



Club Meeting

Westerville Sunrise Meets at The Old Bag of Nails Pub
24 N. State St. 3rd Fl.
Westerville, OH 43081
Time: Wednesday at 07:15 AM

Speakers

February 10, 2021
[Alison Sutherland & Carolina Zocca - Rotary Action Group for Peace](#)
On-line Only

February 17, 2021
[Paul Cory - Red Cross](#)
On-line Only

February 24, 2021
[Jason Bechtold - Economic Development Director for the City of Westerville](#)
On-line Only

March 03, 2021
[Making a Difference #3 - VOICCorps Reading Service](#)
On-line Only

Birthdays

Michael Murray
February 12th
Wade Bryant Hicks Jr.
February 18th
Craig H. Watterson
February 19th
Eugene L. Hollins
February 21st
Gregory Ruban
February 24th
Robert P. Freed
February 25th
Mark Morgan
February 26th
Allan L. Forsythe
March 5th
Paul E. Kulik
March 5th
Ruth I. Stenberg
March 7th

Years of Service

Jeffrey A. Daniels
02-26-2003
18 Years
Michael K. Fultz
03-09-2005
16 Years
Patrick C. Kemmer
03-09-2005
16 Years
Paul E. Kulik
02-18-2009
12 Years

Be a Sweetheart - Zoom with us!



Join us on the small Zoom screen this Wednesday morning, Feb 10th, starting at 7:15 AM. Hearts and flowers optional.

Join zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88245561061?pwd=aFdBczRGVE1yVng5dVNMMTJBOG0zd09>
Meeting ID: 882 4556 1061
Passcode: 723850

Your Help Needed for the Virtual Chilly Open February 20

By Lawrence C. Jenkins



- 1. Be a Sponsor** ♦ We are still running the option for \$200 of a sponsorship of \$500 or more to go toward your annual Rotary Foundation Giving so a true Win-Win (Rotarian Sponsor Form Attached)
- 2. Recruit a sponsor** ♦ All for a good cause and with a virtual event we will be able to give recognition up close and personal (Regular Sponsor Form Attached)
- 3. Secure Items for the Silent Auction** ♦ our auction will obviously run online and will be open for several days. This will drive additional exposure for our event and our sponsors and is the single best way to raise funds that directly benefit the effort. There is no such thing as a bad auction item. It can either be sold alone or grouped into a basket of items to increase its value. Items can be dropped off at Dennis Blair ♦s office and if you have any questions about the auction, please reach out to the auction committee (Jim Davis, Linda Bokros & Julie Colley)
- 4. Donate a Bottle (unopened) for the Raffle** ♦ our raffle will be run through the online auction platform and the effort will be to ♦stock the bar ♦. Donations of wine or alcohol can be grouped into a big value package. If we get enough bottles there may be more than one option from General Stock the Bar to a Bourbon Collectors package. Again drop items at Dennis Blair ♦s office (I promise he will not drink it)
- 5. Sell Enhanced Ticket Packages** ♦ we are creating a special package to help people feel engaged with the virtual program and that will bring a little extra value. Cost will be \$25 per package and these will be delivered (with your help) to people ♦s doorsteps the day before the event.

Making a Difference

By Donna H. Rudderow

Local Matters is our Making a Difference charity for January/February. Local Matters is working to improve the health of our communities by increasing access to healthy foods, and providing education to at-risk families about how to prepare those foods in a way that is healthy and affordable. The items on our Amazon wishlist will be provided to our participants in our virtual education programs -- including groups of patients/families from Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus Urban League, and I am My Brother's Keeper -- to help them prepare healthy meals at home. We have a long history providing food education in our community and we know that one of the biggest barriers to low-income families cooking at home is not having the basic kitchen equipment to do it efficiently and safely.



Thanks to all who have purchased items on the Amazon wishlist. It's not too late if you'd like to participate. The link is

The link is https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/122S7KMF0YVQU?ref=wl_share

Thank you upcoming Invocators



Due to increased on-site COVID safety precautions and ongoing hybrid meetings, the role of Greeter will be filled by Board Members.

Date	Invocation & Pledge	Greeter
10-Feb-21	Kellogg, John R.	AJ Fox
17-Feb-21	Kemmer, Patrick C.	Dennis Blair
24-Feb-21	Kinney, Lyn	Michael Herron

Proposed New Members

The following individuals are being proposed for membership in the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club. Please find a way to say hello to **Jason Seeley** (sponsor Jim Flaherty) and **Kenny Diaz** (sponsor Mark Morgan)!

