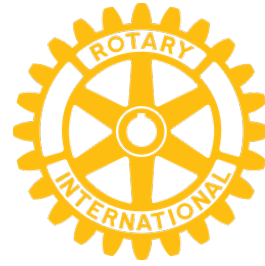


Rotary

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

September 10, 2025

Andy Tompkins
FOH

Appreciation

September 17, 2025

Chad Mark
Muirfield Village Golf Club

September 24, 2025

Lynn Aventino
Uptown Westerville, Inc (4th Fridays)

October 01, 2025

Rachel Ray
City of Westerville Economic Development

Birthdays

Niels Hansen
September 9th
Stuart Allyn Whittaker
September 10th

Happening This Week

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September 10, 2025

Program: Field of Heroes Appreciation

Speaker: Andy Tompkins

Greeter: Donna Rudderow

Invocation/Pledge: Greg Ruban

President's message

By James T. Caldwell



A lot of Rotary thankfulness this week. From our meeting on Wednesday:

- Thanks to Robin Collins for a great presentation on what Visit Westerville is doing especially around Westerville 250.
- Thanks to Ron and Tammy Pusateri for their generosity over the years.
- And thanks to Diane Conley for her years of service to our city and to our club. The community she is going to will be blessed by her presence.

Thankfulness for everyone who spent time at the Zone Institute this week. Whenever the District needs help our club always turns out in a big way.

More thankfulness this week as we review the 2025 Fields of Heroes as we thank our Patrons and present a check to our beneficiary, Honor Flight of Columbus.

I look forward to seeing you all Wednesday morning.

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events

September 10: Satellite Club meeting
September 20: Hilliard Club Peace Symposium
September 22: Star House Dinner
September 23: Foundation Board meeting
September 24: Club Board meeting
October 16: Club Board meeting
October 23: Pints for Polio Social with Noon Club
November 8: WARM Service Project

Elizabeth A
Domanik
September 13th
Troy Cochran
September 17th
John L.
Comerford
September 26th
Linda Lou
Bokros
September 28th
Skyler M
Juhnke
October 6th

Years of Service

Troy Cochran
09-19-2000
25 Years

Mark Morgan
09-23-2009
16 Years

Kip Fetchero
09-22-2010
15 Years

Wesley James
(Jim) Hogle
09-26-2018
7 Years

Lawrence Rick
Sellers
09-25-2019
6 Years



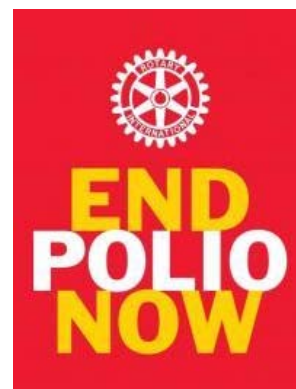
Polio Plus Football Pool - Congratulations to the Winners

By Jamie Maze

Congratulations to the lucky winners from the OSU-Grambling State game!



1st Quarter/ \$50: Linda Bokros
2nd Quarter/ \$50: Lisa Morgan
3rd Quarter/ \$50: John Kellogg
4th Quarter/ \$100: Joe Harbert



Westerville Sunrise Emerging Leaders

By Julie Ann Colley

Westerville Sunrise Emerging Leaders

Do you have an interest in becoming more involved in one of the leadership opportunities

in our Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club? Chairing a committee or a fundraising event? Serving on the Club or Foundation board? Perhaps becoming Club President one day? Join us for our next Westerville Sunrise Emerging Leaders program on:

Monday, October 6 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

GroupEleven Consulting, 480 Old Worthington Road, Suite 370, Westerville

Salad and pizza will be provided!

Learn how our Club and Foundation are structured, how they operate and are financed, what to expect as you assume a leadership role, as well as the various resources available to support you in your journey. Let's UNITE FOR GOOD!

Register at this link: [https://www.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B44ADA729A0F85-58143755-emerging)

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Socktober is Coming!

By Lawrence Rick Sellers

District 6690 will once again kick off an effort to collect WARM socks for the unhoused & needy. The Socktober project runs the month of October but we can start collecting and buying WARM socks now!

Amazon, Costco, and Walmart typically start sales of wool socks this time of the year, so you can either buy the socks and bring to the Wednesday meetings or you can donate money at the meetings and the committee will buy the socks.

We need WARM socks for men, woman, and kids. WARM feet are a 'must' for the unhoused so WARM thick socks are a life saver! The last two years we



donated socks to over 15 agencies and the need is great again this year. Reach out to Amanda Klein or Rick Sellers with any questions or suggestions.

