

# Rotary



## Club of Dayton SMILE



### This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, May 19, 2025

### "Rotary on the Road"

#### Club Leaders



Randall K. Domigan  
President



Linda Osterfeld  
President-Elect



Steven Conklin  
Treasurer



Sarah Hippensteel  
Hall Secretary



Kelly Marie Lehman  
Vice President



Kimberly M. Bramlage  
iPast President

#### Birthdays



William R. Nance  
May 21st



Jacquelyn Y. Powell  
May 22nd



John Ryan Kasinec  
May 25th



Hank Betts  
May 25th

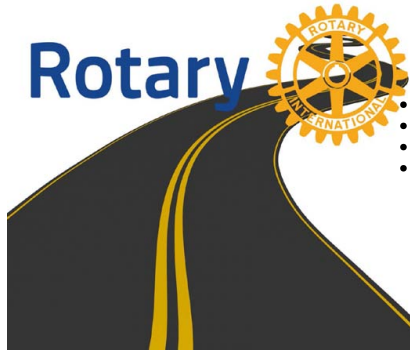


Frank L. Gilland II  
May 26th



Patrick John Nugent  
May 26th

Walter H. Rice  
May 27th



On this day, we will not meet in our usual location at Sinclair Community College. Instead, we will split up and choose from several different Rotarian Host Locations.

#### HOST LOCATIONS

- **Miami Conservancy District** - 38 East Monument Host: Sarah Hippensteel-Hall - *Site Full*
- **Premier YMCA** - 2649 Salem Avenue Host: Steve Conklin - *Site Full*
- **The Dayton International Peace Museum** - 10 North Ludlow Host: Alice Young-Basora
- **Dayton Children's Mathile Center for Mental Health & Wellness** - Specialty Care Center - 860 Valley Street Host: Jena Pado

**YOU MUST BE SIGNED UP TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.**

### This Happened Last Monday...

President Randy called the meeting to order. Bill Nance shared words to live by:

*After becoming president, Abraham Lincoln was taken to task for his kindness toward his enemies. "why do you try to make friends of them?" asked an associate. "you are in a position to destroy them." Lincoln gently replied, "am i not destroying my enemies when i make them my friends?" Many a person lives for the day when he will be in a position to get even with those who have wronged him. but vengeance doesn't belong to man. it belongs exclusively to god. the sword of vengeance is too heavy for man, and he usually falls on it and destroys himself. Someone said, "the fire you kindle for your enemy often burns you more than him or her."*

Bill then led us in the pledge of allegiance and shared news of the day including:

- The U.S. and China are reducing tariffs against one another for a 90-day period...
- Panasonic is cutting 10,000 jobs, most of them from other countries...
- A life-size replica of the Batman Tumbler Batmobile is available. Only 10 of them, for \$2.99 million each...
- A Georgia Rotary Club donated \$74K to The Shepherd Center for a device that helps move and shifts patients in their beds...
- A wandering bull took a brief ride on a parked scooter, crashing it but not injuring the bull, or spectators.

Richard Lundin welcomed guest of Rotarians: Harrison Kayser (infant son and youngest future Rotarian in the room) & Michael Zuren guests of Scott Kayser. Kappy Kilburn had as her guests Emily Wells, Tiffany Countryman and Jennifer McCormick. Lisa Wagner brought Madeline Hart as her guest. Kim Bramlage had Heath Preston as her guest. Tom Lasley introduced our group to his wife Carole. Also in attendance was Kari Tucker who is in the process of joining our club and of course our guest on zoom...Tom Carlisle.

Secretary Sarah Hippensteel-Hall provided many announcements and updates, including May birthdays of Bill Nance and Susan Hayes.

Other updates included:

1. Rotary on the Road- May 19<sup>th</sup> – We will not be meeting at Sinclair but instead have five locations to choose from where Rotarians will host a small group. Each location has limited availability – please sign up early. Registration Sheets are out on the tables in the lobby or you can email Laura your selection. **YOU MUST BE SIGNED UP AHEAD OF TIME TO ATTEND**
2. Save the Date – The Rotary Presidential Gala will take place on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Dayton Convention Center. This is an opportunity to celebrate with Randy for his year served as President. More details on the event are coming soon.
3. Rotary Rewards included a special recognition of our very special guest, Tom Carlisle.
4. The Rotary Club of Dayton has been awarded a District Grant to update and install an interpretive sign honoring our club's pivotal role in the recovery from the Great Flood of 1913—Rotary International's first public relief effort. This sign will preserve our legacy of service and inspire future generations. Secretary Sarah shared that we need *your* help to match the required district funds and bring this meaningful project to completion. Your donation—large or small—will ensure that this story of resilience, unity, and Rotary service is permanently recognized in our community. The new signage is going in at RiverScape to update an old Rotary sign. They will also have temporary signage made to bring to events and to place with different community partners as needed.

