

# Rotary



## Club of Dayton SMILE

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### This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, October 27, 2025

### "Updates from the Boonshoft Museum and SunWatch"

#### Club Leaders



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Foundation  
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Randall K.  
Domigan  
iPast  
President

#### Birthdays



Ann  
Charles  
Watts  
October  
28th



James N.  
Beerbower  
October  
30th



Judd  
Plattenburg  
October  
30th



Dan  
Driskell  
October  
31st

#### Speakers

October 27, 2025  
Tracey Tomme  
An Update on the  
Boonshoft Museum of  
Discovery  
November 03,



From ice age mammals to zoo animal enrichment, there's a lot going on and all of it is exciting! Tracey Tomme, President & CEO, will share highlights from recent updates at both locations, current projects, and upcoming plans to improve the visitor experience as well as the care of our zoo animals.

Chair of the Day: Sarah Hippensteel Hall

### This Happened Last Monday...

Club President Linda Osterfeld opened the meeting at 12:10

**Words to Live By:** Fran Rickenbach focused on the 4-way test, item three; Is it beneficial for all concerned. She noted that this is an iterative process and encouraged everyone to get creative when problem solving and work to look at issues from all sides to work towards a yes. She then led the pledge of allegiance.

**News of the Day:** Bill Nance shared several points; Nestle is focused on cost saving in the next few years hoping to save 3 billion by the end of 2027 and they expect to decrease their workforce by 16k worldwide, private jet demand is surging, a Texas girls volleyball team raised money to gift the school janitor with a car as he was dependent on others for transportation, and he noted that 120M folks are displaced in the world due to conflict (half are children). This is one of the reasons that Rotary has an area of focus in peace and conflict resolution.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Nancy Farkas facilitated the introduction of several guests:

- Mike Rabuka is the Executive Director of Kettering Brain Spine and Behavioral Health. He was a Rotarian in Shelby Hill, Tn. Nancy met him at the Rotary Revealed last week and he has an interest in joining our club.
- Greg Birkemeyer introduced Leslie Brose, new CEO of Eastway Behavioral Health
- Jason Hillard introduced Dia Shah, our inbound exchange student from India. He noted his son, JT and our outbound exchange student just returned from a fall break ski trip. All is going well with his experience in Finland.
- Emily Broughton introduced her husband Cory Earl, DBJ
- Brian Martin introduced Savannah Diamond, his assistant and the person that keeps him organized.

**Secretary's Announcements:** Sarah Hippensteel Hall filled in for Richard Lundin this week.

- Birthday's were numerous for the week; Andrea Wall is today, Monica Snow, Sue Taylor, Frank Scott, Greg Robinson, and Randy Domigan.
- Rotary Dines Out at Carillon Brewing Company on Wednesday, November 12 at 6 pm. Spouses and guest welcome, RSVP to Laura.
- No Peace Walk this week
- Kathleen Carlson reported that she ordered 120 pairs of uniform pants for MV school, saving Dayton Public Schools dollars. We are \$500 from the dollars goal to match the district grant for the Coats and uniform service project.

#### Day -Tens

- Sarah Hippensteel Hall; 25 for the Coats project
- Andrea Wall- 100 for her birthday to Coats
- Katie Neubert- 25 to announce We Care Arts is having Trunk or Treat on Saturday from 1-3
- Chuck Watts- noted Rotary's statement on civil rights dates back to 1940
- Stephen Keyes- 100 for the Coats project
- Dave and Terri Williamson- 50 each for the Coats project
- Carolyn Rice-30 for her Paul Harris, the Dayton Peace Accords celebration. She noted a dog that was at the celebration that worked in the area for 6 years and is happy to report that Sarajevo is now mine free.
- Jena Pado- Day 100 to announce the K99 phone-a-thon is this Friday from 6am-6pm to raise money for their canine program. These dogs live at the hospital and provide emotional support for a long list of children's needs.
- Cindy Garner- Day 22 in celebration of Clothes that Work 22nd annual fashion show at Sinclair on 10/23.
- Jack Lohbeck- Day 10 as he has only 3 signs left for the Human Services Levy- see him if you want a sign to raise awareness.
- Sue Taylor- 100 for coats and 100 for the Foundation for her birthday and two concert announcements; Central Jazz tonight and on Election Day at the Hidden Gem. Christmas Caroling at Bethany Village on December 10.
- Rick Thie- Day 100 for Coats and a reminder that the Ribbon of Hope event this Friday supports 250 women a year for breast cancer screening or supports.