Julie Ann Colley
02-29-2012
9 Years

Ron Pusateri
02-27-2013
8 Years

John R. Kellogg
02-26-2014
7 Years

Mark A. Massen
03-01-2017
4 Years

David A Lilley
03-01-2017
4 Years

Arturo Sanabria
03-01-2017
4 Years

John Logue
03-01-2017
4 Years

Helka Christine Casey
03-01-2017
4 Years

James T. Caldwell
02-28-2018
3 Years

Kenneth L. Wright
02-28-2018
3 Years

Theresa Petraszak
02-27-2019
2 Years

Michael Murray
02-27-2019
2 Years

Charles E Durant Jr.
02-27-2019
2 Years

Frank Mayer II
02-27-2019
2 Years



Why I became a Rotarian

By Kenneth L. Wright

The People. The Passion. The Purpose.

Let's Start with the People:

Way back in October of 2017, Dennis Blair invited me to attend a Sunrise Rotary meeting. I didn't know much about Rotary; but I did know Dennis -- through our work on the MLK Breakfast Committee. So I figured I would check it out --- I figured that I'd slip in unnoticed, blend into the scenery, see if it was my cup of tea, or dip out early if it wasn't.

WRONG! On all counts.

The greeters at the door, ensured that I wouldn't slip in unnoticed!

My handsome face and hulking frame ensured that I wouldn't blend into the scenery.

And to my surprise, despite being a straight up introvert, I was comfortable speaking with people I didn't know -- because the reception I got was warm and sincere.

Fast forward a few weeks, and there was a Comedy Showcase during a meeting and that's what sealed the deal for me.

There were funny jokes.

There were dad jokes.

And there were jokes that made me say, "Bless Your Heart, You Tried!"

I said to myself, "I like this cast of characters. I'm in!"

As far as The Passion is concerned:

I used my camera to break the ice -- and to find a way to fit in. And through my lens, I saw "Service Above Self" at work time and again. The first event I shot was the joint tree planting project with the noon club and that's where I became familiar with the term "Rotarians at Work." It was a great experience. And that put my table-bussing duties at the Chilly Open in perspective.

Following my shift, I pulled out my camera and capture more precious moments of Rotarians at Work and Play! I was honored to be asked to photograph the Field of Heroes that year. I felt that my passion for service was being recognized and that made me happy.

Now let's talk about The Purpose:

Last week, Lynn referenced the Rotary pins she's collected over the years. And it got me thinking about mine.

With the hopes of "Making a Difference," this new guy broke out his camera to share his time and talents with his new club.

I accepted the invitation to join the Sunrise Rotary Club Board, in part to increase my level of involvement, and to "Be the Inspiration" to others.

Again with my camera in hand, I captured many moments with the Casa Hogar dance troop and during the Community Culture Day activities to show that "Rotary Connects the World."

And on a more personal note, I'm continuing to step outside of my comfort zones; and I'm using what I've learned and experienced in this club to broaden my service to Westerville on City Council and through via several boards and organizations, because "Rotary Opens Opportunities."

So The People, The Passion and The Purpose are my reasons for being a Sunrise Rotarian.



Sunrise Rotary Saturday Walks @ 10:30 AM



Let's get out to our local parks and walk a couple miles to kick off these winter weekends! Join fellow Rotarians, friends and family for a brisk winter walk in a local Westerville park. Weather permitting (basically, only ice or temperatures below 25 degrees will cancel the walk). Walks begin at 10:30am and will last for approximately 45 minutes. Use Sign-up Genius to register to participate during the final planned walk: February 27 - Hanby Park

[Sign-up here to participate](#)

Rotary Master Class

District 6690 Rotary Master Class Series



February 16, 2021
5:00 pm - 6:15 pm
Attracting a Diverse
Membership



Join us for the next Master Class!

Michelle Wilson, Athens Sunrise, is the current President and a founding member of the LGBTQ Rotary International Fellowship.

She will share ideas on how to attract a more diverse membership.

In addition, she'll share what the Fellowship Group does and how we can welcome LGBT+ Rotarians in our communities.

TESTIMONIAL FROM PREVIOUS MASTER CLASS:

Very different discussion than what would normally be experienced in a Rotary setting - loved the personal/professional development angle.

Travel Virtually with R.I.

By Diane Jean Conley

Yearning to connect with friends in foreign lands again? You can do it today. Attend online Rotary, Rotaract and Interact meetings that are happening around the world every day. View the list of online meetings here: <https://bit.ly/OnlineRotaryMeetingsDatabase>



Please Suggest Guest Speakers



Enlighten your fellow Rotarians. Suggest a speaker to brighten our day! No reasonable suggestion refused. But your guest must be willing to Zoom at 7:15 AM. Email John at kelloggj@wvsoh.org or Theresa at theresajpetraszak@yahoo.com

New! Virtual Meetings - Call for Info

**Westerville
Sunrise
Rotary
Club**

PO Box 1200
Westerville, OH 43086

Meeting Location

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 am

The Old Bag of Nails Pub
Third Floor
24 North State Street
Westerville, OH 43081

Westerville Sunrise Hotline
614-523-7777





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President-Nominee



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