

Rotary



Club of Dayton SMILE



This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, March 31, 2025

"Living with Mental Illness? Join the Club!"

Club Leaders



Randall K. Domigan
President



Linda Groover
President-Elect



Steven Conklin
Treasurer



Sarah Hippensteel
Hall Secretary



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Vice President



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Birthdays



Charles E. Kraft
April 1st



Judy Dodge
April 1st



Rachel Jessup
April 3rd

Speakers

March 31, 2025
Kathleen Trick,
Manager
Miracle Clubhouse

April 07, 2025
Red Ribbon Takeover Meeting - Lee Adler & Kate McEwen
The Foodbank

April 14, 2025
Rick Willits, We Care Arts



Miracle Clubhouse is a vital community for growth, hope, and opportunity for people recovering from mental illness. The Clubhouse is committed to ongoing improvement, positive development of strengths, and elimination of the stigma against those with mental illness. An accredited organization, Miracle Clubhouse is a workplace - a partnership between members and staff who work together to complete the daily house operations.

Clubhouse philosophy is founded on the belief that meaningful work with others is rehabilitative. Decision-making and governance involves members and staff collaboration to develop plans and policies. At Miracle Clubhouse, members are needed and empowered. This model of recovery is an international model headed by Clubhouse International, Inc. Come and hear more about their mission and community efforts from Karrie Stock, Kathy Trick and Brandon Spatz

Chair of the Day: Kappy Kilburn

This Happened Last Monday...

President Randy called the meeting to order. Fran Rickenbach shared Words to Live By...in the springtime, the heart regrows hope how will you help regrow hope in your family, community and nation. She then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill Nance then provided news of the day Boeing stock is up as they have been selected to develop the next fighter jets. Lower grocery prices will start happening soon. In Rotary news, the Rotary club of Space Center Houston continues to thrive today.

Andy Clements welcomed guests and visitors:

- Vivette Bowling was a visiting Rotarian in attendance
- Kelly Lehman – Young Kim and Dr. Myla Cardona-Jones
- Tom Carlisle joined us on Zoom

Secretary Sarah celebrated birthdays - in attendance including Tom Carlisle and Katie Neubert. This is the anniversary of the beginning of the Great 1913 Flood. Announcements included Rotary Dines Out at Lilys on April 17th, Rotary Service Day on April 26th - thanks to Adam for signing up. Rotary on the Road on May 19th. Rotary Rewards were given to Randy Clark and Rick Schwartz attending on zoom and Katie Neubert for attending on her birthday.

Day 10's offered by:

- Suren Singhvi – Day 100 for his wife going on vacation without him
- Dennis Grant – Day 10 for Jersey Mike's Day of Giving with proceeds going to URS
- Jeff Schiavone - Day 115 for the 115th year of Miami Valley Scouting
- Tom Carlisle – Day 10 for his 86th birthday
- Katie Neubert – Day 50 (for the Red Ribbon project) for her birthday
- Kelly Lehman – Day 100 in promotion of the League of Women Voters dinner - Dangerous Dames of Dayton
- Deb Tschirhart– Day 20 (for the Red Ribbon project) and to promote that the red ribbon group would be doing a raffle starting next week for a bottle of Blantons \$5 a ticket or 5 tickets for \$20 this will be in support of the Red Ribbon Foodbank project
- Holly Wiggins – Day 10 for being here three weeks in a row

President Randy returned to the podium and called on Steve Conklin and Will Coutts to introduce their new members. Steve introduced Kim Hess, Executive Director,, YMCA of Greater Dayton- Downtown Branch and Will Coutts introduced Bryan Stewart Workforce Director for the Montgomery County Educational Service Center.

Bill Nance interviewed Lisa Wagner as the Rotary spotlight. Lisa is a trained Chef who then went to the Schuster's hospitality division and helped open them and then went to the Victoria Theatre Association for 15 years. She now serves as Executive Director for Levitt Dayton working on presenting a well-balanced season of music to the community each year. She has now taken up golfing with her husband.

Randy then introduced our speaker for the day, Jenell Ross, president of Bob Ross Auto Group. She leads the company founded by her parents 51 years ago, which includes Buick, GMC, and Mercedes-Benz franchises. The Mercedes-Benz dealership was the first African-American owned in the world. Janelle is active in the Dayton community, serving on various boards and focusing on women's health through the Norma J. Ross Memorial Foundation. The foundation supports breast cancer awareness, patient aid, research, and youth education in Ohio.

