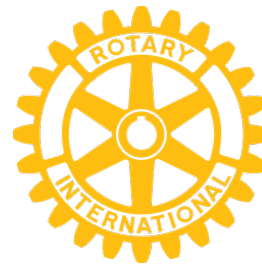


# Rotary

## Club of Westerville Sunrise



**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**

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

**November 05, 2025**

Ron Pusateri & Andy Tompkins  
Veteran's Day Presentation

**November 12, 2025**

Katharine Moore  
The Jefferson Avenue Center

**November 19, 2025**

Jackie Barton & Katie Kaslow  
Ohio Historical - Westerville History in the Box

### Birthdays

Kathy Cook  
November 4th  
Michael Herron  
November 5th  
Jackie Washburn  
November 7th  
Jeff Washburn

## Happening This Week

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**November 5, 2025**

*Program:* Veteran's Day Presentation  
*Speaker:* Ron Pusateri and Andy Tompkins  
*Greeter:* John Stefano  
*Invocation/Pledge:* Don Denton

## Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



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

## President's message

By James T. Caldwell



It was great to have our District Foundation Chair, Bill Grindle, join us on Wednesday to talk about the Rotary Foundation. It is amazing how our contributions can have both a local and international impact. It is good to be reminded what Rotary does beyond the walls of the Old Bag of Nails.

Several of us had the opportunity to honor our November recipient of the Service to Youth award, Jennifer Harris, who is a Westerville District School Counselor. It is great to see recipient's colleagues come out to celebrate with them. Thanks to Angela Sillus and her committee for their work in selecting and honoring deserving

Westerville educators.

**Help Wanted** — At the celebration, I spoke to Charlie Boss, who is the school district's Communications and Community Engagement coordinator and is also on the Big Bus board. There is a Big Bus student who would love to learn how to play chess. If we have any members who enjoy playing chess and would like to tutor a student in chess, please let me know.

The November/December issue of Westerville Magazine has a great article on our Westerville Sunrise club centered on the Field of Heroes, the Veteran Memorial and other veteran-related activities the club does. I am very pleased with how the article came out and how a lot of hard work and dedication of the club over the years is recognized.

November 12th  
David M  
Chapman  
November 14th  
Josh Plieninger  
November 17th  
Tiffany  
McGinnis  
November 23rd  
David A Lilley  
November 26th  
Bryan Wagner  
November 26th  
John Logue  
November 30th

## Years of Service

Douglas  
Fosselman  
11-10-1999  
26 Years  
William G.  
Bishop  
11-29-2017  
8 Years  
Christopher  
Monacelli  
11-27-2019  
6 Years  
Amanda Klein  
11-15-2021  
4 Years  
Matthew  
Stenberg  
11-30-2022  
3 Years  
David Case  
11-15-2023  
2 Years

And speaking of veterans, on Wednesday we will have our Veteran's Day Program by our Veterans Committee. I am looking forward to a very interesting presentation and seeing all of you.

## Westerville Sunrise Wins Club of the Year

Westerville Sunrise Rotary won several awards at the District 6690 Awards Celebration on November 2, 2025 — including Highest Per Capital Giving to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund, third place in total giving for Polio Plus, and a Club Excellence Award.



*Tiffany McGinnis accepting the District 6690 Club of the Year award.*

The highlight of the evening was being honored by Past District Governor Gary Baker as District 6690 Club of the Year. Gary was impressed with our Field of Heroes event, our participation with Honor Flight and our fundraising and giving efforts. He also mentioned what a spirited bunch of people we are so early in the morning!



*Westerville Sunrise Rotarians - Front Row: Mike Herron, Eleanor Horbatt, Leigh Hollins, Tiffany McGinnis. Second row: Angela Sillus, Bob Horbatt, Jim Caldwell and Pat Knott.*

## Westerville Sunrise Rotary Celebrates November 2025 Service

## to Youth Award Winner

By Angela Sillus



On October 31, 2025, the Westerville Sunrise Rotary proudly recognized Jennifer Harris, District School Counselor, with the November Service to Youth Award. Known for her tireless dedication to student success and her visionary leadership across the district, Harris continues to redefine what it means to serve youth with purpose and passion.

Jennifer's work is rooted in empowering students to envision and pursue their futures. Through innovative programs like Middle School Career Cafes and pre-apprenticeships, she opens doors to career exploration and hands-on experience, helping students connect classroom learning with real-world opportunities.

Her impact spans all eight secondary buildings in the district, where she mentors both students and fellow counselors. Whether through group sessions or one-on-one guidance, Jennifer offers steady support and expert insight, fostering growth and confidence in those she serves.

A master connector, Jennifer builds strong partnerships with local businesses and industry professionals. Her efforts ensure that students are placed in meaningful field experiences while employers receive ongoing support—creating a win-win for the entire community.

Jennifer's commitment goes far beyond the school day. She checks in with students before, during, and after school, communicates regularly with families, and works behind the scenes to ensure every placement is enriching and successful.

Her colleagues and business partners alike admire her ability to inspire post-secondary success. With a counselor's lens and a heart for service, Jennifer motivates students to take bold steps toward their futures, earning deep respect across the district.

