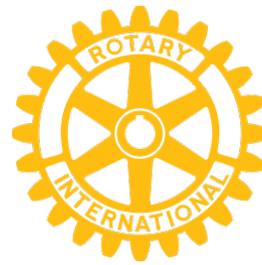


# Rotary

## Club of Westerville Sunrise



**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**



### Club Meeting

Westerville Sunrise  
Meets at The Old Bag of Nails Pub  
24 N State St Fl 3  
Westerville, OH 43081-2119  
Time:  
Wednesday at 07:15 AM

### Speakers

**January 21, 2026**

Gary Houtz  
Hoover Reservoir

**January 28, 2026**

Connor Costakos  
Make a difference recipient - Cancer Support Community Central Ohio

**February 04, 2026**

Jackie Barton & Katie Kaslow  
Ohio Historical - William Fouse

**February 11, 2026**

Kathy Cocuzzi  
Westerville Creamery

### Birthdays

David Wartel  
January 26th

## President's message

By James T. Caldwell



We had a very informative presentation by our own Dennis Blair on the Shinto Shrine on Wednesday. It was a symbol of peace considering its construction was just a few years after the end of World War 2. It makes you hope that someday that shrine will be erected and visited again.

As I mentioned Wednesday, we made a very substantial contribution to the Zone Competition between Zones 30 and 31 to combat Food Insecurity. The result of Westerville Sunrise Rotary effort towards Operation Full Plate was a total of 17,689 Points! I truly appreciate being a part of a very generous and service-oriented club. Special thanks to Jamie Maze because her WARM Christmas Party resulted in 5,700 points. Also, thanks to Angela Sillus for gathering all the information to submit for the competition.

This coming week an old friend of mine, Gary Houtz from the Westerville Historical Society will be discussing the history of Hoover Reservoir.

Stay warm and see you on Wednesday.

## Happening This Week



**January 21, 2026**

*Program:* History of Hoover Reservoir

*Speakers:* Gary Houtz

*Greeter:* Debbie Wiedwald

*Invocation/Pledge:* Beth Wilcox

## Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



January 19: MLK Breakfast  
January 26: Star House Lunch  
February 7: Margarita in the Ville  
February 21: WARM volunteer opportunity  
February 23: Star House Lunch  
February 28: Winter Assembly  
April 24-25: District 6690 Conference  
May 9: WARM volunteer opportunity

## Deadline Approaching for Margarita in the 'Ville tickets

By Anne M VanBuskirk

Matthew Stenberg  
January 27th  
Glenn R. Epting  
January 27th  
Angela Sillus  
February 10th  
Richard Schorling  
February 17th

## Years of Service

Glenn R. Epting  
02-01-1995  
31 Years  
Paul E. Kulik  
02-18-2009  
17 Years  
Robert K Gibson  
02-01-2012  
14 Years  
Terry W. Burton  
01-27-2016  
10 Years  
Lewis VanLandingham  
01-27-2016  
10 Years  
Allen Jefferson Fox  
01-27-2016  
10 Years  
Michael Ley Collins  
01-23-2019  
7 Years  
Josh Plieninger  
02-07-2024  
2 Years  
Niels Hansen  
02-15-2024  
2 Years

We are approaching the deadline for buying tickets to Margarita in the 'Ville!

Deadline to buy tickets is **January 28**, which is when we have to inform Otterbein of our final numbers.

PLEASE don't wait until the last minute to get your tickets or sponsorships- click the link now: [Margarita in the 'Ville!](#)



## 50:50 Raffle at Margarita in the Ville!



Margarita in the 'Ville is featuring a 50:50 raffle!

Tickets are \$5 each, 3 for \$10, or 10 for \$25! All proceeds will go to support local projects.

The 50:50 raffle is open now, and will continue through the event on February 7. Winner will be announced at the event, but you do NOT need to be present to win. The winner will be notified by email or text if they are not present.

You can buy your tickets here: [50:50 Raffle](#)

## Birthday Magic Kits



Amanda Klein is creating "Birthday Magic Kits" for kids at Siebert Elementary School in Columbus. These kits will be given to teachers to give to families at the school who cannot afford birthday celebrations for their children. If you would like to contribute items toward the kits, Amanda is looking for:

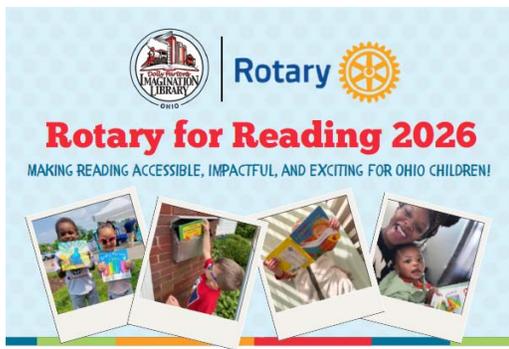
- Boxed cake mix (any flavor)
- 12-oz. cans of lemon lime soda
- Birthday candle packs
- Frosting
- Sprinkles

She will be collecting items until 1/28/26,

If you have questions, please reach out to Amanda at (614) 774-0140.

