



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

July 15, 2025

2025-2026 Board Members

President Patrick Baker
Pres Elect Bill Bartee
Past Pres Kim Brattain
Secretary Bill Gill
Treasurer Craig Field
Exec Dir Christine Cipriano

Directors 2024-2026

Benton Bragg
John Cantrell
Tish Atkins Charles
Dena Diorio
Stuart Hair
Jesse Hite
Virginia Owen

Directors 2025-2027

Byrd Bergeron
Karen Calder
J Hill
Ayo Johnson
Lori Keeton
Michael Orzech
Elizabeth Teagarden
Mike Wollinger

Membership Co-Chairs:

Linwood Bolles &
Shelley Dean

Foundation Stuart Hair

Programs

Elizabeth Teagarden



Kim Brattain
President 2024-25



Patrick Baker
President 2025-26

A Celebration of Leadership and Legacy

by **Layne McGuire**

This week's meeting was a heartfelt celebration of Rotary leadership as past presidents gathered to offer wisdom, humor, and encouragement to incoming President **Patrick Baker** and a thank outgoing President **Kim Brattain** for her wisdom and leadership.

We honored President Brattain for her dedication to Rotary, and she, in turn, acknowledged all the Board Members, Committee Members, and volunteers who make our club so impactful. Then she asked the numerous past presidents to introduce themselves and offer a word to our incoming president. We started with Ruth Shaw, the first woman to lead our Club.

Each shared personal reflections and advice, ranging from "walk softly and carry a big stick" to "don't start a meeting until you know what you want to be different when it ends."

Welcome, President **Patrick Baker**

Patrick Baker officially stepped into his role as President with a moving address that blended personal history, Rotary values, and a vision for the year ahead. He shared stories of his upbringing, career in public service, and deep appreciation for the Rotary community. Patrick emphasized the importance of:

- Fellowship over tribalism
- Connecting the dots between members' stories
- Service, impact, and fun as guiding principles
- Living the Four-Way Test in all we do

He also dedicated his presidency to the late Colonel Ray O'Neill, his father-in-law, who was a mentor and former Rotary president. His legacy continues to inspire.

As we look to the year ahead, President Baker's vision includes:

- Weekly reminders of Rotary's mission
- Encouraging deeper member engagement
- Celebrating wins and milestones; and
- Strengthening connections within the club and beyond

As he put it, "It's not just about coming to lunch every Tuesday—it's about being part of a global brotherhood and sisterhood of service."

A recording of the meeting can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/1102285546?fl=pl&fe=sh>