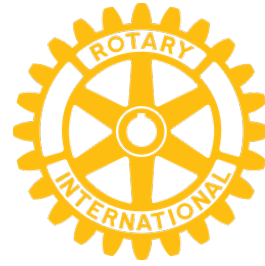


Rotary

Club of Westerville Sunrise



**UNITE
FOR
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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

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

October 08, 2025

John Stefano
Theater Education Career

Birthdays

Troy Cochran
September 17th
John L. Comerford

Happening This Week

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September 17, 2025

Program: Muirfield Village Golf Club

Speaker: Chad Mark

Greeter: Al Rupiper

Invocation/Pledge: Tom Schmitt

President's message

By James T. Caldwell



As I said on Wednesday the annual Field of Heroes wrap up is one of my favorite events of the year. Thanks to Andy and his team for putting together a great program highlighting a wonderful Field of Heroes.

At 12:30 Saturday morning Niels and I greeted our exchange student from Brazil,

Arthur Giesen Roveri along with the Walsh family - Sapna, Bob and Devon, who are the first host family. Even though it was a brief meeting, I did learn that Arthur's mother is a

past president of her Rotary Club. I want to thank Mike Collins and his team for their patience in dealing with red tape that never existed before. I know our club is looking forward to welcoming and getting to know Arthur.

This week's meeting will feature a friend of Don Denton's, Chad Mark, the Superintendent of Muirfield Village Golf Club. Even if you are not a golfer, I think this will be a great program.



Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events

September 17: Club Board meeting
September 20: Hilliard Club Peace Symposium
September 22: Star House Lunch

September 26th
Linda Lou
Bokros
September 28th
Skyler M
Juhnke
October 6th
Dan Hare
October 13th

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



September 23: Foundation Board meeting
October 16: Club Board meeting
October 18: District Fall Assembly
October 23: Pints for Polio Social with Noon Club
November 2: District 6690 Awards Ceremony
November 8: WARM Service Project

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.

If you are able serve lunch, we will set up at 11:30 am and be done around 1 pm. To serve, you need to be registered, 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".

If you are able to provide items for our next lunch and/or help serve the meals, please use the sign-up link below:
[Sept 22](#)

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.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

[Read More](#)

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!

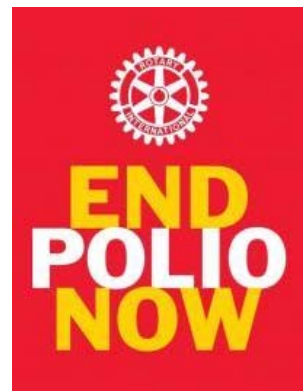
Amazon, Costco, and Walmart typically start sales of wool socks this time of the year, so you can either buy the socks and bring to the Wednesday meetings or you can donate money at the meetings and the committee will buy the socks.

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.

Polio Plus Football Pool - Congratulations to the Winners

By Jamie Maze

Congratulations to the lucky winners from the OSU-Ohio game!



1st Quarter/ \$50: Jamie Maze
 2nd Quarter/ \$50: Ashley Morgan
 3rd Quarter/ \$50: Larry Jenkins
 4th Quarter/ \$100: Diane Conley

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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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!

Pickle with Purpose

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!



By James T. Caldwell

Annually, Rotary has an easy way to give called the 125 Club. If you give \$125 to the Rotary Foundation, they will apply your donation of \$100 towards the Annual Fund and \$25 towards the PolioPlus Fund.

The funds we contribute to the Annual Fund will come back to our District 6690 in three years to support District Grants and Global Grant Initiatives. Currently, our club is in process on projects that are supported by both of these granting mechanisms.

Even though Polio is close to being eradicated we still need to support PolioPlus. In addition to the 125 club, we support PolioPlus with the OSU football pool Jamie Maze runs for us. Another way to support this effort is to come to the Pints for Polio event we will be holding on October 23 at Smash Park.

If you need any additional information please contact our Rotary Foundation Chair, Bob Horbatt, at 614-565-2442 or rhorbatt@gmail.com. Or you can check out the giving link https://givebutter.com/125_Club.



Worthington AM Rotary Clay Shoot

Worthington AM Rotary 4th Annual Clay Shoot

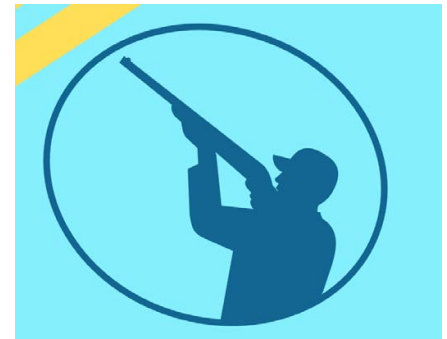
Date: October 2nd, 2025

Time: Shooting begins at 4 pm, Dinner and Drinks at 6 pm

Cost: \$125 per person, \$500 for a 4-person team *Includes gun rental, 50 shells, ten stations, and **City Barbecue dinner, beer, bourbon & fellowship**

Where: BLACKWING SHOOTING CENTER 3722 MARYSVILLE RD. DELAWARE, OH 43015

[Click to Register](#)



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.

Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation & Pledge
17-Sept-25	Rupper, Al	Schmitt, Tom
24-Sept-25	Schorling, Rich	Seeley, Jason

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 or Jackie Washburn at jackiegardner1@hotmail.com



Club Leaders



James T. Caldwell
President



Theresa Petraszak
President-Elect



Allen Jefferson Fox
President-Nominee
Vice President



Mary T. Chandler
Treasurer



Angela Sillus
Secretary



Charles Edward
Durant Jr.
Club Membership
Chair



Tiffany McGinnis
iPast President



David A.
Collinsworth
Club Director



Amanda Klein
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Aaron Steininger
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Helka Christine
Casey
Club Public Image
Chair
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Amy Ellett Bauman
Club Grant
Coordinator



Dennis C. Berrier
Club Youth Services
Officer



Robert P. Horbatt
Club TRF Chair



Paul E. Kulik
Club Peace
Committee Chair



Michael Ley Collins
Youth Exchange
Officer



John R. Kellogg
Club 501c3
Chair/President