

Rotary

Club of Westerville Sunrise



Happening This Week

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

January 15, 2025

Alex Sheen
Because I Said I Would

January 22, 2025

Kenzie Brownfield
COHHIO - Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio

January 29, 2025

Harvey Hook
Vista Village

Birthdays

Diane Jean Conley
January 14th
David Wartel
January 26th
Matthew Stenberg
January 27th
Glenn R. Epting
January 27th
Angela Sillus
February 10th

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Program: Because I Said I Would
Speaker: Alex Sheen

Greeter: Abra Campbell
Invocation/Pledge: Brian Wollenberg

Call to Action:

"Souper" bowl collection to support WARM. Bring soup and/or canned goods to meetings in January.

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



January 20: MLK Breakfast
January 27: Star House Monthly dinner
February 8: Blues, Beads and Bourbon
February 22: WARM
April 25-27: District Conference
April 25: District Foundation Gala
June 23-27: RI Convention, Calgary

Intro to this week's speaker, Alex Sheen

By Char Stille

"Alex Sheen is the founder of because I said I would, a social movement and nonprofit dedicated to bettering humanity through promises made and kept. Sparked by the loss of his father, Alex and his organization send "promise cards" to anyone anywhere in the world at no cost. Alex is someone who truly honors commitment. He once walked over 240 miles across the entire state of Ohio in 10 days to fulfill a promise. In just two years, because I said I would has sent over 12.3 million promise cards to over 153 different countries. The promises written on these cards have made headlines around the world. Alex is a five time Tedx Talk speaker and his charitable work has been featured on ABC World News with Diane Sawyer, CNN, The Today Show, NPR, The Los Angeles Times and many other programs."

<http://becauseisaidiwould.com/> alexsheen.

[Alex Sheen, Inspirational Speaker - because I said I would.](#)

One of the world's foremost experts on accountability and commitment,

Years of Service

Heather Linch

01-12-2000

25 Years

Rick Rano

01-01-2002

23 Years

Terry W.

Burton

01-27-2016

9 Years

Lewis

VanLandingham

01-27-2016

9 Years

Allen Jefferson

Fox

01-27-2016

9 Years

Michael Ley

Collins

01-23-2019

6 Years



Alex is a five-time TEDxTalk speaker, author, podcast host, humanitarian & founder of because I said I would. becauseisaidiwould.com

Star House Monthly Dinner

By Chris Herbert

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. Our next Monday is January 27, 2025.



Star House

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: [January 27](#).

Becoming a Host Family

By Debbie Wiedwald



Becoming a Host Family
Have you ever dreamed of exploring another culture? Language? Customs? By hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange Student for 3 months people can experience another culture without ever having to leave home!

Without the willingness and sincerity of families who have opened their hearts and homes to students they have never met, the Rotary Youth Exchange Program would not exist. In an ever-changing world, it is important that we expose our children, our students and ourselves to areas and people unlike us—it's how we open our eyes to a global community that shares the same hopes and dreams that we do. In the landscape of today, adults and children alike must learn about others and reaffirm their faith that people from all over the world are good. What better way to do that than becoming a host family

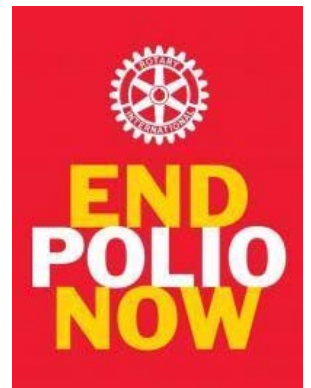
Becoming a Host Family

A variety of family structures are perfect for being host families—small, big, with many children, or no children. Working families - retired families - We aim to reflect real-world families to students, and we know that real families come in all shapes and sizes.

Westerville Sunrise Rotary is hosting a male student from South Korea for the 2024-2025 school year attending Westerville North high school. Exchange students live in 3 host homes for approximately 3 months each during the academic year to provide different experiences for the student and allow additional hosting opportunities for families. There is an opportunity for 1 more host home for the 2024-2025 year. Host families receive support from the Youth Exchange committee. Host homes do not have to be Rotarians. If a host home does not live in the Westerville North attendance area, the host family would need to provide transportation for the student to attend Westerville North high school.

