

Rotary



Club of Carmel GEARBOX Newsletter

Club Meeting

Carmel
Woodland Country Club
Friday at 11:45 AM

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Nov 17th Speaker Kathy Hahn Keiner, Executive Director of Cool Creek Food Pantry



Crooked Creek
Food Pantry, Inc

6940 N. Michigan Road
Indianapolis, IN 46268
- www.ccfpindy.org -

Kathy Hahn Keiner currently serves as Executive Director of Crooked Creek Food Pantry, the 3rd largest food pantry in Indianapolis. Prior to coming to CCFP in March 2023, Kathy was the Chief Programs Officer at Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana. Kathy served on Gleaners' Senior Leadership Team and was responsible for the strategic direction and planning for all agency partners and programs. Kathy

brings over 30 years of non-profit management experience, having served with distinction in leadership capacity at several non-profits.

Kathy has been married to her husband Dave for 33 years and they have three adult children. In her spare time, Kathy enjoys the outdoors, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

Thank You For Your Service Dr. Rick Markoff



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My heart was filled with pride when my fellow Rotarians gave me a standing ovation at the conclusion of my Veterans Day presentation, "LT...My Vietnam Story."

I shared these final thoughts with our members:

I am proud to say I was a Jewish soldier in Vietnam, hopefully reflecting great pride on me, my family, my friends, and my country.

The military enabled me to grow up.

I would make the same decision again (to serve my country).

And, until you see how little others have, one cannot appreciate how special it is to live in



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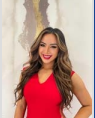
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the United States of America. Do know I'm glad my story had a happy ending!

Dr. David Hollander, while watching the speech from Florida on Zoom, wrote the following question, "When you are recognized as a Vietnam veteran in 2023, what would you like to hear from others that want to thank you for your service? Is that enough?"

I responded,

"Please know one never gets tired of hearing the words, 'Thank you for your service'!"

Thank You to Rotarians for Volunteering at the Crooked Creek Food Pantry



We Have a New App for your Mobile Device

The DACdb app used on your mobile device will sunset. The new app is called IGNITE. The app is easy to use and is designed to promote member engagement. Your Rotary Board members started using it last week and the app is wonderful!

The app was created by IGNITE by Member Minder Pro to provide ease of use for civic organizations by not only helping manage their organizations, but by making member engagement more accessible. Members can pay their invoices, make donations, log service hours, add service projects to their calendars, send service selfies and so much more from this simple and clean app. While at events, members can connect with each other by scanning QR codes to save contact information. Member engagement has never been easier!

Click on the link below and add the app to your mobile device. There is a QR code in the app to make setup easy. Use your DACdb sign on to log into the app. Within seconds, your Rotary information will appear in the app...including your Rotary Foundation (Paul Harris Fellow) information.

If you have any questions, contact a board member for assistance. Also, we are working with DACdb to setup a training session for the app.

IGNITE Mobile App

-  COMMUNICATE WITH PUSH NOTIFICATIONS
-  ADD VOLUNTEER EVENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR
-  PAY INVOICES ON YOUR PHONE
-  LOG SERVICE HOURS WITH A CLICK OF A BUTTON



APPLE



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December 1st Speaker is Don Steffy

Don Steffy Executive Director, Indianapolis Ballet *“Creating a Business from “Below” The Ground Up”*

Don Steffy has spent over 25 years working in the field of arts administration. With the combined talents of artist and administrator in multiple disciplines, he brings a unique perspective to his daily work. Prior to assuming his position with the Ballet, he served as executive director for the Indianapolis Children’s Choir, building the profile and financial capacity of this world-renowned organization. He originally came to Indianapolis to open and create operations for the Pike Performing Arts Center. Under his leadership for 11 years, the Center successfully served the community through an array of academic, community, and professional performances. Mr. Steffy had the pleasure of presenting Marcel Marceau on his 50th-anniversary tour, and popular pianist George Winston graced the PikePAC stage on three separate occasions. Actors John Astin, John Amos, Anthony Zerbe, Roscoe Lee Brown, comedienne George Engel, and Jazz vocalist Dee Dee Bridgewater added to the array of talented artists he worked with during his tenure.



