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July 25th



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July 26th

Speakers

July 21, 2025
John McCance,

This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, July 21, 2025

"The DoD's Employer Support Committee – Vital Services for our Guard and Reserve Members"



John McCance is the state chairman for the Department of Defense's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve committee. ESGR is a DoD activity that was established by Congress 53 years ago to strengthen the relationships between civilian employers and their employees that serve in the Guard and Reserve. The ESGR conducts employer outreach and informs military leadership and Guard and Reserve members of their rights and responsibilities under the governing Federal Law. It also provides an ombudsman for military members and employers when difficulties arise.

Ohio's ESGR Committee is made up of 37 Department of Defense volunteer employees supporting those 25K Reserve Component members in all 88 counties.

Chair of the Day: Kim Bramlage

This Happened Last Monday...

President Linda Osterfeld called the meeting to order at 12:10. **Bill Nance** shared Word to live by, led the Pledge and News of the Day. The Words to live by were focused on Peace, the theme of the year. He reminded us that the many signs of peace; a dove, the peace symbol, 2 fingers, an olive branch and mistletoe. Mistletoe as a peace symbol stems from an Indian killed by an arrow. In news he shared that Bill Gates donated 51B or 30% of his net worth, as part of his quest to donate over 200B over the next 20 years. Ford has issued a recall on water pumps, their 90th recall this year. There was a robot vs human race in China and the humans won (Yahoo, we still dominate). In Rotary news he noted that 11 clubs have donated 100k over the last three years to support Applebee's and one can see the Rotary symbol if they participate in a college class from an Ontario university.

Secretary Richard Lundin recognized Dan McBride, Steve Naas, Linda Osterfeld, Mark Ruetschle and Makiedah Messam for birthdays this week.

Guests this week included:

- Rotarians: Centerville Rotarian Jeff Senney. On Zoom, Tom Carlisle
- Kelly Lehman- Patrick Gill, College Promise
- Shaun Yu- Rob Sigman, Packard Museum

Rotary Rise and Shine Breakfast on Tuesday August 12 at 7:45 AM at the Blue Berry Café in Kettering. RSVP to Laura. Only 16 can attend and we only have 6 spots left.

Summerfest is Friday September 19th from 6-9:30 pm at the Levitt Pavilion. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. We are still in need of sponsors- Food Truck or band sponsors and we welcome everyone to be a 200 Friend of Rotary sponsor. All proceeds benefit the Foundation. We will have 2 bands and present the 2025 Irv Bieser Peace Award.

Day 10's:

- Sue Taylor noted her husband's band which started at Central Christian Church plays big band and jazz music and she shared 8 dates they are playing this summer. Proceeds from the concerts go to support their food pantry. They feed 200 people a week. They are at the Levitt Pavilion on July 24.
- Susan Hayes and her husband Patrick will celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary. Did you know 3 priests married them in Detroit?
- Suren Singhvi said he was in Chicago last week to celebrate and gave a Day-100
- Dave Williamson celebrated the great food truck rally at Front Street and recognized the work of our Secretary Richard Lundin.
- Nancy Farkas celebrated Richard for hosting the great sip and paint last week and kudo's to the new co-chairs of the social committee- Andy Clements and Emily Broughton
- Katie Neubert gave a Day 26 because on July 26, We Care Arts will host their Arts and Jazz event.
- Judy Budi announced 20 volunteers are needed on August 16 from 11-1 at the Salvation Army as they give out shoes and socks for kids. Laura will be sending an email later today. This is part of our Coats+ project
- Karla Garrett Harshaw noted her son Alex was an extra in the Superman movie. He drove over from Columbus and the family went to see the movie and when they all saw him on screen they started screaming. He was a bit of celebrity after and signed autographs....She celebrated her only grandchild's commencement and gave in support of Summerfest.
- Andy Clements noted Minster Bank is celebrating 5 years and highlighted many events and great CD rates in recognition.
- Mark Richley donated to his Paul Harris in celebration of his birthday
- Linda Osterfeld gave her Paul Harris for her birthday and in appreciation of Laura's work and noting that Richard Lundin is a great artist- check out that Batman from the sip and paint FB posts
- Steve Naas gave to the Anderson International Fund for his birthday noting he participated in a training this past weekend at Otterbein with

