

Rotary



Club of Carmel GEARBOX Newsletter

Club Meeting

Carmel
Woodland Country Club
Friday at 11:45 AM

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Join Us for 5:31 This Thursday!

Happy New Year! Come toast to 2025 with the 5:31 Club this **Thursday the 9th** at Broken Barrel and let's welcome in the New Year together!

This is one of the Carmel Rotary's favorite hangouts! Broken Barrel is a cozy and comfortable "**cocktail lounge with a speakeasy vibe**" that is attached to and owned by Wolfies. That means there are top-notch cocktails made by Broken Barrel's mixologist in addition to plenty of beer, wine and other beverages, and **Wolfies full dining menu**- the best of both worlds!

<https://www.wolfiesgrill.com/carmel>

This hidden gem is at **1156 Keystone Way South, Carmel, IN 46032** (near Keystone and Carmel Drive, to the left of Goodwill). So whether you're a 5:31 regular or have yet to check it out, come on by for a quick hello! **Everyone is welcome, so feel free to bring some friends along!**

<https://www.thebrokenbarrel.com/>

So come for a sip, come for a bite or come for a meal / up to you!
Pop on by this Thursday!



5:31 CLUB

THURSDAY
JANUARY 9



the
broken barrel

1156 KEYSTONE WAY
CARMEL, IN 46032

Merciful Help
Center: Food Pantry

January 29th
Crooked Creek Food
Pantry Service

January 31st
Weekly Meeting

Club Leaders



Arnold
Elston
iPast
President
President



Doug D.
Willard
President -
Elect



Nancy S.
Heck
Vice
President
President -
Nominee



Greg Pilling
Treasurer



Gregg L.
Harris
Sergeant -
at-Arms

David I.
Hollander

Everyone is welcome to join!



Thank You to Joshua Pedde from the Indianapolis Children's Choir



Membership
Chair



Stanley
Lebron
CarmelFest
Chair
Community
Service
Chair



Sue M.
Westermeier
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Natalie
O'Hara
Webmaster



Peter
Primason
Community
Grants Chair



Katie L.
Smardo
CarmelFest
Treasurer



Robert
Wright
Swanay
Sergeant-
at-Arms
(Technical
Support)



Yvette M.
Schubert
International
Service
Chair



Donna Gray
Club Public
Image Chair
Webmaster



Carolyn M.
Shaw
Community
Service
Chair



Timothy A.
Flint
Leadership
Connection
Chair



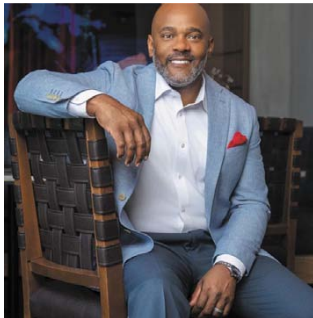
Jason
Randlett
Club Youth
Services
Chair



Mika L.
Takahashi
Club Social
Chair



January 10th Speaker is Robert Shegog from the Indianapolis Recorder



Robert Shegog is the president and CEO of the Recorder Media Group, Indiana's leading minority-owned communications company. Since 2018, he has lead the award-winning Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper, which has served Central Indiana's Black community since 1895. The Recorder also launched Indiana Minority Business Magazine (IMBM), the state's only publication dedicated to people of color in various sectors. To broaden the reach nationally, he introduced The Minority Business Review (MBR), a platform designed to elevate the voices and experiences of minorities while providing valuable business insights.

The Paper's History

— Since 1895, The Indianapolis Recorder has been a major voice for our local community, the state of Indiana, our nation, and now internationally. From the beginning, the Recorder has been an advocate for those who could not express their thoughts or concerns; we've also been a supplier of truth and justice. The vision of our founders was to create a publication that would speak to and for the people. The Recorder today continues to hold that original vision

in high regard. We communicate to increase awareness, educate and motivate the community as well as preserve the community's knowledge of relevant issues. The Recorder, as with other Black newspapers, are not only voices in the community, but we are also advocates for African-Americans and minorities as well as the underserved.

Please Welcome Potential New Member Erika Steele for Re-Instatement to Rotary- (previously a League City, Texas Rotarian)

by David I. Hollander

Erika is owner, along with her husband Peter, of Just Love Coffee Cafe in Carmel for the past 3 years. She has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering(Purdue) and a Masters Degree in Business Administration(Univ. Texas-Clear Lake). She initially worked for Boeing in Texas. She also was a Software engineer for the International Space Station. She finished her career in a leadership program in Corporate Audit. She was blessed to have twins and during her transition to motherhood, she started working at a non-profit in Houston. She developed a passion for service and eventually became the Executive Director of the non-profit. She also became a member of the League City, Texas Rotary club. She served as the Community Service Chair there. She felt that the motto of "Servicer above Self" was in in alignment with the way she wanted to live every day of her life. Erika and her husband brought their family to Carmel in 2020. She would like to now join Rotary again and become a more active member of her community. Her hobbies include running and serving the youth in her church.



