

# Rotary



## Club of Dayton SMILE



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in the WORLD

### This Week at Rotary

**MONDAY, October 9, 2023**

*Sinclair Community College - or on Zoom*  
**"Developing Dayton"**

#### Club Leaders



Kimberly M. Bramlage  
President



Randall K. Domigan  
President-Elect



Steven Conklin  
Treasurer



Linda Groover  
Vice President



Sarah Hippensteel Hall  
Secretary



Walter A. Hibner  
iPast President



Roger William Sloan  
Assistant Governor

#### Birthdays



Rebecca A. Benna  
October 10th

Patricia H Caruso  
October 11th



Jason Woodard is the founder and Principal of Woodard Development. With 15 years of commercial development, he has created wide-reaching relationships in the Dayton region and beyond. He'll be sharing with us his vision for his work in Dayton, what he's done and what's coming next.

Chair of the Day: Lisa Grigsby

**IT'S BRING A GUEST DAY!!!**

### This Happened Last Monday...

President Kim Bramlage called the meeting to order. Fran Rickenbach led us in the Pledge and reminded us that the celebration for Jewish New Year is upon us. She explained the meaning of many of the Jewish traditions during this time and read a poem in honor of the new year. Bill Nance reported the news of the day, Rotary news, and the weather. Ann Crichton was then invited to the podium to welcome guests and visitors.

Chuck Vella introduced his guests Suzanne Klopfenstein, Publisher of the DDN and Ashley Bethard, Editor of the DDN. Shout out to Tom Carlisle as a Zoom guest. Steve Ireland's guests were Wray Blattner, a retired attorney, and Nick Raines, who serves as Executive Director for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize and is a friend of today's speaker.

Secretary, Sarah Hippensteel Hall then made Club announcements and we gave birthday wishes to Steve Conklin, Nicole Sturk, Rick Wegmann, and to Lonnie Franks. Happy birthdays to all!

There were lots of announcements. Our own Cassie Barlow will be recognized at the Legion of Honor celebration this year on Thursday at 11:15 at the Dayton Convention Center. There are 3 tickets available if interested. We were reminded of the Rotary Reads program that will start soon and Rotary will be working with DLA, Miracle Makers After Care, East End Community Center, Omega CDC, Scholars of HOPE, and the West Park Academy. Please sign up if you want to get involved in this great program.

October 9 is Dayton Rotary's bring a guest day. There are 15 guests registered so far and there will be prizes and fun to be had by all! Joanna McCord announced that the Coats + program is in full swing and encouraged all to donate. October 12 is the date for the Red Ribbon Meeting to be held at 7:30 am. The Red Ribbon Meeting is scheduled for Oct 12 at 7:30 am. The next Peace walk is scheduled at Possum Creek Metro Park on October 12.

Day 10's and other gifts

Joanna McCord with a Day 100 for Coats +;

Lonnie Franks with a Day 100 for his birthday;

Nicole Sturk with a Day 100 for her birthday, her wedding anniversary, and being thankful for a successful



Paul W. Gruner  
October  
12th



Vince C. Lewis  
October  
14th

## Speakers

**October 09, 2023**

[Jason Woodard](#)  
Woodard  
Development

**October 16, 2023**

[MaryLynn Lodor & Dan Foley](#)  
The Miami  
Conservancy District  
and The Great Miami  
Riverway

**October 23, 2023**

[Valerie Beerbower, Sinclair Workforce Development](#)  
Propelling Your Small  
Business with  
Goldman Sachs

**October 30, 2023**

[Rabbi Aubry Glazer](#)

**November 06, 2023**

[Dr Darlene Weaver, University of Dayton](#)

**November 13, 2023**

[Rotary on the Road at the Winsupply Richard W. Schwartz Center for Innovation](#)

**November 20, 2023**

TBD

**November 27, 2023**

[Neil Sullivan, UD Athletic Director](#)

**December 04, 2023**

TBD

**December 11, 2023**

[Holiday Sweepstakes & Elections](#)

**December 18, 2023**

[Holiday Program](#)

SICSA event;

Walt Hibner with a Day 100 towards his Paul Harris, his 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and his daughter's engagement;

Susan Hayes with a Day 165 for Polio Project and Day 50 for Coats+;

Nancy Farkas with Day 100 toward Paul Harris and Polio Project;

Amy Radachi with a Day 100 in honor of our former exchange student, Anastasia, who just gave birth to her 3<sup>rd</sup> child;

Paul Gruner with a Day 50 for Coats+ and a Day 100 for his birthday

Rick Wegmann with a Day 100 in honor of his granddaughter doing well after heart surgery;

Heath MacAlpine dedicating his monthly credit card giving to RI to Paul Harris and National Park Service;

Karen Hesser with a Day 100-- \$60 Coats+ and \$40 because her Eagles are doing well;

Steve Conklin with a Day 326-- \$75 in honor of the recent successful bike and the remaining \$250 to Coats +;

Jim Steen with a Day150 - \$50 for Coats+ and for his recent anniversary.

