

# 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

**April 29, 2026**

John Bokros  
Transportation History of Westerville

**May 06, 2026**

Gaby Edon & Vickie Bradley  
Girls LEAP Columbus

**May 13, 2026**

Service to Youth Committee  
Service to Youth Awards

**May 20, 2026**

Dan Hare & Larry Jenkins  
Field of Heroes

### Birthdays

Albert Bruchac  
April 27th

Ron Pusateri  
April 28th

Dennis A. Blair  
April 29th

Jimmy Hoben

## President's message

By James T. Caldwell



It was a very informative meeting last week with Angel Mumma and Brian Harman from the Columbus Zoo. It was helpful to get an idea of what it takes to operate the zoo. Thanks to Tom Strasburg for arranging this presentation.

It was a busy but enjoyable weekend at the District 6690 Conference. Congratulations to Co-Chair Pat Knott for arranging a very informative and fun event. By far, our club had the greatest participation at the conference. Going to the conference gives you a greater appreciation of the reach of Rotary in our state, country and the world. If you have not been, please try to attend next year's conference or one of the assemblies the district puts on.

This week's presentation will be on the Transportation History of Westerville and will be presented by John Bokros. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday morning.

## Happening This Week



**April 29, 2026**

*Program:* Transportation History of Westerville

*Speaker:* John Bokros

*Greeter:* Niels Hansen

*Invocation/Pledge:* Charles Durant, Jr.

## Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



May 9: WARM volunteer opportunity

May 13: Satellite meeting

May 22-25: Field of Heroes

June 24: Installation Banquet

August 17: Golf Outing

## Westerville Sunrise Rotary Youth Impact Grant Applications

It's time to apply for the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Foundation's Youth

May 4th  
Amanda Klein  
May 5th  
Jeffrey A. Daniels  
May 6th  
Donna H. Rudderow  
May 19th  
Theresa Petraszak  
May 23rd  
Beth Wilcox  
May 24th  
Char Stille  
May 24th

## Years of Service

John P. Stefano  
05-21-1997  
29 Years  
David A. Collinsworth  
05-07-2008  
18 Years  
Kathy Cook  
05-27-2009  
17 Years  
Michael Herron  
05-22-2013  
13 Years  
Linda Lou Bokros  
05-21-2014  
12 Years  
Albert Bruchac  
05-06-2015  
11 Years  
Stuart Allyn Whittaker  
05-24-2017  
9 Years  
Gary Yoko  
05-05-2021  
5 Years  
Angela Sillus  
05-10-2023  
3 Years

Impact Grant! This grant supports programs and projects that support youth who live or study within the Westerville City School District boundaries.

Applications are now open and must be submitted by May 1st. Our Grant Committee will review all submissions following the deadline. Grant recipients will be notified in June, and funds will be available for distribution in July.

We encourage you to apply and share how *your* organization is creating positive impact for youth.

You can access the application using the following link: [Youth Impact Grant Application](#)

For more information, and to submit your application, please contact:  
Amy Ellet  
Sunrise Rotary Foundation Grants Coordinator

aeebauman@gmail.com or 614-565-5861



## Field of Heroes Hoodies - 2026 - deadline May 1

The 2026 Field of Heroes will have 2 limited-edition hoodies available to club members.

**Option A** = Similar to last year's heavier weight cotton hoodie. Cost is \$35 and available in **BLACK**.

**Option B** = A lightweight tri-blend hoodie with a polyester/combed ring spun cotton. Cost is \$20 and available in **CHARCOAL**.

Both are available through a Pre-Order only! Cash/Checks (made payable to Westerville Sunrise Club) will be accepted and the deadline to order is May 1.

Use the Google Form to place the order (and view the hoodies).  
[Order via this form](#)

Email Mike Herron at mdherron68@gmail.com directly with any questions.



## Field of Heroes Volunteer Opportunities - Early Sign Up!

By Leigh Hollins

All hands on deck, Sunrise Rotarians ! Field of Heroes 2026 volunteer signups are now OPEN to Rotarians. For 2 weeks, you have first dibs, after which it'll be publicized to the general public. Grab your favorite shifts and jobs now !

Goal is to have all Sunrise Rotarians volunteering at our signature gift to the community. Any questions, TEXT Leigh at 713-319-7420, or email [HollinsLeigh@gmail.com](mailto:HollinsLeigh@gmail.com).



[Link for Field Volunteering:](#)



[Link for 5K Volunteering:](#)

*The volunteer orientation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center, 350 North Cleveland Avenue, Westerville, OH 43082.*

## Help Wanted- Assembling Poppies for Field of Heroes

By Lawrence C. Jenkins



The 2026 Field of Heroes will be displaying white poppies, and the committee needs some help in assembling them.

Come help assemble poppies on April 26 and/or May 3 from 2:00-5:00pm in the Ceramics room at the Westerville Community Center. There is a limit of 10 people for each session, since the room is quite small.

Sign up using this link:

[Field of Heroes Poppy Making](#)

## Field of Heroes Sponsorships Available

By Richard Schorling



We are excited to be celebrating the 18th Anniversary of the Field of Heroes and would like to invite you to join our efforts by supporting our event as a Patron. The Field of Heroes is a Memorial Day tradition in central Ohio, providing an opportunity for our community to honor its personal heroes. This year's theme is "We The People" as we commemorate the 250th anniversary of our great Nation.

