

# Rotary

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# SMILE

THIS WEEK AT ROTARY . . . Monday, October 26, 2020

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## The COVID-19 Pandemic

Rotary Calendar



**Speaker: Dr. Roberto Colón**  
System Vice President of Quality and Safety & Associate Chief Medical Officer, Miami Valley Hospital



COVID-19 flash year-in-review. What have we learned, where are we and where are we going? Dr. Colón will briefly review the history of this pandemic and discuss our current state. He will try to help clarify some controversies about this disease and will conclude with a look ahead at what is on the horizon.

**Chair of the Day: Diane Ewing**

- October 22 Board of Directors Meeting 12 Noon
- October 24 **WORLD POLIO DAY**
- October 26 Dr. Rob Colon, COVID Update
- October 28 Foundation Trustee Meeting 4:00 P.M.
- November 2 Amy Radachi, Rebuilding Together Dayton
- November 9 Mike Uhl, Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association
- November 16 Jeff Cooper, Montgomery County Public Health Department "Racism as a Public Health Issue"
- November 30 Luke Dennis and Neenah Ellis, WYSO

**PLEASE NOTE WE WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETINGS EACH MONDAY AT 12 NOON.**

### This Happened Last Monday

This Monday's meeting began with breakout rooms, similar to last week. It's been so long since we've had a chance to mingle and visit with others prior to our weekly meeting, Rotarians seem to really enjoy getting together in smaller groups to have more casual conversation, prior to the start of the formal meeting. Brian kicked off the meeting, sharing sad news of Rotarian Ken Hopkins passing. He shared a very nice obituary with us and asked that we keep Ken's family in our thoughts and prayers. Bill Nance again provided the invocation, 4-Way Test, and the pledge to the flag. And, he reminded us it IS Fall! Cooler temps and some rainy days are in the forecast. This should come as no surprise, folks!

Secretary Kim (your SMILE reporter!) asked Rotarians to introduce any visitors and guests and we "met" Mary Bane (new member in progress) as well as Diane Farrell's husband and stepson. Many Rotarians are celebrating birthdays this week...they were highlighted in last week's SMILE! Refer back for the list and photos! Our club will again be providing coats, hats, gloves, scarves for Dayton Public School children in need. Many of these students are currently living in homeless shelters. And with that, the DayTens began! That single announcement, and Frank Scott's generosity for his birthday, prompted many generous donations. Paul Gruner - Day \$100 toward Paul Harris Fellow, Frank Scott - \$150 to PolioPlus and our club's \$1,500 pledge to RI and also \$100 toward the DPS annual coat project. Kelly Lehman - \$150 toward PolioPlus, in honor of Frank's leadership and birthday. Susie Weaver - \$30 in honor of her neighbor and friend, Macy Janney, who passed away recently. From Rita Cyr - \$100 birthday contribution. Penny Wolff - Day \$20 for PolioPlus in honor of her first grandchild, Henry, who was born 20 years ago on October 23. Steve Naas - Day \$50 in honor of Ken Hopkins. "A truly nice gentleman and I was very happy to know him. Dayton Rotary made this happen for me." Sue Taylor - \$100 for Polio. John Lyman - Day \$50 to Coats and a Day \$50 to Polio. Georgie Woessner - \$50 for polio; Kathleen Carlson - Day \$100 for coats. Jean Maychack - \$150 toward Polio-Plus for district representatives Greg, Sue and Frank .

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**Rotary International Theme  
2020-2021**



**Greg Birkemeyer**  
District Governor 6670  
Rotary Club of Dayton

**The Mission of Rotary International**

To support its member clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary by:

- Fostering unity among member clubs;
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world;
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and providing a system of international administration.

**The Mission of Dayton Rotary**

The Rotary Club of Dayton is a fellowship of diverse business and professional leaders who commit their time and talent to staying informed and serving the club, the community and the world.

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**2020-2021 Officers and Directors**

Brian Martin	President
Shaun Yu	President-Elect
Walt Hibner	Vice-President
Kim Bramlage	Secretary
Randy Domigan	Treasurer
Jean Maychack	Immediate Past President
Frank Scott	Director (2022)
Lisa Wagner	Director (2022)
Diane Farrell	Director (2021)
Becky Benná	Director (2021)
Brad Roediger	Director (2021)
Laura Erbaugh	Executive Director

**Birthday Wishes**



Greg Robinson  
937-294-2468  
October 26



Ann Charles Watts  
937-545-7539  
October 28



Lisa Holmes  
937-325-1509  
October 29



Brandon McClain  
937-902-7315  
October 29



Jim Beerbower  
937-750-4791  
October 30

**Nominating Committee Seeking  
Those who are Interested in Serving  
in a Leadership Position**

The Nominating Committee is beginning the process to prepare a slate of candidates for our December 7th elections.

