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in the WORLD

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Birthdays



Thomas E. Kramer
August 16th



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August 16th



Brady Kress
August 20th

President's Message



I recently read this in a Rotary magazine:

Sarah Laughton posted on social media how her experience as a Rotary Youth Exchange student AND an ambassadorial scholar led to a 25-year career with the UN World Food Programme. Others responded to her post, including this one:

"My Rotary Youth Exchange year was so important for my growth and development. My language and communication skills have been pivotal in my career. And I still have a strong bond with my American siblings. Thank you, Rotary!"

Most of you have heard me drone on about how youth exchange changed my family's life for the better. Those of you who haven't heard it, here are the highlights:

Heath MacAlpine, I believe?! - *"If we don't find a host family for Sean Wang, from Taiwan, right away, he will not be able to come to the U.S. for this program. Would you please consider it?"* Hmmmmm, I said!



We did, and it's been nine years since my Asian son, Sean, arrived at the Dayton Airport, eager to stop for pizza before we even went home. At the end of the school year, it was very difficult to send Sean home. He was goofy, curious, kind and we simply loved being his Dayton family.

It's been five years since Sean's family hosted all of us for a wonderful 10 days in their home in Taiwan.



Fast forward to this week:

Nikola Borenovic arrived in Dayton from Bosnia-Herzegovina on Thursday night and is attending Beaver Creek High School. His first host family is from the Fairborn Rotary Club. **We are looking for a Dayton family who lives in the Beaver Creek School District to host Nikola for a few months this school year. The host family does NOT need to be a Rotarian, although that is preferred. The host family does NOT need to have other children living at home, although RYE siblings are wonderful.**

Rotary Youth Exchange is AWESOME and I ask you to seriously consider being a host family!

Please contact me, Linda Groover, Steve Naas, Heath MacAlpine or Luke Dennis to find out more.

Thank you!
Kim

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This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, August 14, 2023

Sinclair Community College - or on Zoom

"Missions of the 88th Air Base Wing"

Speakers

August 14, 2023

[Colonel Christopher B. Meeker, Commander 88th Air Base Wing, WPAFB](#)
Missions of the 88th Air Base Wing

August 21, 2023

[Congressman Mike Turner](#)

August 28, 2023

[Vanessa Ward](#)
Omega CDC

September 04, 2023

[NO MEETING - LABOR DAY](#)

September 11, 2023

[Doug Buchy, District Governor, Rotary District 6670](#)
Rotary...Creating Hope in the World

September 18, 2023

[TBD](#)
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](#)

November 13, 2023

[Shari Cooper, Goodwill Easter Seals](#)
Disability Awareness



Col. Christopher B. Meeker is commander of the 88 Air Base Wing, the host unit at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The wing operates the airfield, maintains all infrastructure and provides security, communications, medical, legal, personnel, finance, transportation, air traffic control, weather forecasting, public affairs, recreation and chaplain services for more than 100 associate units. Col. Meeker will speak about the missions of the wing, the latest updates on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and share his vision for strengthening the base's connection with the greater Dayton community.

Chair of the Day: Walt Hibner

This Happened Last Monday...

President Kim Bramlage rang the bell and called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm and welcomed everyone. Kim then turned the meeting over to Fran Rickenbach to share some "words to live by". Prior to her teeing up her words to live by, Fran reminded us that if we are not in attendance at a Rotary meeting, i.e. traveling or on vacation, to take a selfie that can be shared via Zoom with club members in your absence. Fran's words to live by were centered around her thoughts as she returned from vacation, "it may be the satisfaction I need depends on my going away so that when I am back I find that I am at home." This is a quotation from Rumi. Fran then invited us to stand to recite the pledge of allegiance.

