

Rotary



Club of Dayton SMILE



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Birthdays



Kevin C. Mulder
August 9th

Speakers

August 07, 2023
Kane Stratton
Caesars Ford Theatre

August 14, 2023
Colonel Christopher B. Meeker
Wright Patterson AFB

August 21, 2023
Congressman Mike Turner

August 28, 2023
Vanessa Ward
Omega CDC

September 04, 2023
NO MEETING - LABOR DAY

September 11,

President's Message

I encourage you to connect and create relationships with each other every week. Please remember, "Service Above Self" is what makes us all Rotarians.

However, it's come to my attention that some of our members have felt uncomfortable due to being approached for support from other Rotarians.

While we all enjoy and benefit from the networking and connections we have as a part of this club, I ask everyone to remember the first object of Rotary, which is the development of acquaintances as an opportunity for service. Our collective mission is to serve the community, rather than focus on our individual non-profits or organizations.

Also, please remember that the club membership roster is not to be used for sales pitches and blast emails to all members promoting our own agendas.

In my opinion, one of the many great things about our club is our diverse membership. We represent corporations, small businesses, non-profits, and foundations...we are independent consultants and individuals who are no longer working professionally. And, no matter who you are and what part of the community you come from, I ask that you think about the 4-way test when interacting with each other. (Of the things we THINK, SAY AND DO...Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?)

As I said from day one, I welcome any concerns, comments, and feedback you may have. Please feel free to contact me!

Thank you!
Kim

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This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, August 7, 2023

Sinclair Community College - or on Zoom
"Caesar's Ford Theatre"



Kane Stratton (project manager, playwright, film director) represents Caesar's Ford Theatre, Inc, an American Indian-led organization based here in the Miami Valley. Next Monday, Kane will share what CFT is doing to improve and uplift the culture of outdoor drama and historical interpretation.

Chair of the Day: Lisa Grigsby

This Happened Last Monday...

President Kim Bramlage called the meeting to order at 12:08pm, opening with an anecdote about her adventures in puppy-sitting. Spoiler alert: her granddogs are a pain. Kim turned it over to Bill Nance for the words of wisdom, supplied by Rick Schwartz. Bill then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance before sharing the news of the day. Following Bill's news updates, he turned it over to Kelly Lehman to welcome guests. Attending as a guest of President Kim Bramlage, Yao Ossay-Tutu joined us from Miami University. Yao has been interning with Five Rivers Health Centers, and has quite the impressive curriculum vitae. Kelly also welcomed our regular visiting Rotarian, Tom Carlisle from the Watertown, NY club.

Secretary Sarah Hippensteel Hall announced club Birthdays – Alexis Larsen (7/29) and Matt Jessup (7/29) received a belated birthday shout-out, in addition to this week's Jenny Lewis, Mike Rogers, Dick Hattershire (8/3), Iris Juergens, and Robert Woodhull. Secretary Sarah announced that Dayton Rotary is again partnering with Crayons 2 Classrooms to Stuff the Bus, collecting school supplies in a tub at the check-in table for the next four (4) weeks. Monetary donations are also accepted here: [donation link](#) . The Secretary then proceeded with Rotary Rewards, offering an additional Queen of Hearts ticket to Alexis Larsen, for forgetting her birthday last week; Frank Scott, for wearing a Rotary polo; and Bill Nance, for wearing Rotary gear. Sue Taylor donated two Dayton Dragons tickets to be given away as well, awarded at the Secretary's discretion to Dave Williamson for wearing a Rotary polo. The Secretary then opened it up for Day-Tens:

- Dick "Bond" Hattershire gave a Day200 for his birthday, and his double-life as a Bond
- Nancy Farkas gave a Day50 in honor of "Bond" Hattershire
- Adam Horsemen gave a Day10 to recognize Jeremy Turner for helping out with projects through his church
- Alexis Larsen gave a Day100 toward her Paul Harris fellowship for her birthday, and another Day50 to recognize all those that supported Five Rivers MetroParks on behalf of her birthday, raising over \$1800 in her honor

The secretary shared some comments on the importance of clean, accessible water before turning it over to President Bramlage. Kim reminded

2023
[Doug Buchy, District Governor, Rotary District 6670](#)
 Rotary...Creating Hope in the World
September 18, 2023
[IBD International Peace Day](#)
September 25, 2023
[Dayton Rotary Roundtable](#)
October 02, 2023
[Kevin Riley](#)
October 09, 2023
[Jason Woodard](#)
 Woodard Development
October 16, 2023
[Marylynn Lodor & Dan Foley](#)
 The Miami Conservancy District and The Great Miami Riverway
October 23, 2023
[Valerie Beerbower, Sinclair Workforce Development](#)
 Propelling Your Small Business with Goldman Sachs
October 30, 2023
[Rabbi Aubry Glazer](#)
November 06, 2023
[Dr Darlene Weaver, University of Dayton](#)

members that the first goal of Rotary is to develop acquaintances for the furtherance of service. Rotary is not for fundraising or commercial prospecting – please don't use the membership list for blast emails, fundraising, or commercial activity. Think of the Four Way Test when interacting with your fellow members. Remember service above self is what makes us all Rotarians. Please contact Kim if you have any feedback.

