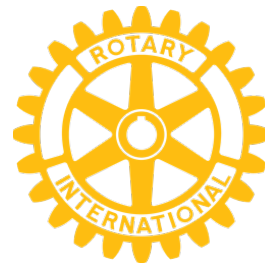


# Rotary

## 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

**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

**May 27, 2026**

[Theresa Petraszak - Grant Recipients Grant Presentations](#)

### Birthdays

Jimmy Hoben  
May 4th  
Amanda Klein  
May 5th  
Jeffrey A. Daniels

## President's message

By James T. Caldwell



Thanks to John Bokros for a great presentation on Transportation in Westerville. It is amazing we had wood planks and toll roads in our past. Makes me appreciate orange barrels.

This was the final history presentation of my term. I really appreciate Beth Weinhart and the Westerville Historical Society team of speakers along with Jackie Barton and Katie Kaslow from the Westerville History Museum that opened our eyes to some fascinating

facts of our town. I hope you all enjoyed these programs and that you have a greater appreciation of Westerville. I also hope that all of you take the opportunity to enjoy of the Westerville 250 activities during the rest of the year.

A few club members had a chance to complete some unfinished business this weekend. During the 2023 Field of Heroes, we committed to provide funds to replace grave markers of the of Civil War veterans buried in Westerville. I am not sure why it took so long to receive the markers, but on Saturday morning we placed those markers in Otterbein Cemetery. It was humbling to honor those that fought so many years ago to save our nation.

This coming Wednesday we will have Gaby Edo and Vickie Bradley in to share a presentation on Girls LEAP.

I look forward to seeing you!

## Happening This Week



**May 6**

*Program: Girls LEAP Columbus*  
*Speaker: Gaby Edon & Vickie Bradley*  
*Greeter: Jimmy Hoben*  
*Invocation/Pledge: Doug Xides*

## Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events

May 9: WARM volunteer opportunity  
May 13: Satellite meeting  
May 18: Star House Lunch  
May 20: Field of Heroes volunteer orientation  
May 22-25: Field of Heroes  
June 24: Installation Banquet  
August 17: Golf Outing



May 6th  
Donna H.  
Rudderow  
May 19th  
Theresa  
Petraszak  
May 23rd  
Beth Wilcox  
May 24th  
Char Stille  
May 24th  
Axl Pons  
June 2nd

## Years of Service

John P. Stefano  
05-21-1997  
29 Years  
David A.  
Collinsworth  
05-07-2008  
18 Years  
Thomas N.  
Applegate  
05-28-2008  
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  
Chuck Springer  
05-29-2024  
2 Years  
Brian J.  
Wollenberg

## Service to Youth Award Honors Dr. Michelle Martin

By Angela Sillus



On April 29, 2026, the Westerville Sunrise Rotary proudly recognized Dr. Michelle Martin, Principal of Walnut Springs Middle School, as the May 2026 Service to Youth Award recipient.

Dr. Martin is a dedicated and highly visible leader who creates a school environment where students feel safe, supported, and respected. Her genuine care is evident in the relationships she builds—students not only respect her, they trust her to guide them and advocate for their success.

She leads by example through her strong work ethic and commitment to students, taking time to know them and support their growth both academically and personally. Her consistent presence helps foster a positive and inclusive school culture.

What truly sets Dr. Martin apart is her extraordinary involvement beyond the school day. She regularly attends extracurricular events—from athletics to performing arts and award ceremonies—demonstrating that students' interests and achievements matter. Her continued engagement through PTA meetings and other school functions further reflects her dedication to the school community.

Through her compassion, leadership, and commitment, Dr. Martin exemplifies the spirit of the Service to Youth Award and makes a meaningful impact on her students and school.

Service to Youth Award recipients receive a commemorative trophy, a \$25 gift card, and cookies from Kroger. Dr. Martin will be formally honored at a Rotary breakfast meeting in May, and a flag will be flown in her name at the Field of Heroes over Memorial Day weekend.

## Field of Heroes Volunteer Opportunities

By Leigh Hollins

All hands on deck, Sunrise Rotarians ! Field of Heroes 2026 volunteer signups are now OPEN. 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).

Feel free to share the link with friends and family. We couldn't do this without the community and our

wonderful volunteers. See you at the Field !



[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.*

## 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 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 May 18. Look for a sign-up genius link soon to indicate what you can bring and/or if you will join us to help serve the lunch.

The remaining 2026 dates are:

- 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 (at Toukan & Company)

- 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!

## Rotary Night Out at the Clippers



# ROTARY

## *Night Out at the Clippers*

Save the date now for a fun opportunity to join your fellow Rotarians for a night out at the Clippers Game!

Friday, June 5, 2026  
Game starts at 7:05PM!

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:  
614-563-0574 OR WENCAPTAIN@WENDELLMCCURDY.COM  
TICKETS WILL BE DELIVERED OR AVAILABLE AT OUR MEETING PRIOR TO THE GAME

TICKET LINK QR CODE:



Tickets are only  
\$11.00 Adult  
\$9.00 Senior/Child  
Purchase yours now at this link. Choose correct amount before checkout

HOT DOGS  
POPCORN  
BEER  
SODAS  
& MORE  
AVAILABLE TO BUY AT THE GAME  
1ST BASE SECTION

[Ticket Link Click Here](https://square.link/u/5DZEh2GZ)  
HTTPS://SQUARE.LINK/U/5DZEh2GZ

Contact Wendell McCurdy for more information at 614-563-0574 or [email](mailto:wencaptain@wendellmccurdy.com).

Get Tickets [Here](https://square.link/u/5DZEh2GZ)

## 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@mwillerrotary.org](mailto:service@mwillerrotary.org)

**Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators**



| Date      | Greeter         | Invocation & Pledge |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 06-May-26 | Hoben, Jimmy    | Xides, Doug         |
| 13-May-26 | Xides, Doug     | Hogle, Jim          |
| 20-May-26 | Colley, Julie   | Hollins, Gene       |
| 27-May-26 | Herron, Michael | Horbatt, Bob        |

# 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



## 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](mailto:ajfox@me.com) or Jackie Washburn at [jackiegardner1@hotmail.com](mailto:jackiegardner1@hotmail.com)



## Club Leaders



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[Theresa Petraszak](#)  
President-Elect



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President-Nominee  
Vice President



[Mary T. Chandler](#)  
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Committee Chair



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