Club Elections process



Club Election Process

Every year Westerville Sunrise Rotary goes through an election process to select a Vice President who will fulfill the seven-year commitment that culminates in club (four years) and foundation (3 years) leadership as well as officers and directors who will hold their positions for three years. This year we will hold elections for four positions:

- Vice President
- Sergeant at Arms
- 2 Club Directors

According to our bylaws, the Nominating Committee consists of:

- President Jim Caldwell
- President Elect Theresa Petrazak
- Vice President AJ Fox
- Immediate Past President Tiffany McGinnis

The nominating committee will select the slate of officers and directors with the input of the club. Club members can recommend any member for the open position. Recommendations must be submitted in writing to a member of the Nomination Committee. Their submission should include name, position and statement of why they would be a good candidate for the position.

September 30 is the deadline for club member recommendations.

The following is the process we follow:

1. The Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of officers and directors from the recommendations.
2. The Nominating Committee will present the slate to the Board for review and approval at the October Board meeting.
3. At the three club meetings following the board meeting, the slate of officers will be presented to the club.
4. The names of the slate of officers and directors will be published in the club newsletter for three weeks.
5. At a club meeting no later than November 30, the club membership will vote on the slate of officers.

Please submit your recommendations by September 30. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee.

By Jimmy Hoben

Westerville
Sunrise Rotary
is sponsoring
this year's
Pickle with a
Purpose,
benefiting Pilot
Dogs, on
October 9th at
Westerville's
incredible new
Smash Park –
and we'd love
for you to join
us!



A few years
ago, Pilot Dogs'
CEO Jim

Alloway was a
speaker at a Rotary meeting, and the organization has continued to grow ever since. Pilot Dogs is a non-profit organization located in Columbus, whose mission is to provide expertly-trained guide dogs, orientation and mobility training, and other valuable services, free of charge, to blind and visually impaired people – which inspires and empowers them to navigate the world with greater independence, safety and dignity! And now, Pilot Dogs is launching a new program called Camp M.O.V.E. – which is a free, week-long program for students ages 14-17 focused on orientation, mobility and guide dog readiness. It's one of only three such programs in the nation! This Pickle with a Purpose event is aiming to be able to raise the funds to cover the first two years of the program's costs.

The event will feature food, drinks and a friendly pickleball tournament. That's where Rotarians can join in! Using the QR code seen here or by going to www.lehmandaman.com/pickle-with-purpose, you can sign up to attend and/or play - either as a solo player or a team.

With Rotary's sponsorship, we get a free team entry which will be raffled off on October 8th – sign up before October 8th, and if you are the winner, your registration fee will be re-imbursed!



Satellite Club Events



SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting of the Satellite Club will be held on Wednesday September 10, 2025, in a private room at Carfagna's restaurant, 1440 Gemini Place, Columbus, at 6:30 p.m. You will be able to order off the menu, if desired, and pay your own bill. Everyone is welcome!

Satellite Club Update and invitation

Satellite Club Update and Invitation

The Satellite Club members enjoyed a fun and meaningful time together making blankets at My Very Own Blanket for their August service project. The Satellite members also enjoyed the camaraderie with the Westerville Sunrise morning club members who could participate as well!

The Satellite Club's September service project is assisting the Hilliard Club with its Peace Celebration on September 20. Please refer to the Community Service Opportunity section of the newsletter for details on this awesome event. The Satellite Club is currently coordinating with John Vogelpohl of the Hilliard Club. John is working hard to keep all of us together on several shifts – primarily 10:00 to 12:00, and 12:00 to 2:00pm. If anyone from the morning Club would like to join the Satellite Club members – please email John to let him know the times you can serve and that you would like to be included with the Satellite Club members. John's email: jvogelpohl1@columbus.rr.com

Thanks,

Heather Linch

Help Homeless Youth at Monthly Star House Family Dinner

Do you like to cook? You can make a difference for homeless youth at Star House by helping prepare or serving a family meal hosted monthly by Westerville Sunrise Rotary, in partnership with our friends in the noon club.

If you are able to provide items for our next dinner and/or help serve the meals, please use the sign-up link below:

[Sept 22](#)

Please note, in order to serve meals at Star House, you must register, complete a trauma training and have a background check. More information on this, as well as the full schedule, can be found by clicking "read more".

[Read More](#)

WARM Food Pantry Volunteers - Save the 2025 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 remaining date for 2025 is:

- November 8

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.

Please sign up using this link: [WARM 2025](#)

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

Community Service Opportunities

Hilliard Rotary Club Needs Your Help!

We here at the Hilliard Rotary Club have bitten off a project that comes really close to biting off as much as we can chew! Like you, we believe Peace Building is a personal call to action to all Rotarians. We are creating a



community peace event that we'd love to see become a signature district event. We also hope that it may be a

model for other clubs.

