED CANDY (nothing  
that could melt) to pass out to the kids at the  
parade.**

**Bring your candy--Sam's and Costco are great sources--to the  
club meeting on Friday, June 20, or next Friday, June 27, or get in touch with Susan to deliver it to her.**



### Member Dues

### Are Your Member Dues Overdue???

### We Don't Want to Lose you!!!!

All club members should have received your semi-annual dues statement from Treasurer Mike Peterson via email.

To pay your dues, you can bring your payment with you to this Friday's meeting, pay via PayPal or mail your semi-annual dues payment  
of \$125.00, payable to the Rotary Club of Fishers, directly to Mike **by May 30.**

Mike Peterson  
11445 Lake Stonebridge Lane  
Fishers, IN, 46037

If you pay via **Paypal**, please be sure to add \$5.00 to your payment to cover the processing fee, and send to:

[paypal.me/FishersRotaryClub](https://paypal.me/FishersRotaryClub)  
[Fishersinrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:Fishersinrotaryclub@gmail.com)



Sergeant-at-Arms



Allen Bourfi  
iPast President



Staci Woods  
Club Executive Secretary



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(Note: you may also simply scan the PayPal QR code here or at the bottom of this newsletter)

Please let Mike know if you have any questions or did not receive your statement. Mike's email address is [map11445@gmail.com](mailto:map11445@gmail.com)

Semi-annual dues of \$125 are assessed every June and December.

**Remember, the due date for payment WAS May 30, 2025.**

## Birthdays

William Droz  
June 23rd  
Robert Lawyer  
June 24th  
Brad Kupper  
June 25th  
Dennis Hoover  
July 9th  
Elliott Somers  
July 11th  
Amir Rashidfarokhi  
July 12th  
Josh Morris  
July 12th  
Barb Reid  
July 12th  
Janet Pritchett  
July 15th  
Ken Carite  
July 18th



# Passing of the Gavel

When: Thur June 26

Time: 5:30pm- 8:00pm

Where: Daniel's Vineyard



Info: \$40 per person.

Food/Dinner and desert is provided,  
but we will have a CASH BAR  
available. Proper Attire: Nicer Casual.  
Pay at Rotary Meeting or at Door.



RSVP Jim Wolf (317) 627-1933 or  
Suzanne Thomas (317) 531-4836

President



Derek Vogler

President-Elect  
Membership Chair



Richard Phelan



This is your last chance to reserve! Call Jim or Suzanne or use this link: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/rotarytransitiondinner>

Ongoing Project News

What is the current status of the Water Is Life project?

It is because of the success of our water well partnership with the Rotary Club of Freetown, Sierra Leone, over the last two decades that a new and bigger opportunity has become realistically possible.

The Rotary Foundation, which has provided matching funds for all of our project's grants, has an annual World-wide Competition in which it awards--to just one winner-- a grant of \$2,000,000.

It's called a Programs of Scale Grant.

**Thanks to your ongoing generosity, and 100% our Successful History, we are eligible to compete.**

It's a complicated process, but we know it will only make our work better by preparing for the competition.

And, most importantly, regardless of whether we are awarded the Programs of Scale prize this year or after a couple years of collaboration with the RI Foundation, we know the beneficiaries of our work in Sierra Leone will benefit. Currently we've been asked to narrow our focus and resubmit our proposal.

As you can imagine, it is a very competitive opportunity, and we will be receiving notes from the judging committee as to how they would like us to further tweak our project for next year's process.

#### **Is it feasible?**

Based on our history, our team, our supporters, the relationships we've built, being part of Rotary International, and the other incredible connections based on the pre-requisites of the competition, we are more than qualified. Can we? Should we try to do it? We believe our answer is clearly, "yes". Regardless of how we fare, the result will be a stronger more sustainable Freetown/Fishers WaterIsLife Project, capable of serving more people, and leading other like-minded organizations to join our efforts to bring

**safe water access within 30 minutes' walk to everyone in Sierra Leone.**

**What does it look like?** Winning projects tend to end up being for over \$4,000,000 due to the other organizations that likely will want to be part of the project. It will take 3 to 5 years to implement and will have a collaboration of Sierra Leone governmental ministries, other NGOs (non-governmental organizations), and Rotary. Questions about WaterIsLife should be directed to

Tom Branum, Jr at [tbranum@heartlandchurch.com](mailto:tbranum@heartlandchurch.com)  
or to Valory Myers at [valorymyers@yahoo.com](mailto:valorymyers@yahoo.com)



## **SAWs 2025!**

By Scott Tornquist



Note: SAWs has changed the software used to register volunteers to projects. Kinks are still being worked out regarding proper utilization of the software. If you are available for the project please email Josh ([jdmorris@hotmail.com](mailto:jdmorris@hotmail.com)) and cc Scott ([scott.tornquist@gmail.com](mailto:scott.tornquist@gmail.com)) and one of us will email you with additional instructions once the registration portal opens up.

#### **2025 SAWs Project Schedule:**

July 26  
August 9  
September 6  
September 27

**SAWs®** is a nonprofit, volunteer organization founded in 2003. Originally started in Indianapolis, the organization serves clients across Indiana, as well as Arizona and Virginia. SAWs specializes in building wooden wheelchair ramps for low-income, permanently disabled individuals.

With the support of donors and volunteers, lives are changed one ramp at a time.

Please contact Susan Leonard at [susan.leonard@outlook.com](mailto:susan.leonard@outlook.com) to suggest content for the Club Bulletin.

Submission deadline is Sunday at noon for the Monday edition and Wednesday at noon for the Thursday edition.

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