Please reach out to Debbie Wiedwald at Debbie.wiedwald@gmail.com or 614-332-0296 if you are interested in being a host home for the 2024-2025 school year and experience a cultural exchange.

National Championship for Polio Plus



The National Championship is 20 January- OSU vs Notre Dame!

Squares are \$10 each. Each quarter pays \$100, while fourth quarter/final score pays \$200.

Venmo, PayPal, Zelle or cash at the meeting on Wednesday.

Text Jamie at 614-580-7000 to purchase before then.

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.

2025 Rotary International Convention

By Michael Herron



The Rotary International (RI) Convention is coming to Calgary, Canada from June 21-25, 2025. There is a lot of interest from our club members and we are creating a club group list so we can all keep in touch during the event as well as possibly create a post-convention trip. If you have already registered (or are interested in attending), please email Mike Herron at mdherron68@gmail.com with your name, how many are traveling, hotel (if already booked), mobile phone and email address. For more information (or to register for the RI Convention), please visit this website: <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/>.

Blues, Beads and Bourbon Auction Items Needed

By Jeff Washburn

Our Blues, Beads and Bourbon fundraiser is in just a few months! We are in need of items for our auction, including bottles of bourbon and gift baskets. If you plan to donate to the auction but have not yet done so, please let Jeff Washburn know so that he can plan for your item(s). Donations are needed by January 17, 2024, so they can be photographed for the auction website. You can either bring the item(s) to an upcoming Rotary meeting, or let Jeff know so he can arrange for a pick-up. You can reach Jeff at jeffwashburn@msn.com or via phone - 614-980-5288.

Your support will make a difference to our beneficiaries - Childrens' Hunger Alliance, Westerville Area Resource Ministry and the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Foundation. For more information on these organizations, visit [Who Benefits](#).

Blues Beads and Bourbon- Sponsorships

Blues Beads and Bourbon is fast approaching, and we are seeking sponsorships and

donations. The best thing, is if you donate/ sponsor by Decmeber 31, you will have a tax deduction for 2024!

Here are the sponsorship levels:

Presenting Sponsor (only 1 available)
\$5000

- 16 Event Tickets
- 8 Additional Drink Tickets
- Reserved Tables for 16 (2 tables of 8, exclusively for Presenting sponsor)
- Logo on event website, program, and slide show loop
- 8 special edition Blues Beads and Bourbon mugs
- Mardi Gras Feather masks for 16
- 16 slices of King cake

Blues Sponsorship
\$2500

- 8 Event Tickets
- 4 Additional Drink Tickets
- Reserved Table for 8 exclusively for Beads sponsor
- Logo on event website, program, and slide show loop
- Signage in front of band
- 4 special edition Blues Beads and Bourbon mugs
- Mardi Gras Feather masks for 8
- 8 slices of King cake

Beads Sponsorship
\$1,500

- 6 Event Tickets
- 3 Additional Drink Tickets
- Reserved Seating for 6
- Logo on event website, program, and slide show loop
- 2 special edition Blues Beads and Bourbon mugs
- 6 slices of King cake

Bourbon Sponsorship
\$1,000

- 4 Event Tickets



- 2 Additional Drink Tickets
- Reserved seating for 4
- Logo on event website, program, and slide show loop
- 4 slices of King cake

Krewe Sponsorship

\$500

- 2 Event Tickets
- Reserved seating for 2
- Logo on event website, program, and slide show loop
- 2 slices of King cake

Checks should be made out to the Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise- Foundation.

For Rotarians, sponsorships include 125 club recognition , **upon request only**

We will have sponsorship packets available at the meetings.

Any questions, or to donate, please contact Jim Caldwell jtcfms@aol.com or Anne VanBuskirk anne.vanbuskirk@gmail.com

Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation and Pledge
8 January, 2025	Burton, Terry	Caldwell, Jim
15 January 2025	Campbell, Abra	Wollenberg, Brian
22 January, 2025	Casey, Helka	Case, David
29 January 2025	Chapman,David	Chandler, Mary

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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