

# 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 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

Lawrence Rick  
Sellers  
October 25th  
Tim Bowers

## President's message

By James T. Caldwell



Thanks to John Banks for his vision of Uptown and other areas of Westerville last Wednesday. This week one of our members, John Logue, will be discussing his career, which has led to key positions in the DeWine administration.

On Saturday, several members of our club attended the District Fall Assembly. It was great to interact with clubs throughout our district and hear what they are doing. The District Assembly in April will be at the Polaris Hilton, and I would encourage you to attend.



***Westerville Sunrise Rotary members at District 6690's Fall Assembly on Oct 18, 2025.***

Friday, October 24, is World Polio Day. To help in the fight against polio, our club is doing the following:

- On Wednesday, Mark Morgan will have Pinky Purple Donuts for sale to benefit the fight against polio. \$25 a box of donuts. Please pay by cash or check. If you pay by check, please make the check out to the Rotary Foundation. Buy a box and take it to work. You will be a hero!
- On Thursday evening, please come out to our Smash Polio event with the Noon Club at Smash Park. You don't have to play pickleball to have a great time. Our District Governor, Sandy Knoesel, will be joining us. Please join us for a fun evening. Get your registration in as soon as you can.

It will be a great week, and I look forward to seeing you.

## Happening This Week

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  
David M  
Chapman  
November 14th  
Josh Plieninger  
November 17th

## 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  
Amanda Klein  
11-15-2021  
4 Years  
John L.  
Comerford  
10-30-2022  
3 Years  
David Case  
11-15-2023  
2 Years

## Happening This Week

**October 22, 2025**

**Program:** Ohio EPA

**Speaker:** John Logue

**Greeter:** Matthew Stenberg

**Invocation/Pledge:** Andrew Tompkins

## Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



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 9: Byron Saunders Thanksgiving Food Box Service Project  
November 13: Rotary Happy Hour at North High Brewing  
November 14: Wine Appreciation Fellowship Event  
November 20: Club Board Meeting  
December 12: Holiday Party

## Satellite Club Events



### NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting of the Satellite Club will be held on Wednesday November 12, 2025, at 6:30 at Napa Kitchen and Bar, 925 N. State Street in Westerville. You will be able to order off the menu, if desired, and pay your own bill. Everyone is welcome!

Satellite Club members will be assisting with packing Thanksgiving food boxes for the Byron Saunders Foundation on Saturday, November 8th, from 11:00-2:00. Sign up using this link: [Satellite Club: Sunrise Rotary: Thanksgiving Meal Packing with Byron Saunders Foundation](#)

## Service to Seniors Committee Supports WARM's Buckeye Bash

By Albert Bruchac



On Thursday, October 16, Rotary volunteers from the Service to Seniors Committee lent a helping hand at WARM's annual Buckeye Bash, a festive event dedicated to supporting low-income seniors in the community. Volunteers served meals, offered assistance, and helped create a welcoming atmosphere for all attendees.

Adding to the excitement, Mr. Brutus Buckeye made a special appearance, bringing smiles and energy to the celebration. His presence added a spirited touch to an already heartwarming day of service and camaraderie.

## 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.



**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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**OCTOBER 23, 2025**

**SMASH POLIO!**



One Ticket

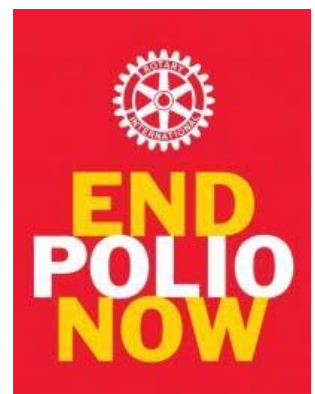
Two or More Tickets

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## Polio Plus Football Pool - Congratulations to the Winners

By Jamie Maze

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



1st Quarter/ \$50: Theresa Petraszak  
2nd Quarter/ \$50: Theresa Petraszak  
3rd Quarter/ \$50: Theresa Petraszak  
4th Quarter/ \$100: Lisa Freed



## Happy Hour Event

By Amy Ellett Bauman



Join your Rotary Friends  
for a Happy Hour Event  
Thursday, November 13  
from 4-6pm

North High Brewing  
250 S. State Street  
Westerville, OH

## Join us for our next Wine Appreciation Fellowship Night

By Angela Sillus

Reconnect, enjoy good food and wine, and share in fellowship with other Rotarians from District 6690 at the home of Pat and Caryn Knott in Westerville, OH.

The Knotts are accomplished chefs (see patgroup11 on Instagram) and will be serving a variety of Asian-inspired dishes. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn how to make dumplings!

Sparkling and other wine will be provided. You are welcome to bring a bottle as well if you have something interesting to share!

Spouses, friends and other Rotarians are welcome! Please RSVP by Monday, Nov. 10 to ensure we can plan properly!

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 14, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Please RSVP for address

RSVP: Angela Sillus - [angelasillus.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:angelasillus.rotary@gmail.com)



## Join the Westerville Rotary Club's Upcoming Bus Trips

The Westerville Rotary noon club has two upcoming bus trips that we are invited to join!



**Oglebay Park Christmas Light Spectacular in West Virginia - Nov. 20, 2025**

A chartered bus will leave The Medallion Club parking lot at 3 pm, and will return home at 11 pm. Cost

of the trip is \$99 and includes snacks on the bus and dinner at Oglebay in the Dining Room. There will be time for shopping, and the highlight of the trip will be the Grand Bus Drive Thru Tour of the Light Spectacular.

This QR Code can be used to book your trip:



### **Guided Tour of Washington, D.C. - April 20-23, 2026**

Highlights of this trip include:

- Motor coach transportation and guided tours
- Hotel (Double occupancy) at the Marriott Courtyard Crystal City (Includes breakfast and two dinners, last night on a river boat)
- Admission to sightseeing venues
  - The White House
  - The People's House
  - Mount Vernon
  - Arlington Cemetery
  - The Capital Building
  - Many Memorial location visits
  - Surprise locations to be announced on the trip
- Free time/ lunches on your own
- Total cost is \$1,080 per person (double occupancy) based on 40 travelers
- Downpayment of half due by Nov 1, 2025; balance due by Feb 1, 2026
- Payment link: <https://square.link/u/imiyytdvn>

For more information, contact [therotogram@gmail.com](mailto:therotogram@gmail.com) or call (614) 563-0574.

## **Community Service Opportunities**



**Saunders Foundation!**

**Prepare Thanksgiving Boxes with The Byron**

- **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.mcginis@gmail.com](mailto:tiffany.t.mcginis@gmail.com)) with any questions.

## Socktober is Here!

by Rick Sellers

District 6690 will once again kicked off an effort to collect WARM socks for the unhoused & needy. The Socktober project runs the month of October so 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 them 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.

## 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.

## 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](#)

## 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](https://givebutter.com/125_Club).



# 125 CLUB

## Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation & Pledge
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
19-Nov-25	Wandtke, Ed	VanLandingham, Lewis

## Club Leaders



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President



[Theresa Petraszak](#)  
President-Elect



[Allen Jefferson Fox](#)  
President-Nominee  
Vice President



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Secretary



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Youth Exchange  
Officer



[John R. Kellogg](#)  
Club 501c3  
Chair/President