Jenell grew up in the automobile business. Her father became an auto dealer when she was four, and she later joined the family business after college. Her father was a trailblazer in the industry. After her father's untimely death, she and her mother took over the business, facing challenges in maintaining confidence among the team and gaining approval from manufacturers. Jenell emphasized the complexity of running a dealership, highlighting the various departments and services they offer beyond new car sales. They put a lot of effort into the importance of teamwork and collaboration from all employees. She highlighted the long tenure of some of their employees, a few of which have been there for 40 years. They are committed to a drug-free workplace and the importance of maintaining high customer satisfaction indexes. The company has evolved with their marketing and advertising strategies, including the use of social media as well as mainstream media. Their customer base is changing and there is a

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

April 28, 2025
[Gerri Pegues](#),
[Assistant Montgomery County Administrator](#)
The Human Services Levy

May 05, 2025
[Gil Turner](#), [Director of Aviation](#), [City of Dayton](#)
Dayton International Airport Update

May 12, 2025
[Emily Wells](#)
40th Anniversary of the Human Race Theatre

May 19, 2025
[Rotary on the Road](#)

May 26, 2025
NO MEETING - MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

June 02, 2025
[Ryan Ernst](#), [Partner, The Connor Group](#)
Expansion of the Greater Dayton School

June 09, 2025
[Barbra Stonerock](#)/[Joe Sciabica](#)
Employers' Workforce Coalition

June 16, 2025
[Update on Aileron](#)

June 23, 2025
TBD

June 30, 2025
[Randy Domigan](#) & [Linda Groover](#)
Changing of the Rotary Guard

July 07, 2025
[Terra Fox Williams](#),
[YWCA Dayton](#)

July 14, 2025
[Andrew White](#), [Indigo Life Media](#)

need for continuous learning and growth. Reputation is important and has to be earned, not bought.

Jenell touched on the impact of the pandemic on the industry and the importance of ethics and integrity and the need for resilience in the face of economic changes. There has been a consolidation of dealerships, a rise of hybrids and EVs and the need for upgrades to their space to be able to handle those requirements. She touched on the challenges of being a minority in the predominately white male automobile industry and shared her experiences and the importance of community involvement. She emphasized the significance of integrity and staying true to one's principles.

The queen of hearts didn't show so the pot continues to grow.

Next week's speaker will be Kathleen Trick, Miracle Clubhouse

Everyone joined in reciting the Four-Way Test and the meeting was adjourned.

[Link for Meeting Recording](#)

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: \$1380

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.



Welcome to Dayton Rotary!

NEW MEMBER PROFILE



Kim Hess is the Executive Director of the Greater Dayton YMCA - Downtown Branch. He previously served as the Associate Executive Director for the Celina YMCA and, before that, the Health & Wellness Director for the Downtown Dayton YMCA. He is glad to be back at the Downtown Branch and really loves all its history. Kim is a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and the Foodbank. His hobbies and interests include golfing and family events. His personal motto is "Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm". Kim and his wife, Chanthima reside in Huber Heights and have 3 children.

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NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Bryan Stewart is the Workforce Director for the Montgomery County Educational Service Center. He has 10 years of dedicated service in public service, consisting of: 6 years as a workforce administrator for Learn to Earn Dayton and the Montgomery County ESC; 4 years as a Legislative Aide at Dayton's City Hall; as well as 2 years as a political and non-profit professional.

In his role as Workforce Director, he manages the region's Business Advisory Council, working alongside major industry partners and 23 school districts. Under his leadership, the council has received the highest distinction of 4 out of 4 stars from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce for the last three years.

Bryan is a Leadership Ohio class of 2022 graduate and ac recipient of Dayton Business Journal's 40 under 40 Award. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Dayton and a Bachelor's degree in diplomacy and global politics from Miami University.



Beyond his role in workforce development, Bryan is an entrepreneur - in 2021 he opened his small business, Postmarked from the Stars Bookstore, catering to sci-fi, harrow, and fantasy book lovers. He is active in the community, serving as a board member for Welcome Dayton, an initiative that promotes immigrant inclusion and economic growth in the region.

Bryan resides in St. Anne's Hill with his wife, Amber Holloway. A lifelong Cincinnati Bengal fan and an avid science fiction enthusiast, Bryan brings both passion and expertise to every endeavor.

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Support the Red Ribbon Takeover Day Project...Helping the Foodbank

Rotary Club of Dayton

Please Mark Your Calendar:
 Red Ribbon Takeover Day is Monday, April 7th.

DONATE NOW

Your contribution through the
Rotary Club of Dayton's Red Ribbon Project
 helps ensure The Foodbank can continue to fight
 hunger effectively while empowering its workforce.

Together, we can make a difference!
THANK YOU for your support.

The Dayton Rotary Club's Red Ribbon Committee would like to share some exciting news about an upcoming project that has the entire team at The Foodbank – as well as their partners, buzzing with anticipation—our **Red Ribbon Takeover Day on April 7!**

We realize that not everyone can always attend our meetings, so we wanted to ensure you are fully aware of this incredible opportunity to make a lasting impact in our community.

