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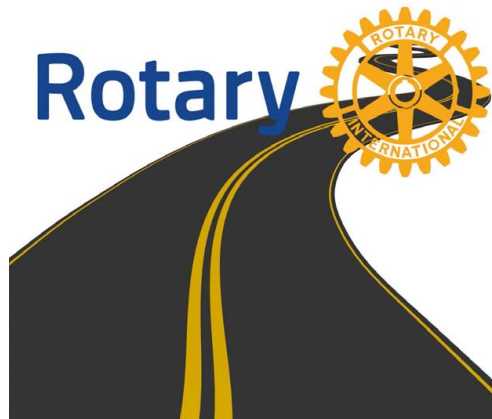
Speakers

October 26, 2026

This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, October 26, 2026

"Rotary on the Road"



On October 26th we will hold our Fall Rotary on the Road Event. 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

Eastway Behavioral Healthcare
600 Wayne Avenue - 45410

Jessup Wealth Management - site full
35 Park Avenue - 45419

Agape for Youth
2300 South Edwin C. Moses Blvd. - 45417

Boonshoft Museum
2600 Deweese Parkway - 45414

Dayton Children's Care House
410 Valley Street - 45404

Clothes that Work
2824 Wilmington Pike - 45419

We still have a few openings left if you would like to attend and haven't reserved your spot left. Please email Laura your first and second choice.

REMINDER: NO MEETING AT SINCLAIR ON MONDAY AND NO ZOOM

This Happened Last Monday...

President Kelly Lehman called the meeting to order at 12:10. Kelly asked for a moment of silence for former Rotarian and Past President David Neer.

Bill Nance shared the Words to live By on why should someone do a legacy project. He then led the Pledge to the Flag.

Bill then shared News of the Day sharing a story about how Social Security benefits could be reduced by 22% in 2032 without congressional action. Southwest Airlines is upgrading its loyalty benefit program with unlimited companion pass trips. In Rotary news, this Saturday is World Polio Day and one club in Ontario is having an entire purple menu - purple marks the finger of a child who has been immunized.

Derrick Foward welcomed guests:

Tom Carlisle was on Zoom and still in rehab recovering.
Heather Leppla introduced Kay Lowe from Bottom Line Ohio
Dan Zehringher introduced Lina Lee from Wright State
Jason Hillard and Ann Charles Watts introduced their daughter Sabrina and also Laura Pippenger
Alexis Larsen introduced Mike Lehner who she is working with on a project at Possom Creek Metropark
Holly Wiggins introduced Jillian Boyde from Omega CDC
Kelly Lehman introduced Drew Huggins who is in the process of joining Rotary

Secretary Richard Lundin first recognized those celebrating birthdays this week and next.

Rotary on the Road is next week October 26th. You MUST sign up if you want to attend so the lunch count is accurate. There are many great Rotarian organizations to visit that day.

Rotary Paint and Sip is this Thursday October 22nd at Front Street Art Gallery. Join in on a project for the Christmas silent auction. Richard's wife is helping out with appetizers and Richard will provide wine. Space is limited. \$25/person. RSVP to Laura.

Annual Coat Drive going on now. Please consider donating so that we can serve the children at Dayton Leadership Academies. The suggestion is \$50 but any size donation is appreciated.

Holiday Caroling on Wednesday, December 9th - meet at Archers in Kettering at 4:30 to board the bus to go to Bethany Village, There will be snacks on the bus. Please RSVP to Laura. Thank you to our event sponsors Sue Taylor, Howard Ducker and Nancy Farkas.

Shout out to Rotarians Steve Johnson for being recognized by the President's Club of Dayton for the Citizens Legion of Honor Award and also to Tracey Tomme who was recognized by the Better Business Bureau - Women in Business - Women to Watch 2026.

Day -Tens:

Rotary on the Road

November 02, 2026

[Club Assembly](#)

November 09, 2026

[David Seyer](#)

A Special Wish
Foundation of SW
Ohio

November 16, 2026

[Dr. Derrick L. Foward](#)

NAACP 111th

Anniversary

November 23, 2026

[Robert Signom III](#)

America's Packard
Museum

November 30, 2026

[Panel Discussion -](#)

[Office of Reentry](#)

Welcoming Returning

Citizens: Why it
Matters

December 07, 2026

[Annual Holiday](#)

[Sweepstakes &](#)

[Elections](#)

December 14, 2026

[Holiday Program](#)

[featuring](#)

[Entertainment from](#)

[WSU Jazz Trio](#)

December 21, 2026

NO MEETING -

[HAPPY HOLIDAYS](#)

