

Introducing: Interim Executive Director Melissa Rau



Dear RROC Members,
My name is Melissa Rau, and I'm thrilled to introduce myself as the new Interim Executive Director. I am truly honored to have the opportunity to work alongside such a passionate and dedicated group of individuals!

Before joining RROC, I had the privilege of serving as the Executive Director for Drug-Free PA, the Director of Operations for Linwood Estate, and the Executive Director for The Elegance at Hershey – a Concours d'Elegance. Also, a little more about me, I am a graduate of the Penn State University and I reside about 20 minutes from the RROC/RRF offices with my husband, Chris and our two Bernedoodle dogs. I'm excited to bring my experience to my new role and continue the amazing work that has already been done.

I'm eager to get to know each of you better in the coming weeks. Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions, ideas, or just want to introduce yourself.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Rau".



The Rolls-Royce Foundation Chairman's Quarterly Update

Central Pennsylvania's cold winter certainly didn't slow down the action here at the Rolls-Royce Foundation over the last three months! The activities and progress have been non-stop! Translation – we have been very busy!

I want to start off with a very big thank you to all our members, donors, and supporters! Your generosity during our year-end appeal has helped us achieve our highest year-end fundraising ever! Not only did we have a record-breaking year-end appeal, but the overall number of donors was at an all-time high! Many hands make light work, and the 2024 year-end fundraising results will help make many of our 2025 goals a reality!

We are already putting your kind generosity to work! We have begun several new projects to enhance the museum, like new light fixtures for

the entire Showroom, Garage, and Workshop area with high-efficiency LED lights. We installed a new boiler for our radiant floor system, and just last week, construction began on our new library with a reading and research space! All are welcome upgrades to our busy facility!

We had a very successful showing at the 2025 Pennsylvania Auto Show this past January. RRF Volunteers worked alongside RROC HQ Members to staff the display, and we were once again the most photographed and talked about display on social media for the entire 4-day event! I must thank our friends at Rolls-Royce Motor Cars and Bentley Motors for their incredible loans to the Foundation for the show!

Preparations are underway for our return to the 2025 Carlisle Import

and Performance Nationals to defend our title as the “Coolest Car Club”! Or as I prefer to say... “The Finest Proper Motoring Club”! We have big plans for this year, so please join us! I promise you will simply be delighted with what you find!

We said farewell to the outgoing Rolls-Royce Owners’ Club Executive Director, Mark Lizewskie, in February, and we wish him well on his next adventure. All of us at the Rolls-Royce Foundation wish to welcome the new RROC Executive Director, Melissa Rau, to the Rolls-Royce and Bentley Family. As you all know, the RROC and RRF reside on the same campus, and we have enjoyed getting to know Melissa and working alongside her over the last month! We’re always here to support our friends at the Rolls-Royce Owners’ Club and continue working side by side with them for the betterment of both organizations!

I also want to thank our Head Research Librarian, Sarah Holibaugh, for her monumental effort at holding down the fort for us during the last three months. She is an amazing asset to the Foundation, and I thank her and her volunteer army for all their incredible hard work and dedication!

In closing, we are off to a hot start in 2025, and I look forward to many more positive advancements for our favorite Rolls-Royce and Bentley Museum and Research Library! Stay Tuned!

Yours in Fine Motoring,

*George F. Wagman III
Chair,
Rolls-Royce Foundation*



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