

TODAY'S PROGRAM, March 24

Shannon Merkel has arranged for the Sauk Valley Chapter of Pink Heals to speak.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 3/31 - Bob Mullane has the program.
- 4/7 - Tucker Nichols will introduce Festival 56.
- 4/14 - Lindsey Burrows has the program.
- 4/21 - No noon meeting! Join us for the annual Foundation dinner.
- 4/28 - Michael Stutzke has the program.

INVOCATION SCHEDULE

Please contact Chantha Chhim or find your own replacement if you have a conflict.

- 3/24 - Eric May
- 3/31 - Joanne Sheldon
- 4/7 - Wayne Peacock
- 4/14 - Lynn Olds
- 4/28 - Julia Cain

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/29 - J.D. Orwig

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 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.****
- 5) Watch a pre-recorded missed meeting on Zoom. Contact Joe Kitchens for the information.

The meal option is soup/salad bar unless each Rotarian selects another choice on our webpage at www.princetonrotaryclub.com or sends an email to Rita at 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 17 Program

Jenica Cole introduced Jeff Sesol, founder of "Pull the Chute." Jeff works with business leaders and companies across the country, helping them grow their people so they can grow their companies. His approach to leadership comes from real-world experience as an entrepreneur and business owner, and from a life lesson that inspired the name of his company. According to Jeff, the future of communities like Princeton isn't determined by economics alone. It's really determined by the leadership. Sometimes the most powerful thing a leader can do is pull the chute; slow down, gain perspective, and change how they lead. It starts with three shifts in leadership. First, the vision; decide where you are going. The second thing is ownership – not waiting for others to go first, and the third step is action. Jeff told the story of skydiving (and the name of his company). He signed a form that said the skydiving company was not held responsible, and he got in a plane and went up 14,000 feet. The door opened, and people exited. As he was

ATTENDANCE, Week of March 17

Membership: 44 Active Members
 5 Senior Active
 15 Corporate Auxiliary
 64 Total

Percentage: 77%

ABSENCES, March 17

Baker, Cain, Davis, Foes, Hartman, Jackley, Kann, Keutzer, I. Legner, Martin, May, Murphy, Nichols, Orwig, Taylor, J. VanAutreve, Wittenauer, Wright, Zerneck

MAKE-UPS, March 17

Foes, Kann, Martin, May, Orwig, Taylor, J. VanAutreve, Wright, Zerneck

GUESTS, March 17

Buc Grey (Club 56)
 Michelle Hansen (ICAHN)
 Stefanie Morris (ICAHN)
 Bryce Nyman (Flags of Freedom)
 Jeff Sesol (Cole)

having second thoughts, his tandem partner reached around and pulled his hands and pushed him. As he was falling at 120 mph, he noticed it was hard to breathe. With one move of his hands, he started to spin out of control. Everything was happening so fast, and he couldn't see where he was or where he was going. But at 5,500 feet, he pulled the chute. He could breathe again, was in control, and could see where he was. And that's a lot like being in business. Sometimes in life and in leadership, we move too fast. We stay so busy, and we keep doing what we've always done because that's all we know. We don't even realize that we might be heading in the wrong direction because that's all happening, but if we can pull the chute, we can slow down and gain perspective. Jeff used this to summarize where Princeton is and where the community could be going. Jeff concluded his presentation with Q&A.

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 John Hurley
Asst. Governor
 To Be Announced

CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS July 2025 - June 2026

President	Steve Bouslog
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Vice-President	Cathy Foes
Secretary	Tracy Wright
Treasurer	Jeff Hunt
Director	Jeff Martin
Director	Ashley Oliver
Director	J.D. Orwig
Past President	Eric May



4/4 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt. 10:30 a.m. at Soldiers and Sailors Park
 4/21 - Annual Foundation Dinner.
 Check your invitation for more info!
 4/25 - Wildside Challenge #3.

Zoom Meeting Info:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87004069659?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87004069659?pwd=ZchQsn66xs2bDzJ98z2sRFIRXBVGP4.1)
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[XBVGP4.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87004069659?pwd=ZchQsn66xs2bDzJ98z2sRFIRXBVGP4.1)
 Meeting ID: 870 0406 9659
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The District Conference is April 10th and 11th. Find more details and register here:
<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=c982cf2d-57ea-40e6-9869-30e6c86e0428>

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Name(s) in bold is chair

AUCTION

Ashley Oliver
 Beth Baker
 Steve Bouslog
 Lindsey Burrows
 Julia Cain
 Eric May
 Tucker Nichols
 Wayne Peacock
 Jaimie Pinter
 Tim Remy
 Pat Schou

AUDIT

Dan Legner
 Jeff Martin

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Cathy Foes
 Bonnie Anders
 Rex Lasson**
 Jeff Martin**
 Lynn Olds
 Ashley Oliver
 Joe Park**
 Lex Poppens
 Andrew Whitlock
 ** Caboose

CONNECTIONS/ MEMBERSHIP

Joe Kitchens
 Lindsey Burrows
 Derek Fetzer
 Jaimie Pinter
 Joanne Sheldon
 Andrew Whitlock

FOUNDATION

Gary Bruce
 Steve Bouslog
 Cathy Foes
 Ian Legner
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FUNDRAISING

Stephanie Gustafson
 Jene Kinsley
 Shannon Merkel
 Joanne Sheldon
 Michael Stutzke