Mr. Steffy enjoyed a full career as a classical ballet dancer alongside his wife Marylou. Performing in ballet companies in the United States and Europe, they danced the works of notable choreographers George Balanchine, Robert Joffrey, Gerald Arpino, Paul Taylor, Ruthanna Boris, Anna Sokolow, Frederic Franklin, and William Dollar. He and his wife also performed in the original Broadway cast of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers — starring Debbie Boone. He performed for a year and a half in the full Broadway run of the Tony Award-winning revival of On Your Toes, directed by George Abbott and starring famed ballerina Natalia Makarova. Prior to arriving in Indianapolis, he held the post of Artistic Director of Montgomery Ballet, a professional ballet company located in Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. Steffy holds a B.S. Degree in Theater and Dance from Kent State University. He has been a grant panelist for the Indiana Arts Commission and adjudicating in the categories of Individual Artists, Major Arts Organizations, and Regional Arts Partners. He has also been a grant panelist for the Southern Arts Federation. He is a past two-term president of the Indiana Coalition for the Arts and a presenter at two separate Indiana Music Education Association (IMEA) conferences on the topics of Arts Administration and Arts Advocacy. He has served on the faculty of the MFA program at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival and was a member on the Arts Advisory Council for Auburn University. He is also a local recipient of one of NUVO's Cultural Vision Awards.

Currently, Mr. Steffy is an active member of the Rotary Club of Indianapolis where he serves as president as well as a board member of the Rotary Foundation of Indianapolis. In 2014, Mr. Steffy Co-Chaired Rotary's successful city-wide day of service known as Indy Do Day! This initiative engaged over 18,000 volunteers from over 300 businesses and community organizations.

He was a union representative under both Broadway and Dinner Theatre contracts and is a currently member of the Screen Actors Guild and Actors' Equity Association.

HELP BY DONATING TO THE CARMEL ROTARY WRTV6 TOY DRIVE



The Rotary Club of Carmel will once again participate in our annual assistance of the WRTV6 Toy Drive on Friday, December 8. 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 very 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 gift – they are just happy to receive ANY gift at all!!

ITEMS NOT TO PURCHASE:

Food/Candy: everything is 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.

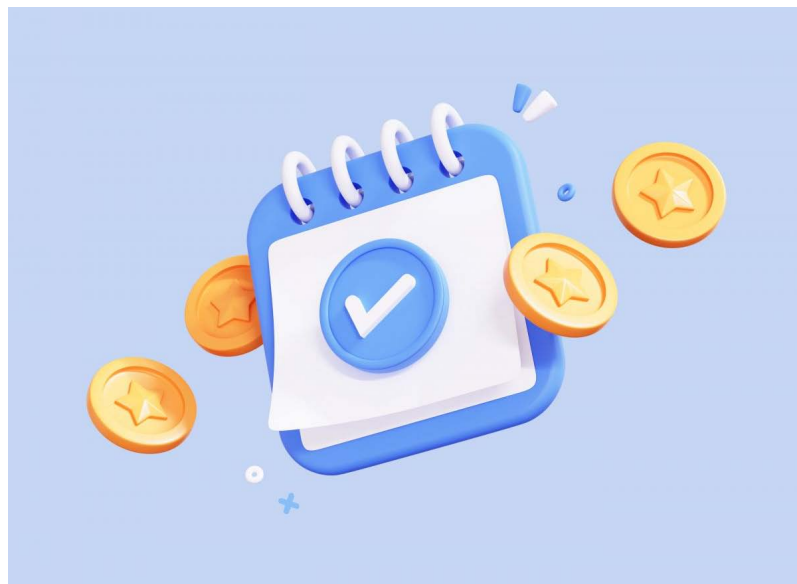
Videos/CDs: kids may not have anything to play them, but you can purchase a player if you wish.

VERY IMPORTANT:

ALL gifts must be donated UNWRAPPED so volunteers can sort them by age and gender.



Check Your Balance & Pay Dues Online ????????



View your balance and pay your dues in two ways!

New [IGNITE app](#) (by Member Minder Pro)



[DACdb](#) Profile => View "My Finance Statement" => "Click Here to Pay On-Line" button

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=ZjBGekNaYkZkZT0VZdnhDYjhidUtsQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 9130 3825

Passcode: 4waytest

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Meeting ID: 870 9130 3825

Passcode: 73005176

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kH5bJHK15>

Important Links

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[District 6560 Website](#)

[Carmel Rotary Facebook Page](#)

[Rotary International Website](#)

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Club Member Anniversaries

[Judith F. Hagan](#)

[Douglas L. Bosworth](#)

[Mandy Woodbury](#)



23 Years



5 Years



5 Years



[Zackary Darring](#)
1 Year



[Tammy Haney](#)
0 Years

Birthdays

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

[Andrew LeRette](#)
November 30th

[Nancy S. Heck](#)
December 7th

[Jeffrey Worrell](#)
December 10th

[Beth Sexton](#)
November 20th

[Julie Standish](#)
December 5th

[Subhash C. Khanna](#)
December 9th

[Kenneth R. Appel](#)
December 10th

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

[Katie L. Smardo PDG 2016-17](#)
December 6th

[David U. Norris](#)
December 10th

[Tatyana Komarova](#)
December 13th

Wedding Anniversaries

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

[James R. Laverdiere](#)
December 4th

[Jerome Roberts](#)
November 20th

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