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October 30th



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October 30th



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November 4th

Speakers

October 30, 2023
Dr. Aubrey L. Glazer,
Senior Rabbi of Beth
Abraham Synagogue
All Along the
Watchtower to Zion:

President's Message



Thank you all for allowing me to talk about World Polio Day at our meeting this week. I look forward to the day when we DON'T have to continue to raise awareness and money to fight polio anymore. However, until that day comes, I'm happy to speak with any of you personally who want more detailed information about Rotary International's efforts to eradicate this horrible virus.

As Americans, it's fairly rare to see someone on the street who has obviously suffered an entire life with polio. But in India and other parts of the world, it's a sad reminder that we still have work to do. At first, I thought that my small monthly donation probably didn't provide much help. But, now I know that those few dollars amount to a lot of vaccine doses and important education efforts to help hundreds of people combat polio.

As Rotarians, we are asked to support MANY worthy causes with our time and talent and provide financial assistance for efforts very deserving of our treasure. I appreciate your consideration of this request and thank you for any contribution you are able to make this week.

THANK YOU on behalf of all the little ones I met in 2020.



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To give directly to Rotary International online here is the link [Donate to End Polio](#) | [End Polio](#)



This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, October 30, 2023

Sinclair Community College - or on Zoom

"All Along the Watchtower to Zion: Who's Watching the Watchers?"



Dr. Aubrey L. Glazer, is honoured to serve as Senior Rabbi of Beth Abraham Synagogue (Dayton, Ohio), and has served communities across the coasts as well mentoring for rabbinic students from diverse seminaries. Aubrey is also founding director and editor in chief of Panui: a think tank devoted to modern and contemporary Jewish mysticism in a dynamic and authentic way (see: panui.org). As a graduate of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, Aubrey co-led Jewish meditation retreats at Makor Or with Zoketsu Norman Fischer as well as teaching Zohar in the Philosophy Circle of Lehrhaus under the direction of Daniel C. Matt. Aubrey's recent publications on contemporary philosophy and theology include "God Knows Everything is Broken: Bob Dylan's (Gnostic) Americana songbook" and Merest Breath: Nee translation and commentaries on Qohelet" along with other publications can be viewed here: <https://aubreyglazer.academia.edu/>

Chair of the Day: Douglas Deutsch

Who's Watching the Watchers?

November 06, 2023

[Dr Darlene Weaver, University of Dayton](#)

November 13, 2023

[Rotary on the Road at the Winsupply Richard W. Schwartz Center for Innovation](#)

November 20, 2023

TBD

November 27, 2023

[Neil Sullivan, UD Athletic Director](#)

December 04, 2023

TBD

December 11, 2023

[Holiday Sweepstakes & Elections](#)

December 18, 2023

[Holiday Program](#)

This Happened Last Monday...

President Kim Bramlage called the meeting to order. Due to a technical issue with zoom at the beginning of the meeting we didn't get to hear Words to Live By from Fran Rickenbach however the poem she was going to share is below this report. Bill Nance led the Pledge of Allegiance and shared the News of the Day:

- Amazon will expand drone delivery in the UK, Italy and in London in 2024.
- LinkedIn indicated that January and July are the biggest months for hiring if anyone is looking for a post-holiday job.
- A study recently indicated that adults find the most joy in finding money in an old pair of jeans.

MaryLynn Lodor welcomed our guests and visitors:

- Judy Budi welcomed Mark Febus, a visiting Rotarian from the Centerville Club
- Chuck Watts welcomed Marty Gehres of the Dayton Clerk of Courts
- Ann Crichton welcomed Camille Hall of the Dayton Metro Public Library
- Tom Carlisle joined us on Zoom

Secretary Sarah Hippensteel Hall wished happy birthday to Rotarians who were present: Frank Scott (10/23) and Greg Robinson (10/26) She also provided several reminders:

- Rotary Reads still has opportunities to volunteer to read with students. Please contact Laura if you're interested.
- The coats project is still accepting donations – please get your donations in ASAP.
- Join your fellow Rotarians for "Performance of Cabaret" on November 9th at Wright State. Tickets are \$60 which includes the performance and a buffet dinner. Dinner is at 6pm and the show is at 8pm. Please contact Laura if you're interested.
- Rotary on the Road is scheduled for Nov 13th at Winsupply – carpooling is advised and you must have a reservation to attend as space is limited. Please save your spot with Laura.
- A "End Polio Now" Rotary pin was given to Susan, Ann, Mark, Judy, Cindy, Chuck and Jim as a Rotary Reward.

The club was extremely generous with their Day 10s and Foundation Donations:

- Dave Williamson: Day 100 to the coats project, in honor of the Ohio University vs. Miami University upcoming football game
- Bill Nance: Day 42 in honor of his late son's award at the Ohio Foodbank
- Frank Scott: Day 500 to World Polio Day, Day 100 unrestricted
- Ty Swain: Day 60 to the coats project
- MaryLynn Lodor: Day 100 – 50 in honor of "a day without water" and Day 50 to the coats project
- Chuck Watts – Day 46 in honor of his daughter's birthday (to the coats project and polio plus)
- Steve Conklin – Day 10 in honor of the new YMCA that will be built near Salem Avenue and their upcoming open houses
- Fred Abrams- Day 10 in honor of Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed delivery
- Surendra Singhvi – Day 100 for polio plus and his Paul Harris
- Fran Rickenbach – Day 10 in honor of the Food Bank in Israel.

