



# **Waterloo Rotary Club**

## **2020 Reporter Archive**

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**Sergeant At Arms Bill Robert**

**Longest Serving Member, Joined December 2, 1953**

**Honorary Member since 2009**

Jan 03, 2020

## Next meeting January 6, 2020



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## Rotarian of the Week - Holly Johnson



Years in Rotary - 6

Hometown - Posen, MI (now live in Tripoli, IA)

College - Lake Superior State University (BS), Central Michigan

University(MSA), Iowa State University (current student)

Occupation – Executive Director Institutional Advancement, Hawkeye Community College

Fave Food - Sushi

Fave movie - Mary Poppins

Random fact about yourself - I grew up in the most Polish community in the U.S. ([by percentage](#))

Favorite quote - "**Anything worth doing, is worth doing right.**" Hunter S. Thompson

## January Birthdays



### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We'll celebrate these first-birthdays-of-the-year at our January 6th meeting:

Kevin McCrindle	Jan 6
Todd Holcomb	Jan 7
Niki Litzel	Jan 7
Bonnie Smith-Davis	Jan 17
Henry Edsill	Jan 21

Jan 13, 2020

## January 13th - Student Debt



Steven McCullough with the Iowa Student Loan Program to discuss how we can help our students reduce/repay debt. Steven joined Iowa Student Loan in 1989 as the director of fiscal operations, and he became chief executive officer in 1993. In his current role, McCullough is responsible for carrying out strategic plans and policies as established by the board of directors. He became a certified public accountant in 1986 and holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Iowa. Steve helped create the Corporation's responsible borrowing tools which help families plan for their higher education, figure out how to pay for it, and learn how to create good outcomes.

## Rotarian of the Week - Marty Stoakes



Years in Rotary - 17 Years

Hometown - Waterloo

College - UNI

Occupation – Real estate broker at Martin Realtors

Fave Food - Steak, medium-rare with sauteed mushrooms

Fave movie - Last Holiday

Random fact about yourself - I am an avid racquetball player.

Favorite quote - "By believing in something that still does not exist, we create it. The nonexistent is whatever we have not sufficiently desired." Franz Kafka

## How you can help Australia



NSW Bushfires. Credit: Kelly-ann Oosterbeek/ Facebook

We have all seen the disastrous fires that have erupted, taking lives as well as destroying hundreds of homes and properties across Australia.

Rotary is once again taking the lead and looking to provide support for families in need. To this end several Rotary Districts and Clubs have established projects which are ready and able to accept donations from you. All of those projects can apply for funds from this appeal.

Please donate to:

Rotary National Bushfires Appeal

<https://rawcs.org.au/>

Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd. (RAWCS) was formed to enable Australian Rotarians, Rotary Districts and Rotary Clubs to assist disadvantaged communities and individuals through humanitarian aid projects. RAWCS has a financial infrastructure system that facilitates fundraising for projects that deliver humanitarian aid and charitable support in Australia and overseas.



## IT'S ROTARY RUSH TIME!



District 5970 "Rotary Rush" is on again! For the months of **February and March 2020**, the District is offering a significant incentive to all Rotarians who give to the Rotary Foundation **Annual Fund**.

A generous Rotarian Donor has offered their points as an incentive to help Rotarians easily reach their first or multiple Paul Harris Fellow level. The Donor is offering a 1 for 1 points to dollars match if a Rotarian contributes a minimum of \$100 cash toward their first or next Paul Harris Fellow level. For example, you may have accumulated \$500 in contributions to The Rotary

Foundation. Then, if you add \$250 in cash in February or March,

our Donor will match 250 points to your giving account which allows you to receive your first or multiple PHF award. The match is up to a maximum of 500 points.

If you choose to participate in this challenge, you will need to fill out Form 123-EN which is available at the Foundation tab on the District's website at [www.district5970.org](http://www.district5970.org), or click the link below. Please email the completed form to [john.wasta@gmail.com](mailto:john.wasta@gmail.com) or mail the completed form to John Wasta, 221 Kent Ct. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. If you are paying by check, please make it payable to "The Rotary Foundation", please include the check with the form.