President Kim Bramlage then came to podium and thanked us all for the support. She welcomed Jim Steen back who joined us on Zoom. We are excited that Caryl Segalewitz and Alan Lee had their red ribbons removed and are now full-fledged Rotarians. Congratulations!

Kim reminded us that Strategic Planning is coming up and encouraged all those with interest to get involved. Rotary will be going to the production of Cabaret at WSU on November 9 at 8 pm. Tickets are limited and please talk to Laura about availability.

Chuck Vella was called upon to introduce the speaker of the day, Kevin Riley who is a longtime Cox Enterprises employee with a background in investigative journalism. Kevin got his start at the DDN in 1983 while a student at UD. He was editor at the DDN from 2007 to 2011. His career then took him to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, where he has served as Editor starting in 2011. He has had a storied career in investigative journalism and the paper won many awards under his leadership, including 2 Emmy Awards, and an Edward R. Murrow award. He has served as a judge to award the Pulitzer Prize, and testified before the US House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial and Administrative Law in 2019 on the importance of local journalism, and the impact that social media and large tech companies are having on it. He is now a member of Dayton Literary Peace Prize, Atlanta Rotary, and a graduate of Leadership Dayton, Leadership Atlanta and Leadership Dekalb, with 3 kids and married to Tracy. Chuck met Kevin at DDN and enjoyed "trying to golf"!

The theme of Kevin's talk was "You never really leave Dayton" but maybe it should be titled "Dayton never really leaves you". All his children went to UD, so he had plenty of reasons to come back to Dayton. He explained his connection to the DDN and how those connections to it and Cox changed and influenced his life. An article he wrote was published on the day he graduated from UD. He shared his heartbreak of the cancellation of the 2020 NCAA basketball tournament—he had mixed feelings about it because he invited 16 people to stay at his house if UD made it to the Final Four.

A tough story that he covered while Editor at the DDN was NCR's departure from Dayton. That departure had a deep impact on the community and Bill Nuti, the CEO of NCR, took some heat from the paper for his actions, his lack of transparency and the company's departure. After NCR moved to Atlanta and while Kevin was at the Atlanta Constitution, he had the opportunity to interview Mr. Nuti again. Nuti seemed to express some remorse for how he dealt with the press in Dayton and that he was not as involved with the Dayton community as he could have been.

To the contrary, Brian Gregory, former UD basketball coach, was very invested in the Dayton community. He left UD and went to coach at Georgia Tech. Always an admirer of Coach Gregory, Kevin met with Gregory often while they were both in Atlanta. One story about Coach Gregory impressed Kevin. Brian took it upon himself, and unknown to Kevin, to give Kevin's son, who was struggling with the move to Atlanta at the time, a confidence-building pep talk. That impressed Kevin greatly because Brian was always giving of his time.

His work on the Board of Trustees for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize brought him back to Dayton. He believes in the project, and he thanked all who support it. He is working on making it bigger than the Pulitzer Prize. He encouraged all of us to realize what we have here in Dayton.

He shared a moving quote from a column he wrote when he left Dayton. It is:

"Now I realize that Dayton was the perfect place to build a life... along with my wife, whom I met here, and my 3 children, I leave behind the place that would always be my home".

Kevin then entertained questions. When he comes to Dayton, he likes to go to DLM and, when time permits, he goes to the Pine Club. He weighed in on preserving Dayton's history through its architecture, how AI may affect journalism, and how smart journalists will always be needed. He advised young journalists to look beyond companies' social media accounts to hone their craft. Kevin reflected on his first meeting with President Carter, which took place when he first moved to Atlanta at the Presidential Library. President Carter mentioned that he read the AJC every morning and then seemingly called the AJC out about not running an Op-Ed about dealings in the Middle East. Kevin was later invited, along with some of the AJC's editors, to dinner with President and Mrs. Carter at the Presidential Library. He and President Carter discussed if it was an impossible job to be President. Carter said it probably wasn't then, but it may be now!

Sarah then did the drawing for the Queen of Hearts pot (\$3000) but there was no winner. The speaker at next

week's meeting is Jason Woodard, a local Developer in Dayton.

Norm Miozzi led us in the 4 Way Test, and the meeting was then adjourned.

