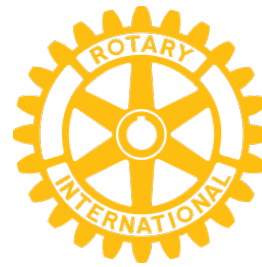


Rotary

Club of Westerville Sunrise



**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**



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 28, 2026

Jill Rindfuss
Ohio 529

November 04, 2026

Dr Dana Robinson
Street Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation

November 11, 2026

Carmen Savarino
Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption

November 18, 2026

Bill Grindle
Rotary Foundation Month Presentation

Birthdays

Lawrence Rick Sellers
October 25th

President's message

By Theresa Petraszak



Thank you to our very own Stacey Rusterholz for a wonderful presentation last week on Leadership Westerville and the incredible impact of their Snow Patrol project. It's inspiring to see how our members are leading service projects that directly support our neighbors in winter.

This week we welcome Jill Rindfuss with Ohio's 529 Plan, CollegeAdvantage. She'll share how Ohio families are saving for education and how we can plan for the future.

For me, this past weekend was full! On Friday, I attended 4th Friday in Uptown where I saw several fellow Rotarians; it's always great to run into familiar faces in the community. Saturday was a long day at the State Cross Country meet, where three of our runners finished on the podium (top 15!) in their races, and our boys elementary team took home 3rd place out of 13 teams. Both of my boys set new 2-mile PRs, we had beautiful weather, and yes, some sunburns in late October! We also celebrated Gabriel's 11th birthday. Sunday was a day of rest, and by rest I mean homework and pumpkin carving.

Quick Reminder: If you ordered Purple Pinky Donuts to support the fight against Polio, please be sure to come to the meeting this week to pick up your order! And don't forget to join us at Olentangy River Brewing on Thursday to gather in fellowship with Rotarians throughout the District and raise money towards the fight against Polio.

Fun Fact: Why a purple pinky? In many countries during polio immunization campaigns, when a child receives the oral polio vaccine, health workers mark their pinky finger with purple dye. The purple mark is a simple, visible way to show who has been vaccinated, and it inspired Rotary's "Purple Pinky" and our Purple Pinky Donuts to symbolize one more child protected from polio.

Happening This Week



October 28, 2026

Program: Jill Rindfuss

Speaker: Ohio 529

Greeter: Aaron Steininger

Invocation and Pledge: Matt Stenberg

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events

October 26: Star House Family Lunch - 11:30-1:00 pm
Star House 1220 Corrugated Way Columbus, OH 43201

Tim Bowers
October 25th
Gary Yoko
October 27th
Thomas N.
Applegate
November 2nd
Michael Herron
November 5th
Jackie
Washburn
November 7th
Steven Settles
November 12th
Jeff Washburn
November 12th
David M
Chapman
November 14th
Josh Plieninger
November 17th
Tiffany
McGinnis
November 23rd

Years of Service

Douglas
Fosselman
11-10-1999
27 Years
Robert P. Freed
10-25-2006
20 Years
David M
Chapman
10-31-2018
8 Years
Anne M
VanBuskirk
10-27-2021
5 Years
Amanda Klein
11-15-2021
5 Years
John L.
Comerford
10-30-2022
4 Years
David Case
11-15-2023
3 Years



October 27: Pints for Polio - 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Olentangy River Brewing Company, 303 Green Meadows Dr South, Lewis Center OH 43035

November 1: Lasagna To Go - 11:30- 5:30 pm

Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Rd, Westerville OH 43081

November 11: Satellite Meeting - 6:30-8:30 pm

Mimi's Cafe 1428 Polaris Pkwy, Columbus OH 43240

November 14: Warm Food Pantry Volunteer 10:00 - 12:00 pm

Warm warehouse, 150 Heatherdown Dr., Westerville OH 43081

December 11: Scrooge Shuffle 5:00- 9:00 pm

The Old Bag of Nails, 24 N State St 3rd floor, Westerville OH 43081

WARM Food Pantry Volunteers - November 14

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 2026 date is:

- November 14

Please sign up using this link: [Warm Volunteer Sign Up](#)

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.



For more information, please contact Beth Wilcox at (614) 214-9822.

Help Homeless Youth at Monthly Star House Family Dinner



Angela Sillus with Kathy Able and Dave Read of the Westerville Noon Rotary Club.

Join us on October 26 to cook, donate items and/or serve food for homeless youth at Star House! Please use the [sign-up genius](#) to indicate if you are able to participate.

- Drop off of cooked/ donated items at Chris Herbert's house between 9 and 11 am.
- If you are able serve lunch, we will set up at 11:30 am and be done around 1 pm.

