

Rotary



Club of Carmel GEARBOX Newsletter

Club Meeting

Carmel
Woodland Country Club
Friday at 11:45 AM

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Danny Lopez is Our Speaker November 8th



Danny Lopez currently serves as Executive

Vice President for Community and External Engagement & Corporate Communications for Pacers Sports & Entertainment (PS&E) in Indianapolis, overseeing strategy and implementation for the public-facing efforts of the corporate entity that encompasses the Indiana Pacers, Indiana Fever, the Pacers Foundation, Pacers Gaming, the Mad Ants of the NBA G League, and operations at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. In this role, Lopez is responsible for the company's messaging and earned media strategy, civic engagement and public policy, advocacy, and philanthropic and community engagement efforts.

Prior to joining PS&E, Lopez served as Chief of Staff and Senior Vice President at Strada Education Network, an Indianapolis-based global non-profit organization advocating for purposeful and relevant postsecondary education and training. There, Lopez worked alongside the CEO and board of directors on the development of the company's first national and state-specific policy strategies and helped align its substantial philanthropic efforts to its investment strategy, research focus, and overall vision.

In 2024, Lopez was selected by the Indianapolis Business Journal to the prestigious Indiana 250, the annual list of the 250 most influential and impactful business and community leaders. He is a two-time recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash Award, the highest honor bestowed by Indiana's Governor, and was selected to the IBJ's *40 Under 40* list for 2015. He is a regular contributor to the Indianapolis Business Journal on public policy matters and serves or has served on numerous boards and commissions, including:

In 2008, Lopez and his wife, Sofia, relocated from their hometown of Miami to Indiana. Sofia completed her doctoral degree and post-doctoral fellowship in Communications Sciences and Disorders from Indiana University and Purdue University, respectively, and is a Professor of Speech Language Disorders at Butler University in Indianapolis. They currently reside in Carmel with their two children.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PAUL HARRIS PIN

Pantry Service

November 14th
5:31 Social Hour

November 15th
Leadership

Connection at Carmel Library

November 20th
Crooked Creek Food Pantry Service

November 22nd
Carmel Weekly Club Meeting

November 26th
Merciful Help Center: Food Pantry

November 27th
Crooked Creek Food Pantry Service

November 29th
Thanksgiving Break, No Rotary Meeting

December 4th
Crooked Creek Food Pantry Service

Club Leaders



Arnold Elston
iPast
President
President



Doug Willard
President-Elect



Nancy S. Heck
Vice
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President-Nominee



Victoria Shlyakhov
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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



Thank You Dave Hyatt



Katie L. Smardo
CarmelFest
Treasurer



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



Yvette M. Schubert
International
Service
Chair



Donna Gray
Club Public
Image Chair
Webmaster



Carolyn M. Shaw
Community
Service
Chair



Timothy A. Flint
Leadership
Connection
Chair



Jason Randlett
Club Youth
Services
Chair



Mika L. Takahashi
Club Social
Chair



Please Welcome Potential New Member Emily Wuebkenberg

by David I. Hollander

Emily is the deputy chief of staff of the I.U. Health Medical Group. She has been working at I.U. Health for the past 10 years.

Her role involves project and operations work for the medical group. She has a B.S. degree in Human Biology. She also has a Masters in Health Administration. She is married to her husband Nathan. They have two children who attend Woodbrook Elementary School. She spends a lot of her free time with family hiking, playing games, and engaging in sports. She is

excited to join Rotary as a way to "connect more with my community and contribute in a meaningful way."



Ashley Thibodeau Guest Speaker November 22nd



Ashley Thibodeau began her dance training at the age of three at the Madeleine T. Walker School of Ballet in Savannah, Georgia. She quickly developed a deep love of dance and a passion for performing. As a student, Ashley studied at Ballet Chicago, Colorado Ballet, The Kirov Academy of Ballet, Boston Ballet, and Richmond Ballet. She attended Virginia Commonwealth University on scholarship and graduated Magna Cum Laude with her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance and Choreography. Ashley has had the opportunity to perform across the country with many professional companies, such as, Dance Alive! (Gainesville, FL), Colorado Ballet, Richmond Ballet, and Starr Foster Dance Project. She performed Jose Limon's iconic "A Choreographic Offering" at the Kennedy Center for the Arts in Washington DC.

For the past 20 years, Ashley has taught ballet, pointe, modern, and jazz all over the country. She has served as director and ballet mistress of student ensembles and has choreographed three full-length ballets, several youth musical productions, and numerous other pieces over the years.

