

Rotary Club of Akron, Ohio

Annual Meeting

December 6, 2022

Invocation

Karen Hrdlicka

Pledge of Allegiance

Hugh Alpeter





The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Announcements & Happy Dollars

Donations for Christmas gifts for our

Exchange student, Yara and

Salvation Army Kettle on 12/16



Lynda L Farkas

President, 2022-2023

Rotary Club of Akron

2022 Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting Agenda - Lynda Farkas

2. Election results - Karen Hrdlicka
3. Financial Report - Michael Gladysz
4. Successes - Dan Reynolds
Dan Riemenschneider
Tom Knauer
Sandy Naragon

Karen Hrdlicka, Bylaws Co-Chair

Rotary Club of Akron Election Results 2023



Rotary Club of Akron

Executive Team:

7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024

- President: Tom Knauer
- President Elect: Thane Billow
- Vice President: Katy Miller
- Secretary: Terry Dalton
- Treasurer: Michael Gladysz

Directors:

7/1/2023-6/30/2026

- Laura Horovitz
- Gerry Kiefer
- Liv Pilon
- Cheryl Warren

Rotary Foundation

1 Year - 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023

- Laura Smiley

The Akron Rotary Foundation

3 years - 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2025

- Doug Kohl
- Katy Miller
- Rima Muakkassa
- Mike Shearer

The Akron Rotary Camp

- Brooks Ames (Rotarian)
- Rennick Andreoli (Rotarian)
 - Getta Kutachief
 - Susan Savage
- Joe Swiatkowski (Rotarian)



Michael Gladysz, Treasurer

Annual Financial position as of June 30, 2022

(June 30th 2022 – October 31, 2022)



Membership

Tom Knauer
Membership Chair
Hugh Alpeter
Mentor Chair

Successes

- September Regatta raised \$799K
- Bylaws revision – Passed today !
- District Matching Grant –
- Rotary moved in September to Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church!
- We have exchange students this year!
- We started volunteering, monthly, at the Akron/Canton Food Bank & Salvation Army Red Kettle
- Akron's Julie Brandle was chosen to be PGE

Exchange Students – Long & Short

- Manny Nunez - South Korea
- Samantha Kramer – Brazil

Short Term Exchange Student : 4 weeks

- Serena Guo – Belgium / Summer 2022

Exchange Students Journey.....



Apolline Snyers from Belgium, Serena Guo and Manuel Nuñez from Akron. Apolline and Serena are doing the STEP or Short Term Exchange Program this summer: 4 weeks together in Akron, 4 weeks together in Belgium. Manny is doing the long-Term program and will leave for S. Korea at the end of August. He will spend 11 months attending classes and hosted by Rotarian families.

July Activities



- Past President Steve Buie Celebrates at Rotary Camp, 29th
- Rotary Youth Exchange party for Host Family on Turkeyfoot Lake, 31st
- Volunteer at Akron/Canton Food Bank
- Rotary “Wavemakers” raced , 23rd
- End Polio Night @ Progressive Field hosted by Stew Buchanan

**END
POLIO
NOW**

Akron Club and Members Receive Awards & Recognition – July, 2022

- PDG and Past Akron President John Reyes, was the recipient of the prestigious District 6630 Michael J. Johns Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Outstanding Leadership & Service Award: Cheryl Warren, PDG
- The A.Z. Baker Award -Akron Rotary Club/ 1 of 29 clubs out of 50
- Club Training & Educational Awards - Akron Rotary Club/ 1 of 7 clubs out of 50
- Individual Training & Educational Awards – award given to any Rotarian who had shown a commitment to the ideals & spirit job of being Rotarian, 2021-22 / 13 Rotarians received this award , 5 from Akron! DGE Julie Brandle; PDG Stew Buchanan, PE Lynda Farkas; PDG John Reyes; and PDG Cheryl Warren. Congratulations!

August Activities

- Sandy Naragon announces “club survey” sent out to members
- New member, Michael Kahoe joins Rotary August 2nd
- Annual Cornhole Tournament at Rotary Camp, August 27th
- Volunteer at Akron/Canton Food Bank



September Activities

- 5th Rotary Camp Regatta – Sept. 24th
- Off-Site meeting at the Myers School of Art at Akron University,
September 27th
- Change4Change to benefit Akron Rotary Camp w/guest bartenders:
Julie Brandle, Karen Hrdlicka, Katy Miller
- Call for Rotary Club Nominations
- Julie Ann Sweet-Buntin recognized as 2022 Keep Akron Beautiful
Volunteer of the Year!
- Stu Parry Recognition @ Akron U –Founded Soccer program , 1954

October Activities

- WE MOVED on October 4, 2022
- Volunteered at the Akron/Canton Food Bank & Akron Zoo
- Spaghetti Dinner at Messiah Lutheran Church in memory of Dick Farkas/ all proceeds went for Camperships at the Rotary Camp
- Social at Lock 15 Brewing Company following volunteering at Akron/Canton Food Bank
- Billow's long standing customer makes annual donation to Rotary camp in Billow's name

November : Kick-Off – Jeff Sheeks & Cyndi Kane
Co-Chairs – Mark the Date February 4, 2023

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December Activities

- Today's happy dollars for Salvation Army
- Christmas Gala on December 20, 2022



In Remembrance of....



August 11, 2022

Father of Rotarian Chaz Billington –
Charles F. Billington, Jr

August 20, 2022

PDG Jack Young

Sept. 15, 2020

Father of Rotarian David Hall/ Paul Minor Hall, Jr

Oct. 15, 2022

Rotarian of 46 years, Dr. Alfred Lorenz Nicely

We are half way through our Rotary year...

- Please help to make the remaining 6 months successful....please attend our meetings; take an active role; share your ideas; and remain positive. Remember we are in this together – no one can do the work alone!
- Looking forward to the days ahead...hopefully as much as I am!

Warm Rotary Regards, Lynda Farkas

President, 2022-2023