

**TODAY'S PROGRAM, March 25**

Jeff Martin has asked Lex Poppens to give us an update on activities at the Bureau County History Center.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 4/1 - Shannon Merkel will have Jessica Murphy tell us about Magi Baby Chest.
- 4/8 - Bob Mullane has a program about the Illinois Valley Pistol Shrimp baseball team.
- 4/15 - Tucker Nichols will introduce Kerri Hicks to talk about services at BEST, Inc.
- 4/22 - Beth Baker will have the program.
- 4/29 - No NOON meeting. Plan to attend the annual Foundation Dinner that evening!
- 5/6 - J.D. Orwig has the program.
- 5/13 - Tim Remy has the program.
- 5/20 - Tori Yepsen has the program.

**INVOCATION SCHEDULE**

\*\* If you are not available on your assigned date, please contact Chantha Chhim or find your own replacement. \*\*

- 3/25 - Wayne Peacock
- 4/1 - Lynn Olds
- 4/8 - Eric May
- 4/15 - Joanne Sheldon
- 4/22 - Rex Lasson
- 5/6 - Steve Bouslog

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 3/29 - J.D. Orwig
- 3/31 - Kate Lacy

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

None

**MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES**

*within two weeks of missed meeting*

- 1) Attend another Rotary Club's meeting.
- 2) Read articles and/or watch videos at [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org) for 30 minutes.
- 3) Give blood at a Blood Drive.
- 4) Participate in service projects or attend committee meetings. **\*\*Be sure to let Tracy Wright know for make-up purposes.\*\***

The meal option is soup/salad bar unless each Rotarian selects another choice on our webpage at [www.princetonrotaryclub.com](http://www.princetonrotaryclub.com) or sends an email to Rita at [undergroundinn@gmail.com](mailto:undergroundinn@gmail.com)

**by 3:00 p.m. on Monday** with one of the following options:

- Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes**
- Grilled Chicken Lettuce Salad**
- Turkey Wrap & Fries (or Chips)**
- Hamburger & Fries (or Chips)**
- Chicken Salad Sandwich & Fries (or Chips)**
- Deep-Fried Tenderloin & Fries (or Chips)**
- Chicken Strips & Fries (or Chips)**

All Rotarians choosing one of these options pay \$11 for the meal to Rotary who pays the Underground. Drink price: \$3 for someone not eating.



**March 18 Program**

Derek Fetzer introduced J Burt who spoke on behalf of the North Central Regional Betterment Coalition (NCRBC). J is also a fellow Rotarian with the Illinois Valley Sunrise Club. NCRBC aims to drive change in our area through programs and partnerships related to economic growth, education, and community enrichment. J talked about studies that were done showing low skill and low wage jobs, limited education, and drug problems. NCRBC has addressed this through an annual career expo. Another one of their initiatives that J spoke to us about a while back was the "Words Matter" campaign. Some Rotarians may remember removing glued covers from Baby Bug books. As of last week, J said 2,500 sets of books and pamphlets have been delivered in 4 years to OSF hospitals and St. Margaret's (when they were open) at hospital discharge when babies were born. Work continues to get books to pediatricians to continue to encourage reading. The most recent focus is on Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Every child should have, at no cost to child or

**ATTENDANCE, Week of March 18**

Membership: 42 Active Members  
 6 Senior Active  
 14 Corporate Auxiliary  
 62 Total

**Percentage: 70%**

**ABSENCES, March 18**

Baker, Bouslog, Chhim, Davis, Kitchens, Lacy, Lasson, D. Legner, Monier, Nichols, Noble, Oliver, Remy, Schou, Stutzke, Taylor, Whitlock, Wittenauer, Zerneck

**MAKE-UPS, March 18**

Bouslog, Oliver, Remy, Stutzke, Taylor, Zerneck

**GUESTS, March 18**

J Burt (Fetzer)

**LOTTERY WINNER**

**The lottery rolled over to \$250!!!**

family, one book mailed to them each month for 12 months until the child turns age 5. The NCRBC believes in the power of reading and encouraging books. They are working with local program partners to be sure this happens. In Bureau and Putnam Counties, there are an estimated 1,804 eligible children, but current enrollment is only 485. The cost to serve that group is \$6,596 annually but if the number grew to 1,082 (the "peak") costs would near \$15,000 per year. J reminded us of Rotary's areas of focus and the fact that this initiative addresses supporting women and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. What is the cost to have more students begin school with a head start? To eventually have a more robust employment pool? These are just a couple of questions he asked Rotarians to ponder as we consider an annual pledge to this effort . . . And who else might be able to help and needs to hear this message?!

