



Club of Carmel GEARBOX Newsletter

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



Julie Lundin-Shadinger President -Elect



Willard Secretary

Mandy Woodbury Treasurer

Service Opportunity to Ring the Bell!

Our fellow Rotarian and Lion's Club member, Jason Randlett, shared a great holiday service opportunity!

The Carmel Lions have taken on the task of ringing the bell for the Salvation Army inside the Fashion Mall. There are a ton of 2 hour shifts to cover and they are asking other service organizations to help out if possible. All of the shifts are on the Sign Up Genius link below. Anyone can ring the bell, all proceeds go directly to the Salvation Army. The bell is located INSIDE, between Cheesecake Factory and Crate and Barrel. It is a wonderful way to help a good cause and I am happy to answer any questions.





Arnold Elston President -Nominee



Gregory L Harris Sergeant-at-Arms



Amy Jo <u>Stark</u> Co-Public Relations Chair



<u>Hollander</u> Membership Chair



James R. Laverdiere Service Projects Chair



<u>Monica</u> Frauhiger Club Service Chair







Greg Pilling Assistant Treasurer







Warren Rotary Foundation Chair Cindy Davis

Past President



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Please Welcome Potential Member Louise Jackson



by David I. Hollander Louise is a wife and mother of two. She is "a community leader" and she loves to serve others. She is founder and CEO of Talent Cabinet consulting. She is a Human Resources leader who has worked in the Healthcare & Tech sectors leading strategic initiatives for Fortune 500 companies of up to 90,000 for 20 years. She spends much of her time and expertise with the Salesforce company. She enjoys consulting with business leaders to understand their challenges. what their teams need, and helping them develop a path forward to achieve success. She is an executive coach. She has spent time partnering with community organizations. She has served on the Carmel Clay School board for 2 years. She has served in her church throughout her life. She has a B.S. in Computer Technology & Associate Degree in Business from Purdue-Indy. She served on the Leadership Connection Steering Committee. She loves singing and working out.

Upcoming Speakers

December 2nd

No speaker. Toy Drive and socialize with your fellow Rotarian

(No Zoom Available for this Meeting)

December 9th

Tim Griffin of the Carmel Fire Department will Introduce: Monica Kelsey, Safe Haven Baby Boxes John Moriarty, Division Chief of Community Relations, **Carmel Fire Department** Fire Chief David Haboush, Carmel Fire Department

December 16th

Christmas Party at the Hotel Carmichael

December 23rd

No meeting

December 30th

No meeting

January 6th

TODD TAYLOR: Halftime Speaker Pacers Night Out Friday, February 3, 2023

The Rotary Club of Carmel is pleased to announce that Todd Taylor, Pacers Sports & Entertainment, President and Chief Commercial Officer, will be our special speaker at halftime for Pacers Night Out.

In Todd's capacity with Pacers Sports & Entertainment, he oversees Broadcasting; Corporate Partnerships; Customer Insight and Engagement; Entertainment; Digital Marketing and Brand Strategy; Pacers Esports, LLC; Ticket Sales & Service; and Customer Loyalty.

Todd's diverse set of experiences in major league sports before coming to the Pacers in 2011 includes Vice President, Ticket Sales, Columbus Blue Jackets, NHL; Vice President, Ticket Sales and Service, Portland Trail Blazers, NBA; Vice President, Consumer Marketing, Milwaukee Brewers,



MLB; and Executive Vice President, Ticket Sales and Marketing, Texas Rangers, MLB.

His unique set of skills, according to those closest to Todd, are Team Leadership, Idea Generation and Creative Solutions, Problem Solving, Global Strategy, and Return on Investment Maximization.

Pacers Night Out includes a social hour at Sullivan's hosted by John Stanley; game ticket in Section 119 for the Sacramento Kings vs. the Indiana Pacers; voucher for a hot dog, chips, and soft drink; Pacers cap; halftime presentation by Todd Taylor; contribution to the Rotary International Foundation; and more...all for \$85.00 per person.

Members may also choose to underwrite a student and/or the student's parents from one of two Carmel elementary schools supported by the Rotary Club of Carmel for \$85.00.

Reservations for Pacers Night Out must be made by January 3, 2023. Contact Arnold Elston or Rick Markoff for details.

Holiday Fun - Go Find a Service Buddy

We have heard from many of you how much you enjoy volunteer opportunities with other Rotary Club members and have a unique opportunity during the holiday season.