**2025**  
[Crystal Allen](#)  
Boys and Girls Club  
of Dayton

**November 10, 2025**

[John Cunningham](#),  
[UC Athletic Director](#)  
& [Neil Sullivan](#), [UD](#)  
[Athletic Director](#)  
College Athletics

**November 17, 2025**

[Tony Hall](#)  
Hall Hunger Initiative

**November 24, 2025**

[Jeffrey Trzeciak](#)  
Dayton Metro Library

**December 01, 2025**

[Shop Small & Local](#)

**December 08, 2025**

[Holiday Sweepstakes](#)  
& [Elections](#)

**December 15, 2025**

[Holiday Program](#)  
Featuring music from  
Central Jazz Band

**December 22, 2025**

[NO MEETING -](#)  
[HAPPY HOLIDAYS](#)

**December 29, 2025**

[NO MEETING -](#)  
[HAPPY HOLIDAYS](#)

**January 05, 2026**

[IGNITE](#)

**January 12, 2026**

[Brian Heitkamp](#)  
Update on the  
Redevelopment of  
the Former  
Montgomery County  
Fairgrounds Site

**January 19, 2026**

[NO MEETING -](#)  
[MARTIN LUTHER](#)  
[KING JR. HOLIDAY](#)

**January 26, 2026**

[David Seyer](#)  
A Special Wish  
Foundation of SW  
Ohio

**February 02, 2026**

[Shaun'ta Whitehead](#)  
Community Health  
Centers of Greater  
Dayton

**February 09, 2026**

[Rick Schwartz](#)  
DL Barnes  
Preservation Project

**February 16, 2026**

[NO MEETING -](#)  
[PRESIDENT'S DAY](#)

**February 23, 2026**

[TBD](#)

**March 02, 2026**

[Steve Johnson](#),  
[President & CEO](#),  
[Sinclair Community](#)  
[College](#)

**March 09, 2026**

[Jonathan McNeal](#),  
[Manager](#), [The NEON](#)  
Oscars Preview

**March 16, 2026**

[Brittany Boulton](#) &  
[Vanessa Butler](#)  
Groundwork Ohio

**March 23, 2026**

[Tom Nichols](#),  
[Broadcast &](#)  
[Marketing Director](#)  
Dayton Dragons  
Baseball

**March 30, 2026**

- Nancy Farkas- Day 100 for her Paul Harris. She attended the Rotary Leadership Institute this past Saturday and she celebrated Richard Lundin's graduation from the three sessions.
- Latisha Taylor-Day 10 for her 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary and Day 100 for Coats.

**President's Report:** President Linda called Rachel Jessup to the podium

- Rachel Jessup asked Cindy Garner, Cathy Ponitz, Emily Broughton, Cory Earl and Lisa Wagner to come forward. Rachel is the Board Chair of the YWCA. She read a beautiful poem and announced that Lisa Wagner is being recognized as a 2026 Woman of Influence and presented her with a beautiful bouquet of orange flowers.

### **Woman of Influence**

*She walks in light and shadow both,  
With steady steps and gentle breath.  
Her voice not thunder, yet it echoes—  
A river carving stone, a spark  
That warms the coldest room.  
She holds the mirror yet looks past it—  
Sees not just her reflection, but the path  
Ahead—where others follow,  
Lifted by her example,  
Guided by the quiet flame she carries.  
Her hands build bridges: between ideas,  
people, dreams.  
Her words do not demand the spotlight—they  
invite others in.  
In the hush of dawn she plants seeds of  
change,  
In the roar of noon she stands unwavering,  
And at dusk she gathers stories spun from  
hope.*

*Influence isn't power used to dominate—  
It's presence used to illuminate.  
It's the courage to be seen as she is—  
And by so doing, allow others to see themselves.  
It's the simple act of believing when the world doubts,  
And inspiring belief in those who haven't yet.  
She is the lighthouse on the shore,  
Not just because she stands tall,  
But because her beacon shines for the ships  
That would otherwise drift in darkness.  
So rise, woman of influence,  
Rise in your truth and kindness.  
Let your footprints speak of purpose.  
Let your legacy be that you gave others room,  
That you made the map larger, the horizon wider,  
That your life said:  
"You matter, you can, you will."*

- Frank Scott noted World Polio day is this week and shared the impact Rotary has had around the world. Pakistan and Afghanistan remain the two countries that have active polio cases. The Gates Foundation has renewed their commitment to Rotary's fight against polio. If Rotary can raise 15M then the Gates Foundation will donate 100M. The program runs three years so can provide 450M in the fight to eradicate polio. [World Polio Day | End Polio](#)

**Program:** Kelly Lehman introduced Scott McGohan. Scott was the CEO of McGohan Brabender for 35 years and had a focus on culture. He authored the book, Culture is an inside job. Since his retirement, he has worked to raise awareness of mental health and substance abuse and launched the app and program, One Morning. Scott noted that for many folks, the workplace is the one safe space for them. Mental Health can be anxiety, depression, financial stress, addiction, dealing with an illness or a parent or family member with dementia. It impacts the workforce in many ways and is estimated to cost employers 3,000/year/employee.

