

# Rotary



## Club of Dayton SMILE



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### Birthdays



Merle F. Wilberding  
March 8th

Katherine Vriner  
March 12th

### This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022

*In person at Sinclair Community College - or on Zoom*

*\*NOTE: WE ARE MEETING IN ROOM 116 AT THE SOUTH END OF THE BUILDING*

*"Dayton's Art Scene: All That & More"*



*Speaker: Lisa Hanson, Executive Director*

As Culture Works kicks off their annual campaign, Lisa will share with us what's going on in Dayton's Art Scene. Lisa will be joined by some very special guests, including harpist Jessica Shaeffer, who will play from 11:40 until the meeting starts at 12:10. So come early to enjoy the music.

Chair of the Day: Shaun Yu

### This Happened Last Monday...

President Shaun opened the meeting and called on Bill Nance to give the invocation and lead us in the Rotary 4-Way test and Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then shared with us the news of the day and weather.

Kristina Scott welcomed guest and visitors which included: Brandon Hayes guest of Adam Horseman. Tom Gunlock (President of the Wright State Board) guest of Rick Schwartz and Rick gave a Day-50 to allow Tom to make an announcement regarding good news from Wright State - they had budgeted a loss of 10 million dollars this fiscal year but by June 30 of this year they will have made 10 million dollars a 20 million dollar turnaround. Penny Wolff had as her guest Roy Craig.

Secretary Linda Groover took over the podium and called for getting the fines out of the way for those without a pin or no red ribbon member at the table. Next she introduced this week's birthday celebrants and wished them all a Happy Birthday. She then asked to hear from anyone who attended the Finding Wright Opera over the weekend. Penny Wolff gave a report and indicated it was a wonderful production. Next Patrick Nugent spoke in regards to the opera about what an honor it was to host the production. The music was lush and gorgeous and the singing was fantastic. He also thanked those Rotarian who were able to attend.



Kenneth F. May  
March 12th



Evelyn Davidson  
March 12th



Terry F. Offenberger  
March 12th



Robert E Daley  
March 13th

## Speakers

**March 07, 2022**

[Lisa Hanson](#)  
Culture Works

**March 14, 2022**

[Patrick Nugent, President & CEO](#)  
Dayton Performing Arts Alliance

**March 21, 2022**

[Jonathan McNeal](#)  
Oscars Preview

**March 28, 2022**

[Monica Snow, President](#)  
Preservation Dayton

**April 04, 2022**

[Brent Johnson & Josh Stucky, Owners](#)  
Square One Salon

**April 11, 2022**

[Kevin Kelly, Executive Director](#)  
Dayton International Peace Museum

**April 18, 2022**

[Sgt Theodore Trupp, Supervisor](#)  
Dayton Police Department K-9 Unit

**April 25, 2022**

[Cathy Gardner, CEO, Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton](#)  
Dayton Dreams Big Initiative

**May 02, 2022**

TBD

**May 09, 2022**

[Brandon McClain, County Recorder](#)  
Veteran Identification Card Program

**May 16, 2022**

[Judge Tony Cappizi](#)  
Juvenile Justice

**May 23, 2022**

[Kathleen Carlson](#)  
Strengthening Non-Profit Board Governance

Linda then called on Rotarians to make Day-10s. Greg Birkemeyer gave a Day-10 and asked us to remember that we have fellow Rotarians who are in Ukraine we need to keep them in our thoughts and help as we can. John Lyman gave a Day-105 for being a proud graduate of Wright State and the integrity of the Athletic Program due to our speaker of the Day. Shaun Yu gave a Day-100 (PHF) for his birthday. Brian Martin gave a Day-100 for his birthday. Lisa Wagner gave a Day-100 (Lasley) for her birthday last week and to the year ahead and wishes of peace. Heath MacAlpine gave a Day-100 (PHF) for the brave people of Ukraine. Steve Naas gave a Day-10 for his brief time in the WSU Athletic Department as a student. Kathleen Carlson gave a Day-100 for being a proud graduate of Wright State. Sarah Hippensteel-Hall gave a Day-50 to recognize that March is Water Month and noted the article in the District Newsletter. She also recognized that we have submitted 12 students for the upcoming RYLA weekend and were able to fund their experience through a scholarship from the Dayton Rotary Foundation.

President Shaun then came back to the podium and thanked Sarah for all of her efforts on leading the RYLA committee. He then called the club's attention to the fact that Diane Farrell's photo had been replaced as the Membership Recruitment Director. Diane needed to step away from her board position and Lisa Grigsby has stepped up and agreed to take on Membership Recruitment for our club. Shaun then asked Andrea Wall to stand and have her red ribbon removed by Lorna Dawes. Cassie Barlow then introduced our newest member Rhonda Starghill with Girl Scouts of Western Ohio.

Bill Nance interviewed Bob Ruzinsky as our vocational profile of the month. Bob started with the Greater Dayton RTA 33 years ago as a temp. Next Generation Electric Trolleys 1.2 million a piece but will last about 20 years. Service routes can be extended as the trolley can go about 20 minutes off the wires. RTA is struggling to hire enough CDL drivers right now. They currently have so many drivers retiring at their 30-year mark (when they went county-wide) they hire 1-2 people a month but 4-6 retirements a month. When asked what he liked best about his job he loves that he knows everyone at RTA and they know him.

