

Rotary

Club of Westerville Sunrise



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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

May 13, 2026

Service to Youth Committee
Service to Youth Awards

May 20, 2026

Dan Hare & Larry Jenkins
Field of Heroes

May 27, 2026

Theresa Petraszak - Grant Recipients Grant Presentations

June 03, 2026

Chris Monacelli
Westerville Electric Division Field Trip - Meet at the Electric Division

Birthdays

Donna H. Rudderow
May 19th

President's message

By James T. Caldwell



This past week was a very interesting presentation by Gaby Edon and Vickey Bradley of Girls Leap. It is amazing how a young girl inspired Gaby to start a non-profit to serve girls. It is always interesting to hear the stories of how folks are called to do good work.

project.

On Saturday, several members of the club and family members did good work at WARM. My fondest memories of my time with the Downtown Club in the early 2000's were bringing Jenna and Dan with me to service projects. So, it is touching to me to watch the Kids of our Rotarians come to help with our service projects. Thank you to everyone who came out and special thanks to Mary Chandler for coordinating the

I challenged the club to 100% participation at Field of Heroes this year. We are currently around 55%. So, I know we all love to procrastinate, but it is time to get signed up. The sign-up link is in this newsletter.

This week's meeting is our annual tribute to our monthly winners of the Service Above Self Award. It is always great to show our appreciation for all of their hard work in our schools. Special thanks to Angela Sillus for leading the committee this year. See you all Wednesday.

Happening This Week



May 13

Program: Service to Youth Awards
Speaker: Service to Youth Committee
Greeter: Doug Xides
Invocation/Pledge: Jim Hogle

Satellite Club Finds a Home at Jimmy V's after May meeting!



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

May's meetings will be held at **Toukan and Company** (575 Charring Cross Dr., Westerville, OH).

Beginning in June, the Satellite Club will meet at **Jimmy V's Grill & Pub** (1 S. State Street, Westerville, OH) in their private room. Everyone is welcome to order from the menu and pay their own bill.

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

Upcoming 2026 Meeting Dates:

Theresa Petraszak
May 23rd
Beth Wilcox
May 24th
Char Stille
May 24th
Axl Pons
June 2nd
Robert P. Horbatt
June 7th
James G. Flaherty
June 9th

Years of Service

John P. Stefano
05-21-1997
29 Years

Thomas N. Applegate
05-28-2008
18 Years

Kathy Cook
05-27-2009
17 Years

Michael Herron
05-22-2013
13 Years

Linda Lou Bokros
05-21-2014
12 Years

Stuart Allyn Whittaker
05-24-2017
9 Years

Debbie Wiedwald
06-07-2017
9 Years

Aaron Steininger
06-07-2017
9 Years

Angela Sillus
05-10-2023
3 Years

Chuck Sprunger
05-29-2024
2 Years

Brian J. Wollenberg
05-29-2024
2 Years

Elizabeth A Domanik
06-04-2025
1 Year

- May 13 (at Toukan & Company)
- June 10
- July 8
- August 12
- September 9
- October 14
- November 11
- December 9

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!

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.

Star House is no longer requiring background checks or trauma training in order to serve lunch! If you are able serve lunch, we will set up at 11:30 am and be done around 1 pm.

We also need assistance with purchasing items and/or cooking. 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.

Our next lunch will be held on May 18. Look for a sign-up genius link soon to indicate what you can bring and/or if you will join us to help serve the lunch.

The remaining 2026 dates are:

- Jun 22
- Jul 27
- Aug 24
- Sept 28
- Oct 26
- Nov 23
- Dec 28

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



May 13: Satellite meeting (at Toukan & Company)
May 18: Star House Lunch
May 20: Field of Heroes volunteer orientation
May 22-25: Field of Heroes
June 22: Star House Lunch
June 24: Installation Banquet
August 8: WARM volunteer opportunity
August 17: Golf Outing

Field of Heroes Volunteer Opportunities

By Leigh Hollins

Calling all Sunrise Rotarians who haven't yet signed up to volunteer at Field of Heroes !! We still need coverage in the following areas:

FRI- Setup—need more poppy setup folks

6-9pm Education Tent Greeter
9pm-12a Forever Field Guide

SAT- 3p-6p Information Tent
6p-9p Field Runners & Flag Field Greeters

SUN- 6a-9a Main Field Greeter & Forever Field Guide, plus 5 more 5k Race Marshals (7a-11a)
9a-12p Education Tent Greeter
12p-3p Education Tent Greeter
3p-6p Field Runners, Flag Field Greeters, Education Tent Greeter

MON- 6a-9a Forever Field Guide
9a-12p Education Tent Greeter
Teardown-need more folks: Poppy takedown, Flag Procurement Specialist, Equipment Takedown, Field Takedown

Goal is to have all Sunrise Rotarians volunteering at our signature gift to the community. Any questions, TEXT Leigh at 713-319-7420, or email HollinsLeigh@gmail.com.

