

Rotary



Club of Carmel GEARBOX Newsletter

Club Meeting

Carmel
Woodland Country Club
Friday at 11:45 AM

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No Rotary Meeting

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WHAT AN AUCTION! ????????



**Meeting - Off Site
@ The Stratford**

January 8th
**Crooked Creek Food
Pantry Service**

January 9th
5:31 Social Hour

January 10th
**Carmel Weekly Club
Meeting - Off Site
@ Carmel Library**

January 14th
Heart 2 Heart

Club Leaders



**Arnold
Elston**
iPast
President
President



**Doug D.
Willard**
President -
Elect



**Nancy S.
Heck**
Vice
President
President -
Nominee



Greg Pilling
Treasurer



**Gregg L.
Harris**
Sergeant-
at-Arms



**David I.
Hollander**
Membership
Chair



**Stanley
Lebron**
CarmelFest
Chair
Community
Service
Chair

**Sue M.
Westemeier**
Rotary





Foundation
Chair



Natalie
O'Hara
Webmaster



Peter
Primason
Community
Grants Chair



Katie L.
Smardo
CarmelFest
Treasurer



Robert
Wright
Sergeant-
at-Arms
(Technical
Support)



Yvette M.
Schubert
International
Service
Chair



Donna Gray
Club Public
Image Chair
Webmaster



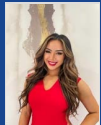
Carolyn M.
Shaw
Community
Service
Chair



Timothy A.
Flint
Leadership
Connection
Chair



Jason
Randlett
Club Youth
Services
Chair



Mika I.
Takahashi
Club Social
Chair



January 3rd Speaker is Joshua Pedde from the Indianapolis Children's Choir

Joshua Pedde Executive Artistic Director

Joshua Pedde is the executive artistic director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC), one of the largest and most respected children's choir programs in the world. In addition to conducting ICC's advanced treble choirs, Josh is also the artistic director of the Anderson Area Children's Choir. During his 24 years with the ICC, Pedde has been instrumental in growing the ICC's Innovations program, which provides free music education workshops to public and private schools throughout central Indiana. In addition, he has pioneered ICC's Neighborhood Choir Academy within Central Indiana, which provides an introductory musical experience for students to explore the world of choral music and culminates in a performance with the ICC. He has also helped create ICC Connects, which allows singers from around the world to work and sing with the ICC choral program in central Indiana, and The Indianapolis Children's Choir Publishing House in partnership with Beckenhorst Press. The ICC's new publishing arm publishes choral music for all ages, levels, and voicings of children's/youth choirs, as well as educational materials for use with these ages. Josh published his first book on leadership, *Showing Up*, in September 2023. At the beginning of the 2023-24 Season, Josh moved the ICC headquarters into the newly renovated ICC Performing Arts Center at 9111 Allisonville Road in Indianapolis, featuring 3 state-of-the-art rehearsal spaces, staff offices, conference center, and more.



Please Welcome Potential New Member James Tannehill in Transfer from the Fishers Rotary

by David I. Hollander



Jim is the President of the JHT Real Estate Organization and Co-Founder of Property Flow LLC. JHT Real Estate is involved with residential real estate. Property Flow is an investment group. Jim is an active member of the Fishers Rotary club. He moved to Carmel in 2019-20 and Jim now desires transfer to the Rotary Club of Carmel. Jim has a Bachelors Degree in Business Management and a Masters Degree in Health Administration. He is married with two young children. They have previously lived in Wichita, Kansas and Oklahoma. His hobbies include entertaining, traveling, mentoring, and skiing.

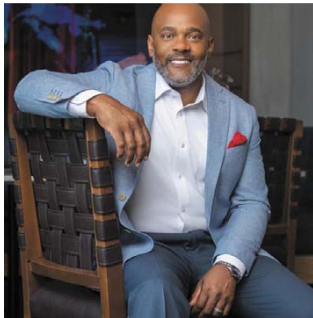
Please welcome potential member Jonathan Hueftle for Re-Instatement to the Rotary Club of Carmel

by David I. Hollander

Jonathan is a financial advisor and he has been with Sym Financial Advisors for 24 years. He works with individual clients with financial planning, portfolio management, and various other management services. After joining our Rotary club in 2020, his work schedule soon kept him from participating in the Rotary meetings. This led him to leave the club in early 2021. However, his position at work has now changed such that he would be able to come to meetings and become more active in club service activities. He would like to be re-instated in our Rotary club. He has a degree from IU Bloomington in Public Affairs. He has a minor in Economics. He is married with two sons. His oldest son is attending IU Indy. Jonathan is very interested in sports. He likes to play golf. He has enjoyed coaching his sons in various sports. His wife is a vocalist and they both are very active in worship bands.



January 10th Speaker is Robert Shegog from the Indianapolis Recorder



Robert Shegog is the president and CEO of the Recorder Media Group, Indiana's leading minority-owned communications company. Since 2018, he has lead the award-winning Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper, which has served Central Indiana's Black community since 1895. The Recorder also launched Indiana Minority Business Magazine (IMBM), the state's only publication dedicated to people of color in various sectors. To broaden the reach nationally, he introduced The Minority Business Review (MBR), a platform designed to elevate the voices and experiences of minorities while providing valuable business insights.