Bill Nance then took the podium to share with the club the news of the day. Following Bill's news updates, he turned the podium over to Susan Hayes to welcome visiting Rotarians and guests. Susan introduced as a guest Rotarian, Assistant Governor Roger Sloan who is a member of the Fairborn Rotary Club. Visiting with us on Zoom was Tom Carlisle of Watertown, NY. Also on Zoom was Luke Dennis's guest Chris Welter, an Antioch College graduate who runs a pod cast titled "The Ohio Country", Sarah Hippensteel Hall introduced her guest, Darion Smith, a new staff member at the Miami Conservancy District, Scott Kayser introduced his guest, Ashley Schmidt, Corporate Relations Coordinator for the Greater Dayton Humane Society, and Erik Collins introduced his guest, Grant Gilkenson, a rising Junior attending Miami University studying Economics and Data Analytics.

Secretary Sarah Hippensteel Hall announced club Birthdays – Kevin Mulder (8/9), Jim Gilbert (8/11), Thom Kramer (8/16), Bill Butt (8/16), and Brady Kress (8/20). Sarah reminded us 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 to announce that the second in a series of Peace Hikes will be held Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 6 PM at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark. These series of Peace hikes will be visiting different Metro Parks. The gatherings are all about building relationships, getting out in nature, and having some fun at the same time. Reservations are not required.

Sarah awarded Rotary Rewards to Scott Kayser, Erik Collins, and Luke Dennis for their efforts in bringing guests to today's meeting. Each week Sarah will be rewarding some type of "Rotary Behavior".

The Secretary then opened the floor for Day-Tens:

- Patty Caruso gave a Day-Ten
- Dennis Grant of United Rehabilitation Services gave a Day-50 to announce the Rubber Duck Regatta to be held September 16, 2023 benefiting the hundreds of kids with disabilities that they serve every day
- Penny Wolff gave a Day 100 contribution towards her next Paul Harris Fellowship and in commemoration of her 58th Wedding Anniversary
- Chuck Watts gave a Day 20 to the Rotary Foundation for Ukraine
- Scott Kayser Day 10 to remind everyone that election day is tomorrow
- Scott Kayser gave Day 50 for the Upcoming Dayton Humane Society Golf Outing Fundraiser
- Kappy Kilburn gave a Day 20 to celebrate her niece's 8th birthday and The Human Race starts rehearsal on Mrs. Tom Jones production
- Dave Williamson gave a Day 10 in honor of Art Trepid - and for Fran's cloaking device
- John Neff Day 100 for Crayons to Classrooms effort and to promote UD Ethics in Business Group
- Steve Conklin gave a Day 20 for a question for Sarah regarding how to smell tree sap
- Sarah Hippensteel Hall gave a Day 50 for Tracey Tomme who is taking over our youth leadership award and RYLA program

President Kim Bramlage returned to the podium and shared Sarah Laughton story in Rotary Magazine and the impact that the Rotary Youth Exchange had on her life and her career with the UN. With youth exchange in mind, Kim shared a message from Steve Nass regarding our exchange student's Nickola arrival from Bosnia Herzegovina, inviting members of the club to meet our exchange student upon his arrival at Dayton International Airport. Initially, Nickola will be hosted by a family from the Fairborn Rotary Club. There will be need for additional host families for his stay to finish out the school year. He will be attending Beaver creek schools and needs a home in that area. Kim sent out a call to action that if anyone knows of any families in the Beaver creek school district that might have an interest in hosting Nikola, to please contact Steve Nass and provide him with the contact information of the potential host families.

Kim invited us to join her on the 8th of August from 9 to 11 AM at Crayons to Classrooms for some hands on fun stuff!

Kim also provided us with an update on the status of the club's committees, informing the club that 20 Rotarians have already committed to be on a committee! Kim implored us to please find some committee that we are interested in and submit that paperwork to Laura with our selection.

