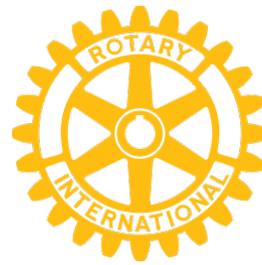


# Rotary

## 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 14, 2026**

Dennis Blair  
Shinto Shrine

**January 21, 2026**

Gary Houtz  
Hoover Reservoir

**January 28, 2026**

Alex White  
Peak Human Performance - The Confident Mind

**February 04, 2026**

Jackie Barton & Katie Kaslow  
Ohio Historical - William Fouse

### Birthdays

Diane Jean Conley  
January 14th  
David Wartel  
January 26th  
Matthew

## President's message

By James T. Caldwell



It was great being back on Wednesday morning after the holiday break. We had a great presentation by Drew Dollsmatch who told us about the awesome work of Cancer Free Kids.

Margarita in the 'Ville is just a few weeks away. Being a procrastinator all my life, I appreciate our club's abundance of us that are wired to do things late. However, I have also been in the shoes of the co-chair thinking that the event is going to fail. So, I

just went onto the event website and took care of business. I am asking all my fellow procrastinators to do the same and buy your sponsorship and tickets this weekend and let the team know of any auction items you may have. This will allow Anne Van Buskirk and her team to rest easily and focus on making this event a great one.

As a part of our series of presentations for Westerville 250 we will have our own Dennis Blair presenting this week on the history of the Shinto Shrine. In addition, the Satellite Club is having their monthly meeting on Wednesday evening. I look forward to seeing you at either or both events.

## Happening This Week



**January 14, 2026**

*Program:* History of the Shinto Shrine

*Speakers:* Dennis Blair

*Greeter:* Stu Whittaker

*Invocation/Pledge:* Jeff Washburn

## Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



January 14: Satellite Club Dinner Meeting

January 17: Satellite Club Service Project

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

Stenberg  
January 27th  
Glenn R. Epting  
January 27th  
Angela Sillus  
February 10th

## Years of Service

Glenn R. Epting  
02-01-1995  
31 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

# Satellite Club Events



## JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting of the Satellite Club will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2025, at 6:30 at Liberty Tavern (2170 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, OH). Participants pay for their own food and beverages. Everyone is welcome!

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

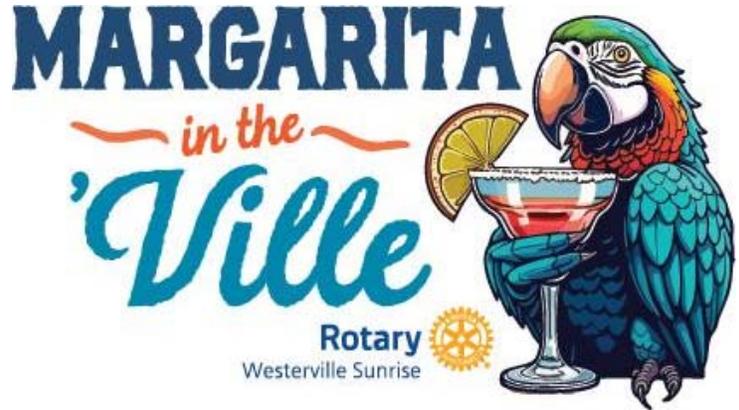
By Anne M VanBuskirk

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!

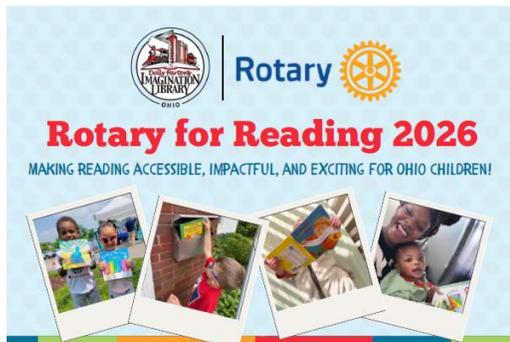
From now until the event, you can donate via the Zeffy site, or bid on silent auction items when the auction opens: [Margarita in the Ville](#)

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



## 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>

## Community Service Opportunities



### Join us for the Satellite Club's January Service Event!

In January, the Satellite Club will be assembling care packages with food, warm weather supplies, recreational items like books, and resource guides for local unhoused folks. Packages will then be

delivered to HEER2SERVE, local nonprofit that has weekly "serves", where they go out into local encampment areas and deliver needed items and food. Our care packages will be a part of that.

This project is being done in partnership between Westerville Queer Collective and Neurospicy Columbus, a local meetup centered on community and service for Autistics and ADHDers.

Date: Saturday, January 17, 2026

Time: 10 am - noon

Location: 30 E College Ave, Westerville, OH

If you are able to volunteer, please sign up here: [Satellite Club: Sunrise Rotary: Care Packages for Unhoused Folks](#)

## 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.

## Margarita in the Ville Sponsorship Opportunities

By Anne M VanBuskirk

You have the opportunity to support our Westerville Sunrise Foundation, WARM and Children's Hunger Alliance!

# MARGARITA

in the  
*Ville*

Rotary  
Westerville Sunrise



There are varying levels of support- no amount is too small or too large. You can write a check for a sponsorship and give to either Anne VanBuskirk or Jim Caldwell, or use the Zeffy site below to sponsor or donate

## [Margarita in the 'Ville](#)

Presenting Sponsor (only 1 available)- \$5000

- 16 Event Tickets
- 16 tickets to Sponsor VIP reception, reserved seating at VIP reception
- Reserved Tables for 16 (2 tables of 8, in location of choice, exclusively for Presenting sponsor)
- Paul Harris Fellowship recognition
- Limited edition Margarita in the Ville swag
- Signage at event
- Logo on event program, and slide show loop

Parrothead Sponsorship- \$2500

- 8 Event Tickets
- 8 tickets to Sponsor VIP reception
- Reserved Table for 8 in location of choice, exclusively for Parrothead sponsor
- Logo on event program and slide show loop
- Signage at event
- Limited edition Margarita in the Ville swag

Sunset Sponsorship- \$1,500

- 6 Event Tickets
- 6 Tickets to Sponsor VIP reception
- Reserved Seating for 6
- Logo on event program and slide show loop
- Limited edition Margarita in the Ville swag

Paradise Sponsorship- \$1,000

- 4 Event Tickets
- 4 Tickets to Sponsor VIP reception
- Reserved seating for 4
- Logo on event program and slide show loop
- Limited edition Margarita in the Ville swag

Island Sponsorship- \$500

- 2 Event Tickets
- Tickets to Sponsor VIP reception
- Reserved seating for 2 at event
- Logo on event program and slide show loop

## 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

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



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

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)

## 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 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 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.

# Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



| Date      | Greeter           | Invocation & Pledge |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 14-Jan-26 | Whittaker, Stuart | Washburn, Jeff      |
| 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



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[Theresa Petraszak](#)  
President-Elect



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