You may also make your gift online at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). If you do, please make a note of the amount of your gift on the form and send the form to John to receive your match. **Please do not send credit card information via email.**

<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/contribution-form-rotary-foundation>

Wondering how close you are to your next PHF level? Just email John Wasta or Don Meyer, DRFCC Chair, at [foundationchair@district5970.org](mailto:foundationchair@district5970.org) or call him at 641-251-4655.

**This match is only available to limited number of Rotarians that submit their requests.**

What are you waiting for? Make a difference today!

[Read more...](#)

## Upcoming Programs



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Jun 29, 2020

## **Monday, June 29 Rotary Meeting on Zoom**



Join us for the last meeting of our Rotary year...and what a memorable year it ended up being! Our president-elect Annie Vander Werff is expected to ceremoniously accept the gavel from 2019-2020 president Mark Durbahn. As the world grapples with COVID-19 and finds ways to keep our businesses operating, personal connections intact, and traditions alive, Annie will need each member to support our efforts and come out of this as a stronger club. We've shown that we won't let a global pandemic stop us from fellowship, and service to our community has come in the form of weekly financial support to organizations directly impacted. Look for the good work of our club to continue as we transition to new club leaders!

Click the link below to connect to our meeting - this is a unique link for the June 29th meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88535236604>

Meeting ID: 885 3523 6604

Dial by your location +1 312-626-6799

## **Meet President-Elect, E.J. Gallagher III**



Get to know the soon-to-be President-Elect of our Rotary Club. A retired attorney and active Rotarian; Mr. Gallagher has worn many hats in the Cedar Valley community and beyond!

E.J. Gallagher III was born in Washington D.C. and came back with his Iowan parents to Waterloo in June of 1950. He graduated from Columbus High School after kindergarten at Kingsley and grades one to 8 at St. Edward's. He got an undergraduate degree from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul followed by a law degree from Georgetown University in Washington D.C. He was admitted to practice law in Iowa in 1974 and spent a year back in Washington D.C. working for a special Federal commission studying wiretapping law.

He started practice with the law firm that later became Gallagher, Langlas & Gallagher in June 1975, and practiced law in Waterloo through February 2015 when he retired. His practice was focused on matters that were or could be tried in state or federal courts. E.J. was a member of several legal groups during his practice from the state to national level and served on the board and eventually became President of the Iowa Association for Justice.

He became a Rotarian early in 1976 and has been a member of our club since then. He has served as board member of our club and as club board secretary. Over the years he has enjoyed working on service projects the club did including moving the library books, the train ride, Shoebox, Koats for Kids, and Hops & Grapes.

E.J. has also served on local and statewide boards for several non-profits over the years and do so at the present time. Locally he now serves on the Winnebago Council BSA, Waterloo Cedar Falls Symphony and Grout Museum boards (along with other organizations). He has also been active in his church and served on its parish council and social concerns committee. He has been active in political groups for many years and served as a political party county chair for six years and on district committees. This being Iowa, political participation is both more intense and interesting every four years.

E.J. has two adult children, a son Joseph who lives in Waterloo and is a UNI graduate and a daughter Gail Gallagher who is married to Sam Stacklin. Gail obtained a theater degree from the University of Nebraska and lives in Chicago and is active in theater in acting, directing, play writing, teaching and musical accompaniment. She also does improv keyboard accompaniment and song writing and performances both live and on the internet.

## 2020-2021 Rotary Board



Officer Team for 2020-2021 and Board of Directors  
President, Annie Vander Werff  
President-Elect, E.J. Gallagher  
Treasurer, Adam Schaefer  
Secretary, Rich Frevert (New Board Member)  
Past President, Mark Durbahn

Phil Nash, Assistant District Governor  
Dave Lee  
Deb Pullin-Van Auken  
Heather Labonte  
Vicki Mueller (New Board Member)  
Holly Johnson (New Board Member)

Outgoing Board Members are Brian Aronson, Megan Kugler, Katelyn Tungland and Jaclyne Heller.