GRANTS/ SCHOLARSHIP

Tracy Grimmer
 Joanne Sheldon
 Jeff Dzik
 Derek Fetzer
 Michael Stutzke

GREETERS

Mandi Johnson
 Ryan Keutzer
 Jene Kinsley
 Dan Legner
 Jeff Martin
 Tucker Nichols
 Ashley Oliver
 Beth Peacock
 Wayne Peacock
 Joanne Sheldon

INVOCATIONS

Chantha Chhim

PROGRAMS

Pat Schou

PUBLIC IMAGE

Tracy Wright
 Lynn Olds

SERGEANT- AT-ARMS

Bob Mullane
 Jenica Cole
 Tracy Grimmer
 Eric May
 Joe Park

SHRIMPFEET

Jeff Hunt
Joe Park
 Tracy Grimmer
Stephanie Gustafson
 Tom Kammerer
 Laura Kann
 Ryan Keutzer
 Eric May
 Tucker Nichols
 Wayne Peacock
 Joanne Sheldon
 Michael Stutzke
 Tracy Wright

SPECIAL LUNCHES

Joanne Sheldon
 Lindsey Burrows
 Shannon Merkel

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Gary Bruce
 Steve Bouslog

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Beth Peacock
 Derek Fetzer
 Cathy Foes
 Mandi Johnson
 Ian Legner
 Pat Schou

Congratulations to Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN), Flags of Freedom, and Princeton Club 56, our Love Our Community grant recipients recognized at last week's meeting. Flags of Freedom will use the funds for flag maintenance and repairs; Club 56 is using the grant for summer camp; and ICAHN will use the funds for suicide intervention skills training.



Anders, Bonnie	Freedom House	Kinsley, Jene	Gateway Services	Taylor, Dennis	Taylor's Way
Baker, Beth	Grant-Johnson Funeral Home	* Kitchens, Joe	Midland Wealth Mgmt.	Taylor, Josh	Taylor's Way
Baker, Matthew	Grant-Johnson Funeral Home	Lasson, Rex	RE Investments	VanAutreuve, Dana	Second Story Teen Center
Boettcher, Anikah	Grant-Johnson Funeral Home	# Legner, Dan	Compeer Financial	VanAutreuve, Jeff	Second Story Teen Center
#R= Bouslog, Steve (6)	KB Elliott Fin. Advisors	Legner, Ian	KB Elliott Fin. Advisors	Whited, Derek	Taylor's Way
#R= Bruce, Gary (10)	Ret. / Jeweler	Mabry, Ray	City of Princeton	Whitlock, Andrew	Assurance
Burrows, Lindsey	Key Builders Construction	#R Martin, Jeff (2)	Ret. / Chiropractic	Wittenauer, Theresa	City of Princeton
#R Cain, Julia	Flowers by Julia	* May, Eric (1)	May, May, Angel & Harris	#R= Wright, Tracy (4)	Gateway Services
Chhim, Chantha	Bunker Hill Church	Merkel, Shannon	Gateway Services	Yeppen, Victoria	City of Princeton
Cole, Jenica	Princeton Chamber	*R Mullane, Bob (2)	Starved Rock Media	Zerneck, Michael (4)	Freedom House
Davis, Michele	Culver's	Murphy, Michael	Connxus		
# Dzik, Jeff	Walmart Vision	Nichols, Tucker	Edward Jones	# Paul Harris Fellow	
# Fetzer, Derek	Heartland Bank	#*R Noble, Roxana (3)	Berkshire Hathaway Home	+ Rotary Foundation Benefactor	
Fitzpatrick, Tonya	Freedom House	Oertel, Erica	Bureau Co. History Center	^ Major Donor	
# Foes, Catherine (3)	OSF HealthCare Foundation	Olds, Lynn	Greenfield Retirement Home	= PolioPlus Society	
= Grady, Julie	Second Story Teen Center	Oliver, Ashley	Shaw Media	* Past President	
#R Grimmer, Tracy (4)	First State Bank	Orwig, J.D.	Princeton Elementary	R Rotarian of the Year	
Gustafson, Stephanie	Taylor's Way	# Park, Joe (1)	In Home Care Connection	() Number indicates years of perfect attendance	
Hartman, Scott	OSF St. Clare	#= Peacock, Beth (3)	KBC Solutions, Inc.		
#R Heiden, Nancy (4)	Retired Banking	# Peacock, Wayne (4)	Key Builders Construction	Paul Harris Fellows (non-members)	
# Hunt, Jeff (6)	Central Bank	Pinter, Jaimie	Pinter Plowing	Carla Bouslog	Leanne Martin
Jackley, Mystie	Peak Medical Home Care	Poppens, Lex	Bureau Co. History Center	Lynn Bouslog	Kim Park
# Johnson, Mandi	Gateway Services	Remy, Tim (3)	Heartland Bank	Diane Bruce	Donna Sorcic
Kammerer, Tom	City of Princeton	#= Schou, Pat	Ret. / ICAHN	Keith Cain	Wick Warren
#= Kann, Laura (4)	Ret. / Public Health	R Sheldon, Joanne (5)	IV PADS		
#+^ Kautz, Paul	Ret. / Executive Director	#*R Sorcic, Tony (16)	Ret. / Banking		
# Keutzer, Ryan	studioK Architecture	#R Stutzke, Michael	Ret. / Education		