

#### Club Meeting

Carmel  
Woodland Country Club  
Friday at 11:45 AM

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#### Thank You Mike Hubbs!



#### August 23rd Speaker is Andris Berzins

Andris Berzins is the son of Latvian immigrants and a native Hoosier. Andris is a graduate of North Central High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Indiana University in 1994. Andris has worked as a Special Investigator in the insurance industry for the past 36 years, 27 of which have been spent at Federated Insurance, where he currently works as an SIU Team Supervisor.

Andris has been active in the Latvian community, graduating from the Indianapolis Latvian School and the Garezers Summer High School in Three Rivers, Michigan, as well as participating in folk dance groups and choirs. Andris holds dual citizenship and speaks, reads and writes Latvian fluently. He served as the President of the Latvian Community Center for over 15 years, and on the Board of Directors of many other Latvian organizations. Andris has led and hosted many national Latvian events, most recently in 2023 the American Latvian Association Congress in Carmel.



Andris currently serves as the Honorary Consul for the Republic of Latvia to the State of Indiana and is President of the Carmel and Jelgava Sister Cities Committee. He also serves as the Chairman of the Mayor's Sister Cities Advisory Board and serves on the Board of the Directors of the Carmel International Arts Festival, leading the Sister Cities and Cultural Diversity programs.



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## Get Involved with Leadership Connection



**One of our marque events, *Leadership Connection*, will be here soon! Please see below to learn how you can get involved.**

October 24, 2024 â€” Community Service Day at One America, Indianapolis

Students want to make a difference in the community and this is our opportunity to connect them with carefully selected non-profits for hands-on experience.

November 15, 2024 â€” Leadership Connection Day at Carmel Clay Public Library

A forum for students to engage with local leaders from both private and public sector and grow professional and personal leadership skills.

### 4 Ways YOU can support Leadership Connection:

1. Sponsor a Student: \$60
2. Volunteer on Community Service Day â€” One America, October 24, 9:00-3:30

Volunteer on Leadership Connection Day â€” CCPL, November 15, 9:00-3:00

1. Nominate a student family member (in their Junior or Senior year of HS) to participate as a legacy participant. (10 spots, first come, first serve) **\*registration will open August 26\***
2. Refer a company that may be interested in sponsoring

**Please visit our web page to take action:** <https://carmelrotary.com/leadership-connection.php>

Questions: Natalie Oâ€™Hara, [nohara@skillman.com](mailto:nohara@skillman.com)

## Rotary Causes

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision.

### Each year, Rotary members

invest hundreds of millions of dollars and countless volunteer hours in sustainable, community-based solutions to promote health, peace, and prosperity in communities across the globe. Rotary combines global reach, local resources, and highly skilled volunteers with a funding structure that distributes US\$200 million annually to provide clean water and sanitation, support education, prevent and treat disease, save mothers and children, grow local economies, promote peace, and protect the environment.

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### September 6th Speaker is Jeff Jellison



The presentation will be on *The Coroner's Role in the Community*, an overview of the Coroner's Office and how the community is served. He will touch briefly on the Fox Hollow case and his efforts to identify 10,000 unidentified human remains.

Deputy Coroner Jeff Jellison has announced his intention to run for Hamilton County Coroner in the upcoming 2022 Republican Primary Election. A lifelong resident of Hamilton County, Jellison graduated from Noblesville High School and attended Ball State University.

After attending Ball State University, Jellison worked as a dispatcher and reserve police officer for the Noblesville Police Department for two years, then served 10 years as a police officer for the City of Carmel. Most recently,

Jellison has served six years as a deputy coroner in Hamilton County.

Jellison is a graduate of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and maintains a Medicolegal Death Investigator certification.

Jellison's law enforcement and coroner training includes certificates from Northwestern University, Indiana University School of Medicine Department of Toxicology, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Indianapolis Police Department, Indiana University Kokomo Division of Continuing Studies and Indiana State Coroners' Association.

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### 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](mailto:rappuhn53@yahoo.com).



## For Immediate Release: Leadership Connection

### David Roemer Named Leadership Connection Keynote Speaker

For the first time in its four-year history, Leadership Connection's keynote speaker comes from outside the Greater Indianapolis area and is a member of Rotary. He is David Roemer, CEO of Ideas United, Atlanta, Georgia, and member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta.

Upon graduation from Ottawa Hills High School, Toledo, and Emory University with a BBA, he was awarded a Robert T. Jones Scholarship and attended the University of St. Andrews (Scotland).

