



**Oct 16, 2024**

**Brew Link Brewpub, Wednesdays**

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# ROTARY CLUB OF PLAINFIELD

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**October 12, 1492**



October 12, 1492. When I was growing up, and likely almost all readers of this piece as well, that date was well-recognized AND celebrated as the date upon which Christopher Columbus, his fellow sailors, and their fleet of three tiny ships, first touched new land in the Western Hemisphere – the New World. Of course, Columbus thought he had reached India, having no idea that his understanding of the earth being a globe – which was correct – did not include huge land masses in the path of his westward course to find that India. Some consider that he went to his grave still believing that he had contacted a part of Asia. Columbus was born in Genoa (now a part of Italy) in 1451, and died in Valladolid, Spain in 1506. He was a master navigator and was granted the title “Admiral of the Ocean Sea” in April 1492, five months before he set sail from the Canary Islands on September 8, 1492.

Later, Christopher Columbus’ feat became known as his Discovery of America. Many now dispute that Columbus discovered anything. Some of those say that because indigenous peoples were already here that they, and their lands, were not discovered. “You did not discover me; I was already here...” Well, the Dictionary.com definition of the word discover is, “to see, get knowledge of, learn of, find, or find out; gain sight or knowledge of (something previously unseen or unknown): *to discover America; to discover electricity.*” So even though people were already in the Americas, they certainly were discovered by Europeans who had almost no previous idea they and their land were there. Others contend that the Viking Leif Erikson did the discovering approximately 500 years earlier. If this contention is true, Erikson left no notable mark, good or bad, on the Americas. Columbus’ voyages clearly did leave their marks on the New World.

The Admiral’s, El Almirante in Spanish, voyages were underwritten by Ferdinand II and Isabella I, the monarchs of Spain. Their main mission was to bring goods such as herbs and spices to Europe without having to sail all the way around Africa. The voyages also hoped to bring Christianity to more of the world, and to bring gold back to Europe if any was to be found. These missions changed the course of the entire world forever. They clearly changed the lives of the indigenous people in North, South, and Central America, and in the Caribbean. Europeans certainly had many clashes with

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**“Nothing that results in human progress is achieved with unanimous consent. Those that are enlightened before the others are condemned to pursue that light in spite of the others.” - Christopher Columbus**

**“The sea will grant each man new hope, and sleep will bring dreams of home.” - Christopher Columbus**

**“I should not proceed by land to the East, as is customary, but by a Westerly route, in which direction we have hitherto no certain evidence that any one has gone.” - Christopher Columbus**

**“I have come to believe that this is a mighty continent which was hitherto unknown.” - Christopher Columbus**

**“By prevailing over all obstacles and distractions, one may unfailingly arrive at his chosen goal or destination.” - Christopher Columbus**

the natives, clashes of cultures, of goods, of diseases, of languages, of agriculture, of philosophies, and of religions, to name a few. Many of these clashes resulted in bad outcomes for the natives, in some cases wiping out entire tribes due to lack of immunity to new diseases, appropriating native gold for transport to Europe, moving people from their land, and taking some into captivity. But because of the European presence, the routine human sacrifice practiced by some tribes, and the enslavement of defeated enemy tribes by victorious tribes gradually ceased to exist. It may be difficult to argue that the indigenous peoples of the Western Hemisphere were better off after the colonization of this hemisphere by Europeans, but from the perspective of those who lost loved ones to the scourge of human sacrifice or inter-tribal warfare and conquest, perhaps this answer is not so obvious... What cannot be logically questioned is whether the entire globe is better off because of the voyages of El Almirante and his successors. The opening up of new lands to those suffering from religious and other oppressions in Europe stoked the fires of the philosophies that all men have individual value and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights. No man is without sin, and no civilization is without blemish, but the determination and the bravery of Christopher Columbus and his men, setting out on a mission no one had ever successfully done before, brought about one of the greatest turning points in human history – some say that 1492 stands unrivaled as the pivotal year for the birth of the modern world. To put it more succinctly, if it wasn’t for Columbus, none of us would be here today. Warts and all, Christopher Columbus and his accomplishments still deserve recognition.

## Upcoming Speakers/Events

- Oct 9 - Board Meeting - all Club members welcome
- Oct 16 - John Graham
- Oct 23 - Rocky Turner - Rocky will discuss farming in Hendricks County
- Oct 30 - Daniel Kinnamon - Brew Link brewery tour
- Nov 6 - Joe Bennett - Michelle Terry, Child Care Answers
- Nov 13 - Board Meeting - all Club members welcome
- Nov 20 - John Baer
- Dec 4 - Jan Baer
- Dec 11 - Board Meeting—all Club members welcome
- Dec 18 - John-Paul Biehn

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! OCTOBER

**John Graham - Oct 2**  
**Daniel Kinnamon - Oct 9**  
**Diane Burks - Oct 13**

## UPCOMING SPEAKER ASSIGNMENTS

Please carefully examine the schedule below and let Max Hank know who you have obtained as a speaker for your date.

Jan 3 Brian Culp	Jun 26 Donnie Emerson
Jan 17 Max Hank	Jul 17 Andrew Klinger
Jan 24 Bob Sands	Jul 24 Royce Carter
Jan 31 Andrew Klinger	Jul 31 Ryan Rash
Feb 7	Aug 7 Sherry Sighting
Feb 21 Scott Olinger	Aug 21 Brad DuBois
Feb 28 Ryan Rash	Aug 28 Reann Poray
Mar 6 Donnie Emerson	Sep 4 Diane Burks
Mar 20 Royce Carter	Sep 18 Scott Olinger
Mar 27 Diane Burks	Sep 25 Max Hank
Apr 3 Joe Bennett	Oct 2 Susan Ament
Apr 17 Sherry Sighting	Oct 16 John Graham
Apr 24 Brad DuBois	Oct 23 Rocky Turner
May 1 Susan Ament	Oct 30 Daniel Kinnamon
May 15 Rocky Turner	Nov 6 Joe Bennett
May 22 Reann Poray	Nov 20 John Baer
May 29 John Graham	Dec 4 Jan Baer
Jun 5 John Baer	Dec 18 John-Paul Biehn
Jun 19 Bob Sands	

## Little Free Library Maintenance Schedule

- Sep 4-10 - Susan Ament
- Sep 11-17 - Sherry Sighting
- Sep 18-24 - John & Jan Bear
- Sep 25-Oct 1 - Royce Carter
- Oct 2-8 - Brian Culp
- Oct 9-15 - Max Hank
- Oct 16-22 - Joe Bennett
- Oct 23-29 - Susan Ament
- Oct 30-Nov 5 - Max Hank

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SPEED BUMP



## Committees and Chairs

- Bulletin:** Max Hank
- Finance:** Joe Bennett
- Foundation:** John Baer
- Fundraising :**
  - Golf Outing:** John Baer, Brad Dubois
  - Crew Car Wash:** Sherry Sighting
- Membership:** Brian Culp
- Orientation:** John Baer & Diane Burks
- Programs:** Brian Culp
- PR & Website:** John Baer
- Quaker Day Parade & Picnic:** TBD
- Service Committees:** Royce Carter
  - Literacy/LFL:** Joe Bennett
  - Teacher of the Year:** Max Hank
  - Youth:** Diane Burks
    - Interact and RYLA:** Diane Burks
    - Scholarships:** Max Hank
    - Straight-A Salute:** Sherry Sighting
    - The Imagination & Idea Labs:** Diane Burks

## 4-Way Test

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?
- (5. IS IT FUN?)

