

Rotary



Club of Carmel GEARBOX Newsletter

Club Meeting

Carmel
Woodland Country Club
Friday at 11:45 AM

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July 19th
Carmel Weekly Club Meeting

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Carmel Weekly Club Meeting

August 9th
Carmel Weekly Club Meeting

Club Leaders



[Arnold Elston](#)
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President-Elect



[Sharon M Kibbe](#)
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Sergeant-at-Arms

Congratulations to Our New Members



Thank You Bill Farrar!



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



David I. Hollander
Membership
Chair



Jeffery W. Lenz
CarmelFest
Chair



Sue M. Westermeier
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Stanley Lebron
Community
Service Chair



Natalie O'Hara
Webmaster



Peter Primason
Community
Grants Chair



Katie L. Smardo
CarmelFest
Treasurer



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



Yvette M. Schubert
International
Service Chair



Donna Gray
Club Public
Image Chair
Webmaster



Jennifer A. Piatt
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



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' 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 Affairs' 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.

Looking for Rotarians to Join a Committee



Social Committee

- This committee helps organize fun events for our club.

Back Table Committee

- This committee helps the Treasurer at our meetings.
- If you want to get more involved, there are other duties.

WHO TO CONTACT:

- Social Committee
 - Arnold Elston (fourwayarn@outlook.com) or Mika Takahashi
 - (mikatahashi312@gmail.com)
- Back Table Committee
 - Greg Pilling (greg@currentmortgage.ai)

The time commitment is up to you.

July 26 Speakers: Judy Fitzgerald and Darrin Murrell



Broadway in Your Backyard: World Class Art for A World Class Community **Judy Fitzgerald**

Judy Fitzgerald is the Artistic Director / Co-Founder of ATI. Credits include: Radio City Music Hall with Glen Close; Madison Square Garden with Liza Minnelli & Danny Burstein (conducted by Marvin Hamlisch). AMC national tour with Debbie Reynolds and Shirley Jones. Headliner with the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, Off -Broadway productions including Swingtime Canteen with Tony Award winner, Charles Busch, Plácido Domingo's operetta VLAD, Dodsworth with John Collum, George Lee Andrews and Dee Hoty, Face the Music and That's The Ticket! with Tony Award winner, George S. Irving. Regional, Industrial and Summer Stock productions across the country.

Darrin Murrell

Darrin Murrell has worked as a professional actor, director, producer and educator for over 40 years with theatres all across the country including extensive work in Indianapolis, Portland, Oregon and Chicago, where he worked with iconic entertainers including Neil Simon, Mickey Rooney, Marlo Thomas, Eric Bogosian, David Mamet, John Astin, Roddy McDowell, Jamie Farr and Edward Albee. He has multiple recent credits as both actor and director at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Human Race Theatre in Dayton, Ohio, Texas Shakespeare Festival and Actors Theatre of Indiana, where he currently serves as Associate Artistic Director. He is the multi-year recipient of the Indiana Arts Commission's Individual Theatre Artist Grant Award and has served as Artistic Director of Nettle Creek Players, Muncie Civic Theatre, American Heritage Theatre Project, LAFF Shows, The Royal Panto Players and The Great American Melodrama & Vaudeville. He lives on his family's homestead farm in Parker City, Indiana with his wife and two children, all of whom perform music together as Main Street Artists.

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".

Carmel Rotary Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87091303825?pwd=ZjBGekNaYkZkZT0VZndhDYjhidUtsQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 9130 3825

Passcode: 4waytest

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+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



[Gary Sexton](#)
12 Years



[Lisa Raven](#)
1 Year



[Elinor V Hoffman](#)
1 Year



[William J. Rourke](#)
0 Years



[Allan R. Sutherlin](#)
0 Years

Birthdays

[Jon Walker](#)
July 19th

[David Pencak](#)
July 21st

[Sharleen Miller](#)
July 28th

[Raymond Kramp](#)
August 11th

[Marta H. Spence](#)
July 19th

[Ranjit J. Puthran](#)
July 25th

[William L Howard II](#)
July 30th

[Virginia Terpening](#)
August 13th

[Susie Steel](#)
July 20th

[Tammy Haney](#)
July 26th

[Robert Wright Swanay](#)
July 30th

[Brad Sexauer](#)
August 13th



Wedding Anniversaries

[Salim K. Najjar](#)
July 22nd

[David I Hollander](#)
August 4th

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

[David U. Norris](#)
August 11th

[Andrew Nisenshal](#)
July 30th