



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

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August 27th

Speakers

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

President's Message



I've tried to reiterate my Monday meeting comments here in the SMILE, for those who may not have been in attendance. However, this week, something came to my attention after our Monday meeting that I felt too important not to share.

So, all Dayton Rotarians, whether you joined us on Monday or not, are hearing/reading this for the first time. I just made a small donation and appreciate your consideration of this request.

Excerpts from an email from Kelly McDonald, Centerville Rotarian, who lived in Hawaii from 2017-2022 and was twice club president:

The note below comes from my friend and current D5000 Hawaii Rotary District Governor Mark Merriam.

Many West Maui Rotarians lost everything - and many on the island will be rebuilding for a decade or more for all that was lost in the past 48 hours. Hawaii is an amazing Rotary district - very, very generous in service and support to communities across the islands and in Rotary's global service missions.

The D5000 Foundation (which is a 501c3) is quickly becoming a clearinghouse to raise funds for those impacted! The Maui clubs are vibrant and active in service, fundraising, and growth. The community is hurting very badly there, and anything your clubs or the district could do to assist with donations to the D5000 Foundation would be most welcome. There is a QR code for the Foundation account below in Governor Merriam's email.

Subject: Rotarians Create Hope for Maui

Aloha,

Today has been tragic for our Rotarians, families, and friends on the Island of Maui. The fires across the island have changed lives forever. Truly devastating. Our sympathy, thoughts, and prayers are with everyone impacted.

As people of action, we can take immediate action. We must support each other as we come together to recover and rebuild. We need to Create Hope for Maui.

Through our Rotary District 5000 Foundation, a relief fund has been established. Foundation President Dave Hamil and Treasurer Sharon Amano will handle all donations. A committee will be organized shortly to find the greatest need for distributing money. A single fund will be the most helpful in providing the most significant benefits over time.

Please consider donating to this special fund via the QR code below. Stay safe, take care, and mahalo for creating hope.



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Thank you!
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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](#)

MONDAY, August 21, 2023

Sinclair Community College - or on Zoom "Legislative Update"



Congressman Mike Turner will join us for a legislative update.

Chair of the Day: Bill Nance

This Happened Last Monday...

President Kim Bramlage called the meeting to order at 12:14pm and welcomed returning members to the meeting. She then shared that following the opening segment, she would be leading the meeting completely out of order.

Bill Nance shared *Words to Live By* which, at its essence, implored all of us to live in the moment and appreciate those who you interact with who might need a word of encouragement. Bill led the meeting in the *Pledge of Allegiance* before sharing the *News of the Day*.

Past President and Chair of the Day, Walt Hibner introduced our speaker of the day, Colonel Chris Meeker, Commander of the 88th Air Base Wing, WPAFB who joined us to share his perspective on the past, present, and future Missions of the 88th Air Base Wing.



Regarding the past – Colonel Meeker reminded us of Orville and Wilbur Wright and their origin here in Dayton, OH. He noted that one of the most famous aviators, and retired General, Henry Harley "Hap" Arnold was instructed in flying by the Wright Brothers and got his wings right here in Dayton, at the Wright Brothers flight school.

A picture of Henry "Hap" Arnold at the second-seat controls of a Wright Model B airplane in 1911.

Colonel Meeker shared that after WWI, the country was shutting down military bases, but in 1922, after a community-wide 48-hour fundraiser, today's equivalent of \$7BILLION was raised to purchase and deed Wright Patterson Air Force Base to Calvin Coolidge. In 1927, Wright Field opened. Currently, approximately 8,000 of the 35,000 people employed at the base are active military, with civilians making up the difference.

The top three priorities of military focus are: 1. China! 2. China! 3. China! With a continued emphasis of "peace through strength". There were many acronyms that I missed during the talk but to know that other current strategic priorities for the WPAFB include: Space, Joint Command control – the future battlefield, air dominance, combat collaborative aircraft and resilient basing.

Looking to the future: working with other commands in be prepared to rebuild after storms and asking, "what does the installation of the future look like?" Data drives decisions and embracing technological advancements including drones and sensors is the way to move forward and lead.

Members asked many insightful questions and Colonel Meeker was gracious and responsive to all.

After Chuck Watts asked whether the base was partnering with the City of Dayton or others in the community regarding climate change, Colonel Meeker shared that he recently toured Miami Conservancy District properties with MaryLynn Lodor to talk about how improvements could be made to control the watersheds that WPAFB impacts.

Colonel Meeker shared that the annual goal to hire 2,300 people this year is going well and appears to be ahead of schedule. Competition is fierce with the private sector. There were 140 people at the swearing in this morning and seemingly 150-200 every two weeks, which is impressive. He shared a bit about a program called Skill Bridge which involves hiring military personnel during the last six months prior to their retirement. This allows for a probation period for both the individual and the company to ensure it is a good fit.

