



### Club Leaders



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**L. William Knerr**  
February 12th



**Edman L. Gray**  
February 13th



**Steven L. Johnson**  
February 14th



**Terra Fox Williams**  
February 20th



**Robert A. Harris**  
February 21st



**Lisa Wagner**  
February 22nd

### Speakers

**February 12, 2024**  
[Karen Bradley, Principal & Owner, Bradley and Associates](#)

## President's Message



I've been pondering this for quite some time. I hope you are sitting down, because this is very profound: Being a member of the Rotary Club of Dayton means different things to each of us. And that's OKAY!

I recently accepted the fact that many of our members are "in name only" and continue to be a part of the club, but only on the periphery. For a variety of reasons, you might be this type of member. While I wish that everyone attended every Monday meeting and joined us for all the other events and activities, I have come to the realization that for most people, that's not a possibility and not a reasonable expectation for us to have. It's okay! and I appreciate you continuing to be a member of Dayton Rotary at this "level".

I know, too, that we have some members that have been "drinking the Rotary kool-aid" for many years! You know who you are! You are at nearly every Monday meeting, you participate at the district level in some way, and we see you regularly at social events and volunteer activities. These members are awesome, and I appreciate your involvement, energy and commitment.

The majority of our 200 +/- members fall somewhere in between the above examples. Many Dayton Rotarians like coming occasionally on Mondays at lunch, to share a meal and connect with friends and colleagues. Many members join online each week so that they can still be a part of the meeting, just via Zoom. Some of our members never attend a Monday meeting, but have found some of our volunteer opportunities to be of interest. I know of one long-time member and past president who, once he retired, didn't find the Monday meetings as valuable, but he continues to be a Rotary Reader at the Dayton Leadership Academies. THAT'S great! I am thrilled that each member has the opportunity to be involved in whatever way makes sense for him/her.

We are each unique and come to this club with different priorities and expectations. We are at different life stages and faced with many requests for our time, talent and treasure. Whatever your level of interest and involvement, I appreciate you and am grateful for you being a member of the Rotary Club of Dayton.

Kim

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## This Week at Rotary

**MONDAY, February 12, 2024**

### "A Snapshot of the Immigration Crisis"



Karen Bradley has been practicing immigration law for over 24 years and has been recognized as one of the leading immigration attorneys in the region. She has received a Distinguished rating from her peers and a Platinum Client Champion from her clients by the Martindale-Hubbell Attorney Review service. Karen is herself an immigrant from the Central American country of Belize. Since 2001, Karen has served as Honorary Consul for Belize to the States of Ohio and Indiana. Karen will share her knowledge of how the present system works, where it is failing, and share her thoughts on what should be done to fix it.

Chair of the Day: David Williamson

## This Happened Last Monday...

President Kim called the meeting to order around 12:10. Kim reported that Jason Hillard's daughter, Tiona passed away on Sunday. She was a senior at DECA. Please keep Jason, his wife Ann Charles and her father and Dayton Rotarian Charles Watts in your prayers. The club observed a moment of silence.

A Snapshot of the Immigration Crisis

**February 19, 2024**  
**NO MEETING - PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**February 26, 2024**  
**Restaurant Panel Discussion**

**March 04, 2024**  
**Jonathan McNeal, Manager, The NEON Oscars Preview**

**March 11, 2024**  
**Ed Tomme, BETA Technologies**

**March 18, 2024**  
**Michael Vanderburgh, Executive Director St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**March 25, 2024**  
**Oregon District Memorial Team of Artists**

**April 01, 2024**  
**Rotary on the Road**

**April 08, 2024**  
**Chief Justice Sharon Kennedy Supreme Court of Ohio**

**April 15, 2024**  
**Jeff Hoagland, Dayton Development Coalition**

**April 22, 2024**  
**Red Ribbon Takeover Meeting**

**April 29, 2024**  
**Dean Alexander Antarctica Travels**

**May 06, 2024**  
**Nick Bowman Warped Wing Brewery**

**May 13, 2024**  
**TBD**

**May 20, 2024**  
**TBD**

**May 27, 2024**  
**NO MEETING - MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**

Bill Nance shared Words to Live By and News of the Day. He shared this from Patchwork Ministries- "There comes a time in life when you walk away from all the drama and people that create it. You surround yourself with people you make you laugh, forget the bad, and focus on the good. So. love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Falling down is part of LIFE... Getting back up is LIVING". Did you know we had only 3 sunny day in June? Did you know younger people are saving money by living in vans?

