

# SPROCKET



Rotary Club of Bradley-Bourbonnais — February 21, 2024

Co-President— Julia Mullikin Co—President Jim DeZwaan Secretary: Steve Liehr Treasurer: Lori Gadbois Past President: Beth LaPlante



Mortagne au Perche, France

**Our Sister Clubs**

Los Mochis, Mexico



## FEBRUARY

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

7-B  
Jean Koehler

18-A  
Scott and Sue Goselin

19-B  
Greg LaPlante

23-B  
ROTARY



BBRotary meets at 12 noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at Quality Inn and Suites, Route 50, Bradley, IL

**Come Join Us**

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

COME CELEBRATE 130 YEARS WITH THE YMCA AND THE ROTARY'S BIRTHDAY!

### FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
1075 N. KENNEDY DRIVE  
KANKAKEE, IL

NETWORKING - REFRESHMENTS - FUN



ROTARY CLUB OF BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS

## CALENDAR

February 21  
Latino Student Union

February 27  
Business After Hours

February 28  
Rosecrans Health

March 4  
Culvers' Night

March 13  
Project Head Space and Timing

March 20  
TBD

March 23  
Shred Event

March 27  
Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce

April 10  
Brett Weiss

April 17  
Four Way Test Lunch

## District 6440/6450 Conference April 20, 2024



Mary Bak  
DG 6440

General Sessions with outstanding speakers including RI President's Representative Brian Rusch



Conor Gee  
DG 6450

Workshops that will Increase Our Impact, Expand Our Reach, Enhance Participant Engagement, Increase our Ability to Adapt

One Rotary Center  
Evanston, IL

Be part of the joint 6440/6450

District Conference!

Register now at [www.rotary6450.org](http://www.rotary6450.org)

Service Project  
Tours of Rotary Headquarters  
House of Friendship & Project Displays



## Thank you to our Year-long Sponsors for 2023/2024



Kankakee County State's Attorney

JIM ROWE





**Join us on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>,  
from 5 PM – 8 PM**

**for Culver's Community Day Event.  
10% of all sales (dine-in, drive-  
thru, take-out) will be donated  
back to  
BB Rotary**

***Thank you Culver's***

# Annual Shred Event

***Residential Paper Waste Only – No  
Electronics***



**Saturday, March 23rd, 2024  
10:00 AM – 12 Noon  
Turk / Ashley Furniture Parking Lot  
515 North Kinzie Avenue/Route 50**

**No Fee, but Donations Graciously  
Accepted  
All proceeds to benefit**

## **ROTARY AROUND THE GLOBE - UNITED STATES**



Rotary clubs in the ski resort towns of Park City, Utah, and Breckenridge, Colorado, have a friendly rivalry for the longest “shot ski” — a ski affixed to shot glasses that people raise together to down whiskey at the same time. In October, the Rotary Club of Park City Sunrise recaptured the crown as 1,363 people lined a street to drink rye whiskey (or apple cider) in unison from hundreds of shot skis held end to end. The event raised more than \$43,000 for grants to assist community organizations, club member Connie Nelson says. She concedes that she and fellow club member Mike Luers were inspired by the Colorado club during a “reconnaissance” tour of successful winter resorts. “Their main street was closed for a festival. I looked at Mike and he looked at me and we said, ‘We can beat that,’” she says. The festive affair is “branding for our Rotary club,” Nelson adds. “We not only sell out but we have people on a waiting list to try to get on the line. It’s not just to sample the alcohol. It’s about the getting together, the unique community sharing.”

## **Today's Program—Latin Student Union**

*Earlier this year, members of our club met with representatives of the **Latino Student Union**, a newly formed organization at BBCHS. The LSU had reached out to BBRotary to see how they might interact and collaborate with our Club. Today, members of the Club will introduce themselves and provide further info on the LSU.*

*Additionally, and unrelated to the LSU, we will be introduced to Charity Hardison from the **SereniTEA Roses** of Kankakee County. Charity had reached out to us to see how they may also collaborate with us.. We are working with Charity to find a time when they can be the featured speaker at one of our meetings.*

**Rotary**



***“Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events;  
small minds discuss people”  
Eleanor Roosevelt***

## **Sarah Weins update**

Many of you may remember Sarah, an exchange student from Germany who spent a year with our Club. Jim DeZwaan recently received an email from her.

My life has been great I met my soon-to-be husband about 4 years ago and we both kind of immediately knew it was a fit. During the last four years we renovated and expanded his parent house from 1933 and now live there together with his parents - luckily in two different apartments (haha).



In March last year we welcomed our little daughter Hannah. She is turning 1 in 4 weeks - I can't believe how quickly time has gone by. We love her to pieces. She is the friendliest, cutest, and easiest-to-take care of! I stayed at home for the last year. In Germany we are lucky to be receiving 12 month maternity-leave money. I return to my work part-time in April. I love being a mom, but I am also looking forward to do something else besides that as well.

