

# Rotary

## Club of Westerville Sunrise



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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

**February 04, 2026**  
Jackie Barton & Katie Kaslow  
Ohio Historical - William Fouse

**February 11, 2026**  
Kathy Cocuzzi  
Westerville Creamery

**February 18, 2026**  
Greg Dayton  
Westerville Centralized Customer Service

**February 25, 2026**  
Greg Yoest  
Buckeye Trail Program

### Birthdays

Angela Sillus  
February 10th  
Richard Schorling  
February 17th

## President's message

By James T. Caldwell



Thanks to all who came out on a snowy cold Wednesday morning this week. As I said on Wednesday, the Make a Difference program is one of the best things the club does. I believe it was thanks to our Past President Julie Colley who came up with the idea, which provides us with the opportunity to learn what our newest members are passionate about. Our first recipient of the year was Cancer Support Community Central Ohio, who was presented by Beth Domanik. Thanks to Erica Mathis for coming out to inform us about her organization. And a special thanks to Char Stille for leading the Make a Difference Committee.

Just got off the phone with Anne Van Buskirk. She is excited as I am about our Margarita in the 'Ville party next weekend. Thanks to those procrastinators who came out in a big way to buy tickets. The one thing we are still looking for are auction items. If you are still thinking about donating an auction item, here is the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4BA8AF2AAA8-61792887-margaritainthev#/>

Jeff Washburn will appreciate it.

In honor of Black History Month, we will have a presentation this week from the Westerville History Museum on the life of William Fouse. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

## Happening This Week



### February 4, 2026

*Program:* Ohio Historical - William Fouse  
*Speakers:* Jackie Barton & Katie Kaslow  
*Greeter:* Megan Treptow  
*Invocation/Pledge:* Leigh Hollins

## Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



February 7: Margarita in the Ville  
February 21: WARM volunteer opportunity  
February 23: Star House Lunch  
February 28: Winter Assembly  
March 8: Westerville Noon club - Fish Fry  
April 24-25: District 6690 Conference  
May 9: WARM volunteer opportunity

Craig H. Watterson  
February 19th  
Eugene L. Hollins  
February 21st  
Gregory Ruban  
February 24th  
Robert P. Freed  
February 25th  
Mark Morgan  
February 26th

## Years of Service

Glenn R. Epting  
02-01-1995  
31 Years  
Jeffrey A. Daniels  
02-26-2003  
23 Years  
Paul E. Kulik  
02-18-2009  
17 Years  
Robert K. Gibson  
02-01-2012  
14 Years  
Julie Ann Colley  
02-29-2012  
14 Years  
Ron Pusateri  
02-27-2013  
13 Years  
John R. Kellogg  
02-26-2014  
12 Years  
John Logue  
03-01-2017  
9 Years  
David A. Lilley  
03-01-2017  
9 Years  
Helka Christine Casey  
03-01-2017  
9 Years  
James T. Caldwell  
02-28-2018  
8 Years  
Charles Edward Durant Jr.  
02-27-2019  
7 Years  
Theresa Petraszak  
02-27-2019  
7 Years  
Jason Seeley  
02-27-2021  
5 Years

## Warm Volunteer Sign Up

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 Dr. Westerville from 10 am- Noon.

Our next time at WARM is Saturday, Feb 21, 2026. 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.

Sign up here: [WARM sign-up](#)

Please call Mary Chandler with any questions  
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 to 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 February 23. Please use the following sign-up link if you are able to participate: [February 23](#). (Please note that we are reusing the January sign up genius for February, as the January lunch was canceled due to weather.)

The remaining 2026 dates are:

- 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.

## Satellite Club Events



Everyone is welcome to join the Satellite Club at one of their upcoming dinner meetings:

### FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 6:30 at Good Vibes Winery (2 S. State Street, Westerville, OH). We will have a charcuterie board to share, and individuals may order small table snacks and beverages and pay their own bill.

### MARCH MEETING

The March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 6:30 at Jimmy V's in their private

Josh Plieninger  
02-07-2024  
2 Years  
Niels Hansen  
02-15-2024  
2 Years  
Beth Wilcox  
02-19-2025  
1 Year

room (1 S. State Street, Westerville, OH). Everyone may order food and beverages from the menu and pay their own bill.

## Satellite Club New Member Applications

**Jean Trimble**, sponsored by Kristen Gillenwater, and **Basar Kutlu**, sponsored by Allan Forsythe, have submitted applications for membership. Both applications have been reviewed by the Satellite Club leadership and will be officially approved if there are no objections from club members within the next seven (7) days.

If you have any concerns or objections regarding either application, please submit them to Satellite Chair Sue Castro via email at [sue.castro22@gmail.com](mailto:sue.castro22@gmail.com).

## Margarita in the 'Ville- how to participate when you are away

By Anne M VanBuskirk



Some of our members will be in Florida, or other warm climates when Margarita in the 'Ville rolls around, while others have pre-existing commitments that prevent them from attending.

Never Fear, you can still participate!

From now until the event, you can donate via the Zeffy site, or bid on silent auction items when the auction opens: [Margarita in the Ville](#)

OR, if you are feeling lucky, buy some chances for the 50:50 raffle here: [50:50](#)

[Raffle](#)

## 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](#)



## District 6690 Winter Assembly Set for Feb. 28 in Newark

Rotarians across District 6690 are invited to come together for a day of learning, collaboration, and inspiration at the District 6690 Winter Assembly, scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2026, at the OSU-Newark Reese Center, 12098 University Drive, Newark, Ohio.

The Winter Assembly is a valuable opportunity for members at every stage of their Rotary journey to deepen their understanding of Rotary and strengthen their clubs. The event will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the \$25 registration fee includes lunch, making it an accessible and worthwhile investment for clubs and individuals alike.

The program will feature a wide range of informative and engaging sessions, including:

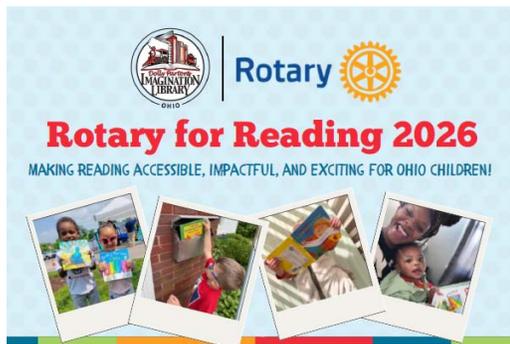
- District Grants training
- Fundraising strategies
- Satellite and Companion Clubs
- A hands-on Ignite session
- Update on Rotary Youth Leadership Awards in July 2026
- An open forum on club best practices
- A Q&A session with district leadership

All Rotarians are welcome to attend, and members are encouraged to invite others from their clubs to join them. Club grant chairs are especially encouraged to participate, as the District Grants session will provide the annual training required to qualify for the upcoming district grant cycle.

A registration link will be released later this week. Mark your calendar now and plan to be part of this important district event that supports learning, connection, and Rotary excellence.

## 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>

## Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation & Pledge
04-Feb-26	Treptow, Megan	Hollins, Leigh
11-Feb-26	Burton, Terry	Bishop, Bill
18-Feb-26	Blair, Dennis	Bokros, Linda
25-Feb-26	Bowers, Tim	Bruhac, Chip

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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**



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