

# Rotary



## Club of Westerville Sunrise



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#### Club Meeting

Westerville Sunrise Meets at The Old Bag of Nails Pub  
24 N State St Fl 3  
Westerville, OH 43081-2119  
Time: Wednesday at 07:15 AM

#### Speakers

##### February 22, 2023

[Chris Winslow](#)

Research efforts by Ohio Sea Grant & Stone Laboratory (Ohio State)

##### March 01, 2023

[Stephen Grinch](#)

Westerville / Otterbein history lesson

##### March 08, 2023

[Jim Caldwell](#)

Field of Heroes

##### March 15, 2023

[School Safety at Westerville City Schools](#)

Westerville Justice Center

#### Birthdays

Eugene L. Hollins

February 21st

Gregory Ruban

February 24th

Robert P. Freed

February 25th

Mark Morgan

February 26th

Paul E. Kulik

March 5th

Ruth I. Stenberg

March 7th

Thomas F. Schmitt

March 12th

Patrick C. Kemmer

March 17th

#### Years of Service

Jeffrey A. Daniels

02-26-2003

20 Years

Paul E. Kulik

02-18-2009

14 Years

Julie Ann Colley

02-29-2012

11 Years

Ron Pusateri

02-27-2013

## Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events

By Julie Ann Colley



### Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events

February 22: Speakeasy dance lesson

March 4: Sunrise Speakeasy

April 28-29: District Conference

## Speakeasy Sponsorships

By Thomas Strasburg on Sunday, December 11, 2022

As you know, the Speakeasy is Sunrise Rotary's biggest fundraiser and we need your help. Please consider a Sponsorship to support your ongoing service projects and your new initiatives. Signing up is easy! Request a form from Tom and Mark or just scan this QR code using your smartphone camera app, follow the link, and fill out the requested information.



Although most members select a Cabaret Sponsor level, contributions range from \$350.00 to \$2,500.00. You will be helping our ongoing outreach into Westerville and the new Water Within Reach water project coming soon. This is important work and we cannot do it without you! Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please be sure to reach out to Mark Morgan or Tom Strasburg.  
[MMorgan@agent.i3merchant.com](mailto:MMorgan@agent.i3merchant.com) & [tom.strasburg@gmail.com](mailto:tom.strasburg@gmail.com)

## Speakeasy Dance Lesson

By Tiffany McGinnis on Monday, February 6, 2023

The roaring 20's was an era when popular dance modes swept the nation... and YOU can learn some dance steps to impress your friends at the 2023 Speakeasy! Red badge member **Katy Tombaugh** is teaching a dance lesson on

10 Years  
John R. Kellogg  
02-26-2014  
9 Years  
John Logue  
03-01-2017  
6 Years  
Helka Christine Casey  
03-01-2017  
6 Years  
David A Lilley  
03-01-2017  
6 Years  
Mark A. Massen  
03-01-2017  
6 Years  
Kenneth L. Wright  
02-28-2018  
5 Years  
James T. Caldwell  
02-28-2018  
5 Years  
Theresa Petraszak  
02-27-2019  
4 Years  
Charles E Durant Jr.  
02-27-2019  
4 Years  
Jason Seeley  
02-24-2021  
2 Years



Wednesday Feb-22nd at 6:30 at the Westerville Rec Center. Dance patterns will be taught without a partner - just wear comfortable shoes and be ready for fun!

Signup at:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B44ADA729A0F85-speakeasy>

## Who Am I?...Why Am I Here?

*Price Finley, District Governor*

Hard to believe it's been over 30 years since Admiral James Stockdale, running mate to Ross Perot, uttered this memorable phrase (with comic intent) during a vice presidential debate in 1992. Admiral Stockdale, a decorated war hero, used this phrase to try to lighten the mood and address questions about why someone with no political experience would be a vice presidential candidate. While Stockdale's intention was to lighten the mood of the debate, these words underline important existential questions that all of us have likely asked ourselves.