December 28, 2026

NO MEETING -

[HAPPY HOLIDAYS](#)

January 04, 2027

TBD

January 11, 2027

TBD

January 18, 2027

NO MEETING - MLK

HOLIDAY

January 25, 2027

[Beth Miller, University](#)

[of Dayton](#)

AI and the
Importance to Your
Business

February 01, 2027

TBD

February 08, 2027

TBD

February 15, 2027

NO MEETING -

[PRESIDENT'S DAY](#)

February 22, 2027

[Jessica Stieritz](#)

Guatemala Literacy

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- Alexis Larsen gave a Day-24 for World Polio Day on October 24th and her dad has Polio and has had issues his entire life. She also announced that Marvin Olinsky passed away recently - he was a former Executive Director of Five Rivers MetroParks - he was instrumental in many things during his tenure such as RiverScape and Second Street Market - his memorial will be November 14th
- Dan Zehringer gave a Day-50 for Piano Festival at Wright State on November 14th - it will bring together young pianists from the Dayton Community and beyond - elementary thru high school.
- Carolyn Rice gave a Day-100 for knocking something off her bucket list this morning...a hot air balloon ride on the Houser balloon.
- Katie Neubert gave a Day-25 for We Care Arts this Saturday for Trunk or Treat
- Andrea Wall gave a Day-65 for her birthday
- Matt Scarr gave a Day-100 in memory of Dave Neer who was one of his Rotary sponsors and a fellow Miamian
- Mollie Hauser gave a Day-100 to recognize her late husband Dick (who was a long-time member of this club) on what would have been his 98th birthday.
- Monica Snow gave a Day-200 for her birthday and to recognize the Dayton Philharmonic.
- Chuck Vella gave a Day-100 for coats
- Heather Leppla gave a Day-100 for several announcements - YWCA is recognizing Domestic Violence Month this month. If you haven't signed up for Rotary on the Road sign up for Eastway it will be a unique experience as you walk through what their clients do. She also recognized Shook construction and their passion for workforce development.
- Ann Charles Watts gave a Day-49 for her birthday and a Day-88 for Dave Neer who welcomed her into Rotary. Day-84 for Noah Adams who passed away this weekend - rounded up to Day-250 as she is also excited for the group to learn more about MVCDC today from our speaker
- David Bowman gave a Day-53 for his birthday and promoted his podcast
- Holly Wiggins gave a Day-100 for her birthday and for coats.

President Kelly invited Frank Scott to the podium to present a couple of Paul Harris Fellowships. Susan Hayes received her 6th Paul Harris Fellowship and Linda Osterfeld her 5th Paul Harris Fellowship. The Gates Foundation Matching Grant is still active - if we collect 50 million from donors we will get an additional 100 million from the matching grant. Every Club has a \$1500 goal to donate to international each year for Polio. We then shared a brief video on Polio and Frank reminded the group about the Sing for Polio District event on October 27th.

Ann Charles Watts, chair of the day introduced our program speaker ***MVCDC Head Start: Preparing Children, Strengthening Families, Transforming Communities*** with Berta Velilla, CEO Miami Valley Child Development Centers. MVCDC is our region's head start provider serving over 2000 children and the largest Ohio provider of early head start for infant and toddlers 6 months to age 3. MVCDC was founded in 1965 and serves children and families in 40+ locations in Montgomery, Clark and Madison Counties. All 2,000 children and families we serve are income-eligible bring better opportunities for them to thrive. They provide early learning and developmental screenings, health and nutrition services and family support to aid in those dealing with food insecurity, homelessness, and special needs children. 700+ infants, toddlers and pregnant moms supported and transition 600+ children transition from Head Start to Kindergarten.

They enroll the child and embrace the whole family a 2 Gen Model



She then shared a short video for Dr. Patterson, a pediatrician who was a Head Start child.

All the work they do leads to the goal of Kindergarten Readiness. Their child assessment data reflects strong readiness and growth across developmental domains. Readiness rates between 68-87% for a population that enters with significant developmental needs. This represents a meaningful outcome. Last year, two-thirds of children achieved at least a half a level of growth per domain and 35-47 % reach a full level of growth.

Strong Families = Thriving Children. Their work with families is very intentional. Sitting with each family and co-create goals to meet them where they are and help them realize their hopes and dreams. Some goals are simple sometimes others are not.

The biggest challenge is the shortage of teachers. Today several classrooms sit empty despite children on the waitlist. Their solution is MVCDC University, with a career pathway for current educators, establishes a pipeline of future educators and support staff, parents and high school students earn a Child Development Associate (CDA). They have a three-year plan to prepare 120 new early childhood educators. They can bring this CDA to Sinclair and earn 9 credit hours towards their associates.

