

Rotary This Week March 20 2025

Thanks, Erin Helgeson for ghost-writing and pictures for this week's newsletter. Editors Keith Mutchler and Allyson were both away on assignment.

In that light, it would be great if another Rotarian was interested in acting as a third editor to spread the work. Frankly, it is very manageable, with written guidelines and a lot of editorial privilege. If interested, see one of us.

Note years of service in the lower left.

Barry Metzentine, CEO, Sunshine Resources, receives his Rotary pin from sponsor Jeremy Paszczak and President Amy Kohnle.



Program-Mike Felhofer's Reclassification. New members to Rotary are asked to share a *Classification Presentation* providing background on their lives and occupations. A *Reclassification* is the opportunity for long-term Rotarians to share their history with club membership.

Mike is a native of Sturgeon Bay, graduating from SB High School, receiving a BS in Mining Engineering from Michigan Tech and an MBA from the University of Virginia.

Mike and Tonya have two daughters, one in college and one working for Edgewood College in Madison.

He joined Rotary in 1995 and was Club President in 2005-06. He is presently on the Rotary Board and actively coordinates transport for Peach and front desk activities with Ken Boetcher.

After graduation from Michigan Tech, he worked for Mead Paper, James River Corporation and Appleton Papers in the paper industry with increasing levels of responsibility in project management. He has lived in Tennessee, Massachusetts and Virginia as well as WI.

In 1993, Mike made a significant career change to entrepreneurship, starting a new endeavor in Door County making candles. While living in Massachusetts, he made special note of manufacturing candles at several outlets and the clientele that visited there. His grandfather and father had all started their own businesses, so why not?

He first rented an unheated garage where the Stone Harbor Resort now sits and later moved to Sunshine Resources for production space. The red pot listed later in this article is where he first experimented with candle making.

The next leg is history, moving to the present location of Door County Candle Company, located in Carlsville, where he significantly expanded over the years, selling the first in 1999, the second in 2021 and retiring (well, he really hasn't retired).



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Birthdays

Bret Bicoy
March 29th
Moriah Benzow
April 8th
Amy Leigh Kohnle
April 8th
Mark A. Jinkins
April 9th
Luke Staudenmaier
April 13th
J. Eric Paulsen
April 18th

Years of Service

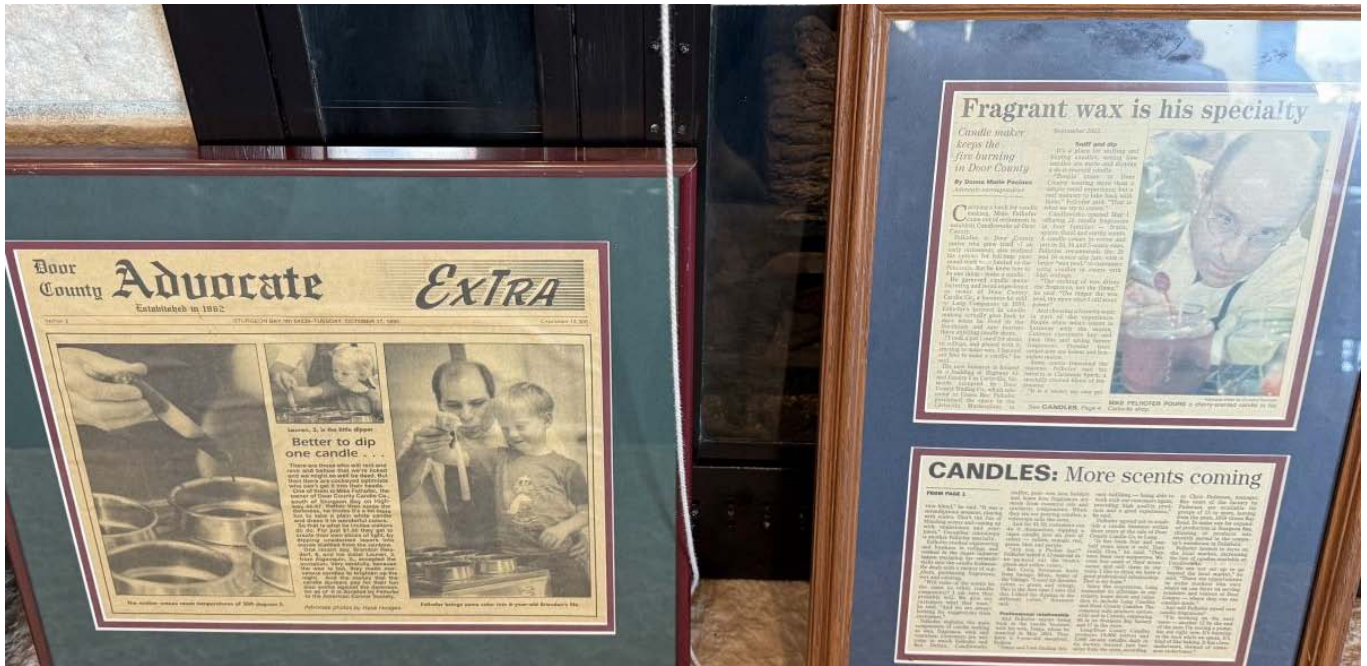
Kenneth Boettcher
04-01-1996
29 Years
Amy Leigh Kohnle
04-25-2002
23 Years
Keith Mutchler
04-30-2009
16 Years
Nathan T Drager
04-06-2017
8 Years
Jeremy M Paszczak
04-01-2021
4 Years
Tonya Felhofer
04-13-2023
2 Years
Michelle Lawrie
04-13-2023
2 Years

Mike Felhofer

Rotary Reclassification Candlemaker/Entrepreneur

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Mike has left a significant mark on developing Door County and continues as an active participant in several community organizations.

Other Entrepreneurial Adventures

- ▶ Door County Community Foundation 1999
 - ❖ Founding Director served 19 years on the BOD
- ▶ Nicolet National Bank 2000
 - ❖ Founding Director served 16 years on the BOD

Rather than accepting the traditional "coveted Rotary Mug", which Mike and Tonya have several, Mike accepted the cherished red pot that he used to feed himself through college and began his candle-making niche.



Door County is truly fortunate to have an outstanding citizen in Mike. Upcoming Programs:

- March 27- Jacob Brey, Peninsula Pride Farms
- April 3- Robert H Nickel Auditorium Presentation
- April 10-Jess Holland, Door County Community Foundation



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