

# Rotary



# Club of Westerville Sunrise



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

## Club Meeting

Westerville Sunrise Meets at The Old Bag of Nails Pub  
24 N State St Fl 3  
Westerville, OH 43081 - 2119  
Time: Wednesday at 07:15 AM

## Speakers

## Birthdays

David W. Kott  
September 1st  
Robert Hunt  
September 3rd  
Jared Goodsite  
September 6th  
James R. Biven  
September 9th  
Stuart Allyn Whittaker  
September 10th  
Troy Cochran  
September 17th  
Douglas Bierl  
September 23rd  
Linda Lou Bokros  
September 28th  
Mark A. Massen  
September 28th

## Years of Service

Susan F. Castro  
09-04-1996  
25 Years  
Troy Cochran  
09-19-2000  
21 Years  
Joseph A. Morbitzer  
09-20-2006  
15 Years  
Mark Morgan  
09-23-2009  
12 Years  
Kip Fetchero  
09-22-2010  
11 Years  
Kurt Pritz  
09-22-2010  
11 Years  
James R. Biven  
09-01-2013  
8 Years  
Cindy A Cline  
09-18-2013  
8 Years  
Douglas Bierl  
09-27-2017  
4 Years  
Wesley J Hogle  
09-26-2018  
3 Years  
Lawrence Rick Sellers

## Welcome to our first September Meeting!



Westerville Sunrise Rotary meetings are now live and in-person without the need to use Sign-Up Genius. Please come back to the breakfast meeting and join in the lively conversation. Typical shenanigans included with your buffet breakfast. Per FCPH recommendation, non-vaccinated should wear masks indoors.

## OSU Weekly Football Pool to Benefit Polio Plus

By Jamie Maze on Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Bring your cash this Wednesday! Squares are \$10/piece and payout is as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter - \$100
- 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter - \$100
- 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter - \$100
- 4<sup>th</sup> qtr/final - \$200

\$500 will go to Polio Plus each week!



## Third Grader needs your help to fulfill birthday wishes

A local third grader who recently participated in the **See Kids Dream** program understood the basic truth that every child deserves a birthday celebration -- and you can help! Tiffany McGinnis is collecting birthday bags at our Wednesday meetings on **September 1st and September 8th** to benefit **WARM** and **See Kids Dream**. Birthday bag wish list items include:

- Gift Bag
- Card
- Candles
- Cake Mix
- Can of Frosting

09-25-2019  
2 Years



## Save the Date for Bocce!

Monday, October 4 - after hours  
Abruzzi Club, 273 Hanawalt Road, Westerville  
Italian Dinner to be served  
Get your bocce foursome lined up! Then sign up [here](#) so we know you're coming.



## Update: PolioPlus in Afghanistan; Michael McGovern, Rotary International PolioPlus Committee

### Eradicating Polio in Afghanistan

As the sun rose on 1 January 2021, we all worried about what this new year would bring. For those of us who closely follow polio eradication progress, it was an especially worrisome time. 2020 and 2019 had seen an uptick in wild polio virus cases and in circulating vaccine derived cases. Polio vaccinations had had to be suspended for a while in 2020 due to the coronavirus and vaccines for Covid-19 were just starting to receive early use approvals.

The polio news was especially bad in Afghanistan. On the very first day of 2021, a wild polio virus case was reported. In the next week, the national health minister was fired due to hints of corruption on non-polio matters. Before month's end, the government of Afghanistan ordered the UNICEF polio lead to leave the country relating to a verbal spat that had occurred in the President's office. Then in March and June there were coordinated attacks on polio workers and their security teams leaving eight families having lost loved ones. The Taliban denied responsibility for the attacks, and it appeared the attacks were tied to elements who supported ISIS or ISIL as they are also known. We also noted that some areas of the country had been subject to over 30 months of a ban on house-to-house polio vaccinations.

While all this was going on other activities were occurring which have been mostly unreported. On January 17th, the Regional Directors of WHO and UNICEF met at the Taliban office in Doha, Qatar to discuss polio vaccinations and covid response in the areas controlled by the Taliban. While house to house polio vaccinations were not agreed to, the seven senior members of Taliban leadership indicated support for other measures to provide vaccination activities. In all areas of the country, health screenings continued unabated which showed no new wild polio cases and no positive identification of polio viruses in the environment. In a zoom call of polio partnership leaders the week of 17 August, Aidan O'Leary, the global WHO polio director, noted that Afghanistan has one of the best programs for polio surveillance in the world and it was not finding polio anywhere.

After the fall of the Afghanistan government in mid-August, the new leadership has agreed to keep on the acting health minister who has been effective in righting the program since February. Taliban leaders have visited the national and regional polio offices and pledged their support for the polio eradication program. On 23 August, a Rotary sponsored roadside vaccination hut provided vaccinations to children under five with local Taliban providing the needed security. For security reasons, I will not share the photos I received but it was good to see the Rotary logo doing good in the world.

Rotary has just 35 members in Afghanistan. They inspire me daily with their courage and perseverance. The polio program has always been politically neutral in every country. Rotary and our partners work with the leaders who are in charge. We now work with new leaders in Afghanistan. Rotary funds WHO and UNICEF. We do not send any funds to the governments nor to groups other than WHO and UNICEF. We monitor the spending they do on our behalf very closely. We have never been closer to eradicating polio in Afghanistan. We will continue to work with the Afghani people and our partners to finish what we began over 35 years ago.

## Promise House Community Garden Needs Your Help

Otterbein's Promise House seeks to eliminate food insecurity among their university students. They need your help with their community garden project on Spring Road near the Equestrian Center. Rotarians are urged to stop by on Mondays between 5-6:30PM for weeding and watering or whatever small chores need tending. For details call/text Rotarian Paul Kulik at (614) 940-1905, email [paulkulik695@gmail.com](mailto:paulkulik695@gmail.com)

## Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



**September 1** - Greeter John Stefano; Invocation Rick Sellers  
**September 8** - Greeter Kenny Diaz; Invocation Tom Schmitt  
**September 15** - Greeter Al Rupier; Invocation Greg Ruban  
**September 22** - Greeter Ron Pusateri; Invocation Bob Prokop  
**September 29** - Greeter Mitch Potterf; Invocation John Pietila

**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 attend in person. Email Bob Stewart at: [bob@smartbusinesssystems.com](mailto:bob@smartbusinesssystems.com) or Mike Herron at [blujks@hotmail.com](mailto:blujks@hotmail.com)

**New! Virtual Meetings - Call for Info**

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## Meeting Location

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 am

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

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614-523-7777



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