

Rotary



Club of Carmel GEARBOX Newsletter

Club Meeting

Carmel
Woodland Country Club
Friday at 11:45 AM

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Club Leaders



**[Arnold
Elston](#)**
iPast
President



[Doug Willard](#)
President-
Elect



**[Sharon M
Kibbe](#)**
Vice
President
President-
Nominee



**[Victoria
Shlyakhov](#)**
Secretary



[Greg Pilling](#)
Treasurer



**[Gregory L
Harris](#)**
Sergeant-at-
Arms



**[David I
Hollander](#)**
Membership
Chair

What a Night!





Jeffery W. Lenz
CarmelFest
Chair



Sue M. Westermeyer
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Stanley Lebron
Community
Service Chair



Natalie O'Hara
Webmaster



Peter Primason
Community
Grants Chair



Katie L. Smardo
CarmelFest
Treasurer



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



Yvette M. Schubert
International
Service Chair



Donna Gray
Club Public
Image Chair
Webmaster



Jennifer A. Platt
Club Admin
Chair



Carolyn M. Shaw
Community
Service Chair



Timothy A. Flint
Leadership
Connection
Chair



Jason Randlett
Club Youth
Services
Chair



Mika L. Takahashi
Club Social
Chair





Adopt-A-Park Monon Trail Cleanup





It was a Family Affair on Saturday for our Quarterly Adopt-A-Park

Monon Trail cleanup! We had extra little hands to help us out & we picked up 5 bags of trash! Thanks to all who joined- it was fun meeting new people and socializing!

Enjoy CarmelFest!



Rotarians Helping Our Community Again





Thank you to all who participated in Rotary Night at MHC Food Pantry on June 25th.

People listed in photo: Beth Sexton , Carolyn M Shaw , Susie Steel , Virginia Terpening

Bill Farrar is Our July 12th Speaker

Water is Life!

Bill Farrar is the Founder and Executive Director of Fountains of Hope which he started 15 years ago in Carmel, IN. Bill has traveled to 20 countries installing Fountains of Hope Water Purifier Systems and most recently distributing FoH 5-gallon filter buckets. Hear about his recent travels to Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Ukraine and Turkey.



July 19th Speaker is Mike Schreuder, U.S. Diplomat





Mike is an America diplomat and leader of multinational teams at the intersection of U.S. policy, process, and public engagement. A member of the Senior Foreign Service, Mike has a passion for building U.S. city and state economic and cultural ties abroad and engaging with American youth and civic groups on the importance of diplomatic service.

Mike has served the United States for nearly 25 years in Washington, D.C. and across the Middle East, Latin America, and India. Since August 2023, he has been the Deputy Principal Officer in U.S. Consulate General Mumbai where he leads the operations of a team of 550 U.S. Direct Hire and Indian National staff who process more student visa adjudication than any post in the world. Prior to India, Mike served as Deputy Chief of Mission and Political and Economic Counselor in Embassy Doha 2020-2023, leading Afghanistan relocation operations of 80,000 Afghans in partnership with Qatar. He led U.S. Government (USG) efforts with the State of Qatar in preparation for the World Cup 2022 in Doha, coordinating our government's logistical and security support for the 50,000 U.S. citizen fans who traveled to Qatar.

Mike started his Foreign Service career as the American Citizen Services officer and Non-Immigrant Visa line officer in Bogotá, Colombia, then as the trade and intellectual property rights officer in Mexico City, Mexico. He led U.S. narcotics interdiction programs in Embassy Bogotá and, in partnership with U.S. Special Forces, his teams supplied and trained the Colombian National Police to fight transnational narco-terrorist groups. In Uruguay, Mike successfully advocated for U.S. agriculture and software companies and supported the Venezuelan opposition's diplomacy in Latin America during service as deputy political and economic section chief in Embassy Montevideo.

As a reporting officer in Consulate General Jerusalem, Mike engaged across Palestinian and Israeli societies to gather facts and perspectives on West Bank and Gaza economic and humanitarian issues and reported to Washington. He organized Israeli-Palestinian water talks in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and reported on Hamas's vicious takeover of Gaza in 2007. While serving in Saudi Arabia, Mike and his interagency team led USG reporting on the rise of Mohammed bin Salman as the Kingdom's new leader and garnered Saudi support for U.S. strategies and operations against ISIS in Iraq and Syria and Al Qaeda in Yemen. In Washington, D.C., he has served on the Oman and Qatar desks and as the NEA Arabian Peninsula's Senior Advisor on the Middle East Strategic Alliance. Mike speaks Spanish and Arabic.

Mike graduated from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan, the city where he was born and raised and maintains close ties. He enjoys playing golf, basketball, and visiting his family and friends in Kalamazoo every chance he gets. He and his wife, Jennifer, have four children, all of whom reside in Mumbai where they are active in their school and church communities.

Heart 2 Heart



The next annual Heart 2 Heart trip to Mexico City for **January 14 - 22, 2025**, including a planned optional trip to visit a monarch butterfly reserve. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

We will have more detailed information as it becomes available. If you would like to be added to the email update list, please contact Heart 2 Heart coordinator, Ron Appuhn at rappuhn53@yahoo.com.

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".

Club Member Anniversaries



[Gary Sexton](#)
12 Years



[Michael C. McCloughan](#)
10 Years



[Arnold Elston](#)
6 Years



[Beth Sexton](#)
6 Years



[Lisa Raven](#)
6 Years



[Elinor V Hoffman](#)
6 Years



6 Years



1 Year



1 Year



[William J. Rourke](#)
0 Years

Birthdays

[Carolyn M Shaw](#)
July 3rd
[Susie Steel](#)
July 20th
[Tammy Haney](#)
July 26th
[Robert Wright Swanay](#)
July 30th

[Jon Walker](#)
July 19th
[David Pencak](#)
July 21st
[Sharleen Miller](#)
July 28th

[Marta H. Spence](#)
July 19th
[Ranjit J. Puthran](#)
July 25th
[William L Howard II](#)
July 30th

Wedding Anniversaries

[Bryan Patrick Ferry](#)
July 5th
[Caitlin Karvasky](#)
July 14th
[Andrew Nisenshal](#)
July 30th

[Thomas J. Dusing](#)
July 11th
[Salim K. Najjar](#)
July 22nd

[Doug Willard](#)
July 11th
[Richard M. Markoff](#)
July 30th