## Summer Brings New District Governor

### **Meet Lowell Stoolman, Your New District Governor**



Lowell is the former police chief of Rockwell City and a former member of the city's maintenance department. He served more than 30 years on the city's fire department and is an active member of the Rockwell City Rotary Club.

Lowell's installation celebration is scheduled for June 28, 2020, at the Twin Lakes Golf Club in Rockwell City. [Register to attend](#).

A Message from Outgoing District Governor, Michelle Bell...

**As Rotarians, we know this phrase is true: Rotary Opens Opportunities.** Chosen as the 2020-2021 Rotary theme, these are words to live by for all clubs. But what does "opening opportunities" mean for individual Rotarians?

I've collected a few ideas I've observed throughout my tenure as 5970 District Governor:

- **Bringing people together:** Rotary gives members an opportunity to meet others they might never have met otherwise. Older, younger, professional, homemaker. Rotary is for everyone and welcomes people from all walks of life.
- **Granting confidence through responsibility:** You might never have thought you could write a newsletter, plan a public event, or build a home for someone in need. Yet, here you are! Rotary gives people a chance to get outside their comfort zone with support from like-minded volunteers.
- **Trying new things:** Prior to joining Rotary, some members had never volunteered in their community before. Working side-by-side with other club members can be the start of a lifelong dedication to selflessly serving others.

Opportunities can be scary, but they can also be exciting. Rotary gives each of us an opportunity to pursue our passions and take care of the people and places that makes our communities great.

How does your club open opportunities? Share your tips online with [Exchange Ideas](#) on MyRotary.

## Rotary Clubs in Italy

Rotary clubs in districts across Italy worked together to procure state-of-the-art equipment needed to combat the deadly coronavirus disease for 26 hospitals around the country.

The pandemic has devastated Italy, with more than 32,000 deaths and nearly 226,000 confirmed cases by mid-May. The Italian Rotary club project, funded by global grants, is providing thermal scanners, COVID triage units, and bio-containment stretchers that allow medical staff to safely assess, monitor, and transport patients. Valued at more than \$1.4 million, the equipment will address current urgent needs and be useful for the future, helping to reduce the spread of disease and protect public health.

Jul 06, 2020

## NO MEETING JULY 6th



Good morning Fellow Rotarians,

I hope you enjoyed a fun, cool and safe holiday weekend. In observance of the holiday, we will take today off from meeting and will resume our regular meetings on Monday, July 13. Through discussion with the board, we will continue meeting online via Zoom conferencing. Please reach out to one of your fellow Rotarians whom you have not seen at a meeting recently and invite them to join an upcoming meeting - it's easy and ... FUN!

Have a great week,  
Annie

## July Birthdays



Coronavirus can keep us from meeting in-person, but it can't take away our celebration of these fine Rotarians that have traveled around the sun AGAIN!

Rick Morris	Jul 02
Jerry Maifield	Jul 07
Jay Ginther	Jul 10
James Madison	Jul 10
Lauren Finke	Jul 17
Milton Dakovich	Jul 20
David Holm	Jul 23
Mike Broshar	Jul 26
Heather LaBonte	Jul 27
Bob Manning	Jul 30

The Rotary Birthday Machine should be available to borrow next week, [email Mason](#) if you'd like to reserve it to check the Radon levels in your house.

## COVID Resources and Updates



BUSINESS

COMMUNITY

OPPORTUNITY

[Grow Cedar Valley shares resources](#) for local businesses and organizations!

The Department of Labor released a [new tool for employees](#) to determine if they are eligible for benefits such as paid sick leave or expanded paid family and medical leave due to COVID-19 under the FFCRA. A tool for employers is scheduled to be released soon.





*Thank you, Bill*