President Kim Bramlage's Remarks:

- Red Ribbon Member Rachel Jessup welcomed new member Terra Fox Williams! Terra is the CEO of the YWCA Dayton.
- Bill Nance interviewed Susan Hayes for a member spotlight. Susan, a native of Detroit but long-time resident of Dayton, is a retiree from the health care industry, a Wright State alum, and avid knitter. Susan also organizes the Dayton Rotary Book Club.
- Kim shared some highlights on World Polio Day – Polio has been eradicated in all but 2 countries. Rotary continues to play a key role in working to completely eradicate this disease. She encouraged everyone to contribute something to the cause as each dose of polio vaccine costs just .60 cents and three doses are needed to provide immunity.

Frank Scott introduced our speaker, Valerie Beerbower, GS10KSP Program Manager at Sinclair Community College. Valerie provided an overview of the [Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business](#) program facilitated at Sinclair Community College. The program provides a 14-week business education to local small businesses, including workshops on pathways to capital and business support services. Locally, there are 53 small business owners who have participated in the program, which is delivered at no cost to the business owners. The average revenue of these small business is over \$1 million. Graduates leave with a 5-year strategy plan and a passion to increase their revenue and create jobs in the region.

The Queen of Hearts drawing resulted in no winner – the pot continues to grow.

Ann Crichton led us in the Four Way Test

The meeting was adjourned by President Kim Bramlage.

Meeting Recording: <https://vimeo.com/877305080?share=copy>

Rabbi Jen Gubitza wrote this poem in recognition of this week's Torah portion, which is about Noah.



Jen Gubit

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I'm sitting on Noah's ark.
He let me board early.
After the animals come on safely,
I bring my loved ones
into the rooms of my heart
as the sky pours out her tears.

Evan is sitting shiva.
Rachael tells me her body is in Kishinev.
Daniel is feeling alone in this storm.
Jodie is searching for words, she finds songs to briefly calm her soul.
Abbey's great aunt, her cousins are held hostage.
We ordered our sackcloth on Amazon,
But they've run out.

From the River to the Sea, a cousin posts on Instagram.
A middle school friend
who once brought me to Easter services
with liturgy blaming Jews for Jesus' death
messages me about collective punishment.
Neil from high school emails me after 20 years to tell me he is thinking of me.
Joe from our childhood West Sherwood Terrace texts me about his grief.

My beloved, born of the land,
first needs quiet, to process, to worry.
His cousins are called up.
They are my cousins, too, now.
We love you, I message them repeatedly,
as we cancel our El Al flights for November.

What about the kids in war, my nieces ask?
They hide, the eldest says.
They hide behind their mommies, the youngest agrees.

I call my dad crying.
I cry dancing the horah at Sasha's wedding.
I cry for Abbey's Carmela and Noya.
I cry because I do not understand war
and I do not understand hurting children.

I cannot sleep on this ark.
I should not sleep on this ark.
As if the last night of summer camp,
I am sitting shmira*
The WiFi is too strong and I am up late each night.
Refresh, refresh, refresh.
I am keeping watch to make sure everyone is safe.
I am sitting shmira -
Guarding the memories of the dead
until they are returned
to their families embrace.

You can't sit shmira for all of them alone,
my sister tells me.
You have to share the burden.

So, please come on board this ark with me,
There is only one skylight
And it feels so dark.

*shmira is from Lishmor and can mean night watch/guard duty/safekeeping or the rituals of accompanying the dead before burial

Welcome to Dayton Rotary!

NEW MEMBER PROFILE



Terra Fox Williams, mother of two, wife, and aspiring entrepreneur. Hailing from Kentwood, Louisiana, eldest of three, and a proud first-generation college graduate, earning a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Southern University and A & M College and a master's degree in Public Health from Wright State University. Terra's professional career is beautifully decorated with leadership and service accolades. From leading hundreds of operators in complex manufacturing systems, developing business plans for community development corporation, to leading county-wide efforts to contain, prevent, promote, minimize the spread of COVID-19 in the most vulnerable communities and now the President/CEO of the YWCA Dayton.

As the President/CEO of the YWCA Dayton, Terra exudes a highly regarded reputation of developing high-performing teams through personal mentorship, engagement, and setting expectations of accountability, to deliver high quality services to the community. One of her most notable leadership efforts includes co-leading Every One Reach One Infant Vitality Task Force that delivers an infrastructure of services that promote healthy lifestyle choices for women during and after pregnancy.

Terra, through philanthropy and public speaking, enjoys sharing her diverse life experiences and lessons of successes and failures as tools of motivation to inspire greatness in others, especially women. She believes that everyone is part of God's creation- blessed, created for greatness and for a purpose. She leads by a simple philosophy: "BELIEVE, have FAITH, FOCUS, and then DO what it is that you have to do and in time you will achieve success."

