



Where North and South Meets East and West

# The Salina Rotator

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*Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*

Meets Every Monday Noon  
Tony's Pizza Events Center  
Heritage Hall

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## Member Spotlight

February is 'heart month.' The heart of Rotary is our members. I am pleased to feature one of our newest members, Lora Kirmer. Lora wants to get to know each of you better. Come back to Rotary and invite a friend to join. Let's make our beat go on! I am wishing you a healthy heart and a Happy Valentine's Day!

— Brenda O'Gorman, Membership Chair

I grew up in Holly, Colorado, a town of about 800 people just 4 miles inside of the Colorado border on Highway 50. I'm the youngest (and shortest) of three. Both of my parents worked for the local school district, as a teacher and transportation director. I attended McPherson College, where I earned my Bachelor of Arts in Communication with a minor in Transformative Entrepreneurship. While at McPherson, I also took courses in the Automotive Restoration program and focused on the automobile and society. After graduating in 2016, I moved around a bit before I settled in Emporia, Kansas, where I met my husband, Dustin Michelson. I lived in Emporia while I attended Kansas State University, earning my Master of Arts in Communication Studies in 2020. During my graduate student career, I taught public speaking and worked as a research assistant on a grant that studied juvenile justice in western Kansas. COVID-19 stunted my job search, but I was employed part-time at the Lyon County History Center until I found my



## Lora Kirmer

way to Child Advocacy and Parenting Services (CAPS), in March 2021. We moved to Salina in July 2021 with our three cats. Growing up in a rural town meant that many of our services were only there because of volunteers. My family spent weekends volunteering our time to run the local movie theater, manage the concession stands during summer baseball, and guiding youth activities after school. My experiences

as a community volunteer instilled a sense of service in me, which is something I am proud of. I feel an intrinsic sense to give back to my community through acts of service. When I am not volunteering or working, I can be found passionately pursuing any number of my hobbies. These include, but are definitely not limited to, running, reading, trying a new recipe, playing a new game, upcycling thrifted finds, researching autonomous vehicle technology and studying its socio-cultural impact, and exploring my community as if I were a tourist. I am glad to be part of the Salina Noon Rotary Club!

**NOON ROTARY TABLE PRAYER**  
Be present at our table Lord  
Be here as everywhere adored  
These mercies bless and grant that we  
May feast eternally with Thee. AMEN



Is it the truth?  
Is it fair to all concerned?  
Will it build goodwill and better fellowships?  
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



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President: Jenell Hulse

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

All Club Officers excluding Treasurer

International Service: Mitch Robinson

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Membership: Brenda O’Gorman

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Public Image: Mary Landes

2019 Elected Member: Brenda O’Gorman

2020 Elected Member: Kyle Smith

2021 Elected Member Terry Burger

**COMMITTEE / CHAIRPERSON**

Sergeant at Arms: Kyle Smith

Club Service / Family: Katy England

Club Historian: Jeff Koksall

Scholarship: Aaron Morrison &

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The Rotator: Michelle Peck & Mary Landes

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## President’s Message

Happy Founders month, Rotarians!

I find it pretty special that Rotary has been bringing people together for the last 117 years. A lot of lives have been touched in that amount of time, and through humanitarian service and friendship, millions and millions of people have been reached by Rotary.

Paul Harris said, “Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.” What a true statement. To me, Rotary means friendship and the close goal of living in a Polio free world. How awesome will it be to achieve that goal.

Stay Warm,  
Jenell

## Club News

### Youth Scholarships

Reminder: Youth Sports Sponsorships in amounts up to \$250 per sponsorship are available. The application is available on the website under the Links & Applications tab.

### Student Guests

Students from South High School will attend February Rotary meetings.

### Valentine’s Banquet

The annual Valentine’s Dinner will be Monday, February 14th, at 6 p.m. at the Salina Country Club. Signup sheets will be available at the next meeting, or you can RSVP via email: [sean@ryanmortuary.com](mailto:sean@ryanmortuary.com). Please do so by February 8.

## Birthdays

Name	Day
Kristi Hays	2/5
Roger Morrison	2/6
Todd Smith	2/9
Deena Horst	2/12
Daran Neuschafer	2/13
Trell Grinter	2/17
Erik Bonar	2/23
Allen Cooper	2/24
Beth Shearer	2/25
Morrie Soderberg	2/26

## February Speakers

Program Chair: Jessica Martin

### February 7



Andy Houltberg,  
Executive Director,  
Ashby House

Tony’s Event Center

### February 14

No Meeting

Valentine’s Day  
Banquet

Tony’s Event Center

### February 21



Mary Landes,  
Executive Director,  
The Temple

Tony’s Event Center

### February 28



Derek Birney,  
Salina Area  
Young Life

Tony’s Event Center