President Bramlage then announced a Red Ribbon removal – Alexis Larsen completed the requirements to tear off her Red Ribbon, an honor performed by John Capobianco. President Bramlage then turned it over to Bill Nance for a Rotary Spotlight segment featuring Jeremy Turner of Apply Pressure Power Washing. Jeremy served in the Army for eight years, eventually feeling stuck because he couldn't deploy. When his contract expired, he left the Army to pursue business. He founded Apply Pressure in March 2021 and grew the company to employ a team of four. His mission is "To remind people of their value. To improve Dayton's character through cleanliness. To inspire discipline and trust in our dreamers that they can succeed and contribute by doing what they love." In the winter, his business shifts to hanging Christmas lights for commercial and residential clients. He has been a member of Dayton Rotary for a few months now. When not busy with his day job, Jeremy enjoys keeping busy as an amateur boxer and a former professional power lifter.

Kim Bramlage returned to the podium to suggest one of Jeremy's boxing matches as a possible social event to social committee chair Dona Vella (not present), and to share some more announcements. It's time for Rotarians to select their committees for the year. Committee lists and signups were available at each table and will be emailed out imminently. There are lots of opportunities to serve – including some open chair positions – so please sign up for a committee. There is also a sign-up sheet to volunteer at Crayons 2 Classrooms. We need twelve (12) Rotarians to volunteer on Friday, August 18 from 9:00am – 11:00am to help package supplies for local teachers. There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance table or email Kim.

Frank Scott took the podium to share some announcements and present two Paul Harris Fellowships. Frank thanked the club for its generosity, noting that unrestricted donations produced a total of \$37,000 last year – including Queen of Hearts, Christmas Sweepstakes, and DayTen funds. The Dayton Foundation has a total of \$825,000 in endowment funds, of which the club receives 4% to dispense annually. Our contribution to Rotary International Annual Fund came to \$14,700 – exceeding our \$12,500 goal. Frank noted only two countries continue to suffer from endemic polio – Pakistan and Afghanistan. Rotary aims to eradicate the endemic, with all 7000 Rotary Clubs striving to raise \$1500 each toward the cause. Our club raised \$6,700.

Frank recognized Greg Birkemeyer, former District Governor, former Dayton Club President, for his 8th Paul Harris Fellowship, noted by two rubies. Kim Bramlage received her 3rd Paul Harris Fellowship, noted by two blue stones. Frank then reminded members of the Point System in operation and the availability of points to members. Frank is also Chair of the Day, so he returned to the podium to introduce today's speaker, former club member Denise Swick of Downsize Allies, a specialist in senior downsizing.

For the past eight or so years, Denise's business has naturally evolved to focus on downsizing. Nearly ten thousand people per day will reach the age of 65 through at least 2030. Many of these individuals own a home by themselves with much more space than they need. Few prepare for death or try to downsize before it's too late. Downsize Allies help remove the barriers. First, it's important to know when it's time to downsize. There are 6 main reasons:

1. Financial reasons – too expensive
2. No longer able or willing to maintain
3. No longer fits your needs – size, accessibility
4. Neighbors all moved on
5. Convert home equity to income
6. Closer to family

Benefits of downsizing:

1. Reduce mortgage & property taxes
2. More time and money to enjoy life
3. Enjoy a cozier atmosphere
4. Makes you declutter
5. You'll sell unnecessary stuff

Tips for the hard conversation – 5 points for smooth interaction when convincing a loved one to downsize:

1. Be emotionally prepared
2. Highlight the practical
3. Frame it as an opportunity
4. Be compassionate
5. Respect your loved one's dignity and independence

Tips for the harder conversation – telling your adult children you want to downsize:

1. How to approach the kids – honesty, empathy, and understanding
2. Keep focused on the goal
3. Let the kids in!
4. Remind them of the benefits of downsizing

Denise opened it up to questions and provided thoughtful answers to specific scenarios. President Bramlage thanked Denise for speaking, announced a donation in her honor to Polio Plus of Rotary International, and asked Denise to draw the Queen of Hearts ticket. Alexis Larsen won the drawing, but did not select the Queen of Hearts. Next week, Kane Stratton from Ceasars Ford Theater will speak. Secretary Hippensteel Hall led members in the Four Way Test before President Bramlage adjourned the meeting by ringing the bell at 1:12pm.