The Paper's History

— Since 1895, The Indianapolis Recorder has been a major voice for our local community, the state of Indiana, our nation, and now internationally. From the beginning, the Recorder has been an advocate for those who could not express their thoughts or concerns; we've also been a supplier of truth and justice. The vision of our founders was to create a publication that would speak to and for the people. The Recorder today continues to hold that original vision

in high regard. We communicate to increase awareness, educate and motivate the community as well as preserve the community's knowledge of relevant issues. The Recorder, as with other Black newspapers, are not only voices in the community, but we are also advocates for African-Americans and minorities as well as the underserved.

Celebrate Rotary Foundation with a Special Year End Incentive

Receive Additional Carmel Club Matching Points!!

This global day of generosity is an opportunity for Carmel Rotary members to make a big impact with a gift to support projects that we all know Rotary is passionate about – strengthen peace efforts; fight disease; provide clean water and sanitation; save mothers and children; support education; and protect the environment.

As a kick-off incentive just for our club, from December 1 to December 29, The Rotary Club of Carmel will match your contribution of at least \$100.00 and up to \$500.00 with points of equal value. This means that a \$500.00 contribution to the Rotary Annual-Share Fund will be matched with 500 club points. In essence, your \$500.00 donation plus 500 matching points equals a Paul Harris Fellow recognition!

How to give a charitable donation:

- Online – Rotary.org
- Note, you must provide the receipt to Sue Westermeier (suewestermeier@gmail.com) and cc Arnold Elston (rotaryarn@outlook.com) to confirm your matching contribution.
- Checks – mail or given to contacts below
- Checks must be given to either Sue Westermeier, Club Foundation Chair (suewestermeier@gmail.com or 317-432-0198) or our club Treasurer, Greg Pilling.
- You can also mail the check to Rotary Club of Carmel, but please note it must be postmarked by

12/29/2023 to be eligible for the matching contribution.

- Checks are made payable to The Rotary Foundation and mailed to Rotary Club of Carmel, PO Box 546, Carmel, IN 46082
- Rotary Direct - DACdb
- If you give via Rotary Direct then please email your name and member number as it appears in DACdb to Sue Westermeier (suewestermeier@gmail.com) and cc Arnold Elston (rotaryarn@outlook.com) for matching contribution confirmation.

Thank you, Carmel Rotarians!! We know that with your support Rotary can continue to create positive changes in our world!

Our January 17th Speaker is Amanda Klotsch

Amanda Klotsch, Advancement Coordinator

In her role at the Carmel Youth Assistance Program (CYAP), Amanda Klotsch plays a key part in developing its advancement strategies, enhancing outreach efforts, and fostering meaningful connections with supporters.

With more than a decade in the nonprofit sector, she knows the ins and outs of fundraising, community engagement, branding, and strategic marketing, helping her create campaigns that truly connect with people and tell a story.

A proud graduate of the University of Southern Indiana with a degree in Marketing and Public Relations, Amanda honed her skills in the corporate world before diving into real estate in 2014 and is still an active Realtor. When she's not busy at CYAP or selling homes, you can find her running Redemption Rescue, Inc., a nonprofit animal rescue in Hamilton County. Her passion for helping others—both people and pets—shines through in every aspect of her work.



Please Welcome Potential New Member Brian Beck for Re-Instatement to Rotary Club of Carmel



by David I. Hollander

Brian, previously a Joliet, Illinois Rotarian, is an IT professional and Senior Consultant at Proxurve Solutions. He has over 35 years experience in the technology industry and brings a unique perspective to the Cybersecurity and Managed IT conversation at Proxurve. He works directly with business leaders to identify unique ways to leverage technology that creates a secure, compliant, and efficient environment to achieve their desired business results. He has an Associates Degree in Electronic Services and a Bachelors Degree in Technical Management. He is married with a 17 year old son. He was a member in the Joliet, Illinois Rotary for a few years over 10 years ago. He enjoys spending time with family. His hobbies include weightlifting, football, racquetball, tennis, pickleball, and fishing.

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'.

Club Member Anniversaries



[E. Nicholas Kestner III](#)
39 Years



[Jay H. O'Neil](#)
35 Years



[Randy Sorrell](#)
30 Years



[Sue Maki](#)
21 Years



[Jim Brainard](#)
20 Years



[Mary Jane Oakley](#)
17 Years



[Caitlin Karvasky](#)
7 Years



[Timothy A Flint](#)
7 Years



[Gregg L Harris](#)
7 Years



[Andrea Rice](#)
3 Years

Birthdays

[Gary Sexton](#)
December 16th

[Christine Zoccola](#)
December 28th

[Salim K. Najjar](#)
January 6th

[Phillip G. Anderson](#)
January 12th

[Hannah H. Bates](#)
December 21st

[Jerome Roberts](#)
January 1st

[Jon E. Olson](#)
January 9th

[Zackary Darring](#)
January 12th

[Lora Butcher](#)
December 26th

[Dan Hylant Jr.](#)
January 1st

[Brian D. Rhea](#)
January 10th

[David P. Luedtke](#)
January 15th

Wedding Anniversaries

[Susie Steel](#)
December 18th

[Christine Zoccola](#)
December 28th

[Thaddeus Rex](#)
December 22nd

[Brian G. Poindexter](#)
December 28th

[Virginia Terpening](#)
December 27th

[Yvette M. Schubert](#)
January 1st