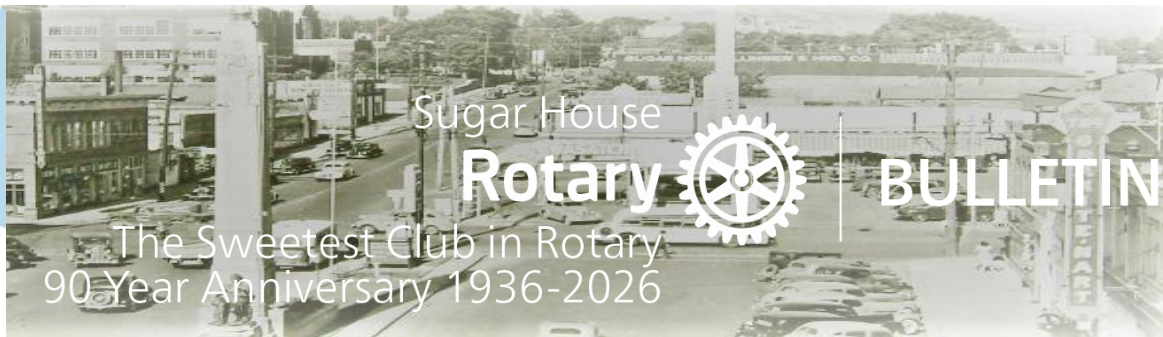




**“Create Lasting Impact”**

Vol. 74 No. 2 CLUB 1085 The Rotary Club of Sugar House The Sweetest Club in Rotary District 5420 July 9, 2026

<http://www.sugarhouserotary.com>

PO Box 526102, SLC, UT 84152 Thursday 12:00 pm, Program 12:15 pm,

**In Person meeting. Columbus Adult Education Center, 1860 South 300 East, SLC. Enter West Door**

### **OPENING – 12:15 PM**

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| <b>Conducting</b>      | <b>Jeff Driggs</b>   |
| <b>Pledge and 4way</b> | <b>TBA</b>           |
| <b>Thought</b>         | <b>TBA</b>           |
| <b>Music</b>           | <b>Merrill Smith</b> |

### **Take Me Out to the Ball Game**

Take me out to the ball game,  
Take me out with the crowd;  
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,  
I don't care if I never get back.  
Let me root,  
root, root for the home team,  
If they don't win, it's a shame.  
For it's one, two,  
three strikes, you're out,  
At the old ball game.

### **WELCOME SONG**

**Welcome to Sugar House Rotary,  
We're mighty glad you are here  
We'd like to sing you a long song  
But a wrong song might appear  
So sit you down and make some  
Friends today . . . RIGHT HERE**

## **Jeffrey Driggs**

Looking forward to Brandon Briggs, Tom Thatcher, and Darrel Thompson presenting at this week's meeting about the plans for the Club Administration, Service Projects, and Social Activities.



I found this photograph of President Jeff to be evocative of him.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, July 16; No meeting. Attend the Bees Baseball game on July 17.**

**Friday July 17;** Bees Baseball game. Kristi Guest is in charge of this. The cost is \$65 per person. Register by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow from Kristi. This is a District event, and the incoming District Governor Peter Cardon will attend and have a few minutes to introduce himself.

**Saturday, July 18;** *Anything Goes* at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center (2525 W Taylorsville Blvd (5400 S.) in Taylorsville) on Saturday, July 18, 7:30 p.m. Contact Steve Knudson for group ticket information. 801-556-9396.

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, July 23;** RoLayne Fairclough, Salt Lake Rotary Acts of Kindness micro grants. Meeting at Sugar House Pizza, 1063 E 2100 South.

**5<sup>th</sup> Thursday, July 30;** No meeting, Fifth week.

**Saturday, August 1;** Board Meeting 10:30 am, Sprague Library, 2131 S 1100 East.

**Wednesday, August 5;** Raise the Future, 5:00 pm at Washington Park. East end of Mountain Dell Golf Course frontage road. Same location as last year.

