

Rotary



Club of Dayton SMILE



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Birthdays



Cathy Ponitz
June 13th



Francine Rickenbach
June 13th



Sean O'Regan
June 14th

Speakers

June 09, 2025

Joe Sciabica
Employers' Workforce Coalition

June 16, 2025

Mark Lane
Montgomery County Ohio College Promise

June 23, 2025

Joe Knopp
Movie Producer

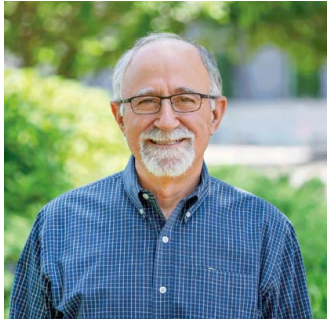
June 30, 2025

Randy Domigan & Linda Groover
Changing of the Rotary Guard

This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, June 9, 2025

"Rethinking the Workforce System: A Regional Strategy for a Demographic Crossroads"



The Dayton region faces a growing challenge: more job openings than people to fill them. This isn't just a labor shortage—it's a systems issue. In this talk, Joe Sciabica, Executive Director of the Employers' Workforce Coalition (EWC), will share how a collective impact model is being structured to help employers, educators, and community partners work together to increase workforce participation, retain homegrown talent, and attract new workers to our region. Learn how the Dayton region can stay ahead of the curve in the race against demographic time.

Chair of the Day: Karla Garrett Harshaw

This Happened Last Monday...

A full house attended the meeting with most of the seats at 12 tables filled. Randy Domigan, President, called the meeting to order at 12:10

Words to Live by...

Bill Nance led the Words to Live by, Pledge and shared News of the Day. The words to live by related to Peace as a Peace builder presentation was part of the meeting's agenda. Bill noted quotes from Reagan and Ghandi and talked about Inner Peace. Ghandi said, "one cannot shake hands with clinched fists". In the News of the Day:

Did you know the average car price in the US is 53K compared to cars in Canada and Mexico that sell for less than 48K. The price of eggs has dropped from a 8.00 high in March to 2.52/dozen. They say 1/3 of Americans have stopped buying eggs. Tamika Williams car was stolen which included her son, Samajae's special wheelchair. Two weeks later the Sauer family donated a wheelchair that their daughter used to support his needs. <https://www.wowt.com/2023/08/11/family-gifts-late-daughters-wheelchair-boy-after-thieves-stole-his/> And in China, they set the record when 51,725 cards were placed on their side like domino's and fell.

Welcome guests

Paul Gruner welcomed the clubs many guests:

Bill Nance introduced granddaughter Marissa, a recent Newton HS graduate; Lisa Wagner introduced Stephanie Yenn, Executive Director American Heart Association and noted that this is national CPR week; Sarah Hippensteel-Hall introduced Don O'Connor, engineer and Roxanne Farrier property manager; two folks from Miami Conservancy District Heath MacAlpine introduced Jocelyn Rhynard, Dayton Public School Board; Deb Tschirhart introduced Josie Masset, first day at Think TV and she will focus on workforce and employee career development stories; Carolyn Rice introduced her guest and Peace Builder interviewee, attorney Gary Leppla; Tom Carlisle joined via Zoom

Secretary Announcements

- Secretary Sarah Hippensteel-Hall noted we have many June birthdays but none were present today.
- The Rotary Presidential Gala will take place on Thursday, June 12th at 5:30-7:30 at the Dayton Convention Center Executive Suite. Spouses and Guest are Welcome. \$50.00/person. RSVP to Laura by June 5.
- Rotary Social Paint and Sip will be Thursday JULY 10th from 6-8 at Front Street Art Gallery, building 100. \$30.00/person. RSVP to Laura by June 27th. Limited to 30 people.
- Rotary rewards were given to Rachel Jessup for her recent honor at being named one of DBJ's 40 under 40 and to Alexis Larsen who knew many of the details about Rotary's start in Dayton and the connection with the Miami Conservancy District.
- Secretary Sarah noted several Rotarians willing to donate to replace the old signage. The club needed to raise a few additional dollars to get the matching District Grant.
- Secretary's Sarah's water fact: If the dams along the river all work and hold back water, did you know that that the lake would be one of the 12 largest in the state of Ohio.

Day Ten's:

- Secretary Sarah offered Day-10 for her daughter that graduated from Stivers. She noted that she played a cello duet with the son of our guest, Jocelyn Rhynard.
- Mark Ruetschle celebrated the birth of his fourth grandchild- a granddaughter born just two days ago
- Emily Broughton noted Bottom Line celebrated the graduation of 173 students and looks to serve over 300 next year.
- Steve Naas noted that our outbound exchange student the year of Covid, just graduated from the Air Force Academy.
- Richard Lundin, Day 100 for the flyer on the table highlighting the First Friday events which start on Friday.
- Dave Williamson had several Day-10's; one to honor our Peace Builder interviewee Gary Leppla, a new Ohio University student, and for those of you that like Shakespeare, the Gem City groundlings will be doing two shows at the Levitt in June. See the website for more details. <https://www.gemcitygroundlings.com/>
- Cassie Barlow on Zoom noted she will have a new son in law and that SOCHE is merging with a Cincinnati group that will expand the number of colleges and programs with which they work.

