

# SPROCKET



Rotary Club of Bradley-Bourbonnais — January 15, 2025

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Mortagne au Perche, France

**Our Sister Clubs**

Los Mochis, Mexico



## FEBRUARY

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

7-B  
Jean Koehler

7-B  
Marjorie Mullikin

18-A  
Scott and Sue  
Goselin

19-B  
Greg LaPlante

23-B  
Rotary

26-B  
Katia Gonzalez

27-B  
Phil Standley

### Today's Speaker

Doug Brendel

### Humanitarian Endeavors in Belarus

*Doug Brendel is a popular speaker, writer, and actor, but his heart beats for humanitarian work in the former Soviet Union. For more than 20 years, he and his wife have ed NewThing.net, the largest continuous humanitarian-aid distribution operation in Belarus.*

### We are on the move!

## BEEF O'BRADY'S

GOOD FOOD, GOOD SPORTS™

*Beginning January 15, 2025, BBRotary will hold their weekly meetings at Beef O'Brady's Restaurant, 547 Main Street, NW, Bourbonnais.*

### CALANDER

Wednesday, 1/15  
ROTARY  
Beef O'Brady's

Wednesday, 1/22  
ROTARY  
Beef O'Brady's

Wednesday, 1/29  
NO MEETING

Wednesday, 2/5  
No Meeting

Wednesday, 2/12  
ROTARY  
Beef O'Brady's



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### COMING THIS SPRING



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 **Beef O'Brady's**, 547 Main St, NW Bourbonnais, IL

**Come Join Us**



# Under the Pomegranate Tree



poems, reflections, grief, love, and much more...

## Book Signing at Rubber Rose

Rubber Rose Books & Print 111 East Court Street  
| Kankakee, IL 60901 |

01/18/25 - 01/18/25 10:00 am

Under the Pomegranate Tree is a series of poems by Ariana Torrence, author of The Healing Through Trauma Workbook. Ariana is known for her insightful work surrounding trauma, resiliency, and healing.

Dear Rotary District 6450 members,

Many have asked how Rotary is responding to the devastating fires in the LA area, and how we can help. Below is information sent by the RI Director for the LA area regarding Disaster Relief Funds that the 2 local districts have set up. We hope that RI will also set up a disaster relief fund for LA. At this time, we as a District are not collecting goods, but that may change in the future once we understand what the needs are.

Please help if you are able, and keep the LA area people in your thoughts and prayers. We will update as further information and relief opportunities become available. Thank for being People of Action!

Rachael, Ossyra, District Governor



The Rotary District 5280 Charitable Foundation is accepting donations to assist those affected by the wildfires in Los Angeles County.

Your donation is tax deductible and will directly impact those most devastated by this disaster. The tax ID of the Charitable Foundation is 95-4597691.

Donate by check:

- Please make your check payable to "Rotary District 5280 Charitable Foundation"
- Mail the check to Rotary District 5280 Office at: 8055 W. Manchester Ave, Suite 460, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293
- Please put "Wildfire Disaster Relief" in the memo

## ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD



### India

After heavy rains triggered flooding and landslides in India's northeastern state of Tripura in August, the Rotary Club of Agartala City and the Rotaract clubs of Agartala City and Agartala Central mobilized to help.

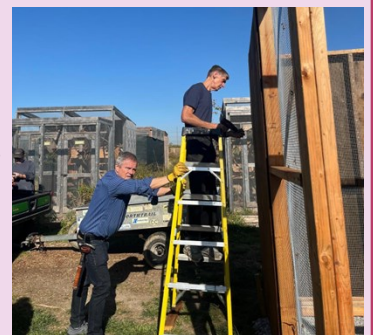
The clubs set up relief camps providing food,

clothing, health care, and medicines in Agartala, reaching 400 people. During a second phase, club members distributed groceries and sanitary pads among 125 families in a remote village that was devastated by the floods.

### Canada

Since 2020 the Rotary Club of Toronto has supported the [Toronto Wildlife Centre](#), which rehabilitates 300 species of sick and injured animals. The club has donated more than \$18,000 to construct enclosures for bats, mourning doves, woodpeckers, water birds, squirrels, and ground hogs. Hammers and drills in hand club members joined other volunteers and employees in October to assemble a structure for red squirrels.

Nathalie Karvonen, the organization's founder and executive director, lauds the Rotarians for their devotion. "Their generosity is giving hundreds of wild patients each year a safe space in which to prepare for a healthy life back in the wild," she says.



# Steel Magnolias

KVTA

01/31/25 - 02/02/25 Friday at 7pm; Saturday and Sunday at 2pm  
STEEL MAGNOLIAS

KVTA Black Box Theatre 1 Stuart Dr. |  
Kankakee, IL 60901 |  
815.935.8510 kvta@kvta.org



COMING SOON

**2025 FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR**  
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**Bourbonnais Township  
PARK DISTRICT**



**Join us for our Valentine's Day Social!**

Enjoy a fun afternoon of food, friends, treats and Valentine themed games. Stay and play games or socialize with friends. Lunch will be served at 11:00 am. Once it is noon, join in on our weekly BINGO (please bring cash to attend and play)

\*Program located at Recreation Station 770 E Franklin, Bradley

#### Ideas for Club Projects:

- Valentines cards
- Magazines & puzzle books
- Chapstick & hand lotion
- Note pads & pens
- Sweet treats

#### 5 Easy Steps:

1. Select & contact nursing home
2. Collect & prepare items
3. Deliver the items with love
4. Capture the moments
5. Send photos & videos to Hunter Byington

Rotary  
District 6450

Questions? Contact District Community Service Chair Mary Dougherty



#### **PUZZLES AVAILABLE AT:**

*Ba Da Bloom Florist \* Busse and Reick  
Connect Roasters \* Exploration Station  
K3 Visitor's Bureau \* Kankakee Museum  
King Music \* Riverside Gift Shoppe  
Rubber Rose and Books \* Stefari's West  
Tholen's Garden Ctr \* Village of Bourbonnais  
Whitmore Ace Manteno*

# ROTARY CLUB OF BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS

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Curry, Barbara  
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W 928.5683  
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Goselin, Scott (Sue)  
M.278.0225 W.933.3371  
Hill, Laquilla (C)  
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LaPlante, Greg  
H. 929.0219  
\* Liehr, Stephen (Ellen)  
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\* Marr, David (Christine)  
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Webb, Woody (C)  
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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—JANUARY 15**

*2009: Captain "Sully" Sullenberger lands US Airways Flight 1549 on the Hudson River shortly after takeoff From LaGuardia Airport in NYC. All passengers and crew members survive in what become known as the "Miracle on the Hudson".*