#### Day-Tens and other Foundation Donations.

- Secretary Sarah pledged \$25 for the signs, Kelly Lehman pledged \$125 for the signs, Linda Osterfeld pledged \$100 for the signs, Frank Scott pledged \$100 for the signs.
- Kristina Scott pledged a Day \$10 for a trip she took with Lisa Wagner from Levitt Pavillion. (sign)
- Dennis Grant from United Rehabilitation Services gave a Day \$100 in honor of his birthday. (sign)
- Richard Lundin gave a Day \$100 for the signs sharing he is happy to put a sign or two up at Front Street.
- Kim Bramlage gave a Day \$25 and announced that there is a need for Summerfest volunteers and sponsors. (sign)
- Dave Williamson shared that the sign coming out and being replaced has a picture of the sign Scott Pierce, our first Rotary Club president and he wanted to be sure it was kept - he gave \$100 to the signs.
- Jeff Schiavone gave a Day-76 for the Annual Scouting Breakfast and raised \$76,000 and he thanked Shaun Yu for his help emceeing the event.
- Dean Alexander gave a Day \$100 to the sign project.



Susan M. Hayes  
May 29th



## Speakers

**May 19, 2025**

[Rotary on the Road](#)

**May 26, 2025**

[NO MEETING - MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY](#)

**June 02, 2025**

[Ryan Ernst, Partner, The Connor Group](#)  
Expansion of the Greater Dayton School

**June 09, 2025**

[Barbra Stonerock/Joie Sciabica](#)  
Employers' Workforce Coalition

**June 16, 2025**

[TBD](#)

**June 23, 2025**

[Joe Knopp, Movie Producer](#)

**June 30, 2025**

[Randy Domigan & Linda Groover](#)  
Changing of the Rotary Guard

**July 07, 2025**

[YWCA Dayton](#)

**July 14, 2025**

[Andrew White, Indigo Life Media](#)

**July 21, 2025**

[John McCance, Department of Defense's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve](#)

**July 28, 2025**

[Luke Sergeant](#)  
Update on Aileron

**August 04, 2025**

[TBD](#)

**August 11, 2025**

[Heidi Schiller, Rotary District Governor 6670](#)

- Mollie Hauser gave \$100 for the sign project sharing that Scott Pierce's wife was very involved with the Dayton women's club and that he was the grandfather of Barbara Bush.
- Latisha Taylor gave a Day \$10 and recommended sharing/rotating the reusable signs to different yards so that we tell our friends and neighbors that we are involved in Rotary - GREAT IDEA!
- John Lyman announced Wednesday is the first peace walk. They will meet at the Rotary sign at RiverScape. He gave a day \$25.
- It was almost \$900 raised for the sign project - thank you for your generosity Rotarians!

Secretary Sarah then shared that she will only have four more water facts after this meeting. Her water fact for this week is that 40% of all bottled water is sourced from municipal water supplies. In fact, Aquafina which is entirely produced from municipal tap water means that you are paying 2,000 times more than you are paying for tap water than you are at home. Not only does Dayton have some of the best water in the country, by drinking from the tap you are not contributing to plastic waste and the 17 million barrels of oil it takes to make those water bottles in a calendar year.

A Foundation check presentation was made by Rick Thie to Lisa Wagner and Madeline Hart, Director of marketing and communications for the Levitt Pavilion for the catalyst project which provides free pop-up concerts across the community in conjunction with the 50 free concerts they put on at the Levitt every summer. Madeline shared an example of taking an artist out to the Food Bank for a food distribution, helping to break down the stigma of food insecurity through music.

Bill Nance interviewed Matt Scarr, a CPA and auditor who works with non-profits and individuals. He shared that you are required to keep up with the ever-changing tax laws and that he takes 40-60 hours of continuing education every year in order to keep current. He considers Delphos to be his hometown. A 1880 Catholic Cathedral is the gem of the city. He came to the area to go to Miami University and arrived in Dayton in 1992. He was a varsity distance runner at Miami and still loves to jog to this day without earbuds.

Red Ribbons were removed for Andy Clements and Phil Raynes...Congrats!

Kappy Kilburn served as chair of the day and introduced our speaker, Emily Wells, the Artistic Director for the Human Race Theatre Company (<https://humanracetheatre.org/>)

The 2025-26 season happens to be a big one with the 40<sup>th</sup> season of the theatre company, which Emily took the club through.