## PETS Service Project: Ohio Imagination Library

By Theresa Petraszak



## PETS Service Project: Ohio Imagination Library

Our PETS service project this year is **Ohio Imagination Library**. With Ohio's recent change automatically enrolling every newborn in the program, local program partners are experiencing increased demand—some already facing waiting lists.

This project is especially impactful because of how donations are distributed. Contributions made to **District 6690** are split evenly among all local program partners across the district. However, when a donation is made **in our club's name**, 100% of that gift stays in our local community with the program partner that serves our club.

The impact of your support is tangible and affordable. It costs **\$31 to sponsor one child for an entire year**, or **\$155 to sponsor a child for all five years of eligibility**, delivering high-quality, age-appropriate books directly to their home each month.

This effort is part of a **per capita challenge among Ohio's five Rotary districts**, which means we'll need to do twice as well as the other districts. District 6690 has won the trophy all but two years since the challenge began. Members are also encouraged to reach out to other community organizations—such as Eagles, Moose, Elks, VFWs, and other groups you support—to invite them to join us in supporting this project.

Donations can be made by check payable to **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio**, or by visiting:

**CLUB** <https://givebutter.com/OhioRotary/district6690/westervillesunrise>

**DISTRICT** <https://givebutter.com/OhioRotary/district6690>

## Winter Assembly

# [REGISTER NOW](#)

Rotary  
District 6690



# 2026 Winter Assembly

STRONGER TOGETHER



Only \$25  
Includes Lunch



Saturday,  
February 28, 2026

Reese Center at OSU Newark  
12098 University Drive  
Newark, Ohio 43055

#### The Winter Assembly has something for everyone:

- Fundraising
- Membership
- Service Projects
- District Grants
- Getting more involved in District 6690
- What's up next for District 6690
- Also...Help session on DACdb



## WARM Food Pantry Volunteers - Save the 2026 Dates!

By Mary T. Chandler

Rotary volunteers strengthen our community in many ways. One Saturday per quarter we sort and box food at the WARM warehouse at 150 Heatherdown Drive from 10 am to noon. Our dates for 2026 are:

- February 21
- May 9
- August 8
- November 14

We invite you to join in on the fellowship and fun. Feel free to invite your family, friends, and prospective Rotarians to join us too.

For more information, please contact Mary Chandler at (614) 523-0437.



## Help Homeless Youth at Monthly Star House Family Dinner

Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club and Westerville Noon Rotary Club members have been serving family dinners for homeless youth at Star House each month. We recently learned that due to funding cuts, they are closed from 2:30 to 10:30 pm until further notice. As such, we will be serving our monthly meals at lunch time.

**Star House is no longer requiring background checks or trauma training in order to serve lunch!** If you are able serve lunch, we will set up at 11:30 am and be done around 1 pm.

We also need assistance with purchasing items and/or cooking. Food can be dropped off to Chris Herbert the Sunday before if it's non-perishable, or Monday before 10:30 am if it's hot food.

Our next lunch will be held on January 26. Please use the following sign-up link if you are able to participate: [January 26](#).

The remaining 2026 dates are:

- Feb 23
- Mar 23
- Apr 27
- May 18
- Jun 22
- Jul 27
- Aug 24
- Sept 28
- Oct 26
- Nov 23
- Dec 28

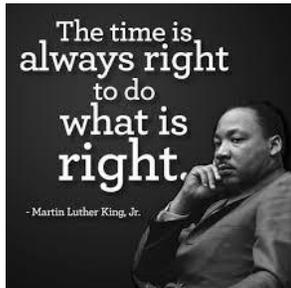
Your support is greatly appreciated.

## New Member Application - Chad Maxeiner

**Chad Maxeiner**, Executive Director for WARM, submitted an application for membership. His application has been reviewed by the club board and will be officially approved if there are no objections from club members over the next 7 days. If you have any concerns or objections to this application, please submit them to the Club President via email at [JTCFMS@aol.com](mailto:JTCFMS@aol.com).

## MLK Breakfast- Join the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Table

By John R. Kellogg



Cell (614) 323-2136  
First come first serve!

We have reserved a table for the MLK Breakfast on Monday, January 19 at the Renaissance Hotel. Doors open at 8:30 and the event ends at 10:30. We have a table for 8 people.

If you would like to be part of the Rotary table, a seat is \$50. The table seats 8.

To reserve your seat, text or email John Kellogg. Checks should be made out to the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club.

Email [Jrk847@gmail.com](mailto:Jrk847@gmail.com)

## Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation & Pledge
21-Jan-26	Wiedwald, Debbie	Wilcox, Beth
28-Jan-26	Wollenberg, Brian	Yoko, Gary

**Westerville  
Sunrise  
Rotary  
Club**

PO Box 1200  
Westerville, OH 43086

**Meeting Location**

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 am

**The Old Bag of Nails Pub**  
Third Floor  
24 North State Street  
Westerville, OH 43081

Westerville Sunrise Hotline  
614-523-7777



**Club Leaders**



James T. Caldwell  
President



Theresa Petraszak  
President-Elect



Allen Jefferson Fox  
President-Nominee  
Vice President



Mary T. Chandler  
Treasurer



Angela Sillus  
Secretary



Charles Edward Durant Jr.  
Club Membership  
Chair



Tiffany McGinnis  
iPast President



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Youth Exchange  
Officer



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Chair/President