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This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, June 30, 2025

Club Leaders



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Birthdays



David P. Williamson
July 2nd

Speakers

June 30, 2025

Randy Domigan & Linda Groover
Changing of the Rotary Guard

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

"Changing of the Rotary Guard"



It's time again for the annual changing of the Rotary Guard. Join us at the meeting to hear Randy Domigan review the highlights of his year as President and he will then pass the gavel to Linda Osterfeld. Randy Domigan who will share with the club what her goals are for her Presidential year.

We will also hear from our Youth Exchange Student Elaine Lumonya from Uganda as she wraps up her time here with us in Dayton and heads home soon.

This Happened Last Monday...

President Randy is wrapping up his presidency with one week left and called the meeting to order. Kim Bramlage made the very sad announcement of Bear Monita's untimely passing. She shared that there is no funeral planned, but a memorial will take place sometime in the future. President Randy asked for a moment of silence in honor of Bear.

Fran Rickenbach took the words to live by and focused them on the statement recently released by Sophie and Colin Hortman, the children of Minnesota Rep. Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark who were killed in what has been called a political assassination. Rep. Melissa Hortman was a longtime Democratic legislator.

Their statement called on people to honor their parents' legacy by doing "something, whether big or small, to make our community just a little better for someone else."

"We are devastated and heartbroken at the loss of our parents, Melissa and Mark. They were the bright lights at the center of our lives, and we can't believe they are gone. Their love for us was boundless. We miss them so much," the release said. "We want everyone to know that we are both safe and with loved ones. We are grateful for the outpouring of love and support we have received, and we appreciate your respect for our family's privacy as we grieve."

The Hortman children thanked law enforcement for their efforts, which led to the arrest of suspect Vance Boelter. Boelter also wounded Sen. John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, though they are on a path to recovery. The Hortman children emphasized the legacy that their parents will leave behind.

"Our parents touched so many lives, and they leave behind an incredible legacy of dedication to their community that will live on in us, their friends, their colleagues and co-workers, and every single person who knew and loved them." The Hortmans asked that people do an act of kindness in the memory of their parents' commitment to service, sharing a list of suggestions. "The best way to honor our parents' memory is to do something, whether big or small, to make our community just a little better for someone else." They suggested planting a tree, telling a dad joke, and baking something to share — "bread for Mark or a cake for Melissa". "Pet a dog," was on the list "A golden retriever is ideal but any will do."

The Hortman family's dog, a golden retriever named Gilbert, was euthanized after he was injured in the shooting. Hortman originally trained him as a service dog before he became a permanent member of the family. Sophie and Colin Hortman ended the statement with a call to action. "Hope and resilience are the enemy of fear. Our parents lived their lives with immense dedication to their fellow humans. This tragedy must become a moment for us to come together. Hold your loved ones a little closer. Love your neighbors. Treat each other with kindness and respect."

Fran then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Nance shared news of the day including the news that Aflac is the latest company that has had a massive data leak of passwords. He also shared that Fidelity Investments says that 45% of Generation X report they are not confident in their ability to retire, which is not good news, but on the flip side, a British company has developed "pipe bots" - tiny robots could help fix leaky water pipes. He ended with news about the Rotary International Convention taking place in Calvary with the theme of "Magic All Around."

Sue welcomed Rotary guests and visitors including Tom Carlisle on Zoom and Maddie Sprinkle who attended with Emily Broughton. Maddie is an intern at Bottom Line and also a Bottom Line student taking classes at UD.

Secretary Sarah took over the microphone with announcements including it's hot, SO HOT out there. How did she spend the weekend? In a very hot barn stacking hay for her horses. At one point said hay measured 127 degrees. She shared birthdays including hers and Carolyn Rice's on June 29 and Kappy Kilburn on June 27.

Donna Childs reminded the group about Rotary Paint & Sip on July 10th at Front Street creating masterpieces. They need to have 10 people signed up by this Friday due to supplies needing to be ordered, so sign up today.

Secretary Sarah reminded us all that our Rotary signature event, Summerfest, will take place on September 19th. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to sign up to volunteer and help. Summerfest is still in need of sponsors. Please let Kim if you or your company would like to be a Band Sponsor (\$5000) or a Food Truck Sponsor (\$2500). We should all consider being "A Friend of Rotary" Sponsor at the \$200 level. Get involved

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

and plan to be there and help support. And speaking of support, Laura sent out a note about Rotary Committees. Please respond and send this back to Laura - this is a working club, and we need all of you to help do the work. Richard Lundin received a Rotary reward from Secretary Sarah and got a new Rotary portfolio for helping fill in for Sarah last week and as a handy tool with his new Secretary role he will be taking on.

Secretary Sarah gave a day \$50 for her birthday, Carolyn Rice gave a day \$100 for her birthday and for graduating from the FBI's citizen academy and getting to see her granddaughter's dance recital, Kappy gave a day \$27 for her birthday on the 27th.