Feel free to share the link with friends and family. We couldn't do this without the community and our wonderful volunteers. See you at the Field !



[Link for Field Volunteering:](#)



[Link for 5K Volunteering:](#)

The volunteer orientation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center, 350 North Cleveland Avenue, Westerville, OH 43082.

Huge Thank You Field of Heroes Patrons

By Richard Schorling

Thank you Field of Heroes Patrons!





New Member Application

Steven Settles has submitted an application for membership in Westerville Sunrise Rotary! His sponsor is Glenn Epting. The board has voted in favor of Steven's membership, pending no objections from club members within the next seven (7) days. Concerns or objections can be submitted to Jim Caldwell via email at JTCFMS@aol.com.

Girls L.E.A.P. (Lifetime Empowerment & Awareness Program) May 6 meeting topic

Grateful for the opportunity to hear Gabby Edon and Vickie Bradley share the powerful origin story and mission behind [Girls Leap](#) at this past Wednesday, May 6 meeting.

Girls L.E.A.P. (Lifetime Empowerment & Awareness Program) is dedicated to empowering young girls and women to recognize their strength, build confidence, and develop the skills they need to stay safe and thrive in their communities.

For more information and service/donation opportunities, check out: <https://www.girlsleapcolumbus.org/>

girlsLEAP How Can You Help?

- Consider sponsoring a girl for Summer Camp.
- \$300/per girl, Capacity: 40 girls.
- Sponsorship donations covers the cost for vendors, food, space and supplies.
- In-kind Donations: Food, supplies, etc.

- Skills needed in the following areas:
 - Treasurer
 - Social Media Manager
 - Data Analyst
 - Program Evaluator

- Monetary donations needed to support Sister Circle and STEM Sessions through-out the 2025 – 2026 school year.
- \$200 covers the cost of 1 girl to attend 2 sessions per month.

www.girlsleapcolumbus.org

girlsLEAP

Thank you!

If you would like to support Girls L.E.A.P., please scan the QR code

Rotary Night Our at the Clippers



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Night Out at the Clippers

Save the date now for a fun opportunity to join your fellow Rotarians for a night out at the Clippers Game!

Friday, June 5, 2026
Game starts at 7:05PM!

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:
614-563-0574 OR WENCAPTAIN@WENDELLMCCURDY.COM
TICKETS WILL BE DELIVERED OR AVAILABLE AT OUR MEETING PRIOR TO THE GAME

TICKET LINK QR CODE:



Tickets are only \$11.00 Adult \$9.00 Senior/Child
Purchase yours now at this link. Choose correct amount before checkout

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POPCORN
BEER
SODAS
& MORE
AVAILABLE TO BUY AT THE GAME
1ST BASE SECTION

[Ticket Link Click Here](https://square.link/u/5DZEH2GZ)
HTTPS://SQUARE.LINK/U/5DZEH2GZ

Contact Wendell McCurdy for more information at 614-563-0574 or [email](mailto:wencaptain@wendellmccurdy.com).

Get Tickets [Here](https://square.link/u/5DZEH2GZ)

Pickle for Peace with Marysville Rotary

Pickle for Peace 2026 : Play, Learn, and Connect!



Join us for a day of fellowship, friendly competition, and service as we bring our community together for peace!

June 20 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, hosted by the Marysville Rotary Club. This community fundraiser celebrates Rotary's commitment to Peace-building & Conflict Prevention.

Tournament Divisions – \$55 per player, Registration: https://givebutter.com/PFP26_Tournament
Competitive Division: 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM/ Recreational Division: 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Instructional Clinics – \$25 per half-hour, Registration: https://givebutter.com/PFP26_Learner_Clinics

9:30 AM/ 10:30 AM/ 11:30 AM/ 1:30 PM/ 2:30 PM

All registered participants will receive a FREE pizza lunch and FREE water refills. Tournament players and volunteer instructors will receive a FREE event t-shirt. Additional event shirts will be available for purchase.

VOLUNTEER CLINIC INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

We are seeking Rotarians to serve as volunteer clinic instructors for our beginner clinics. The event schedule is structured to allow individuals to both compete and instruct. Volunteers teaching **two or more clinic sessions** will receive a **coupon code for \$10 off registration**.

To view available clinic time slots and sign up visit: [PFP26 Learner Clinic Sign Up](#)
For more information or assistance with signing up email: service@mwillerrotary.org

Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation & Pledge
13-May-26	Xides, Doug	Hogle, Jim
20-May-26	Colley, Julie	Hollins, Gene
27-May-26	Herron, Michael	Horbatt, Bob

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Meeting Location

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Third Floor
24 North State Street
Westerville, OH 43081

Westerville Sunrise Hotline
614-523-7777



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