

Rotary PIVOT

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TODAY'S PROGRAM, May 12

Bonnie Anders has arranged for Tonya Fitzpatrick to talk about Freedom House.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

5/19 - Rex Lasson has Rook Nelson, owner and CEO of Skydive Chicago, as his guest.
 5/26 - No noon meeting! Details for evening social coming soon.
 6/2 - Dan Legner will introduce Jason Sullivan to talk about the Salvation Army.
 6/9 - The Scholarship Committee will introduce this year's recipients.
 6/16 - Eric May has the program.
 6/23 - Beth Baker has the program.
 6/30 - Steve Bouslog will wrap up his year as president.

INVOCATION SCHEDULE

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

5/12 - Tracy Grimmer
 5/19 - Derek Fetzer
 6/2 - Lynn Olds
 6/9 - Rex Lasson
 6/16 - OPEN
 6/23 - Mandi Johnson
 6/30 - Cathy Foes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/12 - Theresa Wittenauer
 5/13 - Paul Kautz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

None

MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES *within two weeks of missed meeting*

- Attend another Rotary Club's meeting.
- Read articles and/or watch videos at www.rotaryclubone.org for 30 minutes.
- Give blood at a Blood Drive.
- 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

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.



May 5 Program

Sam Brown, Camp Director at Echo Bluff Park, shared information with us about the park, as well as its history. It is under the supervision of Hall Township and is located on Rt. 29 between Spring Valley and Depue. Sam has been the director for 15 years and said the park is used for birthday parties, field trips, day camps, and more. The 60 acre park includes archery, a challenge course and zipline, paintball field, ice skating, hiking trails, disc golf and many games. The camp area was part of a mining town known as Loceyville, later named Marquette. Years later, most of the buildings were destroyed by a fire, except for the schoolhouse. Some renovations were then completed by Hall Township for educational programs and rentals to the public. The park operated as a Girl Scouts camp for a number of years and then reverted to a trust overseen by a local bank. The IDNR awarded a \$400,000 grant to Hall Township to continue to oversee the area. Echo Bluff has summer, winter, and spring camps, and leashed pets are welcome with visitors. Sam said they are

ATTENDANCE, Week of May 5

Membership: 45 Active Members
 5 Senior Active
 14 Corporate Auxiliary
 64 Total

Percentage: 69%

ABSENCES, May 5

Baker, Cain, Chhim, Davis, Dzik, Grimmer, Hartman, Jackley, Kammerer, Kitchens, I. Legner, Martin, Murphy, Nichols, Stutzke, Taylor, J. VanAutreve, Wittenauer, Zerneck

MAKE-UPS, May 5

Cain, I. Legner, Martin, Murphy, Zerneck

GUESTS, May 5

Joey Horn w/ PES EarlyAct students:
 Amaya, Tinley, Levi, Pete, Waylon, Emma (and parents)
 Sam Brown (Echo Bluff)
 John, Bella (Wildside Challenge students)
 Annie, Payton (PHS Interact/Wildside Ch.)
 Natalie Meyer (PHS Interact Club)

always looking for volunteers, camp scholarships, and supplies. She concluded the presentation with Q&A where we learned that between 1,200 and 1,300 kids attend camps each year. About 30% of campers are from Princeton with another 30% from the Utica area. Others attend from Mendota, Grand Ridge, Spring Valley, Ladd, Dalzell, and Depue. For more information about the camp, visit www.echobluff.org. We appreciate Sam and the time she spent helping us with the three different adventures of Wildside Challenge!

NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS

Fran Wilsak has been proposed for membership. Unless signed objections stating reasons why are received by the Secretary no later than May 12th at 4 p.m., she will be eligible for membership.

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Past District Governor (2024 - 2025)
 John Hurley

Asst. Governor
 To Be Announced

CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS July 2025 - June 2026

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



6/23 - It's Rotary Night at Schweickert Stadium with the IL Valley Pistol Shrimp!

Happy "Anniversary" in MAY

Years are with our Princeton Club only based on current membership; many Rotarians have previous service with another Club and/or rejoined our Club after an absence.

- Derek Fetzer - 8 years
- Cathy Foes - 9 years
- Scott Hartman - 9 years
- Joe Park - 5 years
- Wayne Peacock - 5 years
- Tim Remy - 8 years
- Pat Schou - 8 years
- Joanne Sheldon - 10 years
- Dennis Taylor - 5 years
- Josh Taylor - 5 years
- Andrew Whitlock - 7 years

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

Jaimie Pinter
Lindsey Burrows
Derek Fetzer
Joanne Sheldon
Andrew Whitlock

FOUNDATION

Gary Bruce
Steve Bouslog
Cathy Foes
Ian Legner
Jaimie Pinter

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 LUNCHESES

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

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH! At last week's meeting, Joey Horn, principal for Lincoln Elementary School, introduced us to Amaya, Tinley, Pete, Levi, Emma, and Waylon. These 4th grade students have been part of EarlyAct and assisted our Rotary Club with the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Joey spoke of their service and leadership and making a difference, even when no one is watching. Thanks was also given to their families for their support! Natalie Meyer, Interact Club President at PHS, spoke about their activities this year including a bake sale that raised \$705 for St. Jude, Trunk or Treat, Veterans Day breakfast, coin collection, canned food drive, and Teacher Appreciation Day with delivery of donuts! PHS Interact Club members Annie and Payton were recognized with a Four-Way Test coin for their help with the Wildside Challenge. John and Bella, students who completed all 3 Wildside Challenge events, were recognized with t-shirts. What a great group of leaders (and future Rotarians?!) we are seeing, thanks to our Community Service Committee.

Anders, Bonnie	Freedom House	Kinsley, Jene	Gateway Services	Taylor, Dennis	Taylor's Way
Baker, Beth	Grant-Johnson Funeral Home	Kitchens, Joe		Taylor, Josh	Taylor's Way
Baker, Matthew	Grant-Johnson Funeral Home	Lasson, Rex	RE Investments	VanAutreve, Dana	Second Story Teen Center
Boettcher, Anikah	Grant-Johnson Funeral Home	Legner, Dan	Compeer Financial	VanAutreve, 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	Yepsen, 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	Conxxus		
# 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.	Paul Harris Fellows (non-members)	
#R Heiden, Nancy (4)	Retired Banking	# Peacock, Wayne (4)	Key Builders Construction	Carla Bouslog	Leanne Martin
# Hunt, Jeff (6)	Central Bank	Pinter, Jaimie	Pinter Plowing	Lynn Bouslog	Kim Park
Jackley, Mystie	Peak Medical Home Care	Poppens, Lex	Bureau Co. History Center	Diane Bruce	Donna Sorcic
# Johnson, Mandi	Gateway Services	Remy, Tim (3)	Heartland Bank	Keith Cain	Wick Warren
Kammerer, Tom	City of Princeton	#= Schou, Pat	Ret. / ICAHN		
#^= 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		



What started as a crazy idea, was embraced with grace and openness from our Princeton Rotarians.

The SNL skits were a huge hit and our event was a great success.

Monies raised will directly support the Princeton Elementary School Literacy Program.

We are grateful to our community support.

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 Princeton Rotary Foundation International Service Dinner

An Evening to Remember

