

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

August 27, 2025

Jen LaPointe
Zookeeper
Program - Taming the Workplace Zoo

September 03, 2025

Robin Collins
Visit Westerville - 250th Celebration

September 10, 2025

Andy Tompkins
FOH
Appreciation

September 17, 2025

Chad Mark
Muirfield Village Golf Club

Birthdays

Douglas Fosselman
August 26th
Allen Jefferson Fox
August 30th
Kevin A Smith
September 1st

Happening This Week

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Program: Taming the Workplace Zoo
Speaker: Jen Lapointe

Greeter: Axl Pons
Invocation/Pledge: Ron Pusateri

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



August 25: Star House dinner
September 2-6: Rotary Zone Institute for Zones 30 & 31
September 10: Satellite Club meeting
September 20: Hilliard Club Peace Symposium
September 23: Foundation Board meeting
October 16: Club Board meeting
October 23: Pints for Polio Social with Noon Club
November 8: WARM Service Project

President's message

By James T. Caldwell



Even without a meeting it was a great Rotary week. Thanks to Rick Sellers and his golf committee for a great day. They even brought in nice weather again. I don't know how they do it. We will hear more about how we did for the outing later, but it was an outstanding event!



Friday afternoon I joined Paul Kulik and the Peace Committee to present our latest Peace Pole to Huber Ridge Elementary. Out of the 15 elementary schools in Westerville we have Peace Poles in 12 of them.. That is great work! Thanks Peace Committee.

David W. Kott
September 1st
Kristen
Gillenwater
September 3rd
Robert Hunt
September 3rd
Niels Hansen
September 9th
Stuart Allyn
Whittaker
September 10th
Elizabeth A
Domanik
September 13th
Troy Cochran
September 17th

Years of Service

Tim Bowers
08-18-1999
26 Years
Jason A.
Buehner
08-24-2011
14 Years
Thomas F.
Schmitt
08-26-2015
10 Years
Anthony Mujic
08-30-2017
8 Years
Dan Hare
08-28-2019
6 Years
Jackie
Washburn
08-16-2023
2 Years
Jeff Washburn
08-16-2023
2 Years
Ben Jay
08-14-2024
1 Year

Bob Horbatt who serves as our Foundation Chair recently reported the following information:

We all should be very proud of our members of the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club. We were the number one giving Club in District 6690. Only two other Clubs were even close to us.

Annual giving goal \$38,500. Actual \$44,379. PolioPlus \$11,873 Total Giving \$ 58,105.

Our club has 20 Major Donors and 8 Bequest Society members.

We should all be proud of what the club accomplished. This is not to twist anyone's arms or make anyone feel guilty. I remember 20 years ago being a member of the Downtown Club getting ready to send kids to college. It was not my season for giving. However, in recent years Connie and I have been blessed and giving is easier. The bottom line is we are a giving club whether in time, talent and treasure and it all matters!

Back to the Old Bag of Nails on Wednesday. Our speaker will be Jen Lapointe from Take Flight LLC and her topic is Taming the Workplace Zoo! I look forward to seeing you there.

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:

[August 25](#)

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.

District Fall Assembly

District Fall Assembly
October 18, 2025 | 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Hocking College | Nelsonville, OH
\$30 includes continental breakfast and Taco Buffet Lunch

[REGISTER NOW](#)

2025 Fall Assembly 

*The Fall Assembly has
Something for Everyone...
Register Today!*

Engagement • Membership
Service Projects • Global Grants

**Registration
only \$30**

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Continental Breakfast
Taco Buffet Lunch



Hocking College, Nelsonville, OH 

District Awards Event for 2024-25

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November 2, 2025 | 3:30 - 6:30 pm
Hofbräuhaus Columbus
800 Goodale Blvd Columbus, OH 43212

[**REGISTER NOW**](#)

District Awards Celebration

November 2, 2025

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800 Goodale Blvd Columbus, OH 43212

3:30 pm – Fellowship
4:00 pm – Dinner

Zone 30 - 31 Institute Offers Saturday Only Special Registration

By Sandra Knoesel

Rotary 

Zones 30 & 31



2025 ZONE INSTITUTE
Columbus, Ohio September 4-7

Meet our new Rotary International Board Director Brian Hall at Zone 30-31 at the upcoming Zone Institute September 4-7 in Columbus, Ohio — a premier Rotary event that promises to inspire, connect, and energize

your Rotary journey!

If your calendar is full on the weekdays, consider attending the Saturday Only event for just \$150. You can experience the best of the Institute in just one power-packed day.

Why You Should Attend:

- Curate Your Experience: Choose from numerous breakout sessions on leadership, service, membership, and public image.
- Be Inspired: Hear from nationally known speakers who are shaping the future of Rotary.
- Connect & Collaborate: Explore the vibrant House of Friendship, where fun, fellowship, and innovative ideas come together.

Whether you're a club president, committee chair, or engaged member, the Saturday experience provides maximum value in minimum time. Don't miss this convenient opportunity to recharge your Rotary batteries right here in Ohio. You'll return to your club with fresh ideas, new energy, and valuable connections - all gained in one powerful day.

*** [Register today](#) for the Saturday-only option or the full Institute experience!

Volunteer Opportunities: Sergeant-at-Arms (greeting attendees, directing them, and ensuring everyone feels welcome)

A Sign-Up Genius has been created outlining specific roles and needs. If you're available and interested in being part of this exciting event, we'd love for you to sign up. Feel free to extend the invitation to your spouse, partner, or friends who may also be attending and want to lend a hand.

[SIGNUP TO VOLUNTEER HERE](#)

Hope to see you in Columbus!

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.

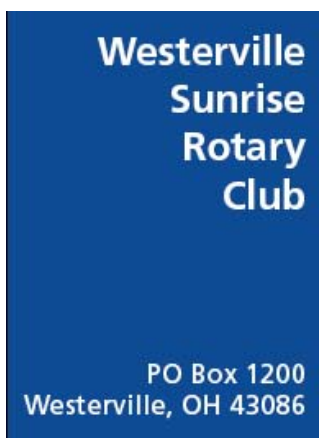
Email AJ Fox at ajfox@me.com or Jackie Washburn at jackiegardner1@hotmail.com



Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation & Pledge
27-Aug-25	Pons, Axl	Pusateri, Ron



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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