

Rotary

Club of Westerville Sunrise



Happening This Week



February 19, 2025

Program: Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio ("COHHIO")
Speaker: Kenzie Brownfield

Greeter: Troy Cochran
Invocation/Pledge: Mike Collins

Call to Action:

Support the Noon Club's Peace-Environment Project to collect plastic bags for recycling. Bring plastic bags from the store, your pantry & your front door to our Rotary meetings in February

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 19, 2025

Kenzie Brownfield
Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio ("COHHIO")

February 26, 2025

Karen Lewis
City of Westerville Community Service Coordinator

Birthdays

Craig H. Watterson
February 19th
Eugene L. Hollins
February 21st

Gregory Ruban
February 24th
Robert P. Freed
February 25th
Mark Morgan
February 26th
Paul E. Kulik

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



February 22: WARM
Feb 22: District Assembly
February 24: Star House Dinner
April 25-27: District Conference
April 25: District Foundation Gala
May 10: WARM
June 23-27: RI Convention, Calgary

Blues Beads and Bourbon- Thank you #1

Wow! Blues Beads and Bourbon was held on Saturday, Feb 8 and benefited CHA, WARM and the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Foundation- What a party!

Thank you to all who purchased tickets, donated, sponsored or volunteered! It definitely takes a village to pull something like this off. In the coming

March 5th
 Ruth I. Stenberg
 March 7th
 Michael Ley Collins
 March 10th
 Thomas F. Schmitt
 March 12th
 Patrick C. Kemmer
 March 17th

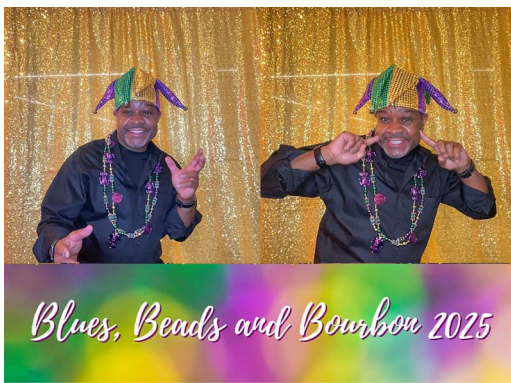
Years of Service

Glenn R. Epting
 02-01-1995
 30 Years
 Jeffrey A. Daniels
 02-26-2003
 22 Years
 Paul E. Kulik
 02-18-2009
 16 Years
 Robert K. Gibson
 02-01-2012
 13 Years
 Julie Ann Colley
 02-29-2012
 13 Years
 Ron Pusateri
 02-27-2013
 12 Years
 John R. Kellogg
 02-26-2014
 11 Years
 John Logue
 03-01-2017
 8 Years
 Mark A. Massen
 03-01-2017
 8 Years
 David A. Lilley
 03-01-2017
 8 Years

weeks we will have more detailed thanks to those involved, as well as an update on how much we will be able to donate to our beneficiaries. We will also send out a survey to determine what worked well and where we can improve.



Helka Christine
Casey
03-01-2017
8 Years
Kenneth L.
Wright
02-28-2018
7 Years
James T.
Caldwell
02-28-2018
7 Years
Charles Edward
Durant Jr.
02-27-2019
6 Years
Theresa
Petraszak
02-27-2019
6 Years
Jason Seeley
02-27-2021
4 Years
Josh Plieninger
02-07-2024
1 Year
Niels Hansen
02-15-2024
1 Year
Beth Wilcox
02-19-2025
0 Years



Service To Youth Award Recipient Honored

By Angela Sillus



On Wednesday, February 12, 2025, the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club honored **Caley Baker**, Principal at Hanby Elementary School, with a Service to Youth award for her outstanding dedication to our local students and her staff.

Ms. Baker is always available to staff and students, often having lunch with the students and playing games with them. She listens carefully to staff and student struggles and wishes, taking time to reflectively think of solutions to meet most people's needs, and then follow through with actions. She knows all the students, their families and their circumstances.

Dealing calmly and fairly with problems and challenges, Ms. Baker has a voice and demeanor that is unflappable. She will sit on the stairs with students patiently waiting for them to calm down enough to talk about what was happening in the classroom and then suggests alternative ways of dealing with whatever issue set the child off.

Ms. Baker supports her staff so that they can support the students, including ensuring they had training in trauma informed instruction in response to behavior problems in the school. She manages change effectively, making sure teachers had planning times, programs, materials and resources to successfully change the focus of the school's magnet program to STEAM. And she supports the teachers and students in the gifted program, leveraging her deep understanding of the exceptional abilities and struggles of gifted children.

Service to Youth award recipients receive an engraved plaque, as well as a gift card and box of cookies from Kroger. They are invited to join a Rotary Club breakfast in May and will be honored with a flag at The Field of Heroes event Memorial Day Weekend 2025.

Star House Monthly Dinner

By Chris Herbert



Star House

Make a difference for homeless youth at Star House by helping prepare or serving a family meal. Westerville Sunrise Rotary, in partnership with our friends in the noon club, hosts a Family Dinner once a month on Mondays. The

2025 schedule is as follows:

February 24
March 24
April 28
May 19
June 23
July 28
August 25
September 22
October 27
November 17
December 15

Serving Meals

If you are interested in serving meals or assisting with other activities at Star House, you must be [registered](#) as a volunteer with Star House, provide emergency contact information, have a background check completed and complete a trauma training. When completing the registration form, indicate you are with the Westerville Rotary Club in the comment section.

Preparing Meals

Anyone can help prepare a meal. You do not need to attend the dinner, and there are often items needed that do not require cooking. Items can be brought to Star House, or dropped off at a location in Westerville prior to the dinner.

Serving Meals

Arrival time for meal set-up at Star House is 5:30 pm, with the meal served at 6 pm. Clean up after the meal should be completed by around 7:30 pm. Volunteers will enter through the front door and sign in prior to serving.

Sign Up to Help

If you are able to provide items for an upcoming dinner and/or help serve the meal, please use the sign-up link below:

[February 24](#)

WARM Food Pantry Volunteers - Save the 2025 Dates!

By Mary T. Chandler

Rotary volunteers strengthen our community in many ways. One Saturday per quarter we sort and box food at the WARM warehouse at 150 Heatherdown Drive from 10 am to noon. Our scheduled dates for 2025 are:

- February 22
- May 10
- August 9
- November 8

We invite you to join in on the fellowship and fun. Feel free to invite your family, friends, and prospective Rotarians to join us too.

Please sign up using this link: [WARM 2025](#)



For more information, please contact Mary Chandler at (614) 523-0437.

Mashuuru Water Project Update

By Julie Ann Colley



Thank you to all who participated in the fundraising efforts for the Mashuuru Water project this past summer and fall. Our collective efforts raised over \$3,000 and we are already putting these funds to use towards collecting information necessary to apply for a Rotary International Grant.

We have a great core working group: Kavita Tanna, Nick Salmon, and Samson Nyikuri with Globally Reconnect, and two Rotarians in Kenya, Patrick Karuga (Rotary Club of Ongata Rongai) and Chief Hummingbird (Rotary Club of Nairobi Parklands). Earlier this month, our club funded a water feasibility study to determine the water needs of the community - short and long term, assess the ability and willingness of the community to support and sustain the project into the future, and to identify all possible sources of water.

The onsite team shared there is strong community support for the project, however, the initial source water study yielded options that would not be approved by Rotary International or were deemed insufficient to supply the community's water needs. A hydro-geologic survey has been identified as the next step and our club has authorized the funds to move this forward. We'll continue to update the club on the Mashuuru Water project as it develops.

Thank you again for your support!
Julie Colley, Larry Jenkins, & John Kellogg

New Member Application

Maggie Pope, Director of Real Estate Operations for Ohio Health, submitted her application for

membership. Her application will be reviewed by the club directors and voted on if there are no objections from club members over the next 7 days. If you have any concerns or objections to this application, please submit them to the Club President via email at tiffany.t.mcginis@gmail.com.

The Rotary Foundation

By Robert P. Horbatt



The Rotary Foundation
OSU Championship Football game & Super Bowl

Thanks to Jamie Maze and our members who purchased squares we are contributing \$600.00 to PolioPlus. We will contribute another \$500 after the Super Bowl!

I would also like to thank all our members who generously support The Rotary Foundation on an ongoing basis.

As Club Foundation Chair, I have access to the Rotary Foundation reports. The reports show the each member's level of giving.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the Rotary Foundation.

Yours in Rotary
Bob Horbatt 614-565-2442 rhorbatt@gmail.com

Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation and Pledge
29 January	Chapman, David	Chandler, Mary

2025		
05 February 2025	Carmichael, Audrey	Chapman, David
12 February 2025	Cleary, Jon	Cline, Cindy
19 February 2025	Cochran, Troy	Collins, Mike
26 February 2025	Collinsworth, Dave	Comerford, John

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 Theresa Petraszak at theresajpetraszak@yahoo.com or Jackie Washburn at jackiegardner1@hotmail.com



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