The 2026 event will be held from Friday, May 22, through Monday, May 25, at the Westerville Sports Complex, 325 Cleveland Ave. Westerville.

**The deadline to be included in print advertising (according to your patron level) has passed, but sponsorships are still available.**

More information is available at the links below:

[Patron Levels](#)

[Patron Form](#)

For Patron Questions, ask Rich Schorling, Patron Coordinator [rschorling@gmail.com](mailto:rschorling@gmail.com).

## **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:

- May 9
- August 8
- November 14

Please sign up using this link: [Warm Volunteer Sign Up](#)

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 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 April 27. If you are able to participate, please use the [sign-up genius](#) to indicate what you can bring and/or if you will join us to help serve the lunch.

The remaining 2026 dates are:

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

Your support is greatly appreciated.

## **Satellite Club Finds a Home at Jimmy V's after May meeting!**



The Westerville Sunrise Rotary Satellite Club meets the **second Wednesday of each month** at 6:30 PM.

**May's meetings** will be held at **Toukan and Company** (575 Charring Cross Dr., Westerville, OH).

**Beginning in June**, the Satellite Club will meet at **Jimmy V's Grill & Pub** (1 S. State Street, Westerville, OH) in their private room. Everyone is welcome to order from the menu and pay their own bill.

Come enjoy a relaxed evening of Rotary fellowship and great conversation, making it an easy and social way to stay connected.

#### Upcoming 2026 Meeting Dates:

- May 13
- June 10
- July 8
- August 12
- September 9
- October 14
- November 11
- December 9

Whether you're a Satellite Club member, curious about the Satellite Club, or want to catch up with old friends, this is a great chance to keep the Rotary spirit going strong in a relaxed midweek setting.

We hope to see you there!

## Let's Fill the Bus – Washington, D.C. Trip! September 28–October 1, 2026

By Leigh Hollins



The Westerville Noon Rotary Club has planned a 4-day/3-night motorcoach trip to Washington, D.C., and you're invited! Enjoy guided touring of the "good stuff" in our nation's capital — monuments, memorials, museums — with time to explore and fellowship along the way. The trip departs from and returns to Westerville.

#### America turns 250 in 2026 — what better time to go?

Here's the key: **We need 40 travelers with deposits paid by June 1** to make this special trip happen.

You do **not** need to be a Rotarian to attend, so invite friends, spouses, neighbors, history buffs — anyone who's always said, "We should really go to D.C. someday." This is that someday.

I'll be going — join me!

Please see the Prime Tours website:

<https://www.goprime tours.com/tours/westerville-rotary-washington-dc> for full details, itinerary, pricing, and to sign up. Detailed itinerary can be found in the downloadable brochure on the site.

Questions? Let me know and I'll connect with Wendell McCurdy, Noon Club Secretary.

## Pickle for Peace with Marysville Rotary

### Pickle for Peace 2026 : Play, Learn, and Connect!



*Join us for a day of fellowship, friendly competition, and service as we bring our community together for peace!*

**June 20 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**, hosted by the Marysville Rotary Club. This community fundraiser celebrates Rotary's commitment to Peace-building & Conflict Prevention.

**Tournament Divisions – \$55 per player, Registration:** [https://givebutter.com/PFP26\\_Tournament](https://givebutter.com/PFP26_Tournament)  
Competitive Division: 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM/ Recreational Division: 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**Instructional Clinics – \$25 per half-hour, Registration:**

[https://givebutter.com/PFP26\\_Learner\\_Clinics](https://givebutter.com/PFP26_Learner_Clinics)  
9:30 AM/ 10:30 AM/ 11:30 AM/ 1:30 PM/ 2:30 PM

All registered participants will receive a FREE pizza lunch and FREE water refills. Tournament players and volunteer instructors will receive a FREE event t-shirt. Additional event shirts will be available for purchase.

#### **VOLUNTEER CLINIC INSTRUCTORS NEEDED**

We are seeking Rotarians to serve as volunteer clinic instructors for our beginner clinics. The event schedule is structured to allow individuals to both compete and instruct. Volunteers teaching **two or more clinic sessions** will receive a **coupon code for \$10 off registration**.

To view available clinic time slots and sign up visit: [PFP26 Learner Clinic Sign Up](#)  
For more information or assistance with signing up email: [service@millerrotary.org](mailto:service@millerrotary.org)

## Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation & Pledge
29-Apr-26	Hansen, Niels	Durant, Chuck
06-May-26	Hoben, Jimmy	Hill, Frank
13-May-26	Hollins, Leigh	Hogle, Jim
20-May-26	Colley, Julie	Hollins, Gene
27-May-26	Herron, Michael	Horbatt, Bob

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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**



James T. Caldwell  
President



Theresa Petraszak  
President-Elect



Allen Jefferson Fox  
President-Nominee  
Vice President



Mary T. Chandler  
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John R. Kellogg



Club Peace  
Committee Chair



Youth Exchange  
Officer



Club 501c3  
Chair/President