Carmel's award winning Christkindlmardt is set to run from Saturday, November 19 through December 30. Rotarians are very familiar with the amount of effort it takes to pull off a community event of this magnitude (Carmelfest!), and understand first hand how difficult it is to staff volunteers over our 2 day event. Christkindlmardt runs for over 6 weeks and still has hundreds of volunteer opportunities available. The holiday season is busy and cold, so while this volunteer opportunity may not be for everyone, it's a great opportunity to spend some quality 1:1 time with fellow Rotarians outside of our weekly meeting.

To make it a little more fun, and to promote fellowship among our members, we are going to try a 'Service Buddy' Challenge. Ask a friend member, ask a new member, ask a member you would like to get to know better and signup TOGETHER for a volunteer slot. There are several roles available: greeter, picture taker, survey taker, kinderecke support (helping kids with crafts). All of the shifts offer at least 2 volunteer slots per role, so you can signup with a friend.

Be sure to take a selfie with your buddy when working your shift and send them to me (beth.r.sexton@gmail.com) so we can recognize your awesome service.

Here is the link that will take you to the volunteer page. All dates and open shifts are listed. https://carmel-christkindlmarkt-inc.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=67876

So, go find a Service Buddy, sign up, take a selfie, and HAVE FUN with community service while spending quality 1:1 time with your fellow Rotarians.

Yours in Service, Beth Sexton, Community Service Co-Chair

Christmas Party Meeting at Feinstein's

Below, find information about our Christmas Party/Meeting

- The cost of lunch per person is \$25.00 inclusive which includes \$20.00 for lunch and \$5.00 service charge for the waitstaff per person.
- The cost to valet park is \$5.00 per car. Rotarians need to share with the valet parker they are with Carmel Rotary to receive this discount.

Monica, thank you for creating the fly for the Christmas Party/Meeting.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Make it a safe day! Happy Thanksgiving Arnold

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LUNCHEON

1 CARMICHAEL SQUARE CARMEL, IN 46032

> 11:30 AM \$25

Discounted Valet Parking available for \$5 Mention to the Valet you are with the Carmel Rotary **RSVP REQUIRED**

Register at the club or email Arnold rotaryarn@outlook.com

Pacers Night Out V

The Rotary Club of Carmel Presents:

Pacers Night Out V Friday, February 3, 2023

Pre-Game Social Hour at Sullivan's Hosted by John Stanley (It's Always Great!!) Sacramento Kings vs. Indiana Pacers Featuring the Return of Domantas Sabonis Family Night at Gainbridge Fieldhouse Includes Voucher for Hot Dog, Chips, and Drink + Pacers Cap Special Halftime Speaker: Todd Taylor, Pacers Sports & Entertainment, President and Chief Commercial Officer

An Opportunity to Support the Rotary Foundation and Carmel Rotary's Two Adopted Elementary Schools

All for \$85.00 Per Person



Three Easy Ways to Make Your Reservation: Pay Mandy Woodbury at Our Friday Meeting Mail Your Check to Mandy Woodbury, Rotary Club of Carmel, P.O. Box 546, Carmel, Indiana 46082 Go Online, Rotary Club of Carmel Indiana (Square Site) Please Make Checks Payable to Pacers Night Out

Questions: Contact Arnold Elston or Rick Markoff

Dr. Ian McIntosh Speaker for January 6, 2023



Dr. Ian McIntosh will speak about the Sacred Journeys around the world

This meeting will take place at:

The Stratford 2460 Glebe Street, Carmel Indiana On street parking

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



Birthdays

Andrew LeRette

November 30th Subhash C Khanna

December 9th

Jeffrey Worrell

December 10th

December 13th

December 22nd

December 4th

Andrea Rice

Tatyana Komarova

James R. Laverdiere

Brian G. Poindexter December 28th

Wedding Anniversaries

Greg Pilling 0 Years



Monica Frauhiger 0 Years



Katie L. Smardo PDG 2016-17 December 6th

Kenneth R. Appel December 10th

Sally Anne Bauer December 10th

Gary Sexton December 16th Christine Zoccola December 28th

Susie Steel

December 18th

Nancy S. Heck December 7th David U. Norris December 10th Christopher S. Moyer December 11th Hannah H Bates December 21st

Christine Zoccola December 28th