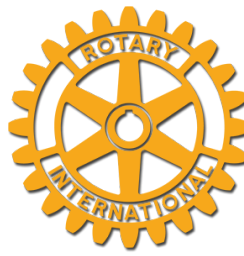


# Rotary

## Club of Portsmouth



Tuesday, August 16, 2022

### Club Meeting

Portsmouth  
Meets at Shawnee  
State University,  
University Center,  
Sodexo Ballroom,  
2nd Floor  
940 Second Street  
Portsmouth,  
Time: Monday at  
11:45 AM

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### Speakers

**August 23, 2022**

[Debbie Blevins,](#)  
[Mex-Itali](#)  
Brief history behind  
Mex-Itali, Union  
Mills and the Erie  
Canal

**August 29, 2022**

[Dave Dratwa](#)  
Southern Ohio Axe  
Throwing

**September 02,  
2022**

[FISH FRY](#)

**September 05,  
2022**

[NO MEETING -  
LABOR DAY](#)

**September 12,  
2022**

[Sam Sutherland](#)  
Portsmouth City  
Manager

## ROTARY ON-THE-GO AT MEX-ITALI

# Rotary *On the Go!*

**Tuesday, August 23 we will be at  
*Mex-Itali***

- *No meeting Monday, 8/22*
- **No charge for Rotary members;  
\$15 (billed to you) for guests**

***Guest Speaker – Debbie Blevins will be giving  
a brief history behind Mex-Itali, Union Mills  
and the Erie Canal.***

Rotary



Portsmouth, Ohio

**MEETING WILL BEGIN AT NOON**

**RSVP – to Lynsi Eason at [leason@chs-corp.com](mailto:leason@chs-corp.com) or Jenny Lavender at [lavender@ohiohills.com](mailto:lavender@ohiohills.com)  
or text/call (740) 935-4306 or (740) 464-7607**

## FISH FRY



**Friday, Sept. 2**

**SELL THOSE TICKETS!**

**Club Leaders**



Linda Woods-Jones  
President  
Club Grant  
Coordinator



Jamie Mehaffey  
President-Elect



Timothy Horner  
Secretary  
Treasurer



Steven Rader  
Membership  
Chair  
Past  
President  
Club Peace  
Committee  
Chair



Daniel Simco  
iPast  
President



Teresa (Tess) Midkiff  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Sondra M. Hash  
Club Public  
Image  
Chair



Fredrick Gohmann  
Club TRF  
Chair

Thomas Downard

**UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER**

**MEETING REMINDER**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 29**



**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**DAVE DRATWA**

**Southern Ohio**  
**Axe Throwing**



Portsmouth, Ohio

**AUGUST ROTARY BIRTHDAYS 8-1-22**

**August 2**

**Anthony Esposito**



Asst  
Governor



**August 13**

**Rodney Hamilton**



**August 21**

**Tim Angel**



**August 28**

**Gene Crum**



**August 29**

**Roberta Duncan**



## **A Gift So Special, You Just Can't Keep It to Yourself**

*Price Finley, District Governor*

Have you heard of the Netflix show, Grace and Frankie? It stars Lily Tomlin and Jane Fonda, who play two older adult women who start living together when their husbands leave them (for each other). It's really well written and clever. Alice and I enjoy shows like this that are funny and easy to watch, but also make you think and tug at your heart strings. Here's one of my favorite lines from the show, "I gained another pound today. But I think it's a pound of knowledge." - Frankie. You should watch it and see what you think.

If you're like me, when you discover a new restaurant, get hooked on a new TV show, or get turned onto a new band, you just can't keep it to yourself. You are so excited that you **MUST** tell your friends about it. "Hey, Mj, you've got to check out this new 'Woo Hoo' sign I just found!" - Okay, maybe that's just a geeky conversation between two district governors, but hopefully you get my drift. When I experience something exciting, I want to share it with my friends. It's like giving them a special gift.



This month, I'm making a commitment to share the gift of Rotary (and Grace and Frankie) with at least one person.

Why now? The Rotary theme for August is "Membership and New Club Development," so it's a good time to think about what or who attracted you to Rotary. What do you remember about experiencing Rotary for the first time? Did you learn about Rotary's mission? Did you feel welcomed and make new friends? What was it at the very beginning that made you think, I should consider joining this club? Those of you who know me well know that one of my law partners invited me to my first Rotary meeting. Look at me now! 17 years later, and I am an official Rotary Nerd! I wear my Rotary pin (and my

Rotary socks, and my Rotary pocket square, and my Rotary hat, and my Rotary t-shirt, and my Rotary pullover...), but do you know what I don't do as often as I might? I don't invite friends to join me in a Rotary service project or social event as often as I should. Want to know why am I not more intentional about inviting friends to join me in a Rotary activity? Here are my *excuses*:

- I'm really busy...
- I'm a little bit afraid of sounding like a salesperson...
- I don't want to be rejected...
- During the COVID-19 pandemic I got out of the habit of sharing all of the great things about Rotary...

As I write this, I'm thinking that I should quit making excuses and start thinking about a few friends who would welcome the invitation to make the world a better place through Rotary service and who would love to make new friends along the way.

Remember the person who gave you the gift of an invitation to Rotary? It's time to pass that gift on to someone else. IMAGINE ROTARY - if we tell someone, "I've got a gift to give you that will change your life and change the lives of others, too."

So, it's August, "Membership and New Club Development" month, the perfect time to reach out and invite someone to engage in Rotary. But, before you do, consider this question. What will be this person's first impression??

When I invite a friend over to my home for the first time, I make sure that my house is clean or at least picked up. I think about what food they might like. It's a labor of love because I want my friend to know that I am glad they came over and want to come back. Similarly with a Rotary invitation - I've been pondering how to make a guest feel welcomed and wanting to come back. With Rotary, the obvious choices include inviting them to a weekly club meeting, a social event, or a service project. Personally, I'm leaning toward an invitation to work on a service project or attend a social event as the best way to make a Rotary first impression. Service work gets to the heart of what Rotary is all about - it's in our motto! Social events are great too because they build goodwill and better friendships (sound familiar?) There's no right answer, and you'll know your guest well enough to know what might be most meaningful to them.

So, for August, let's invite someone in our life that might love Rotary as much as we do, and give that person the gift of a Rotary experience (and maybe give them a pair of Rotary socks, too).

-Price

**Save the Dates!**

SAVE THE DATE: **September 24**



Clubs - start thinking **NOW** about new, innovative projects to pitch at Rotary District 6690's

## **Service Project Shark Tank**

**District Grant Prize Money** awarded for project that best inspires and engages members, community, and partners!

*September 24, Doors open at 8am, Program at 9am. Offices of Bricker & Eckler, Downtown Columbus.*



*presents*

## **Basic Education and Literacy Symposium**

Saturday, September 10, 2022  
10:00 - 11:30 am (U.S. Eastern Time) via Zoom

**SAVE THE DATE**  
More details coming soon

