

# Rotary



## Club of Dayton SMILE



### This Week at Rotary

**MONDAY, February 3, 2025**

#### Club Leaders



Randall K. Domigan  
President



Linda Groover  
President-Elect



Steven Conklin  
Treasurer



Sarah Hippensteel Hall  
Secretary



Kelly Marie Lehman  
Vice President



Kimberly M. Bramlage  
iPast President

#### Birthdays



Richard A. Meyer  
February 5th



Geraldine G. Prada  
February 6th



Jeffrey C. Hoagland  
February 7th



Robert Joseph Siebenthaler  
February 9th

#### Speakers

**February 03, 2025**  
Gabriel van Aalst, CEO  
Dayton LIVE

**February 10, 2025**  
Steve Naas, County Corp

Affordable Housing in the Dayton Community and County Corps Role

**February 17, 2025**

### "Dayton LIVE: Your Home for Arts, Culture & Entertainment"



Gabriel van Aalst, new President & CEO will be sharing with us an update on Dayton Live and how the organization brings people together as the region's home for art, culture, and entertainment.

Chair of the Day: Dona Vella

**PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE IN ROOM 116 AT THE SOUTH END OF BUILDING 12**

### This Happened Last Monday...

Fran Rickenbach led us in the Pledge and provided Words to Live By in her recitation of the mnemonic poem about the months of the year! She then educated us about Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and his connection to Martin Luther King Jr. He was instrumental in an interfaith coalition and participated in the Selma march in 1965.

Bill Nance reported the news of the day, Rotary news, and the weather. Cathy Ponitz was invited to the podium to introduce visitors and guests. She introduced her guest Taylor Johnson of Spectrum New Beginnings; Paul Gruner introduced guest Nancy Slezak of the Sinclair Community College Foundation; and Tom Carlisle was our Zoom guest. Finally, Scott Kayser introduced the club to baby boy Harrison, his son and hopeful future Rotarian.

Secretary Sarah Hippensteel Hall then made Club announcements. There were no birthdays to announce but we did talk about the Red Ribbon Takeover day. That is April 7th. Judy Budi and Katie Neubert are co-chairs of the committee. This year's adopted project is to provide operational costs for the Foodbank for scanners that will allow for greater efficiency.

Day 10's were then offered.

Kappy Kilburn with a Day 50 in honor of the recent DDN article written by Merle Wilberding mentioning a the play that the Human Race Theatre is performing

Kristina Scott with a Day 100 in honor of the Downtown Dayton Partnership and to ask for participation in a survey for the 2025 plan;

Cathy Ponitz with a Day 94 in honor of her dad's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday;

John Neff with a Day 100 in honor of the UD walk the talk, Ethics committee and Rotarian participation;

Phil Raynes with a Day 100 for the Red Ribbon fund raiser;

Zoomer Surendra Singhvi with a Day 10 for the fund raiser;

Zoomer Scott Kayser with a Day 100 towards his Paul Harris and in honor of Dayton Children's Hospital;

Sarah Hippensteel Hall with a Day 100 in honor of her daughter's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and getting ready to graduate from Stivers and take on the world!

Sarah then shared a most helpful water fact: that winter dehydration can negatively impact our mental health. Staying hydrated with water helps elevate serotonin and amino acid levels in our bodies.

President Randy then called upon Cathy Ponitz to present the Foundation check award. The recipient was Wright Dunbar District Inc. The funds will be used for the memorial to honor the 41 Medal of Honor recipients in the Dayton (and our Club's) region. Karla Garrett Hershaw accepted the check on behalf of the organization. The other grant recipient was Spectrum New Beginnings, a group of over 50 health professionals that serve West Dayton to ensure folks have the appropriate mental health and self-care needed. Taylor Johnson accepted the award.

Bill Nance then conducted the Rotary Spotlight that featured Deb Tschirhart, the Senior Director of Education for Public Media Connect including ThinkTV PBS, CET PBS and SOITA. Her organization participates in community events and works with educators in STEM programs, early learning programs, and school readiness programs. She made her start in early childhood education. Her hobby is crocheting, and she is always ready for a crochet "sesh" with her Go Bag!

Matt Jessup came to the podium and introduced Russell Kline, Chief Regulatory Officer at DEXA—Drone Express. He oversees DEXA's regulatory and compliance certification efforts. DEXA was formerly known as Drone Express. It was rebranded because Drone Express was too literal a name when describing what DEXA does. DEXA was founded out of Telegrid, which was the sole UAS (unmanned aircraft systems—otherwise known as drones—to Drone Express. Russell walked the Club through DEXA's efforts to work with the Federal Aviation Administration to secure its certification for its DE-2020 drone. Russell explained why drones must comply with FAA rules and regulations and that safety is the number one priority in drone operation. Many local companies, including Winsupply, Papa Johns and Kroger, use drones for material delivery. He discussed the recent drone sightings, most of which are probably not drones. Rather, they are airplanes. There is no "mother ship" off the coast directing drone traffic. The clueless and careless rule the day when it comes to "drone traffic" and rule compliance. Russell entertained questions from the Club including how low drones are permitted to fly, depending on if the airspace is controlled or not. Operators of drones are strongly encouraged by the FAA to share flight information with airports, so drones don't collide or fall to the ground.

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

[February 24, 2025 Jonathan McNeal, Manager, The NEON Oscars Preview](#)

[March 03, 2025 Jessica Oakley, Outreach Coordinator CareFlight](#)

[March 10, 2025 Larry Smart, CFO, CareSource](#)

[March 17, 2025 TBD](#)

[March 24, 2025 TBD](#)

[April 07, 2025 Red Ribbon Takeover Meeting](#)

[April 14, 2025 Rick Willits, We Care Arts](#)

[April 21, 2025 Gregory Bowles, Head of Government Affairs Joby Aviation](#)

[April 28, 2025 TBD](#)

President Randy asked Russell to do the drawing for the Queen of Hearts pot (about \$600) but there was no winner.

The new CEO of Dayton Live will be next week's speaker. The meeting will be in the other Sinclair meeting room 116 at the opposite end of the building.

Kristina Scott led us in the 4 Way Test and Randy adjourned the meeting.

[Link for Meeting Recording](#)

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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 1/2 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: \$681**

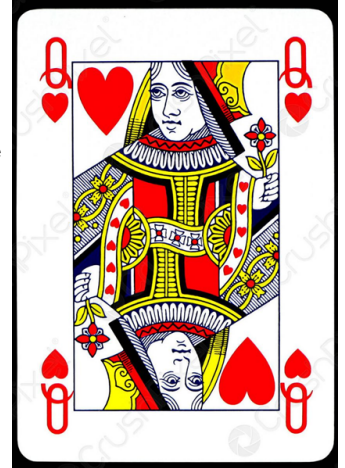
See Secretary Sarah or Laura for more information.

### 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.



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## Rotary Dines Out at THAI 9

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*at*

## **THAI 9 Restaurant**

*11 Brown Street*



**Tuesday, February 18th @  
6:00 PM**

*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)**



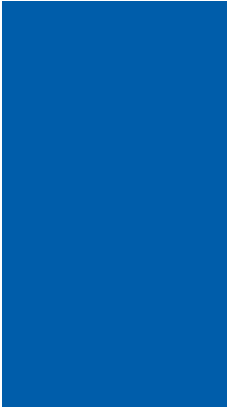
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