Many great minds have suggested that we're here to serve others and that it may be our essential purpose. Mahatma Gandhi said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. suggested, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Archbishop Desmond Tutu urged us to "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

This notion of our purpose being to serve others is deeply embedded in the DNA of Rotary. Arthur Frederick Sherman, an early member of the Rotary Club of Chicago (Rotary's first club), coined the phrase that became an early motto for Rotary: "He profits most who serves best." Our current motto, "Service Above Self," tells us to make service to others our highest priority.

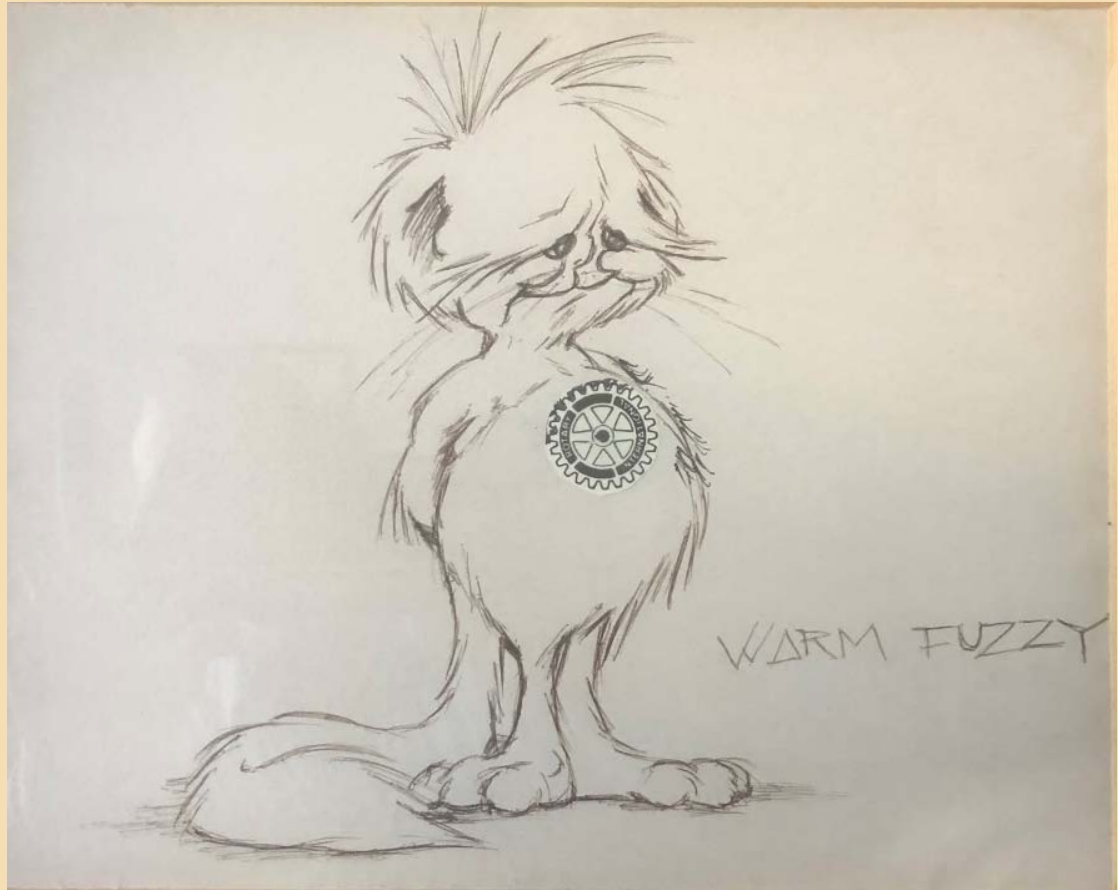
The times that I have felt my deepest emotional connection to Rotary have come from service projects. I've written and spoken about my trips to Guatemala where I've met young women like Ana Florinda, who graduated from a trade school funded by a Rotary Foundation global grant where she learned to sew and do needle stitch to support her family. I've also been overwhelmed with joy looking into the eyes of a five year-old child learning to read and being nourished in a preschool started by Rotary. Serving meals to families at the YWCA Family Center in the east side of Columbus or delivering a bed assembled by Rotary members to a home in the Linden area where the children had been sleeping on the floor - the feelings I am left with after a Rotary service project keep me connected to this great organization and the wonderful people who make it so special.