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**(2023 - 2024)**  
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## CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS July 2024 - June 2025

President	Eric May
President-Elect	Steve Bouslog
Vice-President	Pat Schou
Secretary	Tracy Wright
Treasurer	Jeff Hunt
Director	Wayne Peacock
Director	Cathy Foes
Director	Ashley Oliver
Past President	Joe Park



If you're interested in helping out with any community service activities, contact Cathy Foes.

4/10 - We will be filling eggs at PHS beginning at 3:15 p.m.

4/19 - Volunteers are needed for the egg hunt between 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Work in the pollinator garden and at Second Story will be coming up soon.

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

First name in bold is chair; second name in bold is vice-chair

### AUCTION

**Eric May**  
Beth Baker  
Steve Bouslog  
Julia Cain  
Ginger Freeberg  
Pam Pratt Marsh  
Tucker Nichols  
Roxana Noble  
Ashley Oliver  
Wayne Peacock  
Tim Remy  
Pat Schou

### AUDIT

**Dan Legner**  
Jeff Martin

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Cathy Foes**  
Bonnie Anders  
Rex Lasson  
Jeff Martin  
Lynn Olds  
Ashley Oliver  
Andrew Whitlock  
**SUB-CABOOSE**  
**Rex Lasson**  
**Jeff Martin**  
Judd Lusher

### CONNECTIONS/ MEMBERSHIP

**Joe Kitchens**  
Bonnie Anders  
**Stephanie Gustafson**  
Pam Pratt Marsh  
Roxana Noble  
Ashley Oliver  
Joanne Sheldon

### FOUNDATION

**Gary Bruce**  
Steve Bouslog  
Michele Davis  
Ian Legner

### FUNDRAISING

**Stephanie Gustafson**  
Reka Albrecht  
Jene Kinsley  
Pam Pratt Marsh  
Shannon Merkel  
Joanne Sheldon  
Michael Stutzke

### GRANTS/ SCHOLARSHIP

**Tracy Grimmer**  
**Joanne Sheldon**  
Jeff Dzik  
Derek Fetzer  
Judd Lusher  
Joe Park  
Michael Stutzke

### GREETERS

**Mandi Johnson**  
Ryan Keutzer  
Jene Kinsley  
Dan Legner  
Pam Pratt Marsh  
Jeff Martin  
Tucker Nichols  
Beth Peacock  
Wayne Peacock  
Joanne Sheldon

### INVOCATIONS

**Chantha Chhim**

### PROGRAMS

**Steve Bouslog**

### PUBLIC IMAGE

**Tracy Wright**  
Chantha Chhim  
Bob Mullane

### SERGEANT- AT-ARMS

**Bob Mullane**  
**Joe Park**  
Steve Bouslog  
Jenica Cole  
Tracy Grimmer  
Pam Pratt Marsh  
Eric May  
Bob Mullane  
Derek Whited

### SHRIMPFEET

**Michael Stutzke**  
**Ryan Keutzer**  
Steve Bouslog  
Tracy Grimmer  
Stephanie Gustafson  
Tom Kammerer  
Laura Kann  
Pam Pratt Marsh  
Eric May  
Tucker Nichols  
Ashley Oliver  
Wayne Peacock  
Joanne Sheldon  
Tracy Wright

### SPECIAL LUNCHES

**Pam Pratt Marsh**  
Michele Davis  
Shannon Merkel  
Joanne Sheldon

### STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

**Steve Bouslog**  
**Pat Schou**  
Mandi Johnson  
Lynn Olds

### VOCATIONAL SERVICE

**Gary Bruce**

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Beth Peacock**  
Derek Fetzer  
Mandi Johnson  
Ian Legner

Our fundraiser with Paisanos is coming up on March 27th. Any order placed for dine in or carry out will go toward our PHS Scholarship Fund! Spread the word!



