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TODAY'S PROGRAM, August 11

Tina Klingenberg and Jeanine Thompson with the Homestead Festival Committee will provide an update on this year's events.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

8/18 - Fran Wilsak will introduce Karen J. Stowe, founder of Intuitive Edge Coaching.
8/25 - No noon meeting. Join us at City County Park for an evening picnic!
9/1 - Ian Legner has the program.
9/8 - Pat Schou will introduce our District Governor Tina Curtis.
9/15 - TBA
9/22 - Pat Schou will talk about our Membership survey for this year.
9/29 - TBA

INVOCATION SCHEDULE

Please contact Chantha Chhim or find your own replacement if you have a conflict.
8/11 - Tucker Nichols
8/18 - Gary Bruce
9/1 - Joe Park
9/8 - Michael Stutzke
9/15 - Chantha Chhim
9/22 - Wayne Peacock

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/16 - Lynn Olds

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

8/14 - Tony & Donna Sorcic
8/17 - Jeff & Dana VanAutreuve

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.****

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.



August 4 Program

Tracy Wright introduced Erika Anderson who shared information about Dravet Syndrome and her family's mantra to always "choose joy." Ryker is the youngest of the Anderson's four children and was diagnosed at 8 months old. He began having seizures at 5 months old, and genetic testing pointed to his final diagnosis. Dravet Syndrome is a rare, catastrophic, lifelong form of epilepsy that begins in the first year of life with frequent and/or prolonged seizures. It affects 1 in 15,700 individuals, 80% of whom have a mutation in their SCN1A gene which is the case for Ryker. In addition to seizures, common issues associated with Dravet Syndrome include behavioral and developmental delays, movement and balance issues, orthopedic conditions, delayed language and speech issues, growth and nutrition issues, sleeping difficulties, chronic infections, sensory integration disorder and difficulty regulating body temperature, heart rate, and blood pressure. There is no cure, and treatment options are limited. According to Erika, Ryker is a "textbook case." She shared

ATTENDANCE, Week of August 4

Membership: 54 Active Members
5 Senior Active
5 Corporate Auxiliary
64 Total

Percentage: 67%

ABSENCES, August 4

Baker, Chhim, Davis, Foes, Gustafson, Hartman, Hunt, Jackley, Keutzer, J. Kowalczyk, J. Kowalczyk, Martin, May, Murphy, Nichols, Orwig, Park, Stutzke, D. VanAutreuve, J. VanAutreuve, Wittenauer, Zerneck

MAKE-UPS, August 4

Foes, Hunt, Orwig, Park

GUESTS, August 4

Erika Anderson (Wright)

Ryker's story and how their lives have changed. He is loveable and resilient, likes to sing and swim and loves flashcards. Erika said it's easy to smile and laugh because Ryker brings them such joy. He has given them a different perspective on life, and they've learned to appreciate the small things and to not take life for granted. This helped Erika to "create" the #CHOOSEJOY logo. They choose joy because there is good all around them and they have hope for a better tomorrow. It has since grown into an awareness campaign and opportunity for the family to support the work of the Dravet Syndrome Foundation. They have t-shirts, drink tumblers, hats, and assorted merchandise and are happy to have donated over \$200,000 to date. To follow Ryker's journey, find them on Facebook or Instagram at Choosejoy Ryker's rally. Merchandise is available online at <https://rykersrally.bigcartel.com> or in her sister's boutique - The 505 on Edward in Henry.

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Past District Governor
(2025 - 2026)
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



8/28 - It's Lunch in the Park! We'll need help and will have more info soon.

10/24 - We'll have more details soon about the Polio Walk.

11/6 - Mark your calendars for our annual auction to be held at The Barn at Hornbaker Gardens. It's definitely an event you don't want to miss!

Zoom Meeting Info:

(<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87004069659?pwd=ZchQsn66xs2bDzJ98z2sRFIRXBVGp4.1>)

Meeting ID: 870 0406 9659

Passcode: 039744

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Name(s) in bold is chair

AUCTION

Eric May
Beth Baker
Anikah Boettcher
Steve Bouslog
Lindsey Burrows
Julia Cain
Tucker Nichols
Ashley Oliver
Wayne Peacock
Tim Remy
Pat Schou
Fran Wilsak

AUDIT

Dan Legner
Julie Grady
Jeff Martin

COMMUNITY

SERVICE
Cathy Foes
Jaimie Pinter
Bonnie Anders
Jill Kowalczyk
John Kowalczyk
Rex Lasson**
Jeff Martin**
Lynn Olds
Joe Park**
Joanne Sheldon*
Fran Wilsak
* Polio Walk Chair
** Caboose

FOUNDATION

Gary Bruce
Steve Bouslog
Julie Grady
Ian Legner
Jaimie Pinter
Pat Schou

FUNDRAISING

***NEED CHAIR**
Stephanie Gustafson
Jene Kinsley
Shannon Merkel
Joanne Sheldon

GRANTS/

SCHOLARSHIP
Tracy Grimmer
Derek Fetzer
Jeff Dzik
Joanne Sheldon
Michael Stutzke

GREETERS

Mandi Johnson
Ryan Keutzer
Jene Kinsley
Dan Legner
Jeff Martin
Erica Oertel
Ashley Oliver
Beth Peacock
Wayne Peacock
Lex Poppens
Joanne Sheldon