[Link to the recorded meeting](#)

Queen of Hearts Drawing

Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle

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 the 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: \$2339

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.

RULES FOR THIS ROUND

- You must be present to win and/or purchase tickets (either in person or on zoom)
- The drawing is for members of the Dayton Rotary only.



- The winner will need to complete a W-9 form and will be issued a W-2-G form.
- The drawing will go to the very last card.

Paul Harris Fellowship Recognitions



Kim Bramlage
3rd Fellowship



Greg Birkemeyer
8th Fellowship

Paul Harris Fellowship Recognitions

Congratulations to Kim Bramlage on completing her 3rd Paul Harris Fellowship and to Greg Birkemeyer on completing his 8th Paul Harris Fellowship. They were presented with their new pins by Frank Scott at the meeting of Monday, July 31st. Thank you for your generosity!

New Rotary Activity...Peace Hikes



The Dayton Rotary Peace Committee is starting a new activity, "Peace Hikes".

These hikes will take place on *Thursdays at 6 pm at various Five Rivers MetroParks*. The goal is to build relationships, get out in nature, and have some fun all at the same time. No need to sign up in advance—just show up if you want to participate. As long as two people show up, the hike is a go.

Our next hike will take place on *August 24 at 6 pm at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark* on Siebenthaler Avenue.

Bring a partner— friends, family, spouse, children. All are welcome!

Your Participation in Needed to Stuff the Bus for Crayons to Classrooms



Think about being asked to complete a writing assignment without having a pen or pencil. Many children in our community face this situation every day when they go to school! supplies.

ROTARY CLUB OF DAYTON

IS PARTNERING WITH

STUFF THE BUS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



TO HOST A BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE!

By donating to our supply drive, you can bridge the gap and enable students from all backgrounds to have an equal opportunity to succeed. Your contribution will directly impact the lives of these young learners. Your support during Stuff the Bus goes beyond the immediate provision of materials. It empowers students with a sense of dignity, confidence, and enthusiasm for learning. By investing in their education, you plant the seeds of lifelong success.

Bring your donations of school supplies to the **Dayton Rotary Office** or to the **Rotary meetings between July 24th- August 31st** . Or **donate online** directly to **Crayons to Classrooms** on our **Dayton Rotary Page** (with the following link)—we have a goal of raising \$2000.

Link: [Stuff the Bus 2023 - Dayton Rotary \(onecause.com\)](https://www.onecause.com/campaigns/stuff-the-bus-2023-dayton-rotary)

Please consider helping students in need as they head back to school this fall! Most requested items include:

• Crayons (24-count)	• Pens
• Colored Pencils	• Pencils & Sharpeners
• Filler Paper	• Glue Sticks
• One Subject Notebooks	• Dry Erase Markers
• Pocket Folders	• Washable Markers
• Highlighters	• Kids Scissors



Items collected through this supply drive will be placed on the shelves of Crayons to Classrooms, for Dayton-area teachers to supply local classrooms in need. Teachers that qualify can visit Crayons to Classrooms, “shop” for supplies, and return them to their classrooms and students at no cost.

Your generosity will make it possible for our area children to go back to school with self-confidence and the supplies necessary to put their best foot forward!

Thanks for your participation!



Here is the Link if you would like to donate online :[Stuff the Bus 2023 - Rotary Club of Dayton \(onecause.com\)](https://www.onecause.com/campaigns/stuff-the-bus-2023-dayton-rotary)

On Site Service Project at Crayons to Classrooms

In addition to our Annual Supply Drive this year we will also have an opportunity for a hands-on service project at Crayons to Classrooms.

Friday, August 18th 9-11 AM
1750 Woodman Drive | Dayton, OH 45420

Volunteers will be working on our Classroom Solutions products. The Classroom Solutions program creates practical tools and activities that can enhance existing lesson plans or improve the classroom environment. Volunteers create these products using donated materials, like paper, cardboard, and yarn, and tools such as die cut machines and paper cutters.

We can have a total of 12 people for this volunteer opportunity.

Please email Laura laura@daytonrotary.com if you would like to participate.



Celebration of Life for Former Long-Time Rotarian and His Wife

A graveside interment service will be held for Trudy and Bob Reemelin at Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 11:00am. A celebration of life will be held at 12:00 NOON at Routsong Funeral Home, Kettering. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be made at www.routsong.com.



Bob was a long-time member of our club until his health didn't allow him to participate and he and Trudy moved out of state to be closer to their children. He passed away in September 2022 and Trudy followed him just recently, passing in June 2023. They were married nearly 70 years. Bob was a regular in attendance at Monday meetings and would often be seen tending to the badge board as that was his duty for many years.