At this time they would like to hear from Rotarians who are interested in serving in a leadership position during the 2021-2022 Rotary year. We will be compiling a list of candidates for club and foundation officers. We will be looking for candidates for Club Vice President, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, 3 Club Board of Directors (2 year term) and 3 Foundation Trustees (3 year term). If you have an interest in club leadership at this level, or wish to nominate someone else, then please email [Laura \[laura@daytonrotary.com\]\(mailto:laura@daytonrotary.com\)](mailto:laura@daytonrotary.com) and let her know by **October 26th** or you may speak to Jean Maychack.

**Nominating Committee:** Jean Maychack, Chair, Terry Williamson, Cathy Ponitz, Karla Garrett Harshaw, Matt Scarr, and Steve Naas

**Foundation Contributions in the Bank**

Fran Rickenbach  
Rusty Clifford  
David Bowman  
Jim Deuser  
Susie Weaver  
Alisa Zink

Susie Weaver  
Tom Kemp  
Diane Welborn  
Dick Meyer  
Steve Conklin  
Charlie Campbell



**Thank You!**

## This Happened Last Monday Continued

Penny Wolf - \$50 for coats. Lonnie Franks – Day \$20 for Polio and Day \$50 for coats. Nora Vondrell - Day \$50 in honor of Frank Scott and his work toward ending polio. Holly Wiggins – In honor of her daughter's birthday, a Day \$100 (\$50 for polio and \$50 for coats.) Andrea Wall (new member!) – “For my birthday tomorrow, it's my pleasure to give a Day \$50 for the Coat Project.” Julie Deacon - Day \$100 - \$50 for polio and \$50 for coats. Matt Jessup - \$50 for coats. While we ran out of time for other announcements, several were posted to the chat:

-From Karla Garrett Harshaw: You are invited to participate in a virtual Access to Justice Awards Celebration! to honor Judy Hennessey, retired superintendent of the Dayton Early College Academy (DECA), Judith LaMasga, attorney who secures guardianships for vulnerable people through Life Essentials, Gabriela Pickett, an advocate for immigrants and member of the Dayton City School Board, and posthumously for Pastor Robert E. Jones, retired co-pastor of College Hill Community Presbyterian Church, and social advocate prior to his death in March. For more information, contact Karla Garrett Harshaw, at [kharshaw@ablelaw.org](mailto:kharshaw@ablelaw.org)

-From the Farrells - CONGRATS Big Hoopla... First Four through 2026! -From Fran Rickenbach on the First Four - Congratulations to Jacquie Powell and everyone who made that happen! -From Nick Warrington: We are currently in the process of planning ArtsGala 2021. Save the Dates will be going out in mid-November. If you would like to be on our mailing list, please complete the form on the link: <https://www.wright.edu/artsgala/sign-up-for-artsgala-updates>. -From Holly Wiggins: I'd like to announce an agreement that DP&L and Vectren have made with Montgomery County for CARES Act Funds to be used to give assistance to residential customers help with their utility bills if they are Montgomery County residents and affected by COVID in some way. Go to [www.mcohiocares.org](http://www.mcohiocares.org). President Brian Martin then introduced our newest Rotarian member, Wilbert Curtis from Cox media. (Check out his bio info in this SMILE.) Welcome, Wilbert!

And, finally, Jim Gallagher had the pleasure of introducing his friend and colleague, Jeff Hoagland (also Dayton Rotarian), from the Dayton Development Coalition (DDC). The Coalition's mission is to recruit, expand and retain jobs in the Dayton Region, which encompasses 14 counties and affects 1.8 million people. There are 25 people on staff at the Coalition and it is one of six JobsOhio Network Partners state-wide. The DDC is also involved in new business capital investment, coordinating the community priorities for government funding (PDAC) and working closely with WPAFB and the USAF on many initiatives. In 2008, the DDC set a goal to bring 10,000 jobs to the region by 2020 and by the end of 2019, more than 23,000 jobs had been created here. Early in 2020, some events and milestones happened, thanks to the Coalition, including the Fuyao \$46M capital expansion, the American Factory Oscar win, the “Workforce We Need” event with WPAFB, UD Men's Basketball national attention and Site Selection magazine's Governor's Cup recognition.

