

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
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Westerville, OH
43081-2119
Time:
Wednesday at
07:15 AM

Speakers

**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

**October 15,
2025**

John Brooks

President's message

By James T. Caldwell



For our golf enthusiasts, Wednesday's meeting was educational, hearing how much effort goes into the management of grass. My image of a greenskeeper has always been Bill Murray's character Carl Spackler from Caddyshack. It is good to know that there are more qualified people like Chad Mark around to do this work.

We appreciate Bob and Mary Coco's significant contribution to the Rotary Foundation. We had the opportunity to hear from John Kellogg about how money contributed to Rotary is used to fund an international water project in Africa that was thought up by students in Westerville. And we finally had the opportunity to welcome our international exchange student, Arthur Giesen Roveri.

This week we welcome Lynn Aventino from Uptown Westerville. It will be interesting to find out what is going on in Uptown. See you Wednesday.

Guest Newsletter Editor

Anne VanBuskirk will be out of the country for the next few weeks, so Angela Sillus will be filling in as newsletter editor through the end of October. If you have any articles to include in the newsletter, please send them to Angela (angelasillus.rotary@gmail.com) by noon on Saturday for publication in the Sunday newsletter.

Please note that there will be no newsletter the weekend of October 4-5. If you have an urgent message to send to the club during that time, please contact Jim Caldwell, as he may be able to include your message in the email he will be sending to the club that weekend.

We are looking for an additional person to join the newsletter team. If you are interested, please let Angela Sillus know. Training will be provided!

Happening This Week



Birthdays

John L.
Comerford
September 26th
Linda Lou
Bokros
September 28th
Skyler M
Juhnke
October 6th
Dan Hare
October 13th

Years of Service

Mark Morgan
09-23-2009
16 Years
Kip Fetchero
09-22-2010
15 Years
Thomas
Strasburg
10-05-2011
14 Years
Coutanya
Coombs
10-21-2015
10 Years
Wesley James
(Jim) Hogle
09-26-2018
7 Years
Lawrence Rick
Sellers
09-25-2019
6 Years
Audrey
Carmichael
10-18-2023
2 Years
Axl Pons
10-18-2023
2 Years

September 24, 2025

Program: Uptown Westerville, Inc. (4th Fridays)

Speaker: Lynn Aventino

Greeter: Rich Schorling

Invocation/Pledge: Rick Sellers

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



September 22: Star House Lunch
September 23: Foundation Board meeting
October 1: Wine Appreciation Fellowship Event
October 4: Welcome to Westerville Party for Arthur
October 8: Satellite Club Dinner 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
November 14: Wine Appreciation Fellowship Event

Satellite Club Events



OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting of the Satellite Club will be held on Wednesday October 8, 2025, at 6:30 at BruBurger, 691 N. Cleveland Avenue in Westerville. You will be able to order off the menu, if desired, and pay your own bill. Everyone is welcome!

Welcome Picnic for Arthur!

by Amanda Klein

Please join us on Friday October 3rd from 5-7 p.m. at Heritage Park shelter to welcome our new exchange student, Arthur Giesen Roveri. Our very own grill master Dave Collinsworth will be serving up hamburgers and hot dogs. Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 1 and sign-up for items to bring to the festivities using the [SignUpGenius link](#). Looking forward to seeing everyone there. Questions? Please contact Amanda Klein via text at (614) 774-0140 or via email at Kleinf@aol.com

Wine Appreciation Fellowship Events

By Angela Sillus

Rotarians from around District 6690 are welcome to join the Wine Appreciation Fellowship for a night of fellowship. Whether you are a casual drinker,



sommelier, enthusiast or just looking for fellowship, come join us!

- October 1st – Craig and Reneta Maxey's home, Pickerington, OH

- November 14th – Pat and Caryn Knott's home, Westerville, OH

Spouses, friends and other Rotarians are welcome at these events.

For the October 1st event, guests should bring a bottle of wine valued at less than \$30 to share, and dress to enjoy the outdoors. RSVP to

lynseydinovorotary@gmail.com to ensure we can plan properly! If you would like to carpool from Westerville, please contact AngelaSillus.Rotary@gmail.com.

More information on the November 14th event will be shared soon.

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](#).

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!



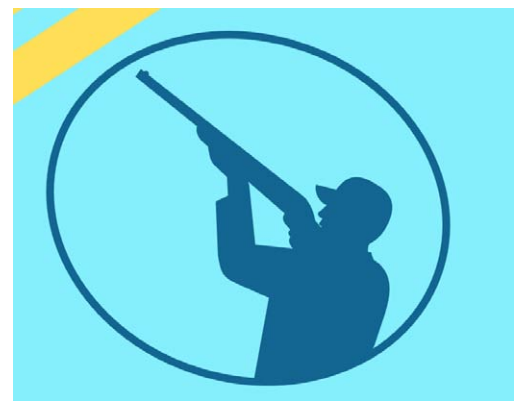
Worthington AM Rotary Clay Shoot

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](#)

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.

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.

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.

125 Club

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 rborbatt@gmail.com. Or you can check out the giving link https://givebutter.com/125_Club.



Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators

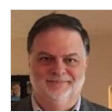





















Date	Greeter	Invocation & Pledge
24-Sept-25	Schorling, Rich	Sellers, Rick
01-Oct-25	Klein, Amanda	Sillus, Angela
08-Oct-25	Sprunger, Chuck	Stroh, Kyle



15-Oct-25	Steininger, Aaron	Seeley, Jason
22-Oct-25	Stenberg, Matthew	Strasburg, Thomas

Club Leaders

	<u>James T. Caldwell</u> President		<u>Theresa Petraszak</u> President-Elect		<u>Allen Jefferson Fox</u> President-Nominee Vice President		<u>Mary T. Chandler</u> Treasurer
	<u>Angela Sillus</u> Secretary		<u>Charles Edward Durant Jr.</u> Club Membership Chair		<u>Tiffany McGinnis</u> iPast President		<u>David A. Collinsworth</u> Club Director
	<u>Amanda Klein</u> Club Director		<u>Aaron Steininger</u> Club Director		<u>Anne M VanBuskirk</u> Bulletin Editor Club Director		<u>Edward T Wandtke</u> Club Director
	<u>Jackie Washburn</u> Club Director Club Programs Chair		<u>Helka Christine Casey</u> Club Public Image Chair Sergeant-at-Arms		<u>Amy Ellett Bauman</u> Club Grant Coordinator		<u>Dennis C. Berrier</u> Club Youth Services Officer
	<u>Robert P. Horbatt</u> Club TRF Chair		<u>Paul E. Kulik</u> Club Peace Committee Chair		<u>Michael Ley Collins</u> Youth Exchange Officer		<u>John R. Kellogg</u> Club 501c3 Chair/President