I think that Rotary's vision statement gives us important insight into the reward we get from serving others:

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

How many of us have had the experience of feeling like we're just a little bit happier that we're on this planet when we finish work on a Rotary service project? The answer is - All of us!

When I was getting ready to start my year as District Governor, I was able to spend some time with Past District Governor, Nelson French. Nelson was Governor in 1987-88. (Nelson was District Governor when Rotary was just launching its effort to eradicate polio. Under Nelson's leadership, our District 6690 contributed over \$2 million to the PolioPlus fund that year.) But before Nelson served as District Governor, he served as president of the Rotary Club of Columbus in the mid 70's. During our visit, Nelson talked fondly of his time leading the Columbus Rotary Club and how he had tried to emphasize the significance of serving others. In order to highlight the intrinsic value of service, Nelson asked a fellow Rotary member to draw a character that represented the feelings we have when we serve others. He named the character "Warm Fuzzy." Here's a picture of the original drawing -



What a fun characterization of how we feel when we help others!

So I really do see service as being essential and fundamental to our existence, as I believe you all do as well - it's why we're here on this planet. One last quote from Martin Luther King, Jr. - "Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."

May you each find your opportunity to serve others this month - with a soul generated by love... and get a warm fuzzy in the process!

## Chat GPT-Generated Article on the Importance of Service

You've probably heard about the rise of artificial intelligence to generate term papers and other written content. If you're like me, you're curious about how that would work and whether the content would be any good. I tried it this month in connection with my newsletter article - I created a Chat GPT account and typed the prompt:

"Write an article including use of humor that explains the value of service as a Rotary member and helps us answer the existential question of 'Why am I here?' Include quotes about the value of service."

I'm providing below the article that Chat GPT generated in under sixty seconds so that you can evaluate for yourself which article is better. I have to confess that there are a couple of points in the computer-generated article that would have been interesting to include in my Price-generated article if I had thought of it, including the Ferris Bueller quote!

"Why Am I Here?" The Existential Question Answered by Rotary Service

If you're feeling lost and searching for meaning in life, it might be time to answer the age-old question of "Why am I here?" with a simple yet powerful answer: service. And what better way to serve others than as a member of Rotary International?

As the great philosopher Ferris Bueller once said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." So, take a moment to look around and consider the value of service. By serving others, you not only make a difference in the world, but you also find purpose in your own life. And as a member of Rotary, you get to do just that.

Rotary is an organization dedicated to connecting people from all walks of life and empowering them to serve their communities and the world. Whether it's through projects that address issues such as poverty, disease, illiteracy, or environmental concerns, Rotary provides opportunities for its members to make a positive impact.

As Mahatma Gandhi said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." By serving others, you not only fulfill your purpose in life, but you also get to have fun while doing it! That's right, serving others can be enjoyable. Imagine spending your time with a group of like-minded individuals, working together to make a positive impact on the world. It's like a party with a purpose!

But the benefits of being a Rotarian don't stop there. You also get to be part of a global network of individuals who share your passion for service. You get to connect with people from all over the world, learn from their experiences, and work together to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges. And as the famous author and speaker Zig Ziglar once said, "You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great."

So, to answer the question of "Why am I here?" The answer is simple: you're here to serve others. And by becoming a member of Rotary International, you'll have the opportunity to fulfill your purpose, have fun, and make a difference in the world.

In conclusion, if you're feeling lost and searching for purpose, look no further than Rotary. Join us and become a part of a movement of individuals who are dedicated to making the world a better place, one service project at a time. And who knows, you might just find the answer to the meaning of life while you're


at it!

So, the next time someone asks you why you're here, you can confidently say, "I'm here to serve others as a Rotarian."

