

Rotary

Club of Westerville Sunrise



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Rotary

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 11, 2026

Kathy Cocuzzi
Westerville Creamery

February 18, 2026

Greg Dayton
Westerville Centralized Customer Service

February 25, 2026

Greg Yoest
Buckeye Trail Program

March 04, 2026

Beth Domanick
Life Care Alliance

Birthdays

Angela Sillus
February 10th
Richard Schorling
February 17th
Craig H.

President's message

By James T. Caldwell



What a fabulous evening we had at Margarita in the 'Ville! Great fun and fellowship mixed with great food and music. I am glad it was not mandatory to be in the limbo contest because I imagine most of us would be in serious condition today.

Special thanks to Anne Van Buskirk and her team for all the hard work over the last six months to make the evening special. Also, thanks to all of our sponsors and members who contributed to the event. You are an awesome bunch of procrastinators who

always come through. The numbers are not completely tallied yet, but we know we exceeded last year's event.

I came away from last week's presentation by Katy Kaslow with great appreciation of William Fouse and his struggles and successes. There are so many fascinating people and events that have been part of Westerville's history. I encourage you to visit Katy and Jackie Barton at the Westerville History Museum to learn more about our community.

This weeks presentation will be by Greg Dayton of Westerville Centralized Customer Service. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Happening This Week



February 11, 2026

Program: Westerville Creamery

Speakers: Kathy Cocuzzi

Greeter: Terry Burton

Invocation/Pledge: William Bishop

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



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

Watterson
February 19th
Eugene L.
Hollins
February 21st
Gregory Ruban
February 24th
Robert P. Freed
February 25th
Mark Morgan
February 26th
Paul E. Kulik
March 5th
Michael Ley
Collins
March 10th

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

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who sponsored, donated, volunteered and/or attended Margarita in the 'Ville! We had a great evening raising funds for WARM, CHA and the Westerville Sunrise Foundation!

We had around 160 attendees who enjoyed delicious food, music by Scott Sopata, a photo booth and games. Approximately 38% of our attendees were from outside Sunrise Rotary, which is a big increase from years past.

Our games winners were Vice Mayor Kelly Stocker in the Limbo, and our very own Stu Whittaker in the Ring Toss! Congratulations to them both- they took home a very stylish Margarita in the 'Ville Coffee Mug for their efforts.

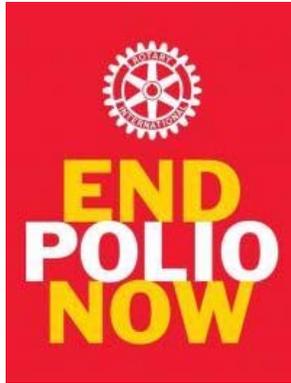
Diane Conley won the 50:50 raffle.

Once we have the final invoices from Otterbein, we will know how much we cleared for our beneficiaries and will share that information with the club. What we do know right now is that we are on track to make more than last year.



Polio Plus Football Pool - Congratulations to the Winners

By Jamie Maze



Congratulations to the lucky winners from the Super Bowl game!



1st Quarter/ \$100: Tim Holderbaum
2nd Quarter/ \$100: Greg Ruban
3rd Quarter/ \$100: Aaron Steininger
4th Quarter/ \$200: Jackie Washburn

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

Jason Seeley
02-27-2021
5 Years
Josh Plieninger
02-07-2024
2 Years
Niels Hansen
02-15-2024
2 Years
Beth Wilcox
02-19-2025
1 Year
Maggie Pope
03-02-2025
1 Year



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

Community Service Opportunities



StarHouse is looking for a volunteer bookkeeper. The job duties would entail entering donations and acknowledgements into Salesforce, as well as invoices into QuickBooks. It could also include things like adding contact info or notes from forms and events. It's not the flashiest work, but it's really important and helps keep everything running smoothly behind the scenes. Please contact Kat Earles at kearles@starhouse.us if you are interested or pass this along to someone who may be

interested.

Westerville Noon Rotary - 2026 Fish Fry



THANK YOU to the Westerville community for its ongoing support of our fundraisers and philanthropic efforts!

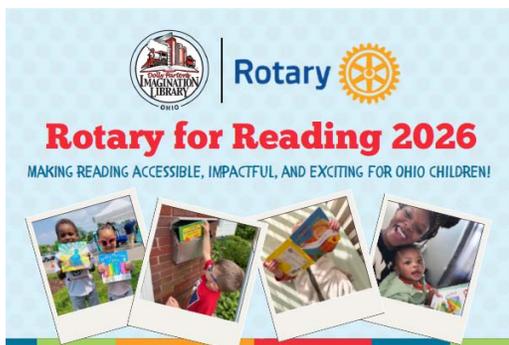
The Noon Rotary Club of Westerville Fish Fry returns for 2026 after a several-year hiatus due to Covid and renovations at the Campus Center.

Please join us for the relaunch of this event started in 1968, from noon to 5:30 p.m. Sunday March 8, in the dining room at the Otterbein Campus Center, 100 W. Home St.

New this year: Kids under the age of 8 eat free! And, added to our menu this year is yummy chicken tenders along with your Rotary Fish Fry favorites: Fried Fish, Baked Fish, fries, cole slaw, and a dessert prepared by the Otterbein dining staff!

PETS Service Project: Ohio Imagination Library

By Theresa Petraszak



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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>

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.

Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation & Pledge
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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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



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