

Rotary



Club of Dayton SMILE



This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, April 14, 2025

"Masterpieces in Motion: How Art and Community Transform Lives"

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Birthdays



Kimberly J Spurgeon
April 15th



Ann Riegle Crichton
April 15th



Howard Ducker
April 19th



Robert E Ruzinsky
April 19th

Speakers

April 14, 2025
Katie Neubert, We Care Arts

April 21, 2025
Gregory Bowles, Head of Government Affairs
Joby Aviation



Every great masterpiece begins with a blank canvas—and at We Care Arts, they see that same potential in the individuals they serve. On April 14th, Executive Director Katie Neubert will share how the organization empowers healing through art and community by providing opportunities for people with developmental disabilities, substance use disorders, and mental health diagnoses to connect, create, and thrive.

Through free on-site and virtual classes, employment training, high school Transition to Work programs, and outreach services, We Care Arts impacted 3,086 individuals in 2024 across six counties in the Greater Miami Valley. Their programs help participants build skills, grow in confidence, and experience the joy of creative expression within a welcoming and inclusive community.

Still, there is more work to be done. We Care Arts is continuing to rebuild from the effects of COVID-19, a time when the organization was reduced to just four employees and no artist-clients on-site. While tremendous progress has been made, the need remains great—and each open seat in their classrooms represents an opportunity waiting to be filled.

Katie looks forward to sharing how, together, we can help paint a brighter, more connected future—**one brushstroke at a time.**

Chair of the Day: Paul Gruner

This Happened Last Monday...

Submitted by Smile Reporter of the Day, Katie Neubert

The Rotary Club of Dayton gathered on Monday, April 7, 2025, at Sinclair Community College for its annual Red Ribbon Takeover Meeting — a spring tradition where the club's newest members step into officer roles and host a fundraiser in support of a local nonprofit. This year's Red Ribbon cohort chose The Foodbank as their beneficiary, spotlighting the organization's critical role in our region's food security network.

Stepping in as Acting President for the day was Red Ribbon President Phil Raynes, who called the meeting to order. Emily Broughton led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance and offered "Words to Live By," before introducing Kathy Harper as Secretary of the Day.

Kathy started by recognizing birthdays and sharing upcoming events before welcoming our guests. Several members brought guests to the meeting, extending Rotary's welcome and spirit of service to the broader community. Thank you to Kathleen Carlson, Nicole Sturk, and Lisa Wagner for inviting guests and helping to share our mission.

As a nod to the weekend's torrential weather, Kathy joked that we were all probably tired of water facts, so she turned to food facts for the day. Did you know that apples harvested this year won't hit store shelves until next year? That the Foodbank can turn every \$1 donated into four meals? And that over 100,000 people in our region experience food insecurity at any given time?

Chair of the Day Andy Clements then welcomed our featured speakers, Lee Lauren Truesdale and Kate McEwen from The Foodbank, who presented on the theme: **"Feeding the Line Today, Shortening the Line Tomorrow."**

They began by defining food insecurity: **"the disruption of food intake or eating patterns because of lack of money or other resources."** To humanize this statistic, they shared a moving video of "Tim's Story" — a former aerospace engineer who became reliant on The Foodbank after a life-altering accident. His story served as a powerful reminder that food insecurity doesn't discriminate and that the stereotypes surrounding hunger are often wildly inaccurate. Tim's Story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uh0YMiSfrig>

The presenters went on to share impressive operational data: over 18 million pounds of food distributed in Montgomery, Greene, and Preble counties, serving 119 food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters. They noted that 94 cents of every dollar donated goes directly into programming — which makes funding for infrastructure, like operational technology, harder to come by and yet so core to continuing and improving this level of efficiency.

This is where our Red Ribbon fundraiser stepped in. The Foodbank's need: 12–16 handheld inventory scanners, each costing \$2,510, including cold-storage-compatible battery packs. These devices would dramatically improve their food tracking systems, minimize spoilage and increase efficiency in distribution.

After an engaging presentation followed by a strong question & answer period, Kathy Harper kicked off the "Day 10s" fundraising round. Hands flew up around the room — and by the end of the meeting, **\$8,100** was raised toward the \$8,000–\$10,000 goal. The good news is that we reached our goal. The EVEN BETTER news is that it's not too late to contribute — donations can still be made online via the QR code shared in the meeting and this week's newsletter.

Next, Ginger Clark brought the energy to Blanton's Bourbon Raffle, announcing **April Hale** as the lucky winner! The meeting concluded with the Four-Way Test, led by Terra Williams, before Acting President Phil Raynes officially adjourned the meeting.

We look forward to seeing everyone next Monday, April 14, at Sinclair Community College or on Zoom. Our speaker will be **Katie Neubert, Executive Director at We Care Arts — and no, before you ask, the Foodbank does NOT provide rotten fruits and vegetables to throw at next week's speaker!!**

[Link for Meeting Recording](#)



DONATE NOW



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

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: \$1480

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



Sam Morton is the Project Director for the Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District, a position he has held since July 2024. He manages various infrastructure projects for local municipalities, from planning and funding through design and construction. Prior to joining the Montgomery County TID, Sam worked in private engineering consulting in the Cincinnati and Dayton area.

Sam grew up in Centerville, graduating from Centerville High School and later the University of Dayton with a civil engineering degree. He currently resides in Centerville with his wife and two sons.

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NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Lidia Zambilovici was born and lived most of her life in Chisinau, Moldova, for some time her home was in NOVA (North Virginia near Washington DC). She moved to Dayton, Ohio 3 years ago. Her educational background is in Economics and International Law. And her professional experience

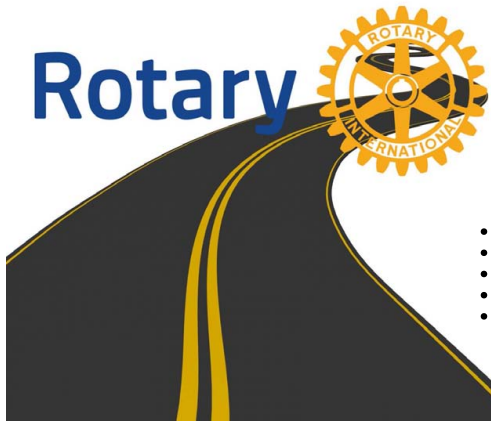


includes executive and managerial positions in both commercial companies & charities. She loves Development & that is what brought her into FRD (Financial Resource Development), so currently her focus is on parts of Annual Campaign, donor cultivating and stewardship, young adults' engagement, volunteering and external Corporate Sponsors. She loves helping, so since the beginning of Ukrainian war she has volunteered by arranging & leading a day camp for senior refugees, summer camp for refugees aged 7-12 y.o., English classes for refugees, fundraising and whatever other support she can provide. She currently services as the Director of External Relations for the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton. She enjoys working for a non-profit because real impact has different forms and shapes, doing right things – matters. Her superpower is speaking English with a beautiful Slavic accent. She and her husband, Philip Jin Ahn reside in Centerville.

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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

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!**



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

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 Dines Out at El Meson

Rotary Dines Out



Friday, May 2nd

6:00 p.m.

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El Meson

903 East Dixie Drive (45449)

El Meson is not a chain or a franchise but rather an extension of our tradition! Enjoy and be part of our journey! The El Meson story reflects the Castro family's motto, "Si, se puede"- "Yes, we can.". And El Meson represents the best of the American dream: a labor of love that success hasn't spoiled.



Come and Celebrate
Cinco de Mayo



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