As a Service to Youth award recipient, Jennifer received a trophy, a \$25 gift card, and cookies from Kroger. She will be honored at a Rotary breakfast meeting in May, and a flag will be flown in her name at the Field of Heroes over Memorial Day weekend.

Congratulations to Jennifer Harris for her unwavering commitment to youth and her transformative impact on education and career readiness throughout Westerville.

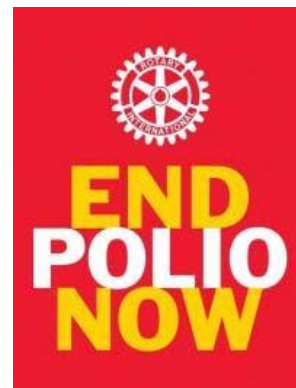
## Polio Plus Football Pool - Congratulations to the Winners

By Jamie Maze

Congratulations to the lucky winners from the OSU-Penn State game!



1st Quarter/ \$50: Theresa Petraszak  
2nd Quarter/ \$50: Terry Burton



3rd Quarter/ \$50: Pat Knott  
4th Quarter/ \$100: Lisa Morgan

## 32nd Annual Poinsettia Sale- Support the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Foundation and local seniors!

By Abra Campbell



### How to help:

- Buy beautiful poinsettias for yourself, friends, and family.
- Buy donation poinsettias for local, low-income seniors. Rotary will deliver these plants to The Harris Askins House, The Ravines at Central College, and The Woods at Central College.

### Details:

- \$12 Per Plant (Red, White & Pink)
- Orders Due by Friday, November 21st
- Pick Up Saturday, December 6th from 1:00 - 4:00 @ The Yoga Factory (223 East Broadway Ave. Westerville)
- Place orders [HERE](#)
- You will be asked if you want to leave a tip at checkout. NONE of the tip comes to Westerville Sunrise, so you can choose to enter \$0 tip.

## 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:

[Nov. 24](#)

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](#)

## 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](#)



- **Signup Genius Link:** <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.

## 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](#)

## 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)



## 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

## 2026-2027 Slate of Officers

Thank you to everyone who submitted recommendations to the Nominating Committee. After thoughtful consideration, the committee is pleased to present the following proposed slate of officers for the 2026–2027 Rotary year. The slate will be submitted for a club vote on November 12th.

### CLUB OFFICERS

President	Theresa Petraszak
President Elect	AJ Fox
Vice President	Jamie Maze
Secretary	Angela Sillus
Treasurer	Mary Chandler
Sergeant-At-Arms	Tom Schmitt
Past President	Jim Caldwell

### CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dave Collinsworth (2027)	Amanda Klein (2027)
Aaron Steininger (2028)	Ed Wandtke (2028)
Rich Schorling (2029)	Linda Bokros (2029)

In addition, the Foundation proposes the following slate of officers:

### FOUNDATION OFFICERS

President	Mike Herron
Vice President	Tiffany McGinnis
Secretary	Char Stille
Treasurer	Leigh Hollins
Past President	John Kellogg
Club Liaison	AJ Fox

### FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jimmy Hoben (2027)
Donna Rudderow (2028)
Jeff Washburn (2029)

## Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation & Pledge
05-Nov-25	Stefano, John	Denton, Don
12-Nov-25	VanBuskirk, Anne	Stewart, Bob
19-Nov-25	Wandtke, Ed	VanLandingham, Lewis
26-Nov-25	Washburn, Jackie	Wartel, David



## 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](mailto:ajfox@me.com) or Jackie Washburn at [jackiegardner1@hotmail.com](mailto:jackiegardner1@hotmail.com)



## RYLA Club Commitment



### Club Sponsorship Commitment

#### Sponsor a future leader - Commit your club to RYLA 2026

District 6690's RYLA Committee needs your club's commitment to sponsoring students for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards on July 16–18, 2026 at Ohio University—Athens.

It will only take a minute to complete the short Club Commitment Form. Right now, no student names or sponsorship fees are due. The RYLA Committee just needs contact information and the number of students your club would like to sponsor.

The cost per student participant is \$300 which includes all lodging, meals and program materials for the three-day experience. Clubs sponsoring 5 or more students receive a \$50 discount per student.

Commit your club today to sponsor future leaders — it only takes a minute to complete the short Club Commitment Form (no student names needed yet):

#### [RYLA Club Commitment Form](#)

Key details:

- \$300 per student; payment due within 30 days of submitting the form
- Final student selections due April 1, 2026; outstanding payments due April 30, 2026
- Capacity is limited to 90 students, first come, first served with payment
- Please designate a RYLA Club Contact when you submit



Thank you for helping us inspire the next generation of service-minded leaders!

## 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



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Club Public Image  
Chair  
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Amy Ellett Bauman](#)  
Club Grant  
Coordinator



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



[Robert P. Horbatt](#)  
Club TRF Chair



[Paul E. Kulik](#)  
Club Peace  
Committee Chair



[Michael Ley Collins](#)  
Youth Exchange  
Officer



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