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, August 6;** No meeting. Attend **Raise the Future the day before.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, August 13;** Days of '47 Royalty. Queen Lindsey Christenson,



## **Upcoming Meetings**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, July 9;** Business Meeting. Committee Discussion Part 2. Columbus Adult Education Center.

Attendants Daniela Bergantz, and Sarah Lowry. Meeting at Sugar House Pizza, 1063 E 2100 South.



**3rd Thursday, August 20;** District Governor Peter Cardon official club visit. Meeting at Sugar House Pizza, 1063 E 2100 South.

**4th Thursday, August 27;** Rachel Bee, body language expert. Meeting at Sugar House Pizza, 1063 E 2100 South.

**1st Thursday, September 3;** Business meeting and birthday salute.

**4th Thursday, September 24;** Madison Archibald, Patron Outreach and Services Manager at Westminster University, for support in the College of Arts and Sciences. Meeting at Westminster Campus.

**Sugar House Rotary Club**  
**Leadership Team** 2025-2026

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| President                | Jeff Driggs        |
| VP/President Elect       | Tom King           |
| Immediate Past President | Hal Weight         |
| Secretary/Treasurer      | David Baranowski   |
| Sgt. At Arms             | Paul Halliday, Jr. |
| Director 3-year          | Gene Davis         |
| Director 2-year          | James Beck         |
| Director 1-year          | Donald Saxon       |
| Chair Membership         | Kristi Guest       |
| Chair Public Image       | Lynda Brown        |
| Chair Rotary Foundation  | Errol EerNisse     |
| Chair Youth Services     | Dale Lambert       |
| Chair Socials            | Steve Knudsonski   |

Stephen Willard Richards Obituary, January 30, 1941 ~ May 25, 2026. He was perrenially late before Ken Simpson.

-Stephen Willard Richards, 85, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on May 25, 2026, surrounded by his family after a short yet courageous battle with heart disease.



Born on January 30, 1941, in Bingham Canyon to Stephen Coulam and Ruby Mae Oleson Richards, he was the first of five children. Known as "Billy" to family and friends, Dad grew up in Millcreek and graduated from Olympus High School before earning his bachelor's degree in accounting, magna cum laude, from the University of Utah. He remained a devoted lifelong Ute fan from that point on.

On July 10, 1970, he married the love of his life, Kathleen Murray, in the Salt Lake Temple. Together, they built a life centered on faith, family, service, and unconditional love.

Dad was a devoted and faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.. Dad was called to serve a mission in the Swiss-Austrian Mission from 1960 to 1962, while his father was presiding over the West/Central German Mission.

As the patriarch of our family, Dad took great pride in his heritage as a descendant of Willard Richards. He deeply valued the importance of upholding the family name and taught us to live in ways that honored the legacy and example of those who came before us.

Dad began working at Granite Furniture Company at an early age, where he spent his entire professional career. Known to many as "Steve Jr.," he cherished the opportunity to work alongside many family members, including his father, brother, cousins, and children, becoming an essential part of the family business and its legacy.

Dad had a deep love for music and was blessed with perfect pitch. He especially loved listening to classical composers such as Rachmaninoff and Tchaikovsky. He was an accomplished piano player and found great joy in sharing his musical talents throughout his life, including singing in The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square from 1968 through 1976. During that time, he performed throughout Western and Central Europe, Mexico, and at President Nixon's inauguration.

Outside of work, Dad loved spending time at the lake on his boat. He will always be remembered slaloming across the water on his antique wooden ski, wearing short shorts and showing off his famous white legs. Bear Lake was a special place for Dad-a place where he could leave behind the day-to-day stress of life and relax with family.

He was a true example of unconditional Christlike love and kindness and will be remembered for the love he showed to all those around him. He is also remembered for his warm smile, firm handshake, contagious laugh, and heartfelt hugs. He never spoke negatively about others and genuinely loved and cared for people.

He is survived by his sweetheart of 55 years, Kathleen; daughter, Angela Richards; sons, Stephen Richards and Christian (Amanda) Richards; eight grandchildren; brother, Robert (Barbara) Richards; and sisters, Alice Stohl, Rebecca (Douglas) Stoker, and Janice (Kevin) Call. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 3,