Rotary Club of Princeton, IL

# PIVOT

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## TODAY'S PROGRAM, October 27, 2026

Dan Legner has Dan Schott speaking about our local interurban railway.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

11/3 - Steve Bouslog has arranged for Andy Berlinski, PHS Superintendent; Abbi Bosnich, Principal; and Megan Doty, Behavior Interventionist, to speak.
11/10 - We will celebrate Veterans Day, and Joanne Sheldon has arranged for Dick Wells to speak about the Revolutionary War and American 250. Invite a veteran to lunch!
11/17 - J.D. Orwig will discuss the strategic plan for PES.
11/24 - NO NOON MEETING! Join us for an evening social hour. Details coming soon!

## INVOCATION SCHEDULE

Please contact Chantha Chhim or find your own replacement if you have a conflict.
10/27 - Beth Peacock
11/3 - Joanne Sheldon
11/10 - Michael Stutzke
11/17 - Tracy Grimmer

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

None

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10/29 - Dennis & Kathy Taylor

## ZOOM MEETING INFO

Tied up and can't make it to the meeting?! Join us on Zoom. The link, meeting ID, and passcode are with the email that accompanies The Pivot each week.

## MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

*within 2 weeks of missed meeting

- Attend another Rotary Club's meeting.
- Read articles and/or watch videos at www.rotaryeclubone.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 p.m. on Monday with one of the following options:
Meatloaf and mashed potatoes
Grilled chicken lettuce salad
Turkey wrap and fries (or chips)
Hamburger and fries (or chips)
Chicken salad sandwich and fries (or chips)
Deep-fried tenderloin and fries (or chips)
Chicken strips and 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.

## October 20 Program

Anikah Boettcher began the presentation with a brief video featuring Gabby DeClercq, mom to Millie. Millie was born in March 2025 and diagnosed in early September 2025 with a rare and aggressive pediatric cancer called Malignant Rhabdoid Tumor (MRT). Just 19 days later, she passed away. Her family wanted to keep her memory alive and created The Millie Moo Foundation. Their mission is to support families facing pediatric cancer and to invest in the future of agriculture through scholarships for local students. They hope to carry Millie's light forward with helping families when they need it most and give young people the chance to grow and thrive, just as Millie would have. Following Gabby's emotional video, we were joined by Hunter Littrel, Vice President of the 501(c)3 board and Millie's uncle. He noted that since Gabby's video, they have helped close to 100 families in just a year. Their original goal was to raise $77,000 but they have far exceeded that at $292,000! A total of 64% of assistance funds supported families within local, hospital, and regional communities.

## ATTENDANCE, Week of October 20

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

Percentage: 69%

## ABSENCES, October 20

Bruce, Davis, Fetzer, Gustafson, Hartman, Jackley, Johnson, Kammerer, Murphy, Nichols, Olds, Orwig, Poppins, Stutzke, D. & J. VanAutreve, Wittenauer, Zearing, Zerneck

## MAKE-UPS, October 20

Olds, Orwig, Zerneck

## GUESTS, October 20

Michelle DeVoss (Anders)

## NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Michelle DeVoss has been proposed for membership. Unless signed objections staying reasons why are received by the secretary no later than November 3rd at 4 p.m., she will be eligible for membership.

In this first year, they have made four increases to their monthly assistance budget as their ability to help families grew. They have reached 22 states and given two $2,000 scholarships with plans to expand to three next year. Hunter shared that they have a number of fundraisers and benefit from donations, and they do all they can to keep Millie's name alive, even celebrating her birthday with gift baskets for new moms and establishing angel trees to gift inpatient pediatric cancer patients during the holidays. The Millie Moo Foundation will be our "Fund a Need" recipient at the annual auction, and we look forward to meeting the DeClercq's.For more information, find them on Facebook or visit their website at www.themilliemoofoundation.org.

## CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS
July 2026 - June 2027

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|---|---|
| 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 |

SAVE THE DATE

11/6 - Make plans to attend the annual auction at The Barn at Hornbaker Gardens. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The auction begins at 7 p.m. See Ashley Oliver for more details.

11/7 - It's our first Wildside Challenge of the year. Contact Jaimie Pinter if you plan to help out.

A host family is needed for the second half of Luise's stay in Princeton. Please contact Steve Bouslog if you are interested or know someone who might be.

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027
First name(s) listed 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/SCHOLARSHIPS**
Derek Fetzer/Tracy Grimmer
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

**SHRIMPFEST**
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







THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Polio Walk on Saturday!

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

## OUR ROTARIANS

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

\# Paul Harris Fellow
\+ Rotary Foundation Benefactor
^ Major Donor
= Polio Plus Society
*Past President
R Rotarian of the Year
() Number indicates years of perfect attendance

Paul Harris Fellows (non-members)

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

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