Star House is no longer requiring background checks or trauma training in order to serve lunch!

The remaining 2026 dates are:

- Nov 23
- Dec 28

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Satellite Club Meeting



The Westerville Sunrise Rotary Satellite Club meets the **second Wednesday of each month** at 6:30 PM.

Come enjoy a relaxed evening of Rotary fellowship and great conversation, making it an easy and social way to stay connected.

Remaining 2026 Meeting Dates:

- November 11
- December 9

November & December meetings to be held at Mimi's Cafe 1428 Polaris Pkwy, Columbus OH 43240

Whether you're a Satellite Club member, curious about the Satellite Club, or want to catch up with old friends, this is a great chance to keep the Rotary spirit going strong in a relaxed midweek setting.

We hope to see you there!

Drew Wallace Honored with October Service to Youth Award

By Angela Sillus



This past week, the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club recognized Drew Wallace, Study Hall Building Duty Monitor at Walnut Springs Middle School, as its October 2026 Service to Youth Award recipient during a special presentation at Walnut Springs.

Drew's job title tells only a small part of the story. His impact on young people stretches across schools, sports, and countless hours spent simply showing up for students.

Known for his calming personality, positive demeanor, and genuine joy in working with youth, Drew is someone students actively seek out for support. In addition to his work at Walnut Springs, he serves as an assistant baseball coach at Westerville North and a golf coach at Minerva Park Middle School.

For the past two years, Drew has also volunteered his time by arriving early every Thursday to serve as advisor for Fellowship of Christian Athletes. His support doesn't end when the school day—or work week—is over. Drew regularly attends sporting events at Walnut Springs, Westerville North, Westerville Central, and elsewhere simply to cheer on students.

Perhaps most importantly, the relationships Drew builds don't end when students move on to high school. He continues to mentor and support students he first met at Walnut Springs, demonstrating that his investment in young people is personal and lasting. His nominator says Drew's "service, relationships with his students and overall passion" make the school, district, and community a better place.

In recognition of his outstanding service to youth, Drew received a trophy, a \$25 gift card, and cookies from Kroger. He will also be celebrated at a special Westerville Sunrise Rotary breakfast in May, and flags will be flown in his honor at the Field of Heroes over Memorial Day weekend.

Congratulations, Drew, and thank you for being the kind of adult who keeps showing up for kids!

Huber Ridge Kindergarten Peacebuilder committee volunteer opportunity

By Paul E. Kulik



Participate in a Peacebuilder committee volunteer opportunity at Huber Ridge Kindergarten -one-half hour/week to tutor students. Materials have been purchased and can be easily implemented. For details, please contact Paul Kulik paulkulik695@gmail.com or [614-940-1905](tel:614-940-1905).

Community Volunteer Opportunities

Waymakers Foundation 5k Needs Volunteers and Runners

Waymakers Foundation is holding a 5k Run/Walk 5K on November 1, 2026, and is looking for volunteers to help



with various tasks, including motivating runners with cowbells or signs! The race will be held at the Westerville Sports Complex, and volunteers are needed from 8 to 11

am. Sign up to help here: [Waymakers Foundation: Make A Way 5K Race Volunteers](#)

Runners/ walkers can register through the day of the 5K via the registration [website](#). The registration fee for the 5K is \$35. The race will begin at 9 am.

WayMakers Foundation operates a free store in Westerville, providing clothing, household essentials, and other needed items to individuals and families impacted by fire, flooding, domestic violence, and other crises.

Byron Saunders - Volunteer to Make Thanksgiving Meal Boxes

Our Annual Thanksgiving Meal Distribution begins November 8, with daily volunteer shifts through November 20. We've opened 720 spots to help us reach this year's goal of preparing 7,000 Thanksgiving meals for families. There are also volunteer opportunities in October to help us prepare and set up.

Volunteer to make Thanksgiving meal boxes link [Sign up Link here](#)

If you can give a few hours—or come back for several shifts—we'd love to have you. Please sign up for the opportunities that fit your schedule and invite a friend to join you!

Thank you for helping our neighbors share a Thanksgiving meal.

Snow Patrol Volunteers Needed

WESTERVILLE SNOW PATROL
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS THIS WINTER

Snow-covered sidewalks can be hazardous for everyone. The Westerville Snow Patrol Program pairs older residents and residents with disabilities with nearby neighbors who volunteer to assist them with snow removal on their sidewalks, walkways, and driveways.

REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER ONLINE
WWW.LEADERSHIPWESTERVILLE.COM/SNOW-PATROL.HTML

Leadership Westerville's Snow Patrol Program is seeking volunteers for the 2026-2027 winter season. Currently, requests for assistance exceed the number of available volunteers.