Ashley is a mother of five and the Owner and Artistic Director of The Ballet Studio of Carmel, located in The Carmel Arts and Design District. The Ballet Studio of Carmel is home to about 75 dance students, ranging from children to adults. Ashley is also a founding member and head of the dance department at The Drama Department, a musical theater school in Carmel,

IN.

Please Welcome Shell Wiedenhaupt for Potential Reinstatement as Active Member

by David I. Hollander

Shell is a Broker Realtor. She runs the Shell Wiedenhaupt Realty Group. She has multiple real estate certifications. She is a past president of our Rotary Club of Carmel (as Shell Barger, 2020-2021). She left our club when she relocated to the Greenfield area. She married her husband Ryan in 2022. They recently moved back to Carmel. She has a BS degree from the Kelly School of Business. She is the mother of 6, has one bonus daughter, and is the grandmother of 8. She is currently the Chair for Indiana's National Parenting Organization. She is a Gleaners Food Bank Volunteer. She is Partner of the Villages Foster Care service. She plans to be one of the hosts of our exchange student, Laura Costa. Shell enjoys traveling, exploring, skiing, working out, learning, and spending time with friends & family.



JOIN US NOVEMBER 14th

LAST CHANCE

Rotary
Club of Carmel



5:31 CLUB

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14



1156 KEYSTONE WAY
CARMEL, IN 46032

All are welcome to join!

Christmas Charity Auction for Rotary International



Bring items to our Rotary meeting to include in the basket of goodies to auction off for the Rotary Foundation. You can donate items like:

- wine, olive oil, non perishable food, bath oil, etc. You have until December 6 to donate items. Holiday luncheon will be at Feinstein room at the Hotel Carmichael

If you have any questions, contact Kay Brunson.

SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for an upcoming service project at Coburn Place!
Coburn Place, a transitional housing and support for those facing domestic abuse is in need of volunteers for a service project.

When: Thursday, November 7, 2024 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Where: Coburn Place: 604 E. 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205
Info: www.coburnplace.org

Please contact: Ranj Puthran for further details and to sign up! ranjputhran@gmail.com

We can coordinate carpooling if needed and will provide further instruction as we get closer.

Rotarians: Please support Leadership Connection Day!

November 15, 2024 – Leadership Connection Day at the 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.

How to support Leadership Connection:

1. **Sponsor** a Student: \$60 (our goal is 70 sponsorships). Email Greg to sponsor: greg.pilling@yahoo.com
2. **Volunteer** on Leadership Connection Day – CCPL, November 15. Volunteer arrival will either be 8:00 or 8:30 and the day ends at 3:00 (3:30 with clean-up). You will be included at a Lunch with a Leader table and your lunch is no charge.

Please visit our web page to sign-up to volunteer for the day: <https://carmelrotary.com/leadership-connection.php>; or email Natalie at nohara@skillman.com

1. Join us for the **Lunch with a Leader** portion of the program, listen to our table leaders share their leadership journey. Arrival time: 11:30, and lunch is 12:00-12:50.

Cost: \$21.75 (pay Greg at CCPL)
RSVP for lunch to Natalie: nohara@skillman.com

- Dress is business casual.
- An agenda will be shared soon!

Questions: Natalie O'Hara, nohara@skillman.com

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

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=ZjBGekNaYkkzTOVZdnhDYjhidUtsQT09>

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/u/kH5bJHKI5>

Important Links

[Carmel Rotary Website](#)

[District 6560 Website](#)

[Carmel Rotary Facebook Page](#)

[Rotary International Website](#)

Club Member Anniversaries



[Judith F. Hagan](#)
24 Years



[Salim K. Najjar](#)
20 Years



[Mark Satz](#)
9 Years



[Douglas L. Bosworth](#)
6 Years



[Mandy Woodbury](#)
6 Years



[Chris Hawkins](#)
3 Years



[William R. Beam](#)
3 Years



[Subhash C. Khanna](#)
3 Years



[Lucia S. Carter](#)
3 Years



[Tammy Haney](#)
1 Year

Birthdays

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

[Lisa Raven](#)
November 10th

[Beth Sexton](#)
November 20th

[Julie Standish](#)
December 5th

[Nam Mokwunye](#)
November 8th

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

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

[Jennifer A Piatt](#)
November 8th

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

[Andrew LeRette](#)
November 30th

Wedding Anniversaries

[Peggy A Powell](#)
November 6th

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

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

[Raju Chinthala](#)
November 26th

[Jerome Roberts](#)
November 20th