Meeting Recording <https://vimeo.com/870637468?share=copy>

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## Queen of Hearts Drawing - NO DRAWING NEXT WEEK DUE TO GUEST DAY

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: \$3194**

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.
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## Rotary Social Event at Wright State Theatre...Cabaret

### Save the Date

**Thursday, November 9th**

Wright State University Production of  
***Cabaret***

Performance at 8:00 PM

There will be a reception/dinner prior to the performance.

We will have **30 seats available** for this performance. ***Spouses and Guests Welcome***

If you know you would like to attend please let Laura know.

More details coming soon...

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## New Rotary Activity...Peace Walks

The Dayton Rotary Peace Committee is starting a new activity, "Peace Walks".

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 walk will take place on **Thursday, October 12th at 6 pm at Possum Creek MetroPark** (4790 Frytown Road 45417).

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

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## Rotary on the Road November 13th



**Our Fall Rotary on the Road will take place on Monday, November 13th.**

**It will be held at the Richard W. Schwartz Center for Innovation**

3300 Kettering Boulevard  
12 Noon - 1:15 p.m.

Maximum capacity for this meeting will be 50 people. You **MUST** sign up with Laura to attend this meeting. Car pooling is encouraged as parking is limited. **Dayton Rotarians Only** for this event. Tours of the facility will be given in groups of 10.

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## Rotary Reads Kicking Off

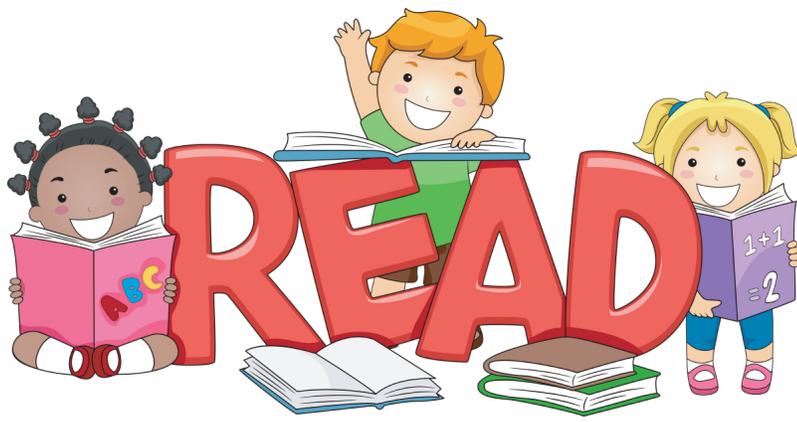
Reading regularly out loud to children, or having the students read to you, provides early development of crucial language and literacy skills.

### **Rotary Reads is Kicking Off**

We have potential opportunities to read with students at:

**Dayton Leadership Academy,**  
Grades 2 &3, 9-10 AM on Fridays,  
1416 W Riverview Ave.

**Miracle Makers After Care Program,** with the East End



Community Services, 624 Xenia Ave.,  
serving PreK-6

**Ruskin Neighborhood** school K & 1 grades, during the school day, would absolutely love for us to read with their students.

The **Omega CDC**, Scholars of Hope program, (Health. Optimistic. Prepared. Educated.) is excited about Rotary Reads and the impact our service can have.

Please contact **Kim Spurgeon, Chair of Rotary Reads** [kspurgeon@daytonart.org](mailto:kspurgeon@daytonart.org) if you are interested in Rotary Reads. Once you indicate your interest, you will receive a sign-up genius to pick days/times/locations to read with students.

## 2023 Coats+ Project Kicks Off

The **Coats+ Committee** is getting an early start on this year's project so we can get coats on the backs of children **BEFORE** cold weather sets in. We know we are right on the heels of completing the Crayons to Classrooms School Supply Drive and hope you understand the need for urgency.

We kicked off the campaign with a **\$5,000 goal** this past Monday and plan for it to run through October 27th. We have received a District Match Grant of \$2,760, so with your help we will raise about \$8,000. We will be helping economically disadvantaged students attend school in appropriate attire that may include procurement of coats, hats, uniforms & more. ***(The suggested donation is \$50 to provide a coat, hat and gloves to a child in need, but any amount is greatly appreciated.)***

We will be supporting children enrolled in:

- DPS McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program
- EJ Brown Middle School
- Dayton Leadership Academy

***You may email Laura with your pledge or turn in your check made payable to the Dayton Rotary Foundation with Coats+ in the memo line at a Monday meeting or mail to the Rotary Office (3131 South Dixie Drive Suite 414 Dayton 45439). Or we can add to your foundation account and you may pay by credit card online.***

Thank you for your consideration and your amazing generosity.