Yes - and then, when I was about 3 months pregnant, Christian asked me to marry him. It was a huge surprise, and he organized a whole thing on a small boat in Hamburg's harbor (a big northern city, perhaps you have heard about it. Its Germany's biggest harbor). It was very romantic.

We are getting married in June this year and I am looking forward to it. Afterwards, we go on our honeymoon to Italy. We have rented a camper, and we will go on a two-week road trip through Italy. I can't wait for that also :).



I follow the club's activities on Facebook and I am so happy to see many familiar faces in the pictures. I also heard about Harlow's passing; this made me really sad. I liked him a lot, he was a great guy! It is so nice to know that you are doing so many different projects. I believe it is taking up a lot of your time, don't get stressed out

I tried to become a little more active in Rotary activities here in Germany as well. I think there was some Youth Exchange person from our district who wanted to start some new thing with a former exchange student, but unfortunately, I haven't heard from him for a while. Perhaps I should get back to him. I would like to give back somehow. I still think and tell that to anybody who asks that my exchange year was the best experience. It has taught me so many things and I am forever grateful to have met so many nice people and gained a whole family in the States! :)

Christian and me were planning to visit before we knew I was pregnant. We will come and visit as soon as we have some money saved up after our wedding.

### **BBROTARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

*Winter Fest/Spring  
Fest*

**BBROTARY.ORG**

*Check it out!*



Our redesigned website is up and operational. Thanks to Amy Laws for her work on this.

## ***STATION STREET BRIDGE***



### **OUR RETAIL PARTNERS**

***Convention and Visitors Bureau, Kankakee County Museum, Stefari's West, Rubber Rose Books, Ba Da Bloom Florist, King Music, Joy's Hallmark, Village of Bourbonnais, Connect Roasters and Flanagan's***

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

Mental Health  
Awareness  
Workshop

Membership  
Recruitment

Business After  
Hours

Butterfly  
Garden

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# ROTARY CLUB OF BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS

## MEMBERSHIP



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### OFFICERS

Co-President *Julia Mullikin*  
Co-President *Jim DeZwaan*  
Treasurer-*Lori Gadbois*  
Secretary-*Steve Liehr*  
Past President-*Beth LaPlante*

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Beck, Brittney (C)  
  
Crawford, Dennis  
929.5100  
Curry, Barbara  
815.922.6671  
\*Czerwionka, Marcia (Jim)  
H.939.1999 M.953.1751  
\*Czerwonka, Jim (Marcia)  
H.939.1999 M.351.1999  
DeBoer, Wayne (C)  
W 928.5683  
Depatis, Larry  
M.386.0001 W.929.4030  
\*DeZwaan, Jim (Connie)  
H.939.7458 M.592.6097  
Ehrman, Adam (C)  
929.5100  
Fightmaster, Tony (C)  
W 505.0684  
Gadbois, Lori (Brandon)  
M.530.8228 W.937.2983  
\*Gerts Ronald  
M. 922.6187

Gonzalez-Villagomez, Katia ©  
933.7883  
Goselin, Scott (Sue)  
M.278.0225 W.933.3371  
Hill, Laquilla (C)  
933.7883  
\*Hill, Stephen (Lilly)  
H.937.5017 M.954.5017  
Holmes, Glenn  
H.929.0954  
Koehler, Frank \* (Jean)  
H 936.0902 M 592.5979  
Koehler, Jean \* (Frank)  
H 936.0902 M 708.337.2368  
Kurien, Abe  
M. 953.3398  
\*LaPlante, Beth (Greg)  
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LaPlante, Greg  
H. 929.0219  
\*Liehr, Stephen (Ellen)  
H.933.3554 M.954.3781  
\*Marr, David (Christine)  
H.939.3386 M.933.1117

Mullikin, Julia  
M.258-5297  
Mullikin, Marjorie  
  
Munday, Peggy Sue  
815.922.2079  
\*Olszewski, Toby  
H.932.9682 M.592.3454  
Sayson, Jojo (Nancy)  
H.933.4291 M.936.0940 W.936.1992  
Smith, Scott (Jennifer)  
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M.618.806.3372  
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**\*Past President  
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**HONORARY MEMBERS**  
**Honorable Paul Schore, Mayor  
Village of Bourbonnais**

**all numbers 815 area code unless  
otherwise indicated)**

**Honoring**

**Dr. Harlow Hopkins**



## ***This Day in History—February 21st***

1945: US Marines raise American flag on top of Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima. Pulitzer Prize winning photo of which by Joe Rosenthal later became iconic, inspiring the Marine Corps War Memorial sculpture