Sarah took a break to check on the physical temperature of the room. Still hot, but not 127 degree hay in a barn hot.

Bob Hoopes gave a Day \$100 to his Paul Harris in honor of his son who is finishing his dermatology residency at Case Western and will be starting with a derm group in Carmel, Indiana. He thanked Rotary members for helping his son when he was first getting started - a great reminder of how Rotary connects. Paul Grunner gave a Day \$25 in honor of the Dayton Convention Center's ribbon cutting at 3 p.m. and a 4 p.m. open house to the public this Friday.

Sarah's water fact for the day? It's a great time to get into the river. Did you know we are Ohio's first national water trail designated by the national park service? She shared that the Great Miami is one of the healthiest in the state of Ohio and the Mad River is one of the only spots in the state where you can fish for trout in the state. Whatever you do and wherever you go, if it's in water please wear your life jackets!

President Randy thanked everyone for attending his Presidential send off at the Dayton Convention Center.

Frank Scott had two Paul Harris presentations. The first one to Dean Alexander with his ninth (way to go Dean!) Paul Harris Fellowship with each one representing \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. The second to Suren Singhvi (on zoom) for his fifth Paul Harris.

Bill Nance came forward with our very own Nancy Farkas, realtor extraordinaire, for a membership vocational interview spotlight. As a young girl Nancy studied piano, art and ballet, instilling a lifelong love of the arts that continues to this day. In her first part of her career, she was an international buyer for 25 years in the fashion industry, including buying jobs for Marshall Fields in Chicago. In her various buying roles, she moved across the county and each job brought world travels to Milan and London and other fashion destinations in Europe. She also traveled to the far east to Hong Kong and Bangkok and Bombay to work on product development. She transitioned from retail in department stores into duty-free international stores when she moved to San Francisco, which involved lots more foreign travel. Now as a realtor in Dayton she helps buyers find homes that match their needs. She shared there are not nearly enough homes on the market - it's a sellers' market - which is great for sellers but not great for buyers. Once the sellers sell and become buyers, it's also bad for them. In her free time, she loves spy thrillers, with James Patterson being an especially favorite author of hers.

Scott Kayser served as chair of the day and introduced guest speaker Joe Knopp, an Ohio-based filmmaker and producer. Knoop, whose background includes work in both Hollywood and Ohio politics, is known for producing several inspirational and biographical films. His credits include *Woodlawn*, *I Can Only Imagine*, and *Unplanned*.

Knopp shared a deeply personal and powerful life story. Born in Philadelphia into a difficult and unstable home life marked by abuse and addiction, he and his two older sisters were eventually separated and placed in an orphanage, where they remained until graduating from high school. Their lives began to change when a local architect and churchgoer, Wes Whitehead, rescued the siblings from a Philadelphia winter in an abandoned house. They lived in an orphanage until graduation.

After high school, Knopp joined the U.S. Air Force in exchange for a college education. He trained in San Antonio and was stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, where he served as an X-ray technician while also studying at Sinclair Community College and later Wright State University. It was during this time that he met his wife and began laying the foundation for a new chapter in his life.

Following his military service, Knopp transitioned into the financial planning field, eventually launching his own consulting firm. A longtime friend and mentor from Philadelphia, who had found success as a producer at Warner Bros., encouraged him to pursue storytelling in film. Together, they worked on a series of projects with strong, values-driven narratives, many of which highlighted personal redemption, resilience, and faith.

In addition to film production, Knopp has been invited to speak at events across the country, including meetings in Washington, D.C. His experiences with storytelling and community service have led him to connect with a wide range of individuals. Knopp closed his remarks by emphasizing the importance of empathy, awareness, and lifting others up. His story is a testament to the profound impact that kindness and mentorship can have on a life, and he encouraged Rotarians to continue making a difference in their communities — just as others once did for him.

When he was done speaking, Lisa Grigsby invited him to come and speak to the Film Dayton group.

Dan McBride drew for the Queen of Hearts and did not win. Next week will be President Randy's last until he passes the gavel to Linda Osterfeld. Sam Morton led us in the 4-way test and the meeting adjourned.

[Meeting Recording Link](#)

Our Sympathy on the Loss of Rotarian



Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Rotarian William "Bear" Monita who passed away on June 19th at the age of 65. He joined Dayton Rotary in October 2008. Below is a link to an article in the Dayton Daily News on his passing.

[DDN Article](#)

If you would like to send a note of sympathy to his wife, Barbra Stonerock you may do so at the following address: 667 Renolda Woods Court, Kettering, 45429

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: \$2175

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.



Paul Harris Fellowship Recognitions



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Congratulations to Suren Singhvi on receiving his 5th Paul Harris Fellowship and to Dean Alexander on receiving his 9th Fellowship. Frank Scott presented all with their new pins at the meeting of Monday, June 23rd. Thank you all for your generosity.

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!



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By June 27th

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