

Rotary



Club of Carmel GEARBOX Newsletter

Club Meeting

Carmel
Fridays @ Woodland
Country Club (11:45am -
1pm) 2nd Thursdays
5:31pm, locations vary
Friday at 11:45 AM

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Club Leaders



[Gary Sexton](#)
President



[Julie Lundin-
Shadinger](#)
President-Elect



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Willard](#)
Secretary

[Mandy
Woodbury](#)
Treasurer

Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard Speaker This Friday



Mayor Jim Brainard

Mayor Jim Brainard is Carmel's first seven-term mayor. Under his tenure, Carmel has experienced tremendous growth and prosperity. It is considered one of the fastest growing cities in the United States. The population has grown from 25,000 to almost 100,000 in the last 25 years. Park land, greenspace, and trails have increased from 40 acres to more than 800, including the Monon Trail and Central Park.

The development of an Arts & Design District, a downtown called City Center and a new Midtown project joining the two together, has helped in the creation of a vibrant, thriving walkable city where companies want to locate, where employees want to live and where families want to raise their children. Mayor Brainard is frequently asked to speak around the world about city planning, climate change, redevelopment and roadway

networks.

As part of the City Center project to create a downtown for Carmel, Mayor Brainard incorporated world-class cultural and entertainment venues. The Center for the Performing Arts in City Center includes the Palladium, a state-of-the-art, 1,600-seat concert hall, The Tarkington, a 500-seat proscenium theater and the 200-seat Studio Theater. Mayor Brainard was also successful in gaining the talent of Michael Feinstein as the Artistic Director for the Center as well as integrating the Great American Songbook Foundation and Songbook Academy into the cultural options at the Center. All of these venues, including an outdoor amphitheater named Rotary Centennial Plaza, opened in 2011.

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Congratulations to Tim Flint



Congratulations to Tim Flint who will become Chairman of Leadership Connection on November 18.

Leadership Connection is a branded event of the Rotary Club of Carmel in partnership with the Hamilton County Leadership Academy, iTeam Think Tank, Carmel Fire Department, Carmel Clay Schools, and



Arnold Elston
President -
Nominee



Gregory L. Harris
Sergeant-at-
Arms



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Chair



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Service Projects
Chair



Monica Frauhiger
Club Service
Chair



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Beth Sexton
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Service Chair



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Foundation
Chair



Cindy Davis
iPast President



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Club Social
Chair

Carmel*Clay Parks & Recreation.

Tim, who succeeds Dr. Rick Markoff as Chairman, is the Principal and Strategist for Flint Analytics. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University (Idaho) and Notre Dame's Mendoza School of Business.

A member of the Rotary Club of Carmel since 2016, Tim was Assistant Chairman of Leadership Connection in 2022. He also serves on the iTeam Think Tank Membership Advisory Board.

Welcome Our New Members



We recently welcomed our 3 newest active Rotarians at their induction ceremony on Friday October 15th: Left to right: Judy Ford (membership committee), new inductee Tim Paramore, new inductee Max Rotondo, David Hollander (membership chair), and new inductee Hannah Bates.

Laurae Rettig Veterans Day Guest November 11th



What is it like to be married with children, work as an emergency room physician, and serve your country at a high level as a military officer? How do you juggle these important responsibilities? And, what is it like for a woman to be stationed in Afghanistan? These are simply three of the questions Laurae Rettig will address during her Veterans Day presentation to the Rotary Club of Carmel on Friday, November 11.

You won't want to miss this important discussion by Laurae Rettif, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine for the I.U. School of Medicine, and Air Force Lieutenant Colonel who works closely with Critical Care Air Transport Teams.

WRTV6 Toy Drive

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN CARMEL ROTARY WRTV6 TOY DRIVE

The Rotary Club of Carmel would like to invite our members to participate in our annual assistance of the WRTV6 Toy Drive on Friday, December 2nd. Meteorologist Kevin Gregory and his Toy Drive Crew are scheduled to attend our meeting at the Woodland Country Club to photograph our toy drive donations. Woodland will have the lunch buffet available at the usual 11:30 time. Please arrive no later than noon. Kevin will be our guest speaker with a brief toy drive overview. Wear colorful daytime holiday attire.

