

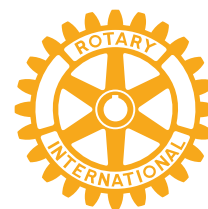


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**Bulletin of July 31, 2024**



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### Fifth Wednesday Social

**Cercis Brewing Company**

**140 N. Dickason Blvd., Columbus**



## Dedicated to Doing Good Together



The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty. What impact can one donation have?

- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children. <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

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## Minutes of Meeting on July 24, 2024

President Jake Flood called the meeting to order at 12:25 PM with the pledge of allegiance and an invocation for service. **Attendance:** 11/24 (48%).

RYEO Al Strohschein sent a report that Inbound Koume Mayashita had been delayed on her trip home.

Pres. Flood announced upcoming programs:

- 8/7: Randy Koehn, Columbus Area Historic Society
- 8/14: Columbus Schools
- 8/21: Board
- 8/28 RYE Inbound Student

**Happy Dollars:** Rick Rexrode was happy to celebrate ten years of retirement. Libby Gilbertson and Amy Sandow were happy for summer days without rain. Kathy Ewings was happy for her son's birthday. Karlee Nack was to have donated blood, Jake Flood was happy to have CHS Activities Director Jay Freerking in attendance

**50/50:** Ewings held the winning ticket and donated her winnings to Polio Plus, but did not draw the queen of clubs to win the jackpot, now at \$105.

**Program:** President Flood and Secretary St. Maurice presented background on Interact Clubs that our Club chartered in 2014. Columbus High School Interact Club President Karlee Nack and Vice President Leah Bradley reported on their Club's activities and their experiences at RYLA.



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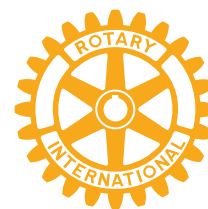
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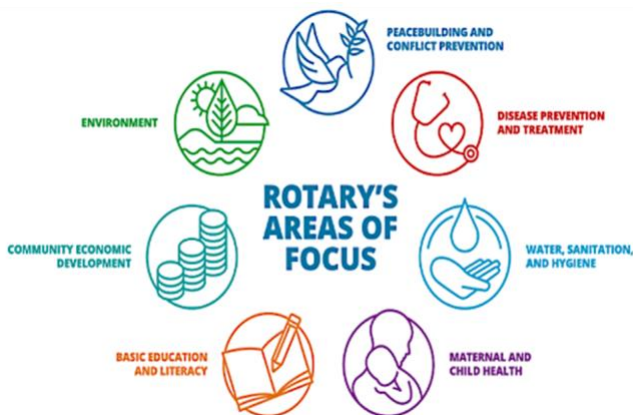
**900 Avalon Road, Columbus  
 Program: Interact Clubs Annual Reports**



For ten years, the Rotary Club of Columbus / Fall River has sponsored two Interact clubs in Columbus and Fall River high schools, Interact is for young people ages 12-18 who want to join together to tackle the issues in their community that they care most about. Interact, members carry out hands-on service projects; make international connections, and develop leadership skills.

Every Interact club carries out two service projects a year: one that helps your school or community and one that promotes international understanding. For example, our two clubs have led mental-health projects and food drives, including a Kids Against Hunger packaging event that prepares meals that are distributed world-wide to such places in need as Haiti and Ukraine.

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RYE Inbound Koume Mayashita reported on her week of travels and was feted with a cake and applause as Club members bid farewell as she returned to her home.



Pres. Flood announced upcoming programs.

**Happy Dollars:** Amy Sandow was happy-sad that Koume was leaving, as was Anne Donahue. Al Strohschein was happy for beautiful weather.

50/50: Strohschein held the winning ticket and donated his winnings to Polio Plus, but did not draw the queen of clubs to win the jackpot, now at \$100.

**Program:** President Jake Flood gave a speaker's gift to Past-President Brent Van Gysel after his presentation on his recent Group Friendship Exchange to the Philippines.



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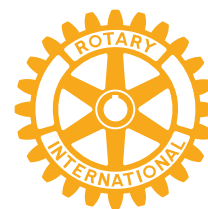


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Program: Friendship Exchange  
to Philippines

By Brent Van Gysel



The Rotary Friendship Exchange program gives Rotarians (including spouse, significant other or one family member) the opportunity to host and visit Rotarians around the world. In addition to experiencing other cultures and making lasting friendships, an exchange provides a strong foundation for carrying out other international activities and service projects.

The primary goal of a Friendship Exchange is to build greater international understanding and goodwill. In addition, exchange participants can learn how their vocations are practiced in other parts of the world, observe new customs and cultures, and promote an appreciation of cultural diversity worldwide.

Of particular note; the policy favors first time RFE'ers in cases where trips are oversubscribed.

Your very own Rotary District 6250 is known for having the most robust Rotary Friendship Exchange Program in North America... take advantage of these once in a lifetime opportunities!



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**Guest:** Kris Sanderson, guest of Libby Gilbertson.

**Attendance:** 11/24 (48%).

**Happy Dollars:** Amy Sandow was happy for the Club's float in the Columbus July Fourth Parade.



Henry St. Maurice was happy for the new Rotary Year. Rick Rexrode was happy that Past President Paul Sukenik was in attendance. Kristi Line was happy to celebrate her 14<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Libby Gilbertson was happy that her mom and sister were in attendance.

**50/50 Raffle:** Kathy Ewings won the drawing and donated her winnings, but did not pull the queen of clubs to win the jackpot, now at \$95.

**Program:** Eight past presidents passed the gavel to 2024-25 President Jake Flood, who gave a plaque and pin to Immediate Past President Libby Gilbertson.



President Flood then discussed plans for the upcoming year, to be sent to all members. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.



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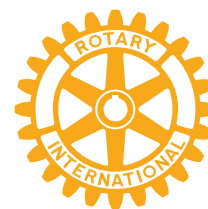


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Program: Passing Gavel to

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**Guests:** Anita Martin & Lowell Running from Lake Mills Rotary Club, guests of Al Strohschein. Bill & Liz O'Donnell, guests of Henry St. Maurice.

**Attendance:** 9/24 (38%).



RYEO Al Strohschein greeted RYE Rebound Nerissa Aitken (Australia 1980-81) and her former hosts Bill & Liz O'Donnell and Marlowe Running. Aitken reported on her RYE experiences that she said set up her professional life.



**Program:** President Libby Gilbertson and Kassia Skubis-Millar gave a speaker's gift to Jalea Henderson after her presentation on the Columbus Schools Transition Program. <https://www.columbus.k12.wi.us/Page/268>

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