

# Rotary



## Club of Carmel GEARBOX Newsletter

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Carmel  
Woodland Country Club  
Friday at 11:45 AM

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### Club Leaders



[Arnold Elston](#)  
iPast  
President  
President

### Scott Willis is September 13th Speaker



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Scott is only the 2nd mayor for the City of Westfield, taking office in January of 2024. He and his wife Stacey have resided in Westfield for 20 years, raising their three children, Sophia, Brenna and Graden. Prior to taking office, he served as a Divisional Vice President for Theoris, a global multi-divisional professional services company, and President of Jarhead Holdings LLC, a commercial real estate company. In addition, he recently retired from the United States Marine Corps Reserves after 30 years of service rising to the rank of Colonel. He is active in the community with such organizations as Veterans of Foreign War, American Legion, Rotary, Westfield Chamber of Commerce, John Purdue Club, Purdue Alumni Association, and the Purdue University Presidentâ€™s Council. He has also served on the Westfield City Council and Planning Commission, Westfield YMCA Steering Committee, and on the Board of Directors for the Westfield Washington Public Library, Student Impact, Operation Job Ready Veterans, and Marine Foundation.



Doug Willard  
President-Elect



Sharon M Kibbe  
Vice President-Nominee



Victoria Shlyakhov  
Secretary



Greg Pilling  
Treasurer



Gregory L Harris  
Sergeant-at-Arms



David I Hollander  
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 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

Join Us This Thursday!

Rotary   
Club of Carmel

# 5:31 CLUB

## THURSDAY

### SEPTEMBER 12



1156 KEYSTONE WAY  
CARMEL, IN 46032

Everyone is welcome to join!



Jason  
Randlett  
Club Youth  
Services  
Chair



Mika L.  
Takahashi  
Club Social  
Chair

## Community Grants Due 9/15

The Community Grant Application must be submitted by a Carmel Rotarian on behalf of a charitable community organization. The Carmel Rotarian will be the sponsor for the organization as the application goes through the entire process. The Rotarian may not be a salaried employee of that organization, however they may volunteer with that organization or serve on their board. Grants will be awarded for up to \$2,000 and one of the stipulations is that the organization can't have just received money from the club in the last cycle. The organization does not need to be a 501(c)(3) organization to apply. Please reach out to Peter Primason (primpete@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

Download the form [here](#).

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### It is important to add the Ignite App on your phone

IGNITE - Apps on Google Play

Our District has committed to using the Ignite App to improve communication for the clubs in Indiana. That means...the District is providing funds for this wonderful tool.

If you need instructions on how to add the Ignite App on your phones, the instructions are in the Gearbox.

What is so good about the Ignite App:

1. **Ease of Use:** The app is designed to be clean and simple, making it easy for users to navigate and find what you need quickly
  2. **Comprehensive Features:** It includes a variety of tools that are essential for Rotarians, such as logging service hours, viewing the club calendar, and communicating with fellow members.
  3. **Enhance Communication :** Seamless communication within the club
  4. **Rotarians** can sign up for events and pay invoices
  5. **Member Engagement:** Easy to add a prospective new member to DACdb and send the new member contact information to the Clubs Membership Chair
  6. **Integration with DACdb:** The app communicates with DACdb.
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## Mark Heirbrandt is Our September



In 2013, Mark Heirbrandt took office as Hamilton County Commissioner for District 3. Throughout his tenure, Mark has consistently demonstrated a deep-rooted commitment to making a positive difference at the local level. As a testament to his unwavering dedication and contributions during his time in office, Mark was honored with the prestigious title of 'Indiana County Commissioner of the Year Award' by the Indiana County Commissioners Association in 2022 as well as the 'Commissioner of the Year Award' in 2023 from the Association of Indiana Counties.

In addition to Mark's responsibilities as Hamilton County Commissioner, he collaborates across the state with other counties and commissioners to implement best practices as the Past IACC (Indiana Association of County Commissioners) Board President.

As an active member on various leadership boards, Mark serves as an Executive Board Member for the Humane Society for Hamilton County, the Hamilton County Community Foundation, and is a member of the Big Cicero Regional Board. Mark also serves as an Executive Board Member for the Metropolitan Planning Organization and was previously on the Westfield Public Safety Merit Board for six years. Mark enjoys being actively involved in several other nonprofits and charitable organizations across the county and state.

Mark has received several distinguished awards, including the Advocate of the Year Award from the Humane Society for Hamilton County, recognition for Exceptional Leadership and Service from the Hamilton County Leadership Academy, and an IACC Award for Outstanding Team Effort for County Commissioners in 2017 & 2023. Other awards include several from the Association of Indiana Counties: Local Government Cooperation Award 2015, 2016, 2019 and 2024, the County Achievement Award.

Hamilton County is known for being one of the safest counties in the country and is consistently rated as one of the best places to live.

Mark has lived in Hamilton County for over 34 years with his family --- wife Gina, sons Blake, Ethan, and Evan.

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## Family Fun at the Farm at Mike Warren's Horse Farm in Noblesville

Calendar Alert!! **Sunday, October 6, 4:00 pm**

Family Fun at the Farm at Mike Warren's horse farm in Noblesville- 13870 E. 191st St.\*\*

Mark your calendars now and sign up soon on Ignite or at a meeting for this fun event of barbecue sandwiches and the food you bring. There will be food galore!