Berta took several questions from Rotarians.

Next week's program is Rotary on the Road

Queen of Hearts drawing was at \$1271 today. The queen didn't show so the pot continues to grow.

Sam Morton led the Four Way Test.

President Kelly adjourned the meeting.

[Meeting Recording](#)

Roaming Rotarians

October 20, 2026, Dayton Rotarian, Erik Collins attended the Park City, Utah Rotary Club.



Pictured are President Neil Hafler and Dayton Rotary Club member Erik Collins.

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: \$1432*

NEW DECK STARTED - EACH CARD HAS A COUPON FOR A LOCAL RESTAURANT ON IT

*** THE DAYTON ROTARY FOUNDATION HAS SEEDED THE POT WITH \$500 TO START.**

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.



Paul Harris Fellowship Recognitions



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Congratulations to Linda Osterfeld on receiving her 5th Paul Harris Fellowship and to Susan Hayes on receiving her 6th Paul Harris Fellowship. Frank Scott presented them with their new pins at the meeting of Monday, October 19th. Thank you for your generosity.

Rotarians Enjoy a Paint & Sip Social at Front Street







Social Committee Presents...Let's Go Caroling



Wednesday December 9, 2026
Meet at Archers Tavern in Kettering
Parking Lot

(2030 East Dorothy Lane 45420)

at 4:30 p.m.

Board the Bus for Bethany Village
 Space is Limited to 24 People on the Caroling Bus



We will meet and board a bus and brighten the
day of some folks who can't get out. We will
sing and share our holiday cheer at Bethany
Village Linden House

Snacks will be provided on the bus.

After caroling we will end the evening back
at Archers Tavern in Kettering
Dinner and Drinks will be on your own.
Spouses and Guests Welcome

Please RSVP to Laura to reserve your spot
laura@daytonrotary.com

Please join us in helping to spread
a little Holiday Cheer!

NOTE: NO TALENT REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE



Annual Coats+ Drive Underway...Please Help Us Serve Children in our Community

Rotarians

It's time for our Annual Coats Plus Drive. This year we are supporting the children at Dayton Leadership Academies, which is a free charter school in Dayton serving children K-8th grade. The recommended donation is \$50 to supply one child with a coat, hats and gloves, but we welcome any size donation. Our Rotary District 6670 has given our club a \$2000 grant which we must at a minimum match that amount from the club for this project. You may make your donation online at the following [link](#) or bring your check to the next Monday meeting. Please let Laura or Rachel Jessup know if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting this very important project.

The poster features a light blue background with a festive banner of colorful pennants at the top. The word "Rotary" is in large blue letters, followed by "Club of Dayton" in a smaller blue font. The words "Coats + Project" are in large orange letters. The Rotary International logo is in the top right. Three winter coats (orange, pink, and purple) are displayed in the center. A yellow banner below the coats contains the dates "October 5th - November 2nd". Below this, text describes the project's purpose: "Helping economically disadvantaged students attend school in appropriate attire that may include procurement of coats, hats, uniforms & more." It also states the "2026 Campaign Goal: \$3,000" and the "November 2nd deadline to contribute". At the bottom, it says "Supporting children enrolled in:" followed by a bullet point for "Dayton Leadership Academy". The entire poster is decorated with blue snowflake graphics.

Rotary
Club of Dayton
Coats + Project

October 5th - November 2nd

Helping economically disadvantaged students attend school in appropriate attire that may include procurement of coats, hats, uniforms & more.

2026 Campaign Goal: \$3,000
November 2nd deadline to contribute

Supporting children enrolled in:

- Dayton Leadership Academy

Rotary Volunteers Needed for a Service Opportunity at Miami Valley Meals

Rotarian Volunteers Needed

Here's an opportunity for YOU to donate your time to help our community!

Friday, November 20
9:30 - 11:30 AM

Miami Valley Meals

(428 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd.)

We need **8 Rotary volunteers** to help package and prep Thanksgiving meals for members of our community.

RSVP to Laura NOW!



World Polio Day is October 24



One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio

World Polio Day is a time for Rotary members, public health advocates, and all who want a world free from polio to come together, recognize our progress in the fight to end polio, and talk about the actions we need to take in order to end polio for good.

We're closer than ever to eradicating polio but we're not done yet. We still need funds to continue immunizations and surveillance efforts. All donations are matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation, tripling your impact!

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Rotary International Areas of Focus



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT