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I also asked Chat GPT to "write a humorous limerick about Rotary service," and here's the best one it came up with:

There was a Rotarian named Sue,  
Whose service was always brand new,  
She twirled and she spun,  
Till work was all done,  
And with a smile, said "what's next to do?"





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## 125 CLUB

*Recognizing Rotarians who contribute  
\$100 or more to the Rotary Foundation's  
Annual Fund and \$25 or more to PolioPlus  
for the 2022-2023 Rotary Year.*

# Two Options to Give

1 Log into your My.Rotary.org account using your Rotary ID and contribute \$100 or more to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund and \$25 or more to the PolioPlus Fund;

*or*

2 Use the District's giving app by going to [https://givebutter.com/125\\_club](https://givebutter.com/125_club) or scanning this QR Code

**(Note: Givebutter applies a \$5.33 credit card convenience fee)**



- When you receive your District 6690 125 Club pin, WEAR IT PROUDLY!
- Encourage fellow Rotary members to join the 125 Club! Last year, over 800 Rotarians in District 6690 joined the 125 Club - will you join this year?



(Pins will be distributed by Assistant District Governors periodically throughout the Rotary year)

**District Conference**

Sunday, January 8, 2023



## 2022-2023 District 6690 Conference

April 28-29, 2023



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### National Veterans Memorial and Museum

300 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215  
(on the Scioto Peninsula of the site of the former Vets Memorial building)

- Friday evening: Welcome reception on the rooftop – beautiful views of the downtown skyline.
- Saturday: Inspiring speakers and breakout sessions, plus guided tours of the museum.

# SAVE THE DATE

## Westerville Sunrise Rotary Gear!!

By Gregory Ruban on Sunday, July 24, 2022

Have you wanted an easy way to order some Westerville Sunrise Rotary gear? Well, the wait is over! Everything from Beanies to Backpacks is available.

Check out the link below for the latest offerings

[https://getspirit.com/collections/westerville-sunrise-rotary?\\_pos=1&\\_psq=wes&\\_ss=e&\\_v=1.0](https://getspirit.com/collections/westerville-sunrise-rotary?_pos=1&_psq=wes&_ss=e&_v=1.0)

For questions, contact Greg Ruban

## Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators

Date	Greeter
15-Feb-23	Hunt, Robert
22-Feb-23	Kemmer, Patrick C.
01-Mar-23	Knott, Patrick

### Invocation and Pledge

Jenkins, Lawrence C.  
 Klein, Amanda  
 Kott, David W.



# Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club

PO Box 1200  
Westerville, OH 43086

## Meeting Location

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 am

The Old Bag of Nails Pub  
Third Floor  
24 North State Street  
Westerville, OH 43081

Westerville Sunrise Hotline  
614-523-7777



## Please Suggest Guest Speakers



Enlighten your fellow Rotarians. Suggest a speaker to brighten our day! No reasonable suggestion refused. But your guest must be willing to attend in person. Email Bob Stewart at: [bob@smartbusinesssystems.com](mailto:bob@smartbusinesssystems.com) or Tiffany McGinnis at [tiffany.t.mcginnis@gmail.com](mailto:tiffany.t.mcginnis@gmail.com)

## Club Leaders



[John R. Kellogg](#)  
Membership Chair  
President  
Club Grant Coordinator  
Club Public Image Chair  
Youth Services Chair



[Michael Herron](#)  
President-Elect  
Club Service Projects Chair



[Tiffany McGinnis](#)  
Vice President



[Patrick Knott](#)  
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[Theresa Petraszak](#)  
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iPast President



[James G. Flaherty](#)  
Club Director  
Club TRF Chair



[Jared Goodsite](#)  
Club Director  
Youth Exchange Officer



[Jamie Maze](#)  
Club Director



[Lynn L. Miller](#)  
Club Director



[Anthony Mujic](#)  
Club Director



[Lawrence Rick Sellers](#)  
Club Director



[David A. Collinsworth](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



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Club 501c3 Chair/President



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Asst Governor