Monica Snow introduced the visitors for the Day:

Jacque Powell introduced her two guests; Bev Rose, Director of Marketing and Board Chair Scott Duval for Dayton Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Lonne Franks introduced an intern from Australia at the Internal Peace Museum is working in the area of climate justice- Gabriel Paul Gruner introduced former Rotarian Katie Neubert, Executive Director with We Care Arts

John Lyman brought our normal Zoom guest to the meeting and we welcomed Tom Carlisle in person. John noted the pressure he felt to make sure Tom did not miss the meeting.

Nicole Sturk introduced potential new member Keith Pointer, Res Home Association

Secretary Sarah Hippensteel Hall noted that none of the birthdays this week were present. Rotary rewards to Jon Lyman and Tom Carlisle and special thanks to Dan McBride and Jeremy Turner for being Sargent at Arms. A shout out to Scott Kayser and his company for giving the club a phone that is dedicated to the zooming Rotarian.

Day-10's:

Tom Maher noted he celebrated his 45<sup>th</sup> year as a Rotarian on February 1- He started in 1979

Paul Gruner noted the We Care Arts Black and White Gala and Auction, flyers on the table

John Lyman (wearing his San Francisco 49ers sweatshirt) gave 49.00 which he rounded up to \$50 for the Super Bowl

Fred Abrams reported he returned from Ecuador after 1am last night. He traveled with Hope Taft to the community that we worked so hard to provide clean water. They were having a ceremony and celebration that included a ribbon cutting, speeches and food and drink. Fred said the words of gratitude and the stories about how this water will change their lives were heart warming and amazing. A program with more information is forthcoming.

And today's water fact: How many gallons of water does a person in the US use a day? 50 gallons. We have much for which we can be grateful.

President Kim welcomed Brady Kress back since we have not seen him at a meeting for awhile and Katie Neubert, past Rotarian.

Sgt. Thomas with the **#Dayton #FOP** Post 44 provided an update on how they used previous Red Ribbon **Rotary** funds to support K-9 units in Eaton and **#PrebleCounty**. New members in the 2022 **#RedRibbon** class raised \$25,000 for the Post to purchase and train a new K-9 and other needs. Itâ€™s great to see Rotaryâ€™s motto of **#ServiceAboveSelf** play out in the community, and continue to have an effect year after year!



Secretary **Sarah Hippensteel Hall** welcomed **Nadja Turek** - Director of Sustainability for **altafiber** - as our newest member. As a Corporate Member, **altafiber** has been a great addition to the **Rotary Club of Dayton** family and we are excited to have **Nadja** join us!



**Bill Nance** conducted our first **#PeaceBuilder** spotlight, interviewing Jenne Gross of Westminster Presbyterian Church about their ID mission. They help those in need get proper identification and documentation such as birth certificates, including documents from other states so they can get an Ohio ID. These ID's are free but the documents needed are not always free. They serve about 70 persons a day and are open Wednesday mornings. They have been providing this ministry for about 12 years.

Chair of the Day **Susan Hayes** introduced our speaker, fellow **#Dayton #Rotarian Jacquelyn Powell**, President and CEO of the **Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau**. She shared unique insights into the positive impacts of conventions and tourism in our region.

Jacque shared the Dayton Convention and Visitors Bureau, while housed at the Dayton Convention Center is not a part of the Convention Center. It is a separate non profit organization with 14 employees and they are funded with a portion of the lodging tax. They are focused on destination marketing for the Dayton region, an economic driver in the community. She shared many examples of audiences they approach, groups they host and how this helps hotel occupancy, restaurants, tax income, local jobs. Did you know that every day visitor to our region spends on average \$106 and every overnight visitor spends \$327. Dayton is a destination with many great venues, arts, attractions, and we have easy access and are known as a welcoming community.

If you want to host a world-class event, look no further than Dayton, Ohio! Thank you, **Jacquelyn**, for helping our region shine!

Join us next week to hear local attorney **Karen Denise Bradley** share her expertise on immigration law. Monday, February 12 at noon in **Sinclair Community College** Conference Center. Visit [www.DaytonRotary.com](http://www.DaytonRotary.com) to RSVP or learn more about us!

There will be no meeting on February 19.

Link for [Meeting Recording](#)

## Welcome to Dayton Rotary!

### NEW MEMBER PROFILE



**Nadja Turek** became the Director of Sustainability at **altafiber** (formerly Cincinnati Bell) in September 2021 and is responsible for environmental sustainability throughout the organization, including subsidiaries Hawaiian Telcom and CBTS Inc. Her primary focus has been crafting and implementing the companyâ€™s climate action plans towards their target of net-zero carbon emissions in 2040. Prior to joining **altafiber** Ms. Turek was the Director of Sustainability Services at Woolpert, Inc. where she worked with the military, DHS, universities, businesses, and airports to create and implement sustainability and resiliency plans and to design LEED & green buildings. She is an Air Force veteran and a Fellow in the Society of American Military Engineers. Ms. Turek holds a BS in Civil Engineering, a Masters of Nonprofit Management, and a MS in Environmental Engineering and Science. Nadja and her husband Steve reside in Oakwood and have 2 children.