July 07, 2025

[Teresa Sanders](#)
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 Sargent,](#)
Business Coach
Update on Aileron

August 04, 2025

[Kristina Scott & Lisa](#)
[Wagner](#)
The Experience
Economy

August 11, 2025

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

August 18, 2025

[Dave Williams](#)
Dayton Arcade
Update

August 25, 2025

[Andy Schwartz](#)
Lion Apparel

**September 01,
2025**

**NO MEETING -
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

- Heath MacAlpine noted he was unable to join the previous two Rotary group bike outings and so he will soon be leaving to accomplish both. He will ride from Cincinnati to Albany. We all look forward to his return to Dayton.
- Tom Maher is back at the club after a year of medical challenges, including a hip, neck fusion and cataracts. Questions on who great doctors might be, he has suggestions. He offered special appreciation to his beloved and caregiver, Amy Radachi.
- Karen Hesser spoke of the wonderful collaboration and support from the Dayton community and many groups for a successful NATO event. Dayton really shined and we have much to be proud
- Carolyn Rice noted her College Promise mentee graduated from Dixie HS as the valedictorian and will be attending Wright State on a full ride. She encouraged club members to get involved and support the College Promise program. <https://mcoep.org/>

President's Time

President Randy introduced Bill Nance to facilitate a Peace Builder interview with Gary Leppla, a local attorney. He discussed the NAACP Environmental Justice Committee that works in the area of civil rights, environment, clean energy and disaster infrastructure preparedness. He noted their work in underserved communities. What can we do to support these issues, he suggests to: Be Informed. Lots of information can be found at their website: <https://naacpdayton.org/>

Kim Bramlage noted the Summerfest will be Friday, September 19th from 6-9 pm. There are many opportunities for sponsorship which include a friend of Rotary at \$200 to Stage Sponsor at \$5,000. Vendor booth opportunities exist as well. Kim had forms on the table for members to take and return. Please consider supporting this great fundraising event that supports the club and our ability to give back to the community. It would be great if everyone would consider being a "friend of Rotary".

Chair of the Day

Karla Garrett Harshaw, Chair of the Day introduced our speaker Ryan Ernst, The Connor Group and Director of the nonprofit, Kids and Community Partners that operates the Greater Dayton School. Ryan has a background as a sportswriter. He is a graduate of Ohio University and received a master's from the University of Dayton. Ryan shared many ways in which the Greater Dayton School is being innovative in their approach to education.

- Students have an individual education experience
- Mental Health support occurs naturally as part of the program, just like fluoride is in the water and one doesn't really know
- Physical Health- 67 minutes of fitness include 30 minutes of physical activity each day
- Kids are trusted and treated like college students- as they can work independently, they are trusted to work outside the classroom in more and more independent ways- these can be taken back and then earned back.
- Students have jobs and earn money that can be used to purchase items in their school store, teaching financial knowledge and management.
- Students lead parent-teacher conferences and the group provides ideas on how they will support the students' learning plan.
- Family-style meals and culturally diverse foods
- They have identified the 8 traits that make teachers successfully teach low-income students and recruit from around the country.
- Parent involvement and commitments

He noted that at The Connor Group they have a saying that professionals built the Titanic and amateurs built the Ark. This led them to spend several years learning about education systems around the world and develop the approach at the Greater Dayton School. The overall goal is that at Age 27 the alumni will be financially stable, employed, living lives of integrity and their own definition of success.

Several questions were asked, including funding and parent commitment. Ryan noted the school receives the Ed Choice voucher, which is about \$6,200/student, and he estimates the cost between 25k- 32k. They are looking at launching a school in the Cincinnati area and the donor support to make this work.

Queen of Hearts was drawn by Richard Wegmann and he did not win. Jackpot total at the start of the meeting was \$1835.00.

Sam Morton, new member, led the club in the 4-way test. Next week's program is Joe Sciabica, Employers Workforce Coalition. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

[Meeting Recording Link](#)

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: \$1942

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.



Make Your Plans to Attend the Presidential Gala

*You are cordially invited to a celebration
a year in the making!*



**Please join Dayton Rotary as we
celebrate President Randy Domigan
and his tenure as President!**

Rotary Presidential Gala

Thursday, June 12th

5:30—8:00 PM

Dayton Convention Center

Executive Suite

\$50/person

*Includes Heavy Hors D'oeuvres & Beer and Wine
(2 Drink Tickets per Person)
Iced Tea & Water*

Spouses and Guests Welcome

MENU

*Sliced Seasonal Fruit Display, Charcuterie Board, Vegetable Spring Rolls,
International Cheese Tray, Meatball Arancini (Cheesy Risotto wrapped in an
Italian Meatball Shell and finished with Pomodoro and Grated Parmesan)*

Dessert

*Butter Cream Dessert Board
(mini cookies, pretzels, strawberries, cake pieces, assorted flavors of buttercream)*

Please RSVP to laura@daytonrotary.com by June 5th

Business Casual Attire

The Social Committee Presents...Paint & Sip

Rotary Paint & Sip



Thursday, July 10th

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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**Front Street Art
Gallery**

1001 East Second Street

Building 100 - Enter Door BC—Down 1/2 Flight to the Project Pit

\$30 per person

*Gather with Fellow Rotarians to
Enjoy Wine & Appetizers and
Try Out Your Artistic Side*



Spouses and Guests Welcome!



Reservations to laura@daytonrotary.com

By June 27th

Space is Limited to 30 so Reserve Early!

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) and Kim Bramlage (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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