

Rotary



Club of Carmel GEARBOX Newsletter

Club Meeting

Carmel
Woodland Country Club
Friday at 11:45 AM

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Happy New Year!!

REMINDER:

Our January 3rd meeting will be held at the Stratford, 2460 Glebe St, Carmel, IN 46032

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 Beckenhurst 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 Ben Pearson in Transfer from the Bloomington Rotary

by David I. Hollander

Ben is a general manager for Republic Services. He was elevated to this position in the past month. Prior to that, Ben was covering the Bloomington and Terre Haute areas for Republic Services. He is an active member of the Bloomington Rotary. Though he has lived in Carmel for over 10 years, Ben spent a lot of time away traveling to cover these areas of responsibility. In his new position, Ben covers parts of the Indianapolis area and Carmel. This change has allowed him to remain more local and it has inspired him to transfer to our Carmel Rotary club. Ben is married and has a son in high school at Brebeuf. Ben loves golfing and mountain biking with his son. He is also involved with the Indianapolis Humane Society.



**Meeting - Off Site
@ Carmel Library**

January 14th
Heart 2 Heart

January 15th
**Crooked Creek Food
Pantry Service**

January 17th
Weekly Meeting

January 22nd
**Crooked Creek Food
Pantry Service**

January 24th
**Carmel Weekly Club
Meeting**

January 28th
**Merciful Help
Center: Food Pantry**

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.

Club Leaders



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Katie L.

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 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.



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CarmelFest
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Robert
Wright
Swanay
Sergeant-
at-Arms
(Technical
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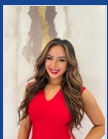
Carolyn M.
Shaw
Community
Service
Chair



Timothy A
Flint
Leadership
Connection
Chair



Jason
Randlett
Club Youth
Services
Chair



Mika L.
Takahashi
Club Social
Chair

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.



Please Welcome Potential New Member Kyle Maisano



by David I. Hollander

Kyle serves as the Database and Prospect Research Administrator for the Bosma Visionary Opportunities Foundation. The Foundation is the primary source of support for the largest no-cost comprehensive rehabilitation center for the blind and visually impaired in the State of Indiana. Kyle obtained his Bachelors Degree in General Studies from Texas Tech University.

Kyle and his wife Rakhat recently moved from Austin, Texas to Carmel in 2023. They have one young son who is almost 2 years old. Kyle enjoys candle-making, pottery, and travel. Kyle and Rakhat met each other several years ago while serving in a "Rotaract" club in China. Rakhat is from Kazakhstan. Kyle wants to be part of a community that grows with its members. He says "I also see the importance of giving back to the community."

January 31st Speaker is Anne Marie Chastain

Carmel Symphony Orchestra
Anne Marie Chastain – Executive Director

Anne Marie Chastain is the Executive Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, where she brings a wealth of experience in managing and growing cultural institutions. Her leadership helps guide the orchestra's strategic direction, ensuring it continues to enrich the community with exceptional musical performances and educational programs. While the CSO is approaching its 50th anniversary season in 2026, it has been a fully professional orchestra for only three years, so Chastain has inherited many unique challenges this emerging symphony is facing.

Chastain began her current role with CSO in the late summer of 2023. In that short time, she challenged the organization to see their unique position in a city that is dedicated to the arts. She has worked tirelessly to collaborate with other local and national arts organizations to elevate the overall guest experience at CSO shows.



Her life-long love of the arts is evident in her educational background and professional career. She earned two degrees from Indiana University, Bloomington, ultimately receiving a master's in arts administration. With little exception, her professional career has also focused on music, having served as the Executive Director of the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra; the Associate Director of Development for Planned Giving for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra; and now the Executive Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO).

Photo Credit: Carmel Monthly for the photo of Anne Marie Chastain from the Carmel Symphony

Club Member Anniversaries



[Kumiko K. Brunson](#)
24 Years



[David Pencak](#)
18 Years



[Marta H. Spence](#)
13 Years



[Jon Walker](#)
13 Years



[Sharleen Miller](#)
13 Years



[Kwan Hui](#)
6 Years



[Robert Wright Swanay](#)
6 Years



[Monica Frauhiger](#)
2 Years



[Greg Pilling](#)
2 Years

Birthdays

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

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

[Zackary Darring](#)
January 12th

[Leia Magdalinos](#)
January 21st

[Kurt A. Rupenthal](#)
January 25th

[Jerome Roberts](#)
January 1st

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

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

[Brian G. Poindexter](#)
January 24th

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

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

[Rebecca J Wanick](#)
January 19th

[Michael E. Warren](#)
January 25th

Wedding Anniversaries

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

[Tatyana Komarova](#)
January 17th