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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: \$3461

See Secretary Sarah 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.



Rotary on the Road November 13th



Our Fall Rotary on the Road will take place on Monday, November 13th.

It will be held at the Richard W. Schwartz Center for Innovation

3300 Kettering Boulevard
12 Noon - 1:15 p.m.

Maximum capacity for this meeting will be 50 people. You MUST sign up with Laura to attend this meeting. Carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited. **Dayton Rotarians Only** for this event. Tours of the facility will be given in groups of 10.

2023 Coats+ Project Update

Our campaign originally had a **\$5,000 goal and will be winding down this coming Monday**. We have received a District Match Grant of \$2,760, so with your help we will raise about \$8,000. The project will be helping economically disadvantaged students attend school in appropriate attire that may include procurement of coats, hats, uniforms & more. **(The suggested donation is \$50 to provide a coat, hat and gloves to a child in need, but any amount is greatly appreciated.)**

We will be supporting children enrolled in:

- DPS McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program
- EJ Brown Middle School
- Dayton Leadership Academy

The Coats+ Project has been blessed by the tremendous generosity of our members. **We are on the brink of reaching our \$5,000 goal**. If you haven't had a chance to participate, **we could use your donation as our requests for support have slightly exceeded our projected resources**.

Now that our fundraising task is winding down, our Committee Shoppers are turning their attention to the fun of procuring Coats+.

We sincerely appreciate your support and will provide a full update upon completion.

You may email laura@daytonrotary.com with your pledge or turn in your check made payable to the Dayton Rotary Foundation with Coats+ in the memo line at a Monday meeting or mail to the Rotary Office (3131 South Dixie Drive Suite 414 Dayton 45439). Or we can add to your foundation account and you may pay by credit card online.



Rotary Reads Kicking Off

Reading regularly out loud to children, or having the students read to you, provides early development of crucial language and literacy skills.



Rotary Reads is Kicking Off

We have potential opportunities to read with students at:

Dayton Leadership Academy, Grades 2 & 3, 9-10 AM on Fridays, 1416 W Riverview Ave.

Miracle Makers After Care Program, with the East End Community Services, 624 Xenia Ave., serving PreK-6

Ruskin Neighborhood school K & 1 grades, during the school day, would absolutely love for us to read with their students.

The **Omega CDC**, Scholars of Hope program, (Health. Optimistic. Prepared. Educated.) is excited about Rotary Reads and the impact our

service can have.

Please contact **Kim Spurgeon**, Chair of Rotary Reads kspurgeon@daytonart.org if you are interested in Rotary Reads. Once you indicate your interest, you will receive a sign-up genius to pick days/times/locations to read with students.

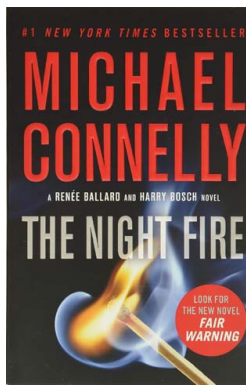
Rotary Book Club

What an enchanting evening out this past week in nature discussing the book *Horse*, awarded the Literary Peace Prize winner for Fiction earlier in the day! For several people, this was their first book club experience, and they offered great insights and asked penetrating questions and comments. Each meeting is unique and based on who is available that evening!

This group enjoys adult beverages and nosh while discussing a book they may like or dislike. It is valuable to come together as Rotarians who make time to get to know each other differently than at a weekly meeting.

We all agreed we needed a break from reading sad books about racism and chose a Harry Bosch mystery for a change.

Our next book is *The Night Fire* by Michael Connelly. Georgie Woessner has graciously agreed to host us at their

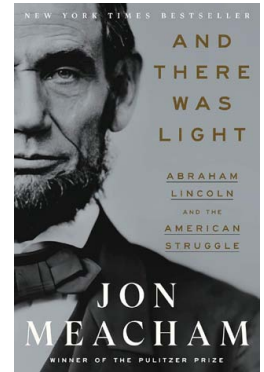


lovely home on **Tuesday, December 12, 2023, from 6:30 - 8:00.**

We also chose our **February 13, 2024 book. *And Then There Was Light*** by Jon Meacham, a book about Abraham Lincoln before the Civil War.

We are looking for a meeting place so let me know if you would like to host us.

Any questions, please contact Dr. Susan Hayes sm.hayes@me.com



Rotary Social Night at the WSU Theatre...Cabaret

Rotary Night at the Theatre

**Wright State University School of
Fine and Performing Arts Presents**

Cabaret

Thursday, November 9th

8:00 p.m. ~ Show

6:00 p.m. ~ Dinner

Dinner in the Lily Pad Room in the



Creative Arts Center Atrium



Buffet: Taqueria buffet - Garlic Lime Chicken & Southwestern Ground Beef with Cilantro Lime Rice, Black Beans, Fajita Vegetables, Elote Salad, Pico De Gallo, Flour Tortillas, Corn Chips, Sour Cream, Tomatoes, and Shredded Cheese.

Served with Lemonade, Iced Tea and Water ~ Beer & Wine

\$60.00 per person

Spouses & Guests Welcome

30 spots available

RSVP to Laura