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

July 28, 2025

[Luke Sargent, Business Coach, Aileron](#)

Aileron: Supporting & Empowering Business Owners

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](#)

September 08, 2025

[Col. Matthew Muha, 445th Deputy Commander, WPAFB](#)
Honor Flight

September 15, 2025

[Kimberly Luse](#)
Fisher/Nightingale Houses Inc.

September 22, 2025

[International Peace Day Speaker](#)

September 29, 2025

[Cindy Garner](#)
Clothes That Work

October 06, 2025

[TBD](#)

October 13, 2025

[TBD](#)

October 20, 2025

[Scott McGohan, One Morning](#)
Supporting Those in Need and Fostering a Community of Hope

October 27, 2025

[TBD](#)

the 27 outbound youth exchange students. Our inbound student is coming from India and will be with Jason and Ann Charles for the first segment. She will attend Stivers. Interested in serving as a host family? See Steve.

- Holly Wiggins noted her daughter's PhD work was published. None of the family can understand it but it is great to see her name in print.
- Latisha Taylor thanked Jeff Senney for attending and Pickrel Schaeffer and Ebeling for serving as a sponsor for Summerfest.

President Linda Osterfeld invited **Dona Vella** to the podium to introduce our newest Corporate Members from Dayton Live:

- Gabriel van Aalst- President and CEO
- Gary Minyard- Chief Creative Officer
- Lisa Japs, Chief Operating Officer
- Amanda Burks, Chief Development Officer

Matt Jessup, Chair of the Day introduced Andrew and Lauren White, Owners of Indigo Life Media. They noted the importance of video with social media and the ability to build a brand. They utilize a concept called entertainment marketing- building a virtual relationship. They shared several examples, all of which can be found through their website. These YouTube video's and podcasts are full of wonderful information.

- Decoding Series- decoding Dayton and decoding Metroparks
- Retrial podcast- a program in the third season in conjunction with the Dayton Bar Association
- Tonight's Conversation
- Midmark Culture Series
- Voices Project
- Unstable Lumberjack's

Paul Gruner drew the Jack of Hearts in his attempt to win the \$155 pot.

Next week's program is **John McCance, State Chairman, DoD, Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve Committee. The program title is "The DoD's Employer Support Committee- Vital Services for our Guard and Reserve Members".**

Andrea Wall led the 4-way Test

President Linda Osterfeld adjourned the meeting at 1:12 pm.

[Meeting Recording Link](#)

Welcome to Dayton Rotary!

NEW CORPORATE MEMBER PROFILE



Amanda Burks is a native Daytonian and a dedicated fundraising professional with nearly 20 years of experience, serves as the Chief Development Officer for Dayton Live. Prior to this role, she served as Director of Development & Communications for WYSO Public Radio. Before that she was the Chief Development Officer for Ronald McDonald House Charities Dayton where she oversaw the fundraising efforts of a \$25 million capital campaign to build a new Ronald McDonald House. Amanda has also held positions with local creative agency Real Art Design Group, PR firm vellaINC, and the Dayton Art Institute.

Amanda maintains a strong commitment to the community and currently serves, or has served, on several boards and committees throughout the Dayton region. These include the Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation Board of Directors, Artemis Center Board of Trustees, and the Wright State University Alumni Association Board of Trustees.

Amanda is a 2018 Forty Under 40 Award winner, a graduate of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Dayton Class of 2012, and a graduate of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce's EMPOWER Cohort 3 in 2021. She resides in Springboro with her husband Jason and their two sons who fill her free time with soccer games and track meets.

