

Rotary Club of Columbus



Letter From The President

Hello Rotarians,

I'm reaching out to share some exciting news stemming from our Board meeting last Wednesday.

Our meeting yielded significant decisions geared towards enhancing the experience and benefits of our members.

The 2024-2025 term, Emily Chapman and the Board are poised to steer the Columbus Rotary with a balanced budget, reduced dues for all members, and a schedule of Tuesday lunch meetings featuring all effective lineup of speakers at The Boat House.

Please note these pivotal changes and other updates below:

- Club Secretary:** Margo would be departing our club. Her decision to leave stems from her commitment to care for her young children. While her presence will be missed and understand her choice to prioritize her family's needs. Her last day will be Tuesday, April 30.

Sandy Knoesel has volunteered to step into the role of Club Secretary, offering her services without compensation. Note that while the Club Secretary's responsibilities differ from those of Club Manager, there will be tasks that require the assistance of club members. The Executive Committee, Foundation President, and Sandy will to determine these tasks in the coming days.

- Club Dues:** In alignment with our commitment to enhancing member satisfaction and promoting growth, the Board has approved adjustments to our membership dues structure, effective July 1.
 - Annual Dues:** Our annual membership dues will be reduced from \$750 to \$600 per year, with the option of half-year dues of \$300 paid by July 1, 2024 and January 2025. R-85 members will continue to enjoy a 10% discount.
 - Bylaw, Rule of 85 (R-85):** Active members in good standing for whom the combination of the member's age and number of years of Rotary service in any club equals at least 85, may choose to apply for the Rule of 85 classification. Members choosing this classification pay dues on a discounted basis and can opt to pay pre-paid lunches. Members desiring such a classification are to communicate such desire in writing to the Club Secretary.
 - Monthly Autopayment:** Members may pay their dues on a monthly basis, with the cost set at \$50 per month, and R-85 members will be pay \$45 monthly. There will be no discounts on monthly auto-payments.
 - Early Bird Special:** To incentivize early payment, we are offering an early bird special. Members who pay their **annual dues in full by July 1**, will benefit from a reduced rate of \$550. R-85 members can take advantage of the offer at a rate of \$540.
 - Corporate Memberships:** We are introducing corporate memberships, which offer the primary members an annual dues of \$600. Each additional employee who joins under the company name will receive a 25% discount on their dues. It's important to note that payment for corporate membership must be made by the corporation.

- Venue, Time, Frequency of Meetings:** The board has voted on changes to the location, time, and frequency of our meetings.
 - Venue, Day, Time:** Starting July 1, our meetings will be held at **The Boat House** bringing us back to our old stomping grounds. The meetings will take place on **Tuesdays at noon**. The Boat House has gone under renovation, and it looks fantastic.
 - Frequency of Weekly Meetings:** The Board has decided to adjust the frequency of our weekly meetings. Beginning July 1, we will have three meetings per month, with the meetings occurring in the first three weeks of the month. There will be some adjustments to the schedule if a holiday falls in the first week. A calendar of meetings has been set and will be distributed in May.
- Boat House Agreement:** Edward Reynoso, the Manager at The Boat House, welcomes us back and together we have worked out these terms.

Birthdays

William J. Wahoff
April 28th
Philip D. Turner
May 8th
John A. Smith
May 11th
Hugo R. Trux IV
May 18th
Chip Woods
May 21st
Emily Elizabeth Chapman
May 25th
Nancy L. Trux
May 27th

Years of Service

Walter V. Johanni
05-20-1985
39 Years
Edwin L. Overmyer
05-15-1989
35 Years
Michael S. Schoedinger
04-27-1992
32 Years
Karen J. Morrison
05-16-2005
19 Years
Magdalena Fribley
04-27-2018
6 Years
Cornell R Robertson
05-14-2019
5 Years

- **Facilities Fee:** We have negotiated a discount facilities fee of \$310 per meeting. This fee covers the meeting room rental, AV equipment (projector, screen, PA system, and podium), and other associated amenities. Importantly, this represents a 50% reduction on their standard fee.
- **Meeting Fees:** To offset the Facilities Fee, each member and guest will be charged a nominal fee of \$10 per meeting attended. For those members and guests who choose to enjoy lunch, the \$35 lunch cost will include the meeting fee. This ensures equitable contribution from all members and guests.
- **Food and Beverage Miniums:** We have an agreement to guarantee a minimum of 30 attendees each week. In the hospitality industry, this means that even if we have fewer than 30 attendees paying for lunch, we are still charged for 30 lunches.

