



Rotary This Week March 27 2025

Announcements:

- [Welcome new Rotarian Jessica Holland](#)- Vice-President of Philanthropic Services-Door County Community Foundation.

Club Leaders



[Amy Leigh Kohnle](#)
President



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President-Elect



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iPast
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President-Nominee
Club
Director



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Chair
Membership
Chair



[Kenneth Boettcher](#)
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Club
Director
Past
President



[Tonya Felhofer](#)
Club
Director
Interact
Coordinator



[Karen M Gosser](#)
Club
Director



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Rotary
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Club
Director
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President



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Club
Director



[Robert C. Scieszinski](#)
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Director
Past
President

[John D. Swanson](#)
Club
Director



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

first...

Is it the TRUTH

second...

Is it FAIR to all

third...

Will it build
and BETTER F

fourth...

Will it be BE
to all conce



Robert M. Stuebi
Club RYE
Chair
Past
President



Grace Rossman
International
Service
Chair



Sean Linnan
Vocational
Service
Chair
Past
President

- The Rotary Board will have a Strategic Planning session, Saturday, April 19th, 8:30-11:30 at the Door County Daily News office. All members welcome.
- The Door County Housing Partnership Inc. will hold its annual "Raise the Roof Gala" on Thursday, May 15th, 5:30pm at Leatham Smith Lodge. \$100/person or \$700/ table. Two homes planned for 2025. See Scott Bader for more information.
- Newsletter Editors (Allyson Fleck and Keith Mutchler) are encouraging members without pictures in Dacdb (Rotary Site) to provide one to Allyson (executivedirector@midsummersmusic.com). Members (Moriah Benzow, Thad Birmingham, Ashley Bley, Ben Fletcher, Brian Hinrichs, Bill Hooker, Kayla Lehman, Jennalee Lundquist, Bary Metzentine, Randy Sahs, Carrie Schilz, Brian Stephens, Julia Stoneman, Dan Tjernagel, Dennsi White)

Jacob Brey of Penninsula Pride Farms-Jacob and his brother are 4th generation Door County farmers. Their 2000-acre farm is on Cty O in Southern Door. They milk 1600 cows, have 1000 heifers and about 350 beef cattle. Jacob and wife Lauren met while attending UW Madison and have two small children with one on the way. Jacob received a Rotary scholarship while in high school.

10 years ago, several farmers in Southern Door and Kewaunee started Penninsula Pride Farms as a way of pooling skills, knowledge and interest in continuing to

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
G. Mark Nelson
April 23rd

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



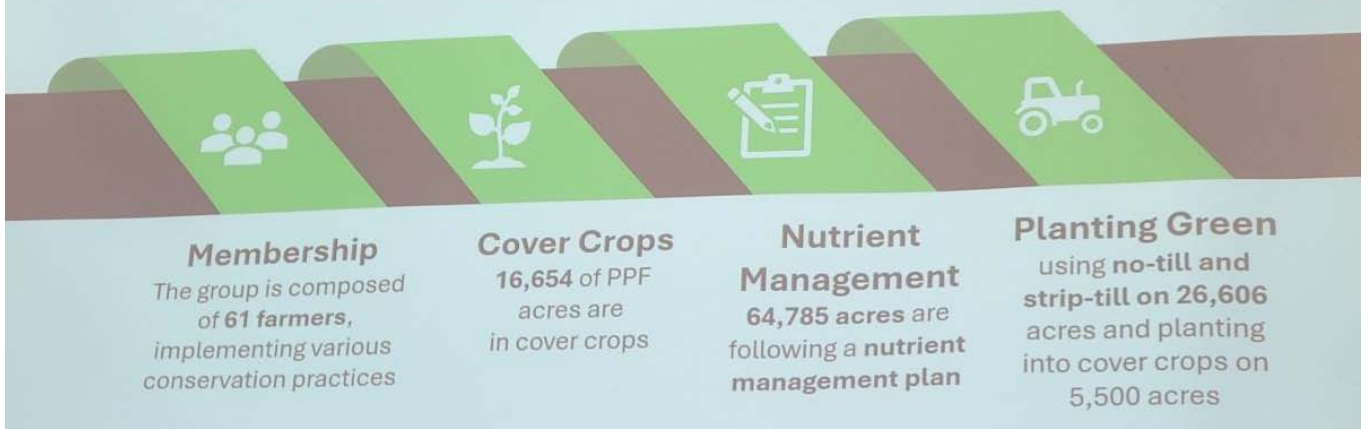
What we do

- Yearly conservation practice survey to document progress on environmental outcomes
- Field days, annual meeting – opportunities for learning and collaboration
- Cost-share to support farmers trying new practices – 46 farmers in 2024
- Sustainability project for individual members to get reports about their farms and aggregated results
- Collaboration with others in the local community to foster innovation and open conversation

Our members



Conservation progress report



Jacob talked a lot about the progress in learning associated with modifying traditional farm practices to impact the environment.

The impact



Climate

Reduced CO2 equivalents (greenhouse gas emissions) by **2 metric tons**. This equals the greenhouse gas emissions of **974 cars driven for a year**.



Soil Health

Farm fields have reduced sediment loss by **37,528 tons**, equivalent to **3,753 dump trucks' worth of soil**.



Water Quality

Phosphorus runoff was reduced by **53,139 pounds** of phosphorus, potentially preventing **26.6 million pounds** of algae growth in local water bodies.

This link was not presented at the meeting, but expands the message of Peninsula Pride Farms.
https://youtu.be/_NtlfRRydo0?si=0iKIUfhKzZgty1BN

Beyond farming, PPF engages in the community of Door, sponsoring an annual "Open Farm" event at a local farm with the Ridges Sanctuary. It occurs during the Memorial Day weekend. See their website.



Conservation Conversations





**PENINSULA
PRIDE FARMS**

Stay connected

- *Peninsulapridefarms.org*
- *Follow us on Facebook*
- *Jacob@breycyclefarm.com*

Jacob is a polished young man and shared an excellent overview of Peninsula Pride Farms. He reminded us all that while tourism is critical to Door County, Agriculture is where it all started and will continue to play a major role in the County.

Rotary has not been adequately represented by the agriculture community after losing Roger Anderson a few years back. I think Jacob would make an excellent Rotarian!



Future Meetings:

- April 3rd-Robert H Nickel, Auditorium Presentation
- April 10th-Jess Holland, Door County Community Foundation
- April 17th-Rotary Interact Club Presentation
- April 24th-Rotary Scholarship Presentation

