

Rotary

Club of Westerville Sunrise



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

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 22, 2025

Kenzie Brownfield
COHHIO - Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio

January 29, 2025

Harvey Hook
Vista Village

Birthdays

David Wartel
January 26th
Matthew Stenberg
January 27th
Glenn R. Epting
January 27th
Angela Sillus
February 10th
Richard Schorling
February 17th

Years of Service

Happening This Week



January 22, 2025

Program: Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio

Speaker: Kenzie Brownfield

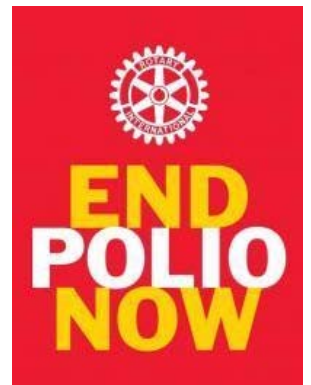
Greeter: Helka Casey

Invocation/Pledge: David Case

Call to Action:

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

National Championship for Polio Plus



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

All Squares are sold!!!

Glenn R. Epting
02-01-1995
30 Years
Paul E. Kulik
02-18-2009
16 Years
Robert K
Gibson
02-01-2012
13 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
Josh Plieninger
02-07-2024
1 Year
Niels Hansen
02-15-2024
1 Year

Blues Beads & Bourbon- Tickets on sale now



Blues Beads & Bourbon is fast approaching!

Date: 08 February,
6:30-10:00pm
Place: The Point at
Otterbein

BBB is a Mardi Gras-themed fundraiser for WARM, CHA and our own Westerville Sunrise Rotary Foundation. WARM plans to use our donation to support their Share Bac a Pac program that provides food for school children. OF course, our Sunrise Rotary Foundation funds support all the work we do in the community all year long.

Lots of folks dress up, so feel free to

wear your masquerade, Mardi Gras finery. Also, since it is Mardi Gras, wear whatever you wish. (Since this IS Westerville, not New Orleans, we do ask that you wear clothes!)

Everyone receives official Mardi Gras beads from the ARC of Greater New Orleans when they enter. To read more about ARC, click [HERE](#)

Enjoy a New Orleans-inspired menu (including gumbo, jambalaya, beignets and pralines), blues from Gaetano's Underworld Blues Band, a second-line parade featuring local Westerville musicians, a photo booth, silent auction, and wine and bourbon pulls!

Laissez les bon temps rouler!

BBB tickets are \$75/ person, including 3 drink tickets.

Buy tickets on the website ([BBB Tickets](#)) or at our Rotary meeting
To be a sponsor of the event, or to donate to the event, please see Jim Caldwell (jtcfms@aol.com) or Anne VanBuskirk (anne.vanbuskirk@gmail.com)

There will be no physical tickets this year. All tickets will be electronic. Your names will be on the registration list when you enter BBB to get your drink tickets and beads, along with king cake tickets for sponsors.

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

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:

January 27
February 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:

[January 27.](#)

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/>.

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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