1. **Lunch Prepayment Incentive:** As a gesture of gratitude to members who exhibit their dedication for prepaying their meals will provide two complimentary meals to those who prepay by July 1 and January 1 annually. This initiative will assist us in meeting our weekly Food and Beverage minimums.

Rotarians the Board feels these decisions reflect the commitment of serving our members and ensuring the continued success of our club. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our club.

Sincerely,

Manana Fribley
2023-2024 CRC President



Reminder!

Our Next Meeting is:

April 30th Meeting Scioto Country Club at 7:30AM

Speaker: Scott Whitlock

Description: Three Decades of Innovation in the Auto Industry

Mark your Calendars!

No Meeting May 7th!

Celebration of Excellence May 8th! RSVP Required

Meeting May 14th Lunch @ The Boathouse!

No Meeting May 28th!

Peace Builders Picnic May 29th

June 4th Bring Your Grad to Breakfast




Upcoming Events

- **Dictionary Project!**
 - This project is right around the corner and Tim Maghie needs help! Tim Maghie will inform the membership when he'll need our help to distribute the dictionaries to over 4,000 3rd graders in the Columbus City Schools. But Please [Sign up For a School Here](#)
- **Ronald McDonald House Volunteering**
 - Team Cuisine Service Project
 - **Date:** Saturday May 4th
 - **Time:** 10am - 1pm
 - Please [RSVP HERE](#) 15 Volunteers are needed.
- **Third Thursday: Food, Fun & Fellowship**
 - **Date:** Thursday May 16th
 - **Time:** 11:45AM-1:00PM
 - **Location:** OSU Golf Course 3605 Tremont Rd, Columbus, OH 43221

VOLUNTEER



- **Give a Vocational Spotlight:** [email Dana Vogelmeier](#) for your chance to speak about what you do in front of the club!
- **Sign up to volunteer at a Tuesday meeting:** get to know your fellow Rotarians by serving as a greeter or working at the check-in table. Or flex your public speaking skills by delivering the pledge and invocation. [Sign up here.](#)
- **Write this newsletter:** we are looking for someone to take over the weekly newsletter. Interested in writing? Email [Emily Chapman](#) for more information.



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Contact us

Columbus Rotary will hold its **7th Annual Bring Your Graduate to Rotary Day** on Tuesday morning June 4th at our breakfast meeting. Columbus Rotary will also recognize its Pivot Point Scholarship recipients. Our program committee has scheduled a most appropriate guest speaker, Ohio Chancellor of Higher Education, Mike Duffey.

This could also be called "*Recognize Your Graduate* at Rotary Day". We hope your graduate can join us in person if possible. It would be fabulous to have you and your graduate at our breakfast meeting. Your graduate need not be present to be recognized and can join via Zoom if elsewhere too. All graduates submitted by their sponsoring Rotarian will be recognized along with their Rotarian sponsor.

Now is the time to make your invitation and gather the information we need. Do you have a son, daughter, grandchild, niece, or nephew that has recently graduated from high school, vocational, technical, college, grad school, military etc? The graduate can be your family member or a close friend.

Please provide your graduate's name, school/program/service graduation, their future plans and a photo of the graduate.

Please email this information to calloway.robertson@gmail.com by the deadline of May 12, 2024.

Speakers

April 30th

[Scott Whitlock](#)

Three Decads of Innovation in the Auto Industry

May 16th

[Third Thursday](#)

Food, Fun & Fellowship

May 14th

[Shirley Brooks Jones](#)

An extraordinary connection: 9/11, Canada, Broadway and Columbus Rotary

May 21st

[Trent Smith, Executive Director, Franklinton Board of Trade](#)

Franklinton: A Central Ohio Original then and now