The Peace Celebration will take place in downtown Hilliard near DORA. We rented the Makoy Center (home of the Great Debate), and the city has allocated Merchant Park for the event. The nearby Hilliard Arts Council is helping as well.

The budget for this event is \$25,000. There is no admission charge; but, we are not asking you for money! We need Rotarians!! To manage this event properly, we need 50-60 additional Rotarians (no training needed).

As a volunteer, you can help manage stations and displays, answer questions, direct the public, etc.

At the Peace Celebration, there will be:

1. Arts that celebrate peace – photographic displays, paintings, sculptures.
2. Performance items such as short plays and poetry slams.
3. Music, music, music – a choir and a band on an outdoor stage, gospel music and maybe roving opera.
4. Concurrent learning sessions with experienced, nationally known Peace Trainers.
5. Magicians, balloon artists, storytellers, and more.

The big pieces are in place: Makoy Center, NYC speakers, bands, porta-potties, extra-duty police, permits, and musicians!

Please email a commitment for your participation to JVogelpohl1@columbus.rr.com. Feel free to confirm a delegation/group. We will acknowledge your commitment, keep you updated on the event details and let you know your assignments. Most of all, we plan to have fun focusing on Peace.

Please save the date on your calendar if you can help or bring your family to the event.

World Peace Day – September 20, 2025
Downtown Hilliard/Makoy Center

Send responses to: JVogelpohl1@columbus.rr.com We'll send out specific info and instructions in early September.

Thank you from the Hilliard Rotary Club

CHANGING PARKINSONS

Ruth and Matt Stenberg and their families have helped raise money to help "Changing Parkinsons" through the annual 5KforJK Walk, a family-friendly event that brings together individuals with Parkinson's, their loved ones, and the broader community. Changing Parkinson's is a nonprofit with a mission to help Parkinson's patients live their best lives by lessening the fear of the disease through education, exercise, and community.



WHEN: **Sunday, September 14, 2025**

WHERE: **Olentangy Liberty Middle School Track** - 7940 Liberty Road,
Powell, OH 43065

Over the years, 5KforJK has raised over \$350,000 to fund:

- Parkinson's Kits created by Parkinson's patients, for patients
- PDNextSteps Gym, a dedicated space for Parkinson's-focused fitness
- The Secret Life of Parkinson's podcast, amplifying voices and stories

Together, we are building a stronger, more hopeful future for everyone affected by Parkinson's. The walk is free, but \$20 if you wish to purchase a t-shirt.

How to Participate:

- **STEP 1:** Register for the 5K <https://donate.5kforjk.org/Donate/Tickets>
- **STEP 2:** Be a Fundraiser (Optional but impactful)
 - Encourage family and friends to donate and support your efforts.
 - Raise \$1,000 and receive a t-shirt and two tickets to the VIP breakfast.
 - Raise \$5,000 and above and receive two t-shirts, four tickets to the VIP breakfast, and two tickets to the private event that takes place the night before to be recognized for your fundraising effort.
- **STEP 3:** Make a Donation <https://donate.5kforjk.org/>

Help us reach our \$125,000 fundraising goal for 2025!

Breakfast Meeting Charges for Visiting Rotarians

Beginning August 20, 2025, visiting Rotarians and satellite club members will be charged \$15 when attending Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club meetings to cover the costs of the buffet breakfast. This is in line with how other clubs cover costs of meals at their meetings.

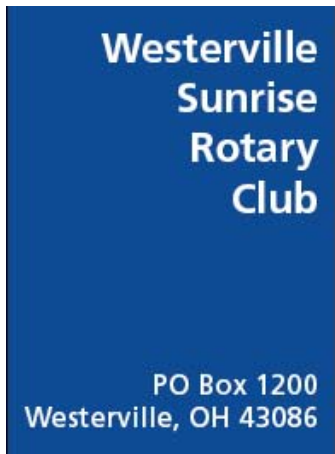
Payment can be made via cash or check to the front table team.

Charges will be waived for current District Governors and Assistant District Governors. There will be no charge for prospective members, guest speakers or other guests.

Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation & Pledge
10-Sept-25	Rudderow, Donna	Ruban, Greg
17-Sept-25	Rupper, Al	Schmitt, Tom
24-Sept-25	Schorling, Rich	Seeley, Jason



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



Please Suggest Guest Speakers

Enlighten your fellow Rotarians. Suggest a speaker to brighten our day! No reasonable suggestion refused.

BUT, your guest must be willing to attend in person.

Email AJ Fox at ajfox@me.com or Jackie Washburn at jackiegardner1@hotmail.com



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