

# Rotary



## Club of Carmel GEARBOX Newsletter

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Carmel  
Fridays @ Woodland  
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Friday at 11:45 AM

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### Club Leaders



[Gary Sexton](#)  
President

[Julie  
Lundin-](#)

## Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow Tom Dusing May 5th Speaker



Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow Tom Dusing will present "Trains, Boats, and Planes...Planning Your Next Vacation" to the Rotary Club of Carmel on Friday, May 5.

This informal discussion with Tom and Rick Markoff will center on the best places to go in the U.S. and around the world this summer, information members will need to know on how to get to their destinations and who best to work with, travel do's and don'ts, and much more.

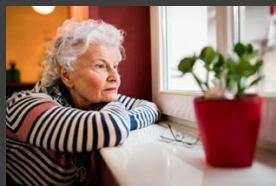
After spending 12 years in the hotel industry, Tom purchased Brookshire Travel in 1992. The travel agency was located at the intersection of 126th and Gray Road in Carmel. Over the years, the agency has grown through his leadership, including the acquisition of several well-known travel agencies (Carefree Travel, Sycamore Travel, and Caldwell Travel), as well as organic growth.

Tom has been a member of the Rotary Club of Carmel since 1992. He served as President of the club in 1998-1999 and was named Carmel Rotarian of the Year in 2010-2011. He served as District Rotary Friendship Exchange Chair and helped start the Rotary Mexico Initiative, now known as the Heart2Heart Program, in 2001. A graduate of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy, Tom now serves of the Board of the Financial Executives International (Indianapolis Chapter).

You won't want to miss Tom Dusing on May 5!

## Community Service Opportunity: Friendly Volunteer

We are always looking for community service opportunities, and this week, we received an email from our friends at The Shepherd's Center in Nobleville, offering a very rewarding option to help give back and bring a smile to a lonely senior. Check out the need and reach out directly to Savannah ([savannah@scofhc.org](mailto:savannah@scofhc.org)) if interested.



Have you ever been lonely? It's a sad feeling that unfortunately many of our seniors experience everyday. It may be hard for you to understand this because your life is filled with friends, family and a full calendar. As seniors age, their friends pass, sometimes their families live far away, and their social life becomes less robust - in many cases non-existent. Many seniors can't leave their house to enjoy new social activities. This makes their days very long and they become isolated and yearn for companionship.

At Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County, we have a "Friendly Visitor Program" that pairs a senior with a monthly visitor. The commitment is one hour each month and our current Friendly Visitors tell us they get as much out of it as the senior they visit!

Carmel Rotary Club, right now we have **25 HAMILTON COUNTY SENIORS ON THE WAITLIST FOR A FRIENDLY VISITOR**. Will you help us? To learn more about our volunteer program click <https://shepherdscenterofhamiltoncounty.org/volunteer/> or email Savannah at [Savannah@scofhc.org](mailto:Savannah@scofhc.org) to let her know you are interested in becoming a Friendly Visitor.



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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2023 OFFICER INDUCTION DINNER

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The Rotary Club of Carmel

*Officer Induction Dinner*

Saturday June 17th  
at Sullivan's Restaurant

5:30pm Cocktails  
6:00pm Dinner  
Program to Follow

*All are welcome and reservations sign up  
will be available soon!*

**"Save the Date" for Volunteers for the 3rd Annual Leadership Connection**

***October 27, 2023 - Leadership Connection Day (Full or Half Day)  
Downtown Indy at One America Building***

***September 14, 2023***

***Leadership Connection Community Day (Full or Half Day) – Location TBD***

Email Volunteer Chair, Natalie O'Hara,  
with any questions in the meantime: [nohara@skillman.com](mailto:nohara@skillman.com).

**Inaugural Rotary Club of Carmel Success Stories Program**

Ranj Puthra and Salim Najjar have been selected as speakers for the inaugural Rotary Club of Carmel Success Stories program Friday, April 28, at Woodland Country Club.

A special committee was asked to choose two members of the club whose accomplishments in their work, in the community, and in Rotary reflect the best of what Rotary represents. Potential speakers were selected from a pool of individuals who have been members of the Rotary Club of Carmel for at least five years.

Ranj Puthran, an Agency Principal with Allstate Insurance Company, served as the Club's President, 2010-2011. A Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow, Ranj has played a key role in the success of Leadership Connection. A recipient of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce Most Valuable Volunteer Award, Ranj has held high level positions with OneZone and the Carmel-Clay Public Library among his many community efforts. His agency's Helping Hands Award recognizes local individuals or groups that are making a difference in the daily lives of people in Carmel and Zionsville.

Salim Najjar, a structural engineer, is an American Council of Engineering Companies Fellow who was named Indiana's Engineer of the Year in 2001. Prior to joining the Rotary Club of Carmel, Salim was highly involved in the Rotary Club of Indianapolis. This Past District 6560 Governor is a Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow who has been a Gift of Life Program Co-Chair and participated in the 2015 Children's Pediatric Urology Surgery Mission to Guatemala. He has also participated on missions to South America, Africa, and the Middle East.

Both Ranj and Salim will cover five items during their presentations:

- Introductory remarks about themselves, family, vocations and other activities and interests.
- Significant events and activities that shaped who they are.
- People who have been major influences in their lives (why and how).
- Role Rotary played in their lives.
- Parting words of advice or words to live by.

This is a program you won't want to miss as it is an opportunity to shine the spotlight on the best of our very own!!!.

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## Rotarian Volunteers Needed for CarmelFest

CarmelFest is rapidly approaching and our committee has a few openings available for 2023. Please contact CarmelFest Chair Steve Krusie at 319-361-3340 or CarmelFest Parade Director Bec Hunter at 317-407-1445 if you are interested in becoming a committee volunteer to help organize our annual two-day festival and parade on July 3 and 4.

CarmelFest is organized annually by members of the Rotary Club of Carmel.

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## Carmel Rotary Zoom Link

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87091303825?pwd=ZjBGekNaYkZzT0VZdnhDYjhidUtsQT09>

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## Club Member Anniversaries



[Kumiko K. Brunson](#)  
23 Years



[David Pencak](#)  
17 Years



[Jon Walker](#)  
12 Years



[Marta H. Spence](#)  
12 Years



[Sharleen Miller](#)  
12 Years



[Robert Wright Swanay](#)  
5 Years



[Kwan Hui](#)  
5 Years



[Lorene Burkhardt](#)  
3 Years



[Greg Pilling](#)  
1 Year



[Monica Frauhiger](#)  
1 Year

## Birthdays

[Steven R. Krusie](#)  
May 1st

[Mark Westermeier](#)  
May 4th

[Semiu Olanrewaju Bello](#)  
May 11th

[David I Hollander](#)  
May 16th

[Kim Gaskill](#)  
May 1st

[Brandon Weddle](#)  
May 5th

[Michael Rothenberger](#)  
May 12th

[Peter Primason](#)  
May 18th

[James R. Laverdiere](#)  
May 4th

[Greg Pilling](#)  
May 7th

[Isaac Bruce Rosenzweig](#)  
May 12th

## Wedding Anniversaries

[Donna Gray](#)  
May 16th

[Andrew LeRette](#)  
May 26th

[Richard F. Taylor III](#)  
May 25th

[Stacey Kiernan](#)  
May 26th