**Cost:** \$10 for adults; \$5 for kids up to age 12

**BRING:** A dish to share:

An appetizer OR

A side dish OR

A dessert AND

Your own beverages and chairs - we'll supply water and coffee

**Reservation DEADLINE** is September 30. If you expect to eat, we must order the food!  
Please register by emailing [mikatahashi312@gmail.com](mailto:mikatahashi312@gmail.com)

Take SR 37 to 191st Street, turn east (right) and proceed approximately 3.75 miles. Look for the Rotary sign on the left side of the street. Proceed up the long driveway, park in the grass.

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## Volunteering Help Needed



**CALL TO ACTION** – We are needing volunteers for both days, please sign up here:  
<https://carmelrotary.com/leadership-connection.php>

October 24, 2024 – Community Service Day at One America, Indianapolis  
Students want to make a difference in the community and this is our opportunity to connect them with carefully selected non-profits for hands-on experience.

November 15, 2024 – Leadership Connection Day at Carmel Clay Public Library  
A forum for students to engage with local leaders from both private and public sector and grow professional and personal leadership skills.

### 5 Ways YOU can support Leadership Connection:

1. Sponsor a Student: \$60
2. Volunteer on Community Service Day – One America, October 24, 9:00-3:30
3. Volunteer on Leadership Connection Day – CCPL, November 15, 9:00-3:00
4. Nominate a student family member (in their Junior or Senior year of HS) to participate as a legacy participant. (10 spots, first come, first serve) \***registration opened August 26** – check your email, or copy & paste this link into your browser:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA5AD2CA0F8C52-50559304-leadership>
5. Refer a company that may be interested in sponsoring

**Please visit our web page to take action:** <https://carmelrotary.com/leadership-connection.php>  
Questions: Natalie O’Hara, [nohara@skillman.com](mailto:nohara@skillman.com)

## Jeff McDermott is Our Oct 4th Speaker





## ***Enriching the Community through Arts Experiences***

**Jeff McDermott**  
**President/CEO**  
**The Center for the Performing Arts**  
**The Great American Songbook Foundation**

Jeff McDermott has served since September 2016 as President and CEO of the nonprofit Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel and the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation, both headquartered at the landmark Palladium concert hall. Previously, the longtime Carmel resident worked 31 years as a partner and practicing attorney with Krieg DeVault, LLP, where he was a four-term member of its Executive Committee, chair of its Litigation Practice and the Executive Partner of its Carmel Office.

McDermott's association with the Center dates to 2010, when he joined the Board of Directors and went on to serve as the board's legal counsel and a member of its Executive Committee, Development Committee, Audit Committee, Finance Committee and Governance Committee.

### **About the Center for the Performing Arts**

The mission of the nonprofit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. Its campus in Carmel, Indiana, includes the 1,500-seat Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington proscenium theater and the black-box Studio Theater. The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the Center Presents performance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy and other genres. Educational and experiential programming for all ages includes children's concerts and camps, book clubs, lectures, and classes in music and dance. The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies. More information is available at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org).

## **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](mailto: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".

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## Carmel Rotary Zoom Link

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87091303825?pwd=ZjBGekNaYkkzT0VZdnhDYjhidUtsQT09>

**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/kH5bJHK15>**

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## Important Links

[Carmel Rotary Website](#)

[District 6560 Website](#)

[Carmel Rotary Facebook Page](#)

[Rotary International Website](#)

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## Club Member Anniversaries



[Michael E. Warren](#)  
20 Years



[Nancy S. Heck](#)  
19 Years



[Peggy A Powell](#)  
16 Years



[Cindy Davis](#)  
11 Years



[William L Howard II](#)  
3 Years



[Zachary Mayhew](#)  
3 Years



[Adam Aasen](#)  
1 Year



[Thaddeus Rex](#)  
0 Years



[Tyler E. Smith](#)  
0 Years

## Birthdays

[Thaddeus Rex](#)  
September 10th

[Arnold Elston](#)  
September 13th

[Jane Adam](#)  
September 20th

[Richard M. Markoff](#)  
October 1st

[Mishell E Cox](#)  
September 13th

[James F. Burrell](#)  
September 17th

[David A Ryan](#)  
September 23rd

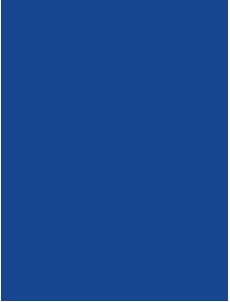
[Lucia S. Carter](#)  
October 7th

[Lee B. McTurnan](#)  
September 13th

[Dubbie Buckler](#)  
September 19th

[Harold E. Espey](#)  
October 1st

[Randy Sorrell](#)  
October 7th



[Yvette M. Schubert](#)  
October 8th

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

[Zachary Mayhew](#)  
September 14th  
[Jon E. Olson](#)  
September 18th  
[Robert L Brown](#)  
October 1st

[David A Ryan](#)  
September 14th  
[Julie Standish](#)  
September 23rd  
[Judith F. Hagan](#)  
October 7th

[Phillip G. Anderson](#)  
September 17th  
[Lyndsey M Brown](#)  
October 1st  
[Gary Sexton](#)  
October 8th