While many other events were planned for this year, most were cancelled due to the pandemic. The DDC continues to monitor the economic and unemployment challenges due to this crisis and they have implemented a business support strategy to help local companies. Even during the pandemic, job-creating projects are still in the works with JobsOhio including the Ohio Site Inventory Program, Vibrant Communities Program and JobsOhio Innovation Grants. The Coalition itself is working with AFRL and local companies to assist the U.S. fight the pandemic.

Going forward, Jeff and the DDC staff are continuing to find opportunities for regional investment and leverage programs to create more jobs. Supporting the Air Force mission is critical to our region's continued success and there are many ongoing partnerships between private companies, WPAFB and the DDC. Jeff's message was “the Dayton Region has worked through economic downturns and we know how to rebound.” Our region has many positives and has been resilient through tough times of all kinds...The Road Starts Here! Thank you, Jeff, for providing a very detailed, informative presentation today! After some questions, the meeting was adjourned. Next week's speaker will be discussing the current situation with the COVID pandemic and what the next few months have in store for us. Should be very enlightening.

## He Shall Be Missed



Kenneth Herbert Hopkins, beloved husband, father and grandfather passed away peacefully September 25th, 2020. His final days were at Hospice of Dayton and the family was blessed to be able to spend time with him there. Ken was born June 20th, 1928 in Buffalo New York. He graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic institute with an engineering degree and a Masters of Business Administration from University of Buffalo. He was an engineer by trade but spent most of his career in business management. He first was employed with American Standard, then Weatherhead, and Rockwell International. He came to

Dayton after purchasing Field Abrasives in 1981. He retired in 2004 and lived in Kettering. Ken enjoyed sailing, traveling and golfing. Ken was married to his wife Irene Hopkins for 66 years and spent many years' together enjoying family and friends. Ken is survived by his two children, Beth Bickel and Karen DeBanto and two grandchildren, Julie Bickel and Scott Bickel. There will be no Viewing and the Service will be immediate family only. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests giving money to Hospice of Dayton. **If you would like to send a note of sympathy to Ken's wife Irene you may do so at: 590 Isaac Prugh Way Suite 406, Dayton, Ohio 45429**



## Dayton Rotary Annual Dayton Public Schools Coats+ Drive

**We will once again be providing coats, hats and gloves for Dayton Public School children\*** (as well as other necessary clothing items that are needed like uniform pants, shirts and undergarments). **These children attend different schools throughout the district, and many are HOMELESS and living in shelters or are living in economically disadvantaged home situations.** *\*We will help as many kids as funds allow (last year we helped 150+!)*  
**We thank Alisa Zink for serving as our coat drive chair again this year.**

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### How Can You Help?

We ask that you donate money to the coat fund, and we will do the shopping for you!! **(Simply donate \$50 or whatever you feel comfortable giving, and we will purchase a coat, hat and gloves for a child - checks should be made payable to *Dayton Rotary Foundation* with *Coat Project* in the memo section.) Or you may donate online at our website—donate button scroll down to designate for Coat Project.**



We received a generous matching grant of \$2,250 from the District 6670 Foundation to use for this project but we still need **YOUR** help to reach the match goal.

Since our weather is unpredictable and unseasonable, we would like to get the coats to the students by mid-November. Please turn in monetary donations **no later than November 16th**. The earlier we have the funds, the more time the committee will have to complete shopping and sorting!



### New Member Profile

As the Senior Manager of Distribution at Dayton Daily News, **Wilbert Curtis** is committed to improving Subscriber Experience and continuing the legacy of the Cox Family to promote quality journalism. Wilbert began his tenure with Cox in 2006 in Atlanta Ga. holding the positions of Regional Manager and Single Copy Manager at the Atlanta Journal Constitution. In December 2016, Wilbert transferred to the Dayton Daily News to assist the newspaper with industry changes, and to use previous distribution experiences to help improve important service metrics. Prior to working with Cox Enterprise Inc., Wilbert worked in the field of his Business Management Studies at the University of Akron working 20 years at First National Bank of Akron as a Branch Manager, and for Diebold Inc. in the Electronic Security Division as a Quality Manager. Wilbert also completed on campus certification studies at Miami University (Oxford, OH) and Harvard University. Born in Bennettsville, South Carolina his family moved to Akron Ohio at a very early age, so Wilbert had the privileged of growing up as a Buckeye Fan. He is also the proud father of two adult daughters and three grandchildren. With a busy work schedule, he has not had a chance to settle on any primary hobbies but enjoy traveling to separate personal life from business.



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