October 12, 2023, will mark the 95th anniversary of WPAFB and members of the Command program and other local leaders and partners are invited to be part of it. The anniversary will be celebrated this year on Armed Forces Day; during the past Air Show; and October 12.

Karen Hesser welcomed everyone and had the members who brought guests stand and introduce them. Steve Naas brought Nikola Borenovic, our club's Youth Exchange Student for 2023-2024 from Bosnia-Herzegovina, who will be attending Beavercreek High School tomorrow for his first day and Nikola noted this was the first time he was looking forward to the first day of school! Steve Conklin brought Alicia Manning, who works with a CPA firm; and Sarah Hippensteel Hall introduced Darion Smith, a colleague with MCD who is former military and who was present specifically to hear from Colonel Meeker.

Karen then introduced Secretary Sarah Hippensteel Hall who announced those who had birthdays weren't with us today! Sarah reminded everyone to "Stuff the Bus" and donate to the Crayons to Classrooms by dropping off supplies in the box on the registration table, between now and August 31. Additionally, should you wish to provide a monetary donation, the link is here: [Donate: Crayons to Classrooms.](#)

Sarah reminded everyone about the upcoming Peace hike at Wegerzyn, August 24 at 6:00pm, hoping that the weather would be more cooperative and Sarah added, "come smell the tree sap!" IYKYK.

Sarah then shared the Rotary Rewards for the day which were single tickets for the Queen of Hearts draw:

- Karen Hesser for her triple duty of the day.
- Matt Jessup for his microphone and roving camera work and Alan Lee for helping with the roving microphone.
- Steve Naas was mentioned as a community gem in the Dayton Daily News!

Sarah shared a story that during WWII – while the base was exploding with growth, some buildings and runways were built in the storage basin of the

Huffman Dam should it fill up that high. Now MCD is planning if climate change runs amok. The Miami Conservancy District is working with Greene County and Five Rivers MetroParks to improve the entrance to the Huffman Prairie National Park to make it more inviting and visitor friendly. Sarah encouraged everyone to visit Huffman Prairie soon as the prairies and plants are peaking right now!

Day10 and other Foundations:

- Susan Hayes: Day 10 for her Sister-in-law from Lahaina, HI – lost all their homes. But gladly found some missing relatives ok.
- Shaun Yu: Day 20 - to his Paul Harris for dropping his daughter at Xavier University.
- Chuck Watts: Empty Surplus. Day 10 to the Rotary Foundation for Ukraine relief. For the great article in the August Rotary magazine.
- Steve Naas: Day 20: During a bike ride at Island MetroPark, they got to see the Limpkin bird: a rare appearance in Ohio! The other Day 10 for Nikola'a arrival for his exchange year.
- Dave Williamson: A Day 25 for Rotarian Kathleen Carlson who organized the Rotary Golf outing at the Dayton Country Club last week.
- Chuck Vella: Day 100 to Paul Harris. A week ago, his daughter and son moved to Portugal. He's okay they moved but they took the grandkids!
- Rick Thie: Day 200 for Paul Harris for working with other clubs.
- Surendra Singhvi: Day 100: to Paul Harris in celebrating India Independence Day.

President Kim Bramlage had Rhonda Starghill stand to have her red ribbon removed!

Frank Scott shared a special presentation and recognition from Rotary International. Presidents of Rotary Clubs are responsible for developing goals; looking into the year ahead, making sure to include focus on Foundations, membership, the Strategic Plan, communicating with members on social media channels and coordinating social outings.

The Rotary International president recognizes clubs that put goals in and more importantly, when they are completed – the club/President receives a Rotary Citation. Walt Hibner was recognized for doing just this during his presidential term during the 2022-2023 year. Walt humbly thanked everyone for their commitment to supporting the club and activities. With the office remodel, he has just the right place on the wall to hang it!

Kim Bramlage reminded everyone to attend next week when Congressman Mike Turner will be the guest speaker to talk about "all things Washington, DC!"

Heath MacAlpine won the opportunity to draw a card and he selected the Ace of Hearts. The pot continues to grow with approximately \$2,400 waiting for everyone next week.

Matt Jessup led the four-way test. The meeting was then adjourned by President Bramlage.

[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: \$2507

See Secretary Linda or Laura for more information.

ATTENTIOM 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.



Roaming Rotarian



Rotarian Penny Wolff and her husband Bill on a Mississippi Cruise celebrating their anniversary. On August 14th and 15th visiting Burlington and Davenport, IA. Notice Rotary International dedication plaque at gazebo.





Your Participation is 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](#)

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Link: [Stuff the Bus 2023 - Dayton Rotary \(onecause.com\)](#)

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!



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