Chair of the Day, Adam Horseman then introduced our speaker, Bob Grant. Bob joined the Athletic Department in 1992 as the Director of Development and became the Director of Athletics in 2008. He has shifted the culture and taken the level of competition higher and higher both on the field and in the classroom. Bob is only the third AD in the history of Wright State. When he began the director the instated the mission statement for students **PSA** - People First - Student Second - Athlete Third. Happy healthy student athletes would perform better - we must value the student athletes. It is a privilege, not a right, to be a student athlete at Wright State. When asked during an interview what were the 3-4 best things he does as an athletic director: every team comes to his house for dinner, staff deliver chocolate milk to the students randomly, sophomore and senior lunches to talk to the athletes about everything but athletics - must emotionally invest in the students to make them "better at life". The athletes know that they are very available to them and that they care about them.

Wright State is at the bottom on spending but their athletes are happy and healthy. Athletes held an average of 3.179 GPA in fall 2022 and 55 consecutive terms of a 3.0 or higher departmental GPA; 86% hour-year average graduation success; 91 student athletes named to the horizon league honor roll. Students leave with soft skills that employers crave: time management, competitiveness, working with others, team work etc. Community exposure is increasing with 32 televised games and 26 million in print and online media exposure. Athletic excellence with men's basketball, baseball, golf, men's soccer, volleyball and women's basketball. Big league clubs are hiring away WSU coaches due to their excellence. Men's basketball is WSU's calling card. In 2016 a big change was made with the hiring of Scott Nagy as the coach. Grant was criticized about the hiring and was trending on Twitter as the worst athletic director ever. Bob said you can either hire the kind of people that others will covet or the kind that no one wants.

Bob then held a Wright State trivia session with prizes won by several Rotarians. Bob gave a story about how he got his Twitter handle and how his Twitter career was launched with the hashtag #uhyeah. Students will be recognized personally with an #uhyeah and they know that that is a signal for them to come see and they get a t-shirt that isn't available anywhere else.

Shaun thanked Bob for his entertaining presentation and then encouraged everyone to be in attendance next week.

Meeting Recording: <https://vimeo.com/683381494>



**Welcome to Dayton Rotary!**

**May 30, 2022**  
NO MEETING - MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

**June 06, 2022**  
Dr. Daniel Zehring, Chair  
Wright State University Music Department

**June 13, 2022**  
Molly Brunk, Director  
Be Hope Immigration Center

**June 20, 2022**  
Tom Nichols  
Dayton Dragons Baseball

**June 27, 2022**  
Shaun Yu & Walt Hibner  
Changing of the Rotary Guard

## NEW MEMBER PROFILE



**Rhonda Starghill**, is a native New Yorker, having grown up in White Plains, NY. She is a self-professed 'data nerd' with a BS in Mathematical Sciences from University of North Carolina (Go Heels!) She also appreciates smart business choices and clever marketing, honing her business skills with an MBA from the University of Michigan (Go Blue!). Professionally, Rhonda spent 12 years in Brand Management, working on some of her favorite brands at General Mills and Procter & Gamble. She's spent the last 7 years in the non-profit sector, currently serving as the Chief Development and Marketing Officer at Girl Scouts of Western Ohio. Rhonda and her husband, Rob, have two busy children, Rachel (14) and Robby (11) and reside in Cincinnati.

**Rhonda Starghill**

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## Queen of Hearts Drawing

Queen of Hearts Raffle

is Back

Weekly at Monday Meetings to benefit the Dayton Rotary Foundation  
\$1 per ticket/\$5 for 6 tickets

Weekly winner draws a card from the deck if they draw the Queen of Hearts then winner takes ½ the pot. If the card is not the Queen of Hearts card then the card is destroyed & we try again next week. Meanwhile the pot continues to grow.

*CURRENT POT: \$836*

See Secretary Linda or Laura for more information.

**ATTENTION ZOOM PARTICIPANTS**

\*\*\*\*For those members who would like to participate via zoom - please let Laura know ahead of time or place your request in the chat prior to the start of the meeting and we will assign you ticket numbers and bill your foundation account.



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## Save the Date for Rotary Night at the WSU Creative Arts Center

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Pre-show reception &  
Performance of *Sweet Charity*  
5:30 pm Reception 7:00 pm Showtime



The groovy dance musical hit, *Sweet Charity*, tells the story of Charity Hope Valentine, an eternal optimist in a hard-luck world. Filled with exuberant dance, joyous song, and a nod to the swingin' 60s, this production gives you a special "behind the scenes" look at how a major musical would have felt in rehearsal.

*Sweet Charity* is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC.

Book by Neil Simon  
Music by Cy Coleman  
Lyrics by Dorothy Fields.  
Based on the original screenplay by  
Federico Fellini, Tulio Pinelli, and Ennio Flaiano.

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