

# 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](#)  
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Shadinger](#)  
President - Elect



[Douglas D.  
Willard](#)  
Secretary



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Woodbury](#)  
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President -  
Nominee

[Gregory L  
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### Laurae Rettig Veterans Day Guest This Friday



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 Rettig, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine for the I.U. School of Medicine, and Air Force Major who works closely with Critical Care Air Transport Teams.

### Welcome Three New Members

**Please also welcome potential member Erik Mroz:**

Erik is an attorney and partner with Drewry Simmons and Vornehm, LLP in Carmel. He practices in the area of environmental law litigation and insurance coverage. He received his B.S. degree at Ball State University. He completed his JD degree at the IU Law School in Indianapolis-2003. Erik is married to Yuko and has two sons.



**Please welcome potential member Allan Sutherland:**

Allan is the CEO of Stakeholder International, a Public Affairs focused consulting company serving domestic and international organizations, corporations, and associations. His company provides program development, technology assistance, and active deployment of projects and issue-based initiatives. He has earned a national reputation as an experienced, successful organizer and fundraiser for political and public policy campaigns in the U.S. He is the founder and Board President of the Indiana Agriculture & Technology School. He has been the NE District chair of the Boy Scouts. His dear wife Elizabeth (known as "Buff" to most of her friends) passed away from advanced cancer in 2020. He has a daughter and a son.



Sergeant-at-Arms



David J. Hollander  
Membership Chair



James R. Laverdiere  
Service Projects Chair



Monica Frauhiger  
Club Service Chair



Jeffery W. Lenz  
International Service Chair



Beth Sexton  
Community Service Chair



Greg Pilling  
Assistant Treasurer



Michael E. Warren  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Cindy Davis  
iPast President



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Club Social Chair



**Finally, please welcome potential member Stephon Tuitt:**

Stephon is a former professional football player who played eight seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers of the NFL. He recently retired earlier this year after the tragic loss of his brother in a hit-and-run crash in 2021. At that time, he immediately took time off from football to support his family. He played football at the University of Notre Dame. He has recently returned home to Carmel with his family. He has three young children. He is now here to "serve and to grow intellectually for myself and my family."



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## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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=ZjBGekNaYkKzT0VZdnhDYjhidUtsQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 9130 3825

Passcode: 4waytest

One tap mobile

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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>

### 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

[Lisa Raven](#)

November 10th

[Beth Sexton](#)

November 20th

[Katie L. Smardo PDG 2016-17](#)

December 6th

[William R. Beam](#)

November 11th

[Natalie O'Hara](#)

November 23rd

[Nancy S. Heck](#)

December 7th

[Richard F. Taylor III](#)

November 13th

[Andrew LeRette](#)

November 30th

[Subhash C Khanna](#)

December 9th

### Wedding Anniversaries

[Melisa L. Keiser](#)

November 17th

[James R. Laverdiere](#)

December 4th

[Jerome Roberts](#)

November 20th

[Brian D. Rhea](#)

November 21st