INVOCATIONS

Chantha Chhim

MEMBERSHIP

Jaimie Pinter
Lindsey Burrows
Derek Fetzer
Julie Grady
Stephanie Gustafson
Andrew Whitlock

PROGRAMS

Cathy Foes

PUBLIC IMAGE

Tracy Wright
Lynn Olds

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Bob Mullane
Jenica Cole
Tracy Grimmer
Joe Park

SHRIMPFEET

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

SPECIAL

LUNCHES
Joanne Sheldon
Lindsey Burrows
Julie Grady
Shannon Merkel
Fran Wilsak

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Beth Peacock
Steve Bouslog *
Derek Fetzer
Cathy Foes
Mandi Johnson
Ian Legner
J.D. Orwig
* Youth Officer

Please let Pat Schou know committee(s) you would be interested in participating in and/or any other changes needed.

If you plan to attend the picnic on August 25th, RSVP to Joanne Sheldon, and plan to bring a dish to pass. Fried chicken will be provided.

THANK YOU to Joe Park for pulling weeds and doing the work needed at Rotary Park last week before the Saturday rain-out! THANKS to Joanne Sheldon for representing Rotary at National Night Out!

Please let Pat Schou know if you are able to help with Lunch in the Park on August 28th or would be willing to participate in the Homestead Festival Parade on September 12th.

Anders, Bonnie	Freedom House	#	Kinsley, Jene	Gateway Services	#R	Stutzke, Michael	Ret. / Education
Baker, Beth	Grant-Johnson Funeral Home		Kowalczyk, Jill	Ret. / Artist		Taylor, Dennis	Taylor's Way
Boettcher, Anikah	Grant-Johnson Funeral Home	#	Kowalczyk, John	Ret. / Aerospace/Military		Taylor, Josh	Taylor's Way
#R=* Bouslog, Steve (7)	KB Elliott Fin. Advisors	#	Lasson, Rex	RE Investments		VanAutreve, Dana	Second Story Teen Center
#R=Bruce, Gary (10)	Ret. / Jeweler	#	Legner, Dan	Compeer Financial		VanAutreve, Jeff	Second Story Teen Center
Burrows, Lindsey	Key Builders Construction		Legner, Ian	KB Elliott Fin. Advisors		Whited, Derek	Taylor's Way
#R Cain, Julia	Ret. / Florist	#R	Martin, Jeff (3)	Ret. / Chiropractic		Whitlock, Andrew	Assurance
Chhim, Chantha	Bunker Hill Church	#*	May, Eric (3)	May, May, Angel & Harris		Wilsak, Fran	Sole Encounters
Cole, Jenica	Princeton Chamber	*R	Merkel, Shannon	Gateway Services		Wittenauer, Theresa	City of Princeton
Davis, Michele	Culver's		Mullane, Bob (2)	Starved Rock Media	#R=	Wright, Tracy (5)	Gateway Services
# Dzik, Jeff	Walmart Vision		Murphy, Michael	Conxxus		Zearing, Michael	City of Princeton
# Fetzer, Derek	Heartland Bank		Nichols, Tucker	Edward Jones		Zerneck, Michael (4)	Freedom House
Fitzpatrick, Tonya	Freedom House	#*R	Noble, Roxana (3)	Berkshire Hathaway Home			
# Foes, Catherine (4)	Hungry World Farm		Oertel, Erica	Bureau Co. History Center	#	Paul Harris Fellow	
= Grady, Julie	Second Story Teen Center	#	Olds, Lynn	Greenfield Retirement Home	+	Rotary Foundation Benefactor	
#R Grimmer, Tracy (4)	First State Bank		Oliver, Ashley (2)	Shaw Media	^	Major Donor	
Gustafson, Stephanie	Taylor's Way		Orwig, J.D. (1)	Princeton Elementary	=	PolioPlus Society	
Hartman, Scott	OSF St. Clare	#*	Park, Joe (1)	In Home Care Connection	*	Past President	
#R Heiden, Nancy (4)	Retired Banking	#=	Peacock, Beth (3)	KBC Solutions, Inc.	R	Rotarian of the Year	
# Hunt, Jeff (7)	Central Bank	#	Peacock, Wayne (5)	Key Builders Construction	()	Number indicates years of perfect attendance	
Jackley, Mystie	Peak Medical Home Care		Pinter, Jaimie	Pinter Plowing			
# Johnson, Mandi	Gateway Services		Poppens, Lex	Bureau Co. History Center		Paul Harris Fellows (non-members)	
Kammerer, Tom	City of Princeton		Remy, Tim (4)	Heartland Bank		Carla Bouslog	Leanne Martin
#^= Kann, Laura (5)	Ret. / Public Health	#=	Schou, Pat (2)	Ret. / Administrator		Lynn Bouslog	Kim Park
#+^ Kautz, Paul	Ret. / Human Services	R#	Sheldon, Joanne (5)	IV PADS		Diane Bruce	Donna Sorcic
# Keutzer, Ryan	studioK ARCHITECTURE	#*R	Sorcic, Tony (16)	Ret. / Banking		Keith Cain	Wick Warren