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NEW CORPORATE MEMBER PROFILE



Lisa Japs is a driven and accomplished individual with a diverse range of experiences. For close to 20 years, Lisa has worked with Dayton Live. She started in the Ticket Office where she developed a deep understanding of customer service and theatre operations and currently serves as the organizations Chief Operating Officer. In this role, she oversees all aspects of the organization's operations including ticketing, marketing, volunteers, and venue services.

Lisa holds a bachelor's degree in psychology, from the University of Dayton which has provided her with a strong foundation in human behavior and has been invaluable in her professional and personal pursuits.

Outside of work, Lisa loves to garden and is an active volunteer with two local organizations: Levitt Pavilion Dayton and Friends of the Library. Through her volunteer work, she has been able to give back to her community and make a positive impact in the lives of others.

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As the Chief Creative Officer at Dayton Live, **Gary Minyard** believes that participation in the arts is an essential component of every person's well-being. He has created many community-based arts initiatives including *Kites of Kindness*, *Superhero Girls Like Me*, *Radio Waves*, and *Guitars: A Bridge To Broadway*. Gary also expanded Dayton Live's Discovery Series to utilize each unique venue and designed customized resources to give 18,000 students a year more intimate performing arts experiences on field trips. He created the Miami Valley High School Theatre Awards (MVHSTAs), which is a Regional Awards Program for The Jimmy Awards® serving 39 local high school theatre programs. He introduced Sensory-Inclusive performances to Dayton Live, creating judgement-free spaces for people with autism, sensory sensitivities, or other social, learning, or cognitive disabilities. Gary also created the Dayton Live Creative Academy where thousands of students from all over the Miami Valley can participate in performing arts classes, camps, and intensives throughout the year. He also produces several shows at Dayton Live including the Unplugged Series in the PNC Arts Annex, the MVHSTA Showcase, and an annual holiday cabaret. Gary also writes and stars in "Behind The Scenes," a video series celebrating theatre facts, stories, and lore.

Gary is an award-winning director, designer, and movement/fight choreographer who graduated with an MFA in Theatre for Youth and Directing from Arizona State University. He studied at the University of Houston and trained at the L'Ecole Internationale de Théâtre Jacques Lecoq in Paris. He has also toured extensively as an actor, director, and teaching artist through 48 of our 50 states with many professional theatre companies.

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With almost two decades of management experience in performing arts venues, including eight years as the President & CEO of the New Jersey Symphony, **Gabriel van Aalst** has a wealth of knowledge and expertise.

After beginning his career with a leading Australian theatre production company, he served as Chief Executive of Academy of St. Martin in the Fields where he guided the London-based orchestra through a transition period while driving record income generation.

While with the New Jersey Symphony, Gabriel completed a \$50 million comprehensive fundraising campaign with \$61 million; spearheaded the Symphony's 100th anniversary celebrations; commissioned a series of concert films which won three Emmy Awards; and elevated the profile of the Symphony in a highly competitive NYC metro area arts and entertainment market.

Originally from Australia, Gabriel holds a Master of Arts in Cultural and Creative Industries from King's College in London, a Bachelor of Arts in Performance Studies from University of Sydney, and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Law from University of Technology, Sydney.

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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: \$155

**new deck started on July 7th*

See 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.

Rotary Rise and Shine Breakfast at Blue Berry Cafe

Rotary Rise and Shine Breakfast

Tuesday, August 12th

7:45 A.M.*

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Blue Berry Café

2932 South Dixie Drive ~ Kettering



**everyone must be there before our group can be seated so please be prompt*

*Gather with Fellow Rotarians to
Enjoy a Meal.*

Pay your own Breakfast Tab.

Spouses and Guests Welcome!



RSVP to laura@daytonrotary.com

**Space is Limited to 15
so Reserve Early!**

ONLY 2 SPOTS LEFT

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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