Rotary Club of Princeton, IL

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TODAY'S PROGRAM, November 3

Steve Bouslog has Andy Berlinski, PHS Superintendent; Abbi Bosnich, Principal; and Megan Doty, Behavior Interventionist, as his guests.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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.
11/3 - Joanne Sheldon
11/10 - Michael Stutzke
11/17 - Tracy Grimmer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



11/5 - Lex Poppens
11/8 - Tim Remy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



11/7 - Beth & Rick Peacock

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 27 PROGRAM RECAP

Dan Legner introduced Dan Schott who spoke about the history of the interurban railway. This area had two unique industries that many American towns never had - two industrial canals (Hennepin and Illinois-Michigan) and interurban and electric street car service. Canal use faded due to the Depression and growing trucking and railroad freight lines. Eventually, the interurban service also died off for the same reasons, along with the demand for automobiles, by 1934. Ottawa was the first city with an electric railway in Illinois in August 1889. Both interurban and streetcars were served with the main power being the hydroelectric plant in Marseilles. That plant was eventually refitted to 3.5M watts and was later taken out of service in 1988 but is listed with the National Register of Historic Places. Every town had a depot with a substation nearby. Princeton saw its first interurban car in February 1907, even though it had streetcars before that. The Ottawa hub expanded east and west and eventually became the Chicago, Ottawa, and Peoria Line. During the heyday in 1913, there were 60 cars running daily. Princeton had 3 city streetcars, a little smaller than the interurban cars, and they made a round trip

ATTENDANCE, October 27

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

Percentage: 78%

ABSENCES, October 27

Baker, Boettcher, Chhim, Davis, Gustafson, Hartman, Jackley, Kinsley, Lasson, May, Murphy, Nichols, D. & J. VanAutreve, Zearing, Zerneck

MAKE-UPS, October 27

Baker, Boettcher, Zerneck

MAKE-UPS, Before October 27

Kammerer (10/20), Lasson (10/10), Poppens (10/20)

GUESTS, October 27

Dan Schott (D. Legner)

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.



every 20 minutes. In town it was 5 cents to ride or a dime for full round trip. Ridership increased during cold and inclement weather. In total, there were over 106 miles of track to be maintained in the larger system which later became known as the Illinois Traction System. Dan shared many more tidbits of information and several photos, and he ended his presentation with Q&A. Thanks to Dan for such an informative presentation.

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

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

Happy Rotary Anniversary!
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.
Julia Cain - 26 years
Jenica Cole - 6 years
Michael Murphy - 1 year
Derek Whited - 19 years

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Applications for Love Our Community grants are now available. The goal for 2027, as funds permit, is to award ten $1,500 grants to area non-profit organizations. Applications are due by January 31, 2027, and are available at www.princetonrotaryclub.com under the "resources" tab. Recipients will be notified upon selection and the grants will be distributed by the end of April 2027.

OUR ROTARIANS

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)

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

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