The toy drive is designed to help less fortunate families in our area and accepts gifts for both girls and boys between the ages of infants to 13 years old. When you set the budget you wish to spend, please consider stretching your dollars. For example, if you spend \$20 you could purchase one toy for that amount and one happy child will have a smile on their face. Or, you can shop at the locations listed below where you can spend the same \$20 and purchase FOUR OR MORE nice gifts for more happy kids. But, you are certainly welcome to buy any gift at any cost, and there is no limit on how much you can donate. Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls are always needed. Bec is happy to shop for you if preferred.

Remember: these kids don't care about expensive gifts...they are just happy to receive ANY gift at all!!

RECOMMENDED PLACES TO PURCHASE GIFTS (PLEASE BLACK OUT OR REMOVE THE PRICES):

Dollar General: nice/inexpensive gifts, brand names like Disney; shop Saturdays with \$5 website coupon

Five Below: nice gifts and everything is \$5 or below...please choose the nicer gifts

Walgreens: look for labels with Buy 2 Get 1 Free for around \$15 which equals around \$5 for each toy

Kohls/Penneys/etc: clearance racks in jewelry/purses/backpacks/toys/juniors/young men

Any Store: nail polish/lip gloss/cologne or perfume gift sets; fancy scarves for young teenagers

Consignment Shops: great deals in clearance on new jewelry/purses (ck for rips/stains/broken pieces)

Cash/Walmart Cards: WRTV6 staff and Bec will purchase & fulfill family needs at their discounted prices

ITEMS NOT TO PURCHASE:

Food/Candy: toys are stored in a warehouse and these attract unwanted guests

Toy Guns: several of these kids live in Indianapolis so WRTV6 prefers not to promote guns & violence

Clothing: unless a nice hat/scarf/glove set for teenagers; if a cute set for young kids please add a toy

Books: unless purchased new, please put them in a box so pages don't get ripped/bent (see below)

Videos/CDs: kids may not have anything to play them, but you can purchase a player if you wish

VERY IMPORTANT: ALL gifts must be donated **UNWRAPPED** so volunteers can sort them by age and gender. However, if you purchase small items like jewelry that could easily get lost, or any breakable items not in a manufacturer's box, we suggest you purchase boxes that have lids so volunteers can remove the lid and place it under the box so parents can view the item inside. Dollar Tree/Dollar General have inexpensive holiday gift boxes. (TIP: Cut slits at top of box insert if available to add necklaces.)

CONTACT ORGANIZER BEC HUNTER AT 317-407-1445 OR [BEC@BECHUNTER.NET](mailto:bec@bechunter.net) WITH QUESTIONS.

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THESE FAMILIES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON! THANK YOU!!!

Carmel Rotary Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 870 9130 3825

Passcode: 4waytest

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Club Member Anniversaries



[Kumiko K. Brunson](#)
22 Years



[David Pencak](#)
16 Years



[Marta H. Spence](#)
11 Years



[Jon Walker](#)
11 Years



[Sharleen Miller](#)
11 Years



[Kwan Hui](#)
4 Years



[Robert Wright Swanay](#)
4 Years



[Lorene Burkhart](#)
2 Years



[Marc S Johnson](#)
1 Year



[Greg Pilling](#)
0 Years



[Monica Frauhiger](#)
0 Years

Birthdays

[Barbara A. Ellis](#)
October 31st

[Lisa Raven](#)
November 10th

[Beth Sexton](#)
November 20th

[Norman Kempler](#)
November 2nd

[William R. Beam](#)
November 11th

[Natalie O'Hara](#)
November 23rd

[Gerald M. Hughes](#)
November 7th

[Richard F. Taylor III](#)
November 13th

[Andrew LeRette](#)
November 30th

Wedding Anniversaries

[Carolyn M. Shaw](#)
November 4th

[Jerome Roberts](#)
November 20th

[Peggy A Powell](#)
November 6th

[Brian D. Rhea](#)
November 21st

[Melisa L. Keiser](#)
November 17th