Scott spoke to the power of vulnerability in a leader, an authentic culture and telling one's story. Did you know there are 370 recovery meetings in Dayton each week? One Morning is a more powerful tool than the traditional EAP programs many employers offer that have less than 5% participation. Interested in learning more about this important workforce need? Contact Scott at [Scott@onemorning.com](mailto:Scott@onemorning.com), visit the website or watch the recording. Scott shared lots of data and answered numerous questions.

**Next Week's Program** will be a presentation by Tracey Tomme, President and CEO of Boonshoft Museum of Discovery.

Chuck Vella had the **Queen of Hearts** ticket (again) but drew the Queen of clubs so the \$1180 pot will continue to grow. Buy often and buy a lot of tickets.

Melissa Cutcher led the **Four Way Test**.  
President Linda adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.

[Meeting Recording Link](#)

## **Book Club Sets the Next Book for December Meeting**

### **Next Book Club Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 9th**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

*The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate Discoveries  
from the Secret World*  
(The Mysteries of Nature, 1)

by Peter Wohlleben

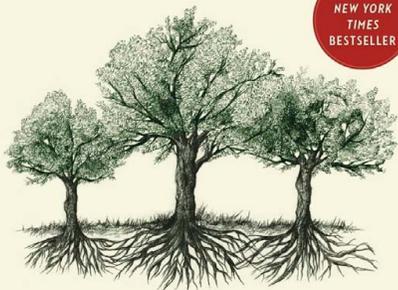
Meeting Place @ the Home of John Lyman



foreword by TIM FLANNERY  
PETER WOHLLEBEN

# The Hidden Life of TREES

A  
NEW YORK  
TIMES  
BESTSELLER



What They Feel,  
How They Communicate

Discoveries from a Secret World

Any Questions Please Contact Dr. Susan Hayes  
at [sm.hayes@me.com](mailto:sm.hayes@me.com)

*All Rotarians are Welcome to Participate*

[Sharon Davies](#),  
President & CEO  
The Kettering  
Foundation

**April 06, 2026**  
[Red Ribbon Takeover  
Meeting](#)

**April 13, 2026**  
[TBD](#)

**April 20, 2026**  
[Rotary on the Road](#)

**April 27, 2026**  
[Nichole Smith](#)  
East End Community  
Services

**May 04, 2026**  
[Tim Jackson](#)  
Advanced Air Mobility

**May 11, 2026**  
[Marissa Vilardo](#)  
PDI Communications  
Systems

**May 18, 2026**  
[Rachel Jessup](#)  
Trip of a Lifetime

**May 25, 2026**  
[NO MEETING -  
MEMORIAL DAY  
HOLIDAY](#)

## 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: \$1274**

*\*new deck started on July 7th*

See 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.



## Coats+ Drive Wrapping Up



# Rotary



## Club of Dayton

# Coats + Project



**September 22nd - October 24th**

Helping economically disadvantaged students attend school in appropriate attire that may include procurement of coats, hats, uniforms & more.

**2025 Campaign Goal: \$6,000**

**October 24th deadline to contribute**

**Supporting children enrolled in:**

- DPS McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program
- Salvation Army Dayton Kroc Center
- Dayton Leadership Academy

If you would like to donate online via our website here is the [link](#) to do so.