Love Our Community grant checks for \$1,000 were presented to the North Central Regional Betterment Coalition and Gateway Services. J said the money will be used to help fund their commitment to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Tracy noted that they will purchase 2 "Brayden/Big Red" CPR manikins for staff training.

Save the Date

The joint meeting at Starved Rock is April 9th. Be sure to RSVP to Tracy Grimmer by April 4. Cost is \$30. Mingle and registration begins at 5 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 and Laura speaking at 6 p.m.!

Albrecht, Reka	Country Financial	Kinsley, Jene	Gateway Services	R Sheldon, Joanne (5)	IV PADS
Anders, Bonnie	Freedom House	Kitchens, Joe	Midland Wealth Mgmt.	#*R Sorcic, Tony (16)	Ret. / Banking
Baker, Beth	Grant-Johnson Funeral Home	# Lacy, Kate	Self-Employed	#R Stutzke, Michael	Ret. / Education
#R Bouslog, Steve (5)	KB Elliott Fin. Advisors	# Lasson, Rex	RE Investments	Taylor, Dennis	Taylor's Way
#*R Bruce, Gary (10)	Ret. Jeweler	# Legner, Dan	Compeer Financial	Taylor, Josh	Taylor's Way
Burrows, Kyle	OSF St. Clare	Legner, Ian	KB Elliott Fin. Advisors	# Weborg, John	Ret. / Pastor, Professor
Burrows, Lindsey	Key Builders Construction	#R Lusher, Judd (25)	Ret. / School Administrator	Whited, Derek	Taylor's Way
#R Cain, Julia	Flowers by Julia	Mabry, Ray	City of Princeton	Whitlock, Andrew	Assurance
Chhim, Chantha	Bunker Hill Church	Marsh, Pam Pratt (1)	Bureau Co. History Center	Wittenauer, Theresa	City of Princeton
Cole, Jenica	Princeton Chamber	#R Martin, Jeff (2)	Ret. / Chiropractic	#R Wright, Tracy (3)	Gateway Services
Davis, Michele	Culver's	# May, Eric	May, May, Angel & Harris	Yepsen, Victoria	City of Princeton
# Dzik, Jeff	Walmart Vision	Merkel, Shannon	Gateway Services	Zerneck, Michael (3)	Freedom House
# Fetzer, Derek	Heartland Bank	Monier, Shellee	Meadows Home Décor	# Paul Harris Fellow	
Fitzpatrick, Tonya	Freedom House	*R Mullane, Bob (2)	Starved Rock Media	+ Rotary Foundation Benefactor	
Foes, Catherine (2)	OSF HealthCare Foundation	Nichols, Tucker	Edward Jones	^ Major Donor	
# Freeberg, Ginger	Heartland Bank	#*R Noble, Roxana (3)	Berkshire Hathaway Home	* Past President	
#* Grimmer, Tracy (3)	First State Bank	Olds, Lynn	Greenfield Retirement Home	R Rotarian of the Year	
Gustafson, Stephanie	Taylor's Way	Oliver, Ashley	Shaw Media	( ) Number indicates years of perfect attendance	
Hartman, Scott	OSF St. Clare	#* Orwig, J.D.	Princeton Elementary		
#*R Heiden, Nancy (4)	Retired Banking	# Park, Joe (1)	In Home Care Connection		
Hunt, Jeff (5)	Central Bank	# Peacock, Beth (3)	KBC Solutions, Inc.		
Johnson, Mandi	Gateway Services	# Peacock, Wayne (3)	Key Builders Construction		
Kammerer, Tom	City of Princeton	# Pinter, Jaimie	Pinter Plowing		
#^ Kann, Laura (3)	Ret. / Public Health	Remy, Tim (3)	Heartland Bank		
#+^ Kautz, Paul	Ret. / Executive Director	Rux, Samantha Harker	OSF St. Clare		
# Keutzer, Ryan	studioK Architecture	# Schou, Pat	Ret. / ICAHN		

### Paul Harris Fellows (non-members)

Carla Bouslog	Kim Park
Lynn Bouslog	Donna Sorcic
Diane Bruce	Wick Warren
Leanne Martin	