

TODAY'S PROGRAM, July 7

Pat Schou will share goals for her presidential year. Rick Clary will also talk about the Central Bank Foundation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

7/14 - Cathy Foes will talk about community services and programs.
 7/21 - Jaimie Pinter will talk about membership.
 7/28 - Lynn Olds has the program.

INVOCATION SCHEDULE

Please contact Chantha Chhim or find your own replacement if you have a conflict.
 7/7 - Beth Peacock
 7/14 - Eric May
 7/21 - Wayne Peacock
 7/28 - OPEN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7/7 - Jeff Hunt
 7/8 - Victoria Yepsen
 7/11 - Erica Oertel
 7/12 - Michele Davis

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

7/10 - Steve & Carla Bouslog
 7/10 - J.D. & Shelly Orwig



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.

June 30 Program

Beth Baker and Anikah Boettcher shared the program that was held on site at Grant-Johnson's Crematory. See attached for a recap of the very informative program! Thanks to Mandi Johnson for note-taking and Beth Baker for doing a final edit of the information!



GRANT-JOHNSON
 FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY

ATTENDANCE, Week of June 30

Membership: 46 Active Members
 5 Senior Active
 14 Corporate Auxiliary
 65 Total

Percentage: 59%

ABSENCES, June 30

Bouslog, Cain, Chhim, Cole, Davis, Hartman, Hunt, Jackley, Kammerer, Kitchens, Lasson, I. Legner, Martin, May, Murphy, Nichols, Oertel, Olds, Orwig, J. Taylor, J. VanAutreuve, Whitlock, Wittenauer, Wright, Zerneck

MAKE-UPS, June 30

Bouslog, Hunt, Martin, May, Orwig, Wright, Zerneck

GUESTS, June 30

None

Happy "Anniversary" in JULY

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.

- Laura Kann - 8 years
- Bob Mullane - 11 years
- Lex Poppens - 1 year
- Tony Sorcic - 36 years
- Dana VanAutreuve - 1 year
- Jeff VanAutreuve - 1 year

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.****

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 Melissa McCormick
Asst. Governor
 To Be Announced

CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS July 2026 - June 2027

President	Pat Schou
President-Elect	Cathy Foes
Vice-President	Lynn Olds
Secretary	Tracy Wright
Treasurer	Jeff Hunt
Director	Ashley Oliver
Director	J.D. Orwig
Director	Jaimie Pinter
Past President	Steve Bouslog



7/23 - It's Rotary Night at Schweickert Stadium with the IL Valley Pistol Shrimp! Gates open at 5:35 p.m. and game time is 6:35 p.m. Naiho Eggrolls is the food truck for the night!

8/28 - It's Lunch in the Park! We'll need help and will have more details in a few weeks.

Zoom Meeting Info:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87004069659?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87004069659?pwd=ZchQsn66xs2bDzJ98z2sRFIRXBVGP4.1)
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Meeting ID: 870 0406 9659
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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Name(s) in bold is chair

AUCTION

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

AUDIT

Dan Legner
Julie Grady
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
Julie Grady
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
Erica Oertel
Ashley Oliver
Beth Peacock
Wayne Peacock
Joanne Sheldon

INVOCATIONS

Chantha Chhim

PROGRAMS

Cathy Foes

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 LUNCHEES

Joanne Sheldon
Lindsey Burrows
Julie Grady
Shannon Merkel

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Gary Bruce
Steve Bouslog

YOUTH PROGRAMS

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



If you are interested in serving on a committee during the 2026-2027 Rotary year and have not yet been approached, contact Pat Schou. We are looking forward to another successful year!



Welcome to our newest Rotarians, Jill & John Kowalczyk! We're happy to have you with us!

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

Grant Johnson Funeral Homes operates three locations: funeral homes in Princeton and Bradford, as well as the Grant Johnson Crematory in Princeton. Today, Beth Baker and Anikah Boettcher provided an informative tour of the crematory and explained the cremation process, the services they provide, and the many safeguards in place to ensure dignity and accountability.

The crematory is designed to serve families throughout the entire process. In addition to performing cremations, the facility offers private meeting spaces for pre-arrangement conferences, private family viewings before cremation, and a cooling unit capable of holding up to eight decedents. Unlike traditional burial with a public viewing, embalming is not required for cremation.

Families have several opportunities to personalize their loved one's final arrangements. Immediate family members may have a private viewing of up to 30 minutes before cremation. If they choose, family members may also witness the cremation, and in some cultures, it is customary for a family member to be the one to initiate the cremation process by moving their loved one into the retort. Families may also assist with bathing and dressing the deceased.

Grant Johnson Funeral Home strives to make every service as personal as possible. Clothing is optional for cremation, as some individuals express the wish to "leave the world the same way they entered it." Beth shared that she personally feels clothing provides dignity to the deceased, while always respecting each family's wishes.

Beth explained that approximately 80% of families nationwide now choose cremation. Several factors contribute to this trend, including lower costs, families no longer living in the communities where they were raised, fewer people having long-standing ties to a local church or cemetery, and a growing preference for Celebration of Life services rather than traditional funerals.

Before a funeral home can take custody of a deceased individual, the coroner must officially release the body. Throughout every step of the process, a strict chain of custody is maintained. Each individual receives a unique QR code that is scanned every time the body is moved, documenting both its current location and destination to ensure complete accountability.

Certain medical devices must be removed before cremation. Battery-operated devices such as pacemakers, TENS units, and pain pumps cannot be cremated because they may explode under the intense heat, potentially damaging the retort. However, some newer pacemakers are not battery-operated and do not require removal. Metal implants and joint replacements do not burn during cremation, so they are separated from the cremated remains before the remains are processed into their final form. These recovered metals are recycled. Pacemakers, dental implants, and other metal implants are sorted into separate containers, and once approximately 75 pounds of metal have been collected, they are sent for recycling.

The cremation retort undergoes an annual inspection and includes numerous built-in safety features. Before each cremation, the retort must be fully preheated. Following the cremation process, there is approximately a one-hour cooling period before the remains can be removed. A typical cremation requires a minimum of three hours, although the total time varies depending on the individual's size and body composition.

There are also important legal safeguards before cremation can occur. A body may be held if the coroner is considering an autopsy or while Gift of Hope speaks with the family regarding organ donation. State law also requires a minimum 24-hour waiting period before cremation, allowing families time to reconsider their decision if necessary. In addition, the legal next of kin must authorize the cremation. If a spouse is deceased, a majority of the surviving adult children must provide consent. Even if an individual expressed a desire to be cremated before death, the legal next of kin is not legally required to honor that request.

To ensure proper identification throughout the cremation process, every individual is cremated with a small identification coin placed into the retort. The coin bears the Grant Johnson Funeral Home name along with a unique four-digit identification number. Grant Johnson Funeral Home maintains a permanent logbook documenting every individual who has been in their care, with records organized by these identification numbers.

Beth also shared her personal journey into funeral service. While in high school, she originally planned to become a forensic pathologist. After volunteering at a funeral home and helping with her great-grandmother's funeral from beginning to end, she realized her true passion was serving families during one of the most difficult times in their lives. Wanting to give back to her community, she chose to become a funeral director instead, a career that continues to allow her to support families with compassion, dignity, and respect.