Rotary Dines Out at Carillon Brewing Company

# Rotary Dines Out

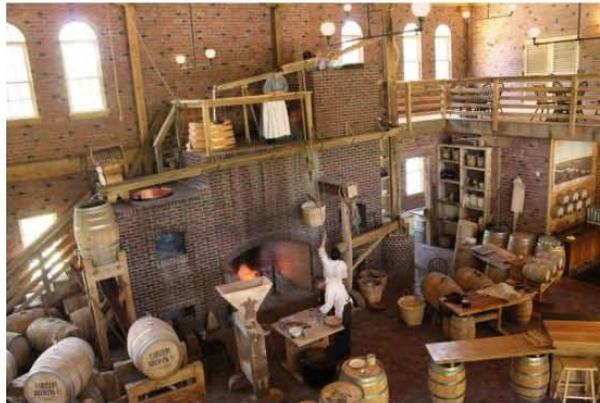
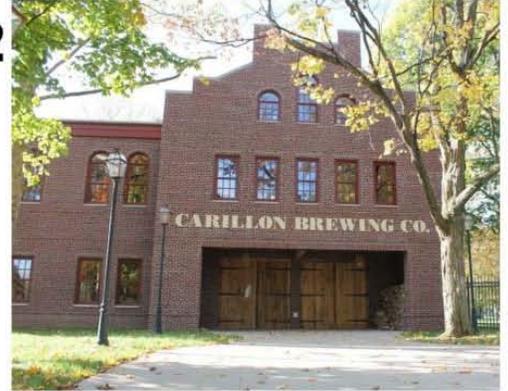
Wednesday, November 12

6:00 p.m.

@

Carillon Brewing  
Company

1000 Carillon Blvd



*Gather with Fellow Rotarians  
to Enjoy a Meal.*

*Pay your own Dinner/Drinks  
tab.*

*Round of Appetizers is on  
Dayton Rotary.*

Rotarians and Guests Welcome

Reservations to

[laura@daytonrotary.com](mailto:laura@daytonrotary.com)

Space is

Limited to 20 so Reserve Early!



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**Rotary Volunteers Needed for a Service Opportunity at Miami Valley Meals**

**Rotarian Volunteers Needed**

*Here's an opportunity for YOU to donate your time to help our community!*

**Friday, November 14**

**9:30 - 11:30 AM**

**Miami Valley Meals**

(428 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd.)

We need **8 Rotary volunteers** to help package and prep Thanksgiving meals for members of our community.

**RSVP to Laura NOW!**

Our work will enable this event:



A poster for Miami Valley Meals 2025 Thanksgiving Turkey Takeaway. The title is in large yellow letters on a dark brown background. Below the title, it lists two locations: Trotwood-Madison High School (9 AM-11 AM) and Fairborn Phoenix (12-2 PM) on Wednesday, 11/26/25. It states that frozen Thanksgiving takeaway meals are available for neighbors in need, for families and individuals, first come, first served. A green button says "SPONSOR THIS EVENT!" with contact info amanda@miamivalleymeals.org. It lists partners: Trotwood, Fairborn Phoenix, The Foodbank, and Dayton Cooks. A QR code and website URL MIAMIVALLEYMEALS.ORG/THANKSGIVING are at the bottom. The poster is decorated with pumpkins and a turkey.

## Rotary and NCCJ Partnership



## Teen Summit

On Tuesday, October 21, 2025, Rotary District 6670 and Rotary Club of Dayton once again supported the NCCJ (Nurturing Community - Cultivating Justice) Teen Summit held this year at Sinclair's lovely Centerville campus. Originally there were 163 students registered from 12 schools. (1. Cliff Park 2. Wayne High School 3. Liberty High School 4. West Carrollton High School 5. Jefferson Township Jr/Sr High School 6. Five Rivers Career Prep High School 7. New Lebanon Local 8. Xenia High School 9. Miami Valley School 10. Meadowdale Career Technology Center 11. Engage High School 12. Northridge).

Sadly, Northridge High School was cancelled after shooting threats were called into the school by an 18 year old at 6:00 PM on Monday evening, so they were unable to attend, reducing the number of students to 140 from 11 schools. The students who were in attendance were very engaged this year and a few more "get up and move around" activities made the day even better than the last Teen Summit.

Our partnership with NCCJ since 2022 has connected Rotary with nearly 400 students from a variety of schools in multiple districts. Rotary is grateful to work with and support their youth education team, lead by Lake Miller, a Democracy

Fellow at The Kettering Foundation.



**World Polio Day is TODAY ...October 24**



# WORLD POLIO DAY

24 OCTOBER

## One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio

World Polio Day is a time for Rotary members, public health advocates, and all who want a world free from polio to come together, recognize our progress in the fight to end polio, and talk about the actions we need to take in order to end polio for good.

We're closer than ever to eradicating polio but we're not done yet. We still need funds to continue immunizations and surveillance efforts. All donations are matched 2:1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, tripling your impact!

[Donate Now](#)

## Rotary International Areas of Focus



PEACEBUILDING AND  
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,  
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT



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