Our project aims to help The Foodbank improve its inventory management system, ensuring food gets to those who need it most, faster and more efficiently. As you may know, The Foodbank plays a critical role in our community, distributing over 18 million pounds of food annually across Montgomery, Greene, and Preble counties. However, they need our help to take their operations to the next level. Through your generous support, we can help them purchase handheld scanners—essential tools that will streamline their food distribution process and significantly reduce waste. These scanners will enhance efficiency by an estimated 75%, directly benefiting the 119 food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters they support. For your reference, I have attached some additional information regarding the program.

Your contribution will help us make a tangible difference in our community, advancing The Foodbank's vital mission. With your help, we can continue the fight against hunger and create meaningful opportunities for those in need.

We are incredibly grateful for the support you've shown in the past, and today, we ask for your continued partnership. Making a donation is easy: you can make a contribution through our [Rotary Club website](#). Alternatively, if you'd like to make a "Day 10" donation, just let us know, and we'll gladly assist you with the process.

Thank you for your generous support and your ongoing commitment to service above self. Together, we can create lasting change in the lives of those who need it most.

Join Us for River Clean Up Day

The Rotary Club of Dayton is Partnering with the Rotary Club of Kettering to Make the River Cleaner!

Join Us for River Clean-Up Day!

Help keep our local waterways clean and beautiful! Join fellow club members for a **fun and easy** river clean-up. We'll provide **grabbers, gloves, and bags**—all you need to bring is your energy and enthusiasm! Plus, stick around afterward for a **free lunch** to celebrate our hard work!

Date: April 26

Location: Downtown Dayton (parking information TBD closer to date)

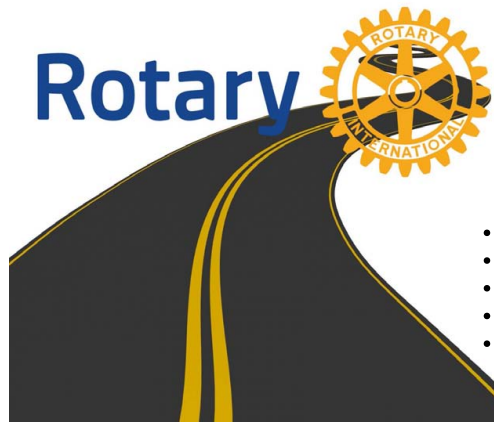
Time: 9-11AM

This is an **easy walking cleanup**, perfect for all ages and abilities. Let's make a difference together while enjoying the great outdoors!



Sign up [here](#) today!

Rotary on the Road to be Held on May 19th



On May 19th we will hold our Spring Rotary on the Road Event. On this day, we will not meet in our usual location at Sinclair Community College. Instead, we will split up and choose from several different Rotarian Host Locations.

HOST LOCATIONS

- Miami Conservancy District
- United Rehabilitation Services
- Premier YMCA
- The Dayton International Peace Museum
- Dayton Children's Mathile Center for Mental Health & Wellness

Sign Up Early as Space is Limited

Summerfest 2025 Sponsors Needed



Summerfest, presented by the Rotary Club of Dayton, is back for a fun-filled night of music and community! This summer, we're going to pack the Levitt Pavilion and close out summer with a bang. Don't miss your chance to connect with thousands of your neighbors while supporting the great work of the Rotary Club of Dayton Foundation - sponsor Summerfest 2025! All proceeds support our Foundation, a 501(c)3 that provides grant funding to nonprofit organizations throughout the Miami Valley

**SUMMERFEST 2025
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
LEVITT PAVILION DAYTON
6:00PM – 9:30PM**

For more details on the event...Please follow this link to the [Sponsorship Packet](#) for more details

The Social Committee Presents...Rotary Dines Out at Lilys

Rotary Dines Out



Thursday, April 17th

6:00 p.m.

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Lily's

329 East Fifth Street ~ Oregon District

Lily's Dayton is a warm, welcoming and quirky restaurant with a bar program that focuses on tiki-inspired cocktails and an eclectic, elevated-but-casual global menu.

Gather with Fellow Rotarians to Enjoy a Meal.

Pay your own Dinner/Drinks tab.

Round of Appetizers is on Dayton Rotary.



**Spouses and Guests
Welcome!**

Reservations to laura@daytonrotary.com

**Space is Limited to 20
so Reserve Early!**



Rotary
District 6670



Magic of Rotary GALA

FRIDAY APRIL 25, 2025
5:30-10:00PM



WRIGHT PATT AIR FORCE MUSEUM

Tickets \$65.00 - Register at www.dacdb.com- MY CLUB TAB

Please come early to tour the museum until 5:00 pm.
Recognition of Rotarians, Dinner, Keynote Speaker,
Presentation from the Environmental Committee, District 6670 Meeting & More!
Dress: Business Casual, Rotary Polos are Great!

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