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## Our Sympathy



We are sad to share the news that Ann Charles Watts and Jason Hillard's daughter, Chuck Watts' granddaughter, Tayonna Barnett, passed away unexpectedly Monday night.

Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers. Services are pending.

Cards can be sent to:

Ann Charles Watts and Jason Hillard  
 706 Homewood Avenue  
 Dayton, OH 45406

Chuck Watts  
 4113 W. State Route 73 W  
 Wilmington, OH 45177

## Queen of Hearts Drawing - NEW DECK

Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle

We had a winner on January 22nd so we started a new deck of cards and new pot this week. Thanks to the Foundation for seeding the pot with \$500 rather than starting at \$0.

Weekly at Monday Meetings to benefit the Dayton Rotary Foundation

\$1 per ticket/\$5 for 6 tickets

Weekly winner draws a card from the deck if they draw the Queen of Hearts the winner takes 1/2 the pot. If the card is not the Queen of Hearts card then the card is destroyed & we try again next week. Meanwhile the pot continues to grow.

**CURRENT POT: \$680**

See Secretary Sarah or Laura for more information.

**ATTENTION ZOOM PARTICIPANTS**

\*\*\*\*For those members who would like to participate via zoom - please let Laura know ahead of time or



For those members who would like to participate via zoom, please let Laura know ahead of time or place your request in the chat prior to the start of the meeting and we will assign you ticket numbers and bill your foundation account.



#### RULES FOR THIS ROUND

- You must be present to win and/or purchase tickets (either in person or on zoom)
- The drawing is for members of the Dayton Rotary only.
- The winner will need to complete a W-9 form and will be issued a W2-G form.
- The drawing will go to the very last card.

#### Dinner and a Movie Social Event

# Dinner and a Movie



**Thursday, February 15th**

**Meet at 6:00 PM at Oregon Express  
Pizza Tavern (Happy Hour is 4-7)**

Dinner is "On Your Own" We will  
be ordering off the menu.





**Followed by a special one-time screening of...  
"THE SWEET EAST"  
at The NEON at 7:30 PM**

Written by Cincinnati native & Wright State University graduate Nick Pinkerton, who will join us for this special one-time screening.

\$15 per person entitles you to the movie ticket, \$1 off popcorn voucher and appetizers to share at dinner

**Guests are Welcome to Attend**

**THE SWEET EAST:** A picaresque journey through contemporary America, undertaken by Lillian, a high schooler fleeing her senior class trip - granted access to the strange sects and cults that proliferate this country by gate-keepers eager to win her over.

Link to watch the official trailer [THE SWEET EAST - Special Screening with Nick Pinkerton at THE NEON \(youtube.com\)](#)

**Please RSVP to Laura by February 12th  
20 seats available**

[THE SWEET EAST Trailer](#)

## On Our Sleeves - Kindness Kits

The following is regarding a District 6670 Wide Project that all clubs have been asked to participate in.



Help us fill classrooms with kindness! Would you consider giving \$25 or more to help send a kindness kit to a classroom in the U.S.?

Our friends at [On Our Sleeves](#), The Movement for Children's Mental Health know the importance of teaching kindness to kids. Children's mental health benefits from positive social connections and the opposite is also true; children who experience bullying, exclusion and isolation are at risk for mental health concerns.

That's why they designed a custom kindness kit for teachers to use in their classrooms. Thanks to generous donors, these kits are free to teachers who request them.

**On Our Sleeves has received over 3,600 requests from schools in 47 states and we would love to**

**help fill them!**

Each Kindness Kit includes:

- Kindness Curriculum "to help teachers build a more inclusive and welcoming classroom community
- Classroom poster
- 30 On Our Sleeves pencils
- 30 Kindness Cards "to help children write kind notes to others because we know that expressing gratitude is good for mental health
- A teacher gift to show appreciation for the work that they do

**For a gift of just \$25, you can provide these resources for one elementary classroom.**

Together, we can help spread kindness and make a positive impact on children's mental health.

[Donate a Kindness Kit today!](#)

Social Committee Presents...Wine Tasting at Joui

# Rotary Wine Tasting



@ **Joui Wine Bar**

117 East Third Street

*Hosted by: Lauren Gay, Owner and  
Level 2 Sommelier*

**Thursday, March 14th**

**5:30 P.M.**

**\$45 per person**

*\*includes wine (4 pours),  
discussion and charcuterie*



**Rotarians and Guests/Spouses Welcome**



*Limited to 20 people so Reserve Now*  
RSVP to Laura [laura@daytonrotary.com](mailto:laura@daytonrotary.com)

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