[Our 40th Season Is Here—Celebrating Family, Theatre, and You - The Human Race Theatre Company](#)

Highlights from a video reel told an impressive story:

- 11,000 people have attended the season so far.
- They have seen growth in ticket sales in the last two years bucking industry trends with subscriptions and philanthropic gifts.
- They have hired more than 125 artists with 81% of dollars going to the programming mission.
- They have a strong roster of community partnerships including the Dayton Metro Library, Dayton Pride, BlueStar Families and others.
- 17% of the tickets were subsidized or discounted this year to ensure the community had access.
- Upcoming is the Comeuppance ([The Comeuppance - The Human Race Theatre Company](#)) which runs from June 3-15 and is the last show in the 39<sup>th</sup> season.

Emily shared that storytelling is the heart of what they do - she shared she believed there is a common thread between the business community, saying that we have to all tell stories in our day-to-day job and to build connections to others. Essentially, storytelling is their business and *our* business. Her job is to figure out what stories to tell, how to build a season that makes sense and helps respond to our needs, creating new emotional awareness.

How are shows selected? She reads about 60 scripts a year. Once she whittles that down she has a committee that helps her read through and give feedback. Decisions need to be finalized by November to budget for the shows and they have to consider how many contracts they can offer to actors. Roughly three out of four actors are locals, coming from the Dayton, Cincinnati or Columbus markets. They typically have about 25 actors per year and employ between 7-10 people per show including stage and musicians. That sometimes means a one-person show or two-person show to get balance and have the opportunity to have a larger cast in a show. They have a short window of about three weeks from the time actors hit the rehearsal room. She hopes each show creates a journey and culminates into something larger. This season has been all about consequences, while next year is all about family.

She shared that the arts in Ohio are 3% of our state's GDP, helping to provide job growth and neighborhood development, resulting in a \$32.9 billion dollar impact statewide. Like all arts organizations, she is worried about cuts to current National Endowment for the Arts funding, sharing that if their ticket cost was not subsidized with philanthropic support, the most expensive ticket they sell would have to go from \$53 to \$108 per ticket and every seat would need to be full for every single performance in order for them to operate. She ended asking Rotarians to consider how stories connect you and how you might connect with us.

The meeting was adjourned after we said the Four Way Test led by President Randy and no-one won the Queen of Hearts drawing this week. No drawings will be held the next two weeks with Rotary on the Road next week followed by Memorial Day the following Monday. See you back at Sinclair on June 2nd.

[Link for Meeting Recording](#)

## Queen of Hearts Drawing

Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle

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 ½ 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: \$1835*

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 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.

### Save the Date for the Presidential Gala



**Save the Date**  
**Rotary Presidential Gala**  
**Thursday, June 12th**  
**5:30—7:30 PM**  
**@ the**  
**Dayton Convention Center**  
More Details Coming Soon

### Peace Walks Starting Again for 2025

#### Dayton Rotary Peace Committee Peace Walks Starting Again Next Week



These walks will take place at *various Five Rivers MetroParks*. The goal is to build relationships, get out in nature, and have some fun all at the same time. No need to sign up in advance— just show up if you want to participate. As long as two people show up, the walk is a go.

Our next Peace Walk of the year will take place on **Wednesday, May 21st @ 6pm**, we will begin our walk at **Riverscape**

*Use your own judgment regarding the weather.*

**Bring a partner— friends, family, spouse, children. All are welcome!**

### End of the Season Bowling Picnic



# End of Season Bowling Picnic May 12th @ Siebenthaler Cabin



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We Need Your Help...Please Help Us Secure Sponsorships for Summerfest 2025



DAYTON  
**Summerfest**  
2025

Summerfest, presented by the Rotary Club of Dayton, is back for a fun-filled night of music and community! This summer, we're going to pack the Levitt Pavilion and close out summer with a bang.

Don't miss your chance to connect with thousands of your neighbors while supporting the great work of the Rotary Club of Dayton Foundation - sponsor Summerfest 2025! All proceeds support our Foundation, a 501(c)3 that provides grant funding to nonprofit organizations throughout the Miami Valley.

**SUMMERFEST 2025**  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**  
**LEVITT PAVILION DAYTON**  
**6:00PM – 9:30PM**

*Featuring*



It's that time – we need SPONSORS for SUMMERFEST 2025 presented by the Rotary Club of Dayton! Please reach out to business leaders you know and ask if they are interested in sponsoring this great community event! Sponsor packet is available for [download here](#). Please let Scott Kayser ([scott@muddydoggcreative.com](mailto:scott@muddydoggcreative.com)) and Kim Bramlage ([Kim.Bramlage@frhc.org](mailto:Kim.Bramlage@frhc.org)) know who you are approaching so we don't duplicate efforts. Thank you for your help making this a successful event!

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