Snow Patrol connects older adults and residents with disabilities with neighbors who can help clear sidewalks, walkways, and driveways after winter weather. Volunteers help keep residents safe, support independence, and make our community more connected.

The greatest volunteer needs are in Uptown Westerville, Minerva Park, Huber Village, and neighborhoods near Hoover Reservoir.

Can't volunteer? Please help by sharing this opportunity through your neighborhood Facebook or Nextdoor groups.

Learn more and sign up at [Westerville Snow Patrol](#).

Sock-tober is here!

By Amanda Klein



**2026
SOCK-TOBER**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR WARM MENS, WOMEN AND
CHILDREN'S SOCKS**

You may bring socks to the Wednesday meetings
or have them sent directly to Amanda via Amazon

October 1st- 28th

To get to our Sock-tober 2026 wish list on
Amazon,

From the Amazon home screen, at the top scroll
to the far right, looking for see all, click and look
for gifting, click and search for Westerville
Sunrise Rotary Sock-tober wish list. You will order
directly from there and it will ship to Amanda. Any
questions please contact
Rick Sellers or Amanda Klein



WARM/Rotary Holiday Food Drive! Team captains needed

By Tiffany McGinnis



Plans are underway for the WARM/Rotary **Holiday Food Drive! Team captains needed** - contact Abby at WARM to sign up (abby@warmwesterville.org).

- **Team Captain Virtual Training:** Wednesday, November 4th @ 6:30pm
- **Captain Material Pickup:** 11/16-11/20, & 11/23-11/24
- **Bag Drop Off To Neighborhoods:** 11/27-11/29
- **Official Day of Holiday Food Drive:** 12/5 from 9am-12pm

Open neighborhoods that need a captains: (# of Houses)

- Heritage Estates (176)
- Sanctuary at the Lakes—West (149)
- Sanctuary at the Lakes—North (176)
- Eagle Trace (299)
- Covington Meadows (262)
- Olde Mill (345)
- Spring Grove (886)
- Brookestone (200)
- North Pointe (252)
- Sherbrook (457)
- Hampton Park (93)

Thanks to your dedicated efforts, we collected over 37,000 pounds of donations last year and we hope to surpass that this year! Together we can help to support our community members in need!

Pints for Polio - Fellowship event



Join us

October 27 from 5:00-8:00

For fellowship with the Delaware County Clubs!

\$5 entry

All are welcome — Rotarians and friends and family!

Olentangy River Brewing Company

303 Green Meadows Drive South

Lewis Center, OH 43035

Lasagna To Go November 1- Westerville Noon Rotary Club fundraiser



Who's ready for some famous Milano's Lasagna?

The Rotary Club of Westerville's annual Lasagna To Go event is back on Sunday, November 1st!

Enjoy a generous serving of Milano's famous lasagna, along with a salad, roll, butter, and dessert, all while supporting the Rotary Club of Westerville and our efforts to give back to the community.

The best part? You don't even have to leave your car! Simply drive through, and we'll bring your packaged dinners right to your vehicle.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available online or through any Westerville Noon Rotarian.

Purchase your tickets her—> <https://www.westervillerotary.com/rotary-lasagna-to-go/>

Thank you for supporting Rotary and helping us continue to make a difference in our community!

Fifth Wednesday Happy Hour – Join Us December 30!

By Axl Pons

We're excited to kick off a new Westerville Sunrise Rotary tradition!

Whenever there's a Fifth Wednesday on the calendar, we'll gather for a casual Rotary Happy Hour—a fun opportunity to unwind, enjoy great conversation, and spend time together outside of our regular meetings.

· Wednesday, December 30

5:00–7:00 PM

Location to be determined

Food available to purchase

To RSVP, please contact Axl Pons:

- · Call or Text: [\(843\) 340-0075](tel:8433400075)
- · Email: apons575@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendars!

We'll be celebrating all of this Rotary year's Fifth Wednesdays:

- December 30, 2026
- March 31, 2027
- June 30, 2027

We hope you'll join us for the first of what we hope becomes a fun Rotary tradition!

Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invokers



Date	Greeter	Invocation & Pledge
28-Oct-26	Steininger, Aaron	Stenberg, Matt
4-Nov-26	Keane, Timothy	Denton, Don
11-Nov-26	Washburn, Jackie	Keane, Timothy
18-Nov-26	Oberdorfer, Matthew	Wandtke, Ed
25-Nov-26	VanBuskirk, Anne	Knott, Pat

**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



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