

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

**October 15,
2025**

John Brooks
BTTS Holdings

**October 22,
2025**

John Logue
Ohio EPA

**October 29,
2025**

Bill Grindle
November -
Foundation
Month

**November 05,
2025**

Ron Pusateri &
Andy Tompkins
Veteran's Day
Presentation

**November 12,
2025**

Katharine
Moore
The Jefferson
Avenue Center

Birthdays

President's message

By James T. Caldwell



Thanks to John Stefano for a great presentation on his 40 years of Theater Education. It was fascinating to see how he brought West Side Story to life and to see how well his former students are doing in theater and in other vocations. Congratulations, John, on an outstanding career.

Congratulations also to "Team Bob" (Bob Coco and Bob Stewart) who made us proud at the Pickle with Purpose Thursday evening at Smash Park. They won Third Place in the competition. Two of the teams they defeated had to have been half their age. It was a great evening, and I appreciate Jimmy Hoben inviting the club to be a sponsor.



Celebrating our winners!



The Bobs in action!

Dan Hare
October 13th
Lawrence Rick
Sellers
October 25th
Tim Bowers
October 25th
Gary Yoko
October 27th
Thomas N.
Applegate
November 2nd
Kathy Cook
November 4th
Michael Herron
November 5th
Jackie
Washburn
November 7th
Jeff Washburn
November 12th

Years of Service

Douglas
Fosselman
11-10-1999
26 Years
Robert P. Freed
10-25-2006
19 Years
Tiffany
McGinnis
10-24-2007
18 Years
Coutanya
Coombs
10-21-2015
10 Years
David M
Chapman
10-31-2018
7 Years
Richard
Schorling
10-23-2019
6 Years
Anne M
VanBuskirk
10-27-2021
4 Years
John L.
Comerford
10-30-2022
3 Years
Audrey
Carmichael
10-18-2023



The Westerville Sunrise Rotary Cheering Section.

Speaking of Smash Park, we will be having our Smash Polio event (AKA Pints for Polio) with the Noon Club on Thursday October 23 at 5:30. Our District Governor Sandy Knoesel will be joining us for the evening. The QR code sign-up is in an article below.

John Brooks from High Bank Distillery will be speaking to the club on Wednesday morning. I look forward to seeing you there.

Happening This Week



October 15, 2025

Program: BTTS Holdings

Speaker: John Brooks

Greeter: Aaron Steininger

Invocation/Pledge: Jason Seeley

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



October 16: Club Board meeting
October 18: District Fall Assembly
October 23: Smash Polio Social with Noon Club
November 2: District 6690 Awards Ceremony
November 8: WARM Service Project
November 14: Wine Appreciation Fellowship Event

Smash Polio at Smash Park Westerville

Join the Rotary Clubs of Westerville for fun at Smash Park Westerville on October 23, 2025 from 5:30 to 7:30 to raise funds for ending polio. There will be complimentary appetizers and games. Plus our District Governor Sandy Knoesel will be visiting us! More information and QR codes to sign up can be found below.

2 Years
Axl Pons
10-18-2023
2 Years



OCTOBER 23, 2025
SMASH PARK WESTERVILLE
495 Polaris Parkway, Westerville
@5:30pm to 7:30pm
\$20 per person

Event Line Up

- 5:30pm to 6:10pm Complimentary Appetizers
- 6:10pm to 6:30pm District Governor Sandy Knoesel
- 6:30pm to 7:30pm Socialize
- 6:30pm to 7:30pm PLAY TIME! Corn Hole or Pickleball (included)!

Other activities available for an additional fee:
DuckPin Bowling, Axe Throwing, Arcade, Karaoke, etc.

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One Ticket

Two or More Tickets

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Socktober is Here!

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.



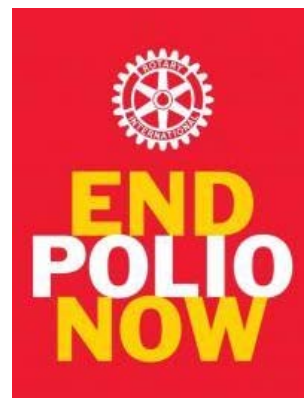
Polio Plus Football Pool - Congratulations to the Winners

By Jamie Maze

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



1st Quarter/ \$50: Troy Cochran
2nd Quarter/ \$50: Bob Stewart
3rd Quarter/ \$50: Dan Hare
4th Quarter/ \$100: AJ Fox



Community Service Opportunities



Prepare Thanksgiving Boxes with The Byron Saunders Foundation!



- **Event:** Volunteers ages 7 and older come together to sort, count, and box up food donations
- **When:** Sunday, November 9th
 - Shift 1:* 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 - Shift 2:* 3p.m. - 7 p.m.
- **Where:** Groveport Kroger Plaza at [6017 Groveport Rd., Groveport, OH 43125](https://www.google.com/maps/place/6017+Groveport+Rd.,+Groveport,+OH+43125)
- **Signup Genius Link:** [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ADAB2EA7FDC16- 59348038-volunteer](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ADAB2EA7FDC16-59348038-volunteer)

Contact Tiffany McGinnis (tiffany.t.mcgininis@gmail.com) with any questions.

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:

[Oct 27](#)

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](#)

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.



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.



Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation & Pledge
15-Oct-25	Steininger, Aaron	Seeley, Jason
22-Oct-25	Stenberg, Matthew	Tompkins, Andy
29-Oct-25	Stille, Char	Strasburg, Thomas
05-Nov-25	Stefano, John	Denton, Don
12-Nov-25	VanBuskirk, Anne	Stewart, Bob

Club Leaders



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