Our January 17th Speaker is Amanda Klotsch



Amanda Klotsch, Advancement Coordinator

In her role at the Carmel Youth Assistance Program (CYAP), Amanda Klotsch plays a key part in developing its advancement strategies, enhancing outreach efforts, and fostering meaningful connections with supporters.

With more than a decade in the nonprofit sector, she knows the ins and outs of fundraising, community engagement, branding, and strategic marketing, helping her create campaigns that truly connect with people and tell a story.

A proud graduate of the University of Southern Indiana with a degree in Marketing and Public Relations, Amanda honed her skills in the corporate world before diving into real estate in 2014 and is still an active Realtor. When she's not busy at CYAP or selling homes, you can find her running Redemption Rescue, Inc., a nonprofit animal rescue in Hamilton County. Her passion for helping others—both people and pets—shines through in every aspect of her work.

January 31st Speaker is Anne Marie Chastain

Carmel Symphony Orchestra
Anne Marie Chastain – Executive Director

Anne Marie Chastain is the Executive Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, where she brings a wealth of experience in managing and growing cultural institutions. Her leadership helps guide the orchestra's strategic direction, ensuring it continues to enrich the community with exceptional musical performances and educational programs. While the CSO is approaching its 50th anniversary season in 2026, it has been a fully professional orchestra for only three years, so Chastain has inherited many unique challenges this emerging symphony is facing.

Chastain began her current role with CSO in the late summer of 2023. In that short time, she challenged the organization to see their unique position in a city that is dedicated to the arts. She has worked tirelessly to collaborate with other local and national arts organizations to elevate the overall guest experience at CSO shows.

Her life-long love of the arts is evident in her educational background and professional career. She earned two degrees from Indiana University, Bloomington, ultimately receiving a master's in arts administration. With little exception, her professional career has also focused on music, having served as the Executive Director of the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra; the Associate Director of Development for Planned Giving for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra; and now the Executive Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO).



Photo Credit: Carmel Monthly for the photo of Anne Marie Chastain from the Carmel Symphony

Rotary Members - Are You New to DACdb?

DACdb is the database that houses details for Carmel Rotarians, the Carmel club, and District 6560. If you are new to DACdb or need a refresher, then go to the newly created link titled 'How to's on DACdb' on the website's left navigation bar, under Club Links.

From here you can learn how to:

- Login
- Change Your Password
- Update Your Contact Information
- Enter a Make Up

***If you have previously logged into DACdb but don't remember your password, then contact Andrea Rice to have your password reset. You can directly email her by clicking on the 'Member Directory' link on the left navigation bar of the website. Once the page opens, scroll to Andrea's name and click on it. Fill out the requested information, including a note to reset your password. Click 'Send Mail'.

Carmel Rotary Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87091303825?pwd=ZjBGekNaYkkzTOVZdnhDYjhidUtsQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 9130 3825

Passcode: 4waytest
One tap mobile
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+13017158592,,87091303825#,,,, *73005176# US (Washington DC)

Dial USING YOUR ACTUAL PHONE by your location

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+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 870 9130 3825

Passcode: 73005176

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kH5bJHKI5>

Important Links

[Carmel Rotary Website](#)

[District 6560 Website](#)

[Carmel Rotary Facebook Page](#)

[Rotary International Website](#)

Club Member Anniversaries



[Marilyn Jeter](#)
14 Years



[Marta H. Spence](#)
13 Years



[Jon Walker](#)
13 Years



[Brandon Weddle](#)
3 Years

Birthdays

[Salim K. Najjar](#)
January 6th

[Zackary Darring](#)
January 12th

[Rebecca J Wanick](#)
January 19th

[Kurt A. Rupenthal](#)
January 25th

[Mark Satz](#)
February 4th

[Jon E. Olson](#)
January 9th

[Phillip G. Anderson](#)
January 12th

[Leia Magdalinos](#)
January 21st

[Michael E. Warren](#)
January 25th

[Winston Long](#)
February 5th

[Brian D. Rhea](#)
January 10th

[David P. Luedtke](#)
January 15th

[Brian G. Poindexter](#)
January 24th

[Andrew Nisenshal](#)
January 31st

Wedding Anniversaries

[Tatyana Komarova](#)
January 17th