While at Emory, he began an eight-year affiliation with Apple which led to the founding of Ideas United with several fellow Emory alumni 20 years ago. "When I was a student at Emory, my dream job was working for Apple, and I was fortunate to become an Apple Campus Rep, followed by interning in Cupertino for four years. Working around such brilliant colleagues in Apple's Marketing team inspired me to explore what's possible at the intersection of creativity and technology."

According to David about his team at Ideas United, "We help tell stories with organizations and people we believe in! Our core team collaborates alongside a global creative community to make meaningful work that's scalable to our partners' needs, always fresh, and leaves a lasting impact."

Per David, "We specialize in a few key areas. First, we partner with premier brands to help them tell their stories differently (partners have included Starbucks, Disney, PGA, Amazon, The Coca-Cola Company, and more); Second, we partner with leading universities and nonprofits to help them make a positive impact (Smithsonian, Emory University, Georgia Tech, and the Arnold & Winnie Palmer Foundation, among many others); And third, We've worked with platforms ranging from Amazon Prime Video and PlayStation to Warner Bros. Discovery to help unleash fresh concepts for long-form content." Additional clients have included PGA TOUR, ABC, Brandeis University, California Community Colleges, Carter's, DC Universe, Fisher-Price, Google, Lehigh University, Mercedes-Benz, Atlanta Falcons, UC Health, NCAA, Realtor.com, and The Weather Channel.

A sampling of David's leadership endeavors includes Board of Directors, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; Host Committee, TOUR Championship, PGA TOUR; Chair-Elect, Advisory Committee of the Robert T. Jones, Jr. Program, Emory University; Board of Directors, Atlanta Speech School; Board of Directors, Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta; and Board of Directors, Arnold and Winnie Palmer Foundation.

Other key endeavors include Program Chair of Rotary Club of Atlanta, YPO (Young Presidents Organization), Leadership Atlanta, and Technology Executives Roundtable.

David is a contributor to Forbes.com and has been named one of Atlanta's most admired CEOs of 2024 by Atlanta Business Chronicle.

David Roemer will address Leadership Connection attendees the afternoon of Friday, November 15, at the Carmel Clay Public Library.

Leadership Connection has touched the lives of 350 high school juniors and seniors; awarded \$15,000 in college scholarships + 10 laptops; and has brought together numerous business executives, non-profit leaders, and elected officials to inspire tomorrow's leaders. It is a branded event of the Rotary Club of Carmel.

\*Ideas United has helped non-profit organizations raise more than \$5 billion, including supporting the marketing campaign for the \$1.88 billion campaign for the Smithsonian Institution.

Learn more about David Roemer and Leadership Connection, including how to register or sponsor the event, on the Rotary Club of Carmel website.

#### For Immediate Release

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## 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=ZjBGekNaYkkzT0VZdnhDYjhIdUtsQT09>

**Meeting ID: 870 9130 3825**

**Passcode: 4waytest**

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## Important Links

[Carmel Rotary Website](#)

[District 6560 Website](#)

[Carmel Rotary Facebook Page](#)

[Rotary International Website](#)

## Club Member Anniversaries



[Ranjit J. Puthran](#)  
19 Years



[Nancy S. Heck](#)  
19 Years



[Jason Randlett](#)  
16 Years



[Cindy Davis](#)  
11 Years



[Donna Schaibley](#)  
8 Years



[Natalie O'Hara](#)  
2 Years



[Jane Adam](#)  
2 Years



[Jill Gilmer](#)  
2 Years



[Jon E. Olson](#)  
2 Years



[Yvette M. Schubert](#)  
0 Years



[Thaddeus Rex](#)  
0 Years

## Birthdays

[Cindy Davis](#)  
August 19th

[Mary Jane Oakley](#)  
September 3rd

[Thaddeus Rex](#)  
September 10th

[Arnold Elston](#)  
September 13th

[Bec Hunter-Barnett](#)  
August 22nd

[Gregory L Harris](#)  
September 5th

[Mishell E Cox](#)  
September 13th

[James F. Burrell](#)  
September 17th

[Jay H. O'Neil](#)  
August 29th

[Gail Bardach](#)  
September 6th

[Lee B. McTurnan](#)  
September 13th

## Wedding Anniversaries

[Ranjit J. Puthran](#)  
August 22nd

[David A Ryan](#)  
September 14th

[David P. Luedtke](#)  
August 31st

[Phillip G. Anderson](#)  
September 17th

[Zachary Mayhew](#)  
September 14th

[Jon E. Olson](#)  
September 18th