President Bramlage called the Chair of the Day, Lisa Grigsby, up to the podium to introduce our featured speaker for the day, Kane Stratton. Kane is a project manager, playwright and film director and he represents Caesar's Ford Theatre, an American Indian-led organization based here in the Miami Valley. This was Kane's first appearance before the Rotary Club of Dayton. Kane's presentation titled, "Uplifting Our Shared History" provided an understanding of Caesar's Ford Theatre's efforts to connect the Miami Valley's past with the present and work towards the future and who Caesar's Ford Theatre is. Caesar's Ford Theatre is a place to "Experience history through the eyes of tribal citizens: The only historical interpretation program in the Ohio River Valley Led by tribal citizens". Caesar's Ford Theatre is a production company that took the place of the old Frontier Production Company that produced the Blue Jacket outdoor dramas for years in Xenia, OH. Caesar's Ford Theatre started in 2009 and about 4 years ago Kane shared that he had the vision to revitalize outdoor drama from a different perspective and wanted the lead of the new play to be Caesar, a historical figure who was a formerly enslaved Black man who lived with the Shawnee and was a tribal interpreter and who the theatre carries his namesake as well as Caesar's Creek State Park.

Kane shared with the club the objectives of Caser's Ford Theatre, which are to focus on Shawnee history as the Miami Valley was a profound place in 18th century history where the Shawnee tribe was prolific throughout the area. He suggested that for the past 100 years, Ohioans have been interpreting their history in a way that was wildly successful but with stereotypical imagery and things that were not necessary a benefit to tribal citizens and the tribal communities. In the past, tribal communities were left out of these productions and that is something that the organization wanted to change. Kane shared that in focusing specifically on Shawnee history, Caser's Ford Theatre can achieve its goal of uplifting the shared history of the region which is representative in the Caesar's Ford Theater logo.

In planning the upcoming production of the Shawnee Living History Tour Kane envisions an outdoor drama experience where attendees witness a live and in-person sharing of the Shawnee experience face to face with tribal community people through four key points of historic sites in our area; Caesar's Ford Park, Caesar's Creek, Great Council State Park, Goodholm Nature Preserve / Orchards Mound and George Rogers State Park. Kane said that mound sites are becoming national heritage sites! These experiences will promote a connection between American Indians and tribal citizens of today and the mound builders. Kane informed the club that his biggest challenge is casting American Indians in these productions. However, the internet has connected both he and the organization with many groups across the country and has expanded their knowledge on who are the tribal citizens of today. A key benefit to Kane's efforts are his board of directors. Eight out of Nine of Caesar's Ford Theatre's board of directors are American Indian and all are historical interpretive experts who can offer more historical accuracy to the productions and experience of the visitor.

Kane presented a video vignette on Caesar, that Kane wrote and produced in response to the COVID environment and formed the basis on which they will be crafting the live dramas. This vignette had an \$8,000 budget and was completed over a two-day period of time. It is an example of what can be accomplished through the creation of a production about the Shawnee with the Shawnee people, with Shawnee citizens. Kane said the vignette serves as a great example of what Caser's Ford Theatre has been able to accomplish with a little bit of support through some funding from a few generous organizations (Culture Works, National Endowment for the Arts, WYSO, Ohio Arts Council, The Dayton Foundation, Greene County Department of Development, Greene County Parks and Trails, Dayton Book Fair Foundation, PNC Foundation) have all been supporters of this Caesar's Ford Theatre effort.

Caesar's Ford Theaters' efforts are gaining interest among American Indian groups. Tribal citizens are starting to learn more about their heritage. Additional outreach has been conducted through stage readings where visitors can meet Shawnee people in person and out of character in order to get to know them.

In closing, Kane shared another introductory video and invited us to join in the support of their effort along with the aforementioned group of contributors.

President Bramlage took the podium and thanked Ken for speaking, announcing that a donation will made by the club in his honor to support of Rotary International's Polio Plus program. Kim and asked Kane to draw the Queen of Hearts ticket. Chuck Watts won the opportunity to draw the Queen of Hearts, and drew the 2 of Hearts instead. Assistant Governor, Roger Sloan led club members in reciting the Four Way Test before President Bramlage adjourned the meeting by ringing the bell at 1:15pm.

[Link to the recorded meeting](#)

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



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)

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.



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: \$2408

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 W2-G form.
- The drawing will go to the very last card.

