

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

**October 01,
2025**

Rachel Ray
City of
Westerville
Economic
Development

**October 08,
2025**

John Stefano
Theater
Education
Career

**October 15,
2025**

John Brooks
BTTS Holdings

**October 22,
2025**

John Logue
Ohio EPA

Birthdays

Linda Lou
Bokros

President's message

By James T. Caldwell



As I enjoyed a beautiful autumn evening at fourth Friday, and a beautiful autumn morning at the Farmer's Market, I have a better appreciation of these events because of Lynn Aventino's talk Wednesday. It is impressive the work Uptown Westerville, Inc. does to publicize our great town.

Special thanks to Chip Bruchac and his group of sewists who put together pillows that were given to our veterans as they returned from their Honor Flight Thursday evening. I know that was an appreciated gift.



There are 4 upcoming dates to remind you of:

- Your input for the 2025-2026 election process – due 9/30. Four positions that will be filled are Vice President (eventual club and foundation president), Sergeant at Arms, two club directors. Please contact the nominating committee (Jim Caldwell, Theresa Petrazak, AJ Fox and Tiffany McGinnis) if you have recommendations.
- Welcome Party for our Exchange Student Arthur Giesen Roveri on October 3. Please RSVP to Amanda Klein using the [Signup Genius link](#) if you will be attending.
- Emerging Leaders Program on October 6. Please RSVP Pat Knott.
- Pickle With a Purpose on October 9. Please RSVP Jimmy Hoben.

September 28th
Skyler M
Juhnke
October 6th
Dan Hare
October 13th
Lawrence Rick
Sellers
October 25th
Tim Bowers
October 25th
Gary Yoko
October 27th

Years of Service

Robert P. Freed
10-25-2006
19 Years
Tiffany
McGinnis
10-24-2007
18 Years
Thomas
Strasburg
10-05-2011
14 Years
Coutanya
Coombs
10-21-2015
10 Years
Richard
Schorling
10-23-2019
6 Years
Anne M
VanBuskirk
10-27-2021
4 Years
Audrey
Carmichael
10-18-2023
2 Years
Axl Pons
10-18-2023
2 Years

Our speaker on Wednesday will be the Economic Development Director at City of Westerville, Rachel Ray. I am looking forward to her presentation and seeing all of you.

Happening This Week



October 1, 2025

Program: City of Westerville Economic Development

Speaker: Rachel Ray

Greeter: Amanda Klein

Invocation/Pledge: Angela Sillus

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



October 1: Wine Appreciation Fellowship Event
October 3: Welcome to Westerville Party for Arthur
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



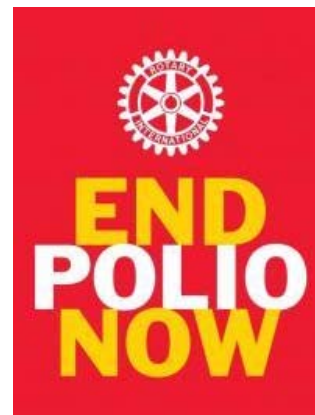
OCTOBER MEETING

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!

Polio Plus Football Pool - Congratulations to the Winners

By Jamie Maze

Congratulations to the lucky winners from the OSU-University of Washington game!



1st Quarter/ \$50: Jason Seeley
2nd Quarter/ \$50: Donna Rudderow
3rd Quarter/ \$50: Stephanie Bluestein
4th Quarter/ \$100: Stephanie Bluestein

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 at 5:30 pm – Craig and Renata 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.

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](#)



Community Service Opportunities



Volunteers Needed to Help With Thanksgiving Meal

Boxes

From November 3rd to 23rd, you can help Byron Saunders Foundation prepare Thanksgiving Meal Boxes for over 7,000 needy families in central Ohio. You can sign up individually or as a group. Kids ages 7 and older can take part in this hands-on event in Groveport, OH.

For more information and/or to sign up, click [here](#).

Questions? Reach out to Annette at annettemarieneff@gmail.com.



Socktober is Coming!

by 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.

On the five (5) Wednesdays in October, members have three options for supporting Socktober:

1. Bring a credit card and charge an amount of your choice before or after the meeting
2. Bring cash for the collection pot being passed around
3. Purchase & bring warm socks (Men, Women, Kids) to the meetings

With options 1 & 2, the Socktober committee will purchase the socks.

Last year our club donated over 1,200 pairs of socks plus 1,000 more came from Bombas. Reach



out to Amanda Klein or Rick Sellers with any questions or suggestions.

The Socktober team is looking for a place to store up to 2,500 pairs of socks until early November. The place should be big enough to sort and box 15-20 very large boxes of socks.

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 reimbursed!



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.

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](#).

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



???????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!

Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation & Pledge
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	Swartz, Michael
29-Oct-25	Stille, Char	Strasburg, Thomas

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](#)
Club Director



[Aaron Steininger](#)
Club Director



[Anne M. VanBuskirk](#)
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Coordinator

[Dennis C. Berrier](#)
Club Youth
Services Officer



Chair



Robert P. Horbatt
Club TRF Chair



Chair
Sergeant-at-Arms
Paul E. Kulik
Club Peace
Committee Chair



Michael Ley Collins
Youth Exchange
Officer



John R. Kellogg
Club 501c3
Chair/President