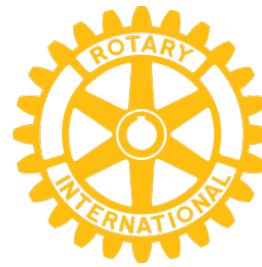


Rotary

Club of Westerville Sunrise



**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**



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 18, 2026

Greg Dayton
Westerville Centralized Customer Service

February 25, 2026

Greg Yoest
Buckeye Trail Program

March 04, 2026

Beth Domanick
Life Care Alliance

March 11, 2026

DG Sandy Knoesel

March 11, 2026

Sandy Knoesel
District Governor Update

Birthdays

Richard

President's message

By James T. Caldwell



A fascinating presentation this week about the Westerville Creamery by Kathy Cocuzzi.

It was interesting to see how Westerville played its part in feeding the soldiers in World

War 2. It was also enjoyable to recognize some familiar places and understand their background to the Johnson McVay family.

Recently we have been part of two Zone contests. Westerville Sunrise is a part of Zone

30 which beat Zone 31 in both competitions. The first competition, Operation Full Plate raised \$1,191,613 in Hunger Relief Causes, had 513,740 food items and meals donated, and had 29,199 volunteers engaged for 37,978 hours of service. Thank you to all that donated dollars and food and those who came out and worked at any of our volunteer activities. The second competition was increasing the number of Rotary Direct Donors across the two zones. In total, Zone 30 and 31 increased the number of participants by 331. Our club contributed 14 new Rotary Direct or 4% of the total for both Zones. Thanks to Bob Horbatt for his leadership in this effort.

Wednesday's speaker will be Greg Dayton of Westerville Centralized Customer Service.

Have a great weekend and see you Wednesday morning.

Happening This Week



February 18, 2026

Program: Westerville Centralized Customer Service

Speakers: Greg Dayton

Greeter: Dennis Blair

Invocation/Pledge: Linda Bokros

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



February 21: WARM volunteer opportunity

February 23: Star House Lunch

February 28: Winter Assembly

March 8: Westerville Noon club - Fish Fry

April 24-25: District 6690 Conference

May 9: WARM volunteer opportunity

Schorling
February 17th
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
March 5th
Michael Ley Collins
March 10th
Thomas F. Schmitt
March 12th
Patrick C. Kemmer
March 17th

Years of Service

Jeffrey A. Daniels
02-26-2003
23 Years
Paul E. Kulik
02-18-2009
17 Years
Julie Ann Colley
02-29-2012
14 Years
Ron Pusateri
02-27-2013
13 Years
John R. Kellogg
02-26-2014
12 Years
John Logue
03-01-2017
9 Years
David A Lilley
03-01-2017
9 Years
Helka Christine Casey
03-01-2017
9 Years
James T. Caldwell
02-28-2018
8 Years
Charles Edward Durant Jr.
02-27-2019
7 Years
Theresa Petraszak

Service To Youth Award Recipient Honored

By Angela Sillus



On February 11, 2026, the Westerville Sunrise Rotary proudly recognized **Terri Stiles**, Speech Pathologist at Robert Frost Elementary School, as the February 2026 **Service to Youth Award** recipient.

Terri is a compassionate problem solver who consistently goes above and beyond her role to support students with diverse communication needs. Using both her professional expertise and deep empathy, she creates visual schedules, communication aids, and individualized strategies that help students succeed academically and emotionally. Her leadership in special education is especially noteworthy. When a special education unit was left without a teacher, Terri voluntarily stepped in—developing individualized supports, coordinating closely with staff, and ensuring continuity of care so students did not miss a beat.

Terri is also a tireless advocate for inclusive communication. She ensures students with specialized needs have access to AAC devices and personalized tools so every child has a voice and a way to be heard.


Beyond her caseload of 56 students, Terri makes a whole-school impact. She delivers classroom-wide lessons on articulation and emotional regulation, leads language-based cooking activities, and often supplies materials out of her own pocket—all in service of enriching student learning.

Widely respected by students, families, and staff, Terri regularly shares insights at staff meetings and looks for ways to strengthen the educational experience for all. Her dedication, creativity, and heart exemplify the spirit of the Service to Youth Award.

Service to Youth Award recipients receive a commemorative trophy, a \$25 gift card, and cookies from Kroger. Terri will be formally honored at a Rotary breakfast meeting in May, and a flag will be flown in her name at the Field of Heroes over Memorial Day weekend.

Satellite Club Events

Everyone is welcome to join the Satellite Club at one of their upcoming dinner meetings:



FEBRUARY MEETING
The February meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 6:30 at Good Vibes Winery (2 S. State Street, Westerville, OH). We will have a charcuterie board to share, and individuals may order small table snacks and beverages and pay their own bill.

MARCH MEETING
The March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 6:30 at Jimmy V's in their private room (1 S. State Street, Westerville, OH). Everyone may order food and beverages from the menu and pay their own bill.

Community Service Opportunities

StarHouse is looking for a volunteer bookkeeper. The job

02-27-2019
7 Years
Jason Seeley
02-27-2021
5 Years
Josh Plieninger
02-07-2024
2 Years
Niels Hansen
02-15-2024
2 Years
Beth Wilcox
02-19-2025
1 Year
Maggie Pope
03-02-2025
1 Year

duties would entail entering donations and acknowledgements into Salesforce, as well as invoices into QuickBooks. It could also include things like adding contact info or notes from forms and events. It's not the flashiest work, but it's really important and helps keep everything running smoothly behind the scenes. Please contact Kat Earles at kearles@starhouse.us if you are interested or pass this along to someone who may be interested.



Warm Volunteer Sign Up

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 Dr. Westerville from 10 am- Noon.

Our next time at WARM is Saturday, Feb 21, 2026. 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.

Sign up here: [WARM sign-up](#)

Please call Mary Chandler with any questions
614-523-0437

Help Homeless Youth at Monthly Star House Family Dinner

Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club and Westerville Noon Rotary Club members have been serving family dinners for homeless youth at Star House each month. We recently learned that due to funding cuts, they are closed from 2:30 to 10:30 pm until further notice. As such, we will be serving our monthly meals at lunch time.

Star House is no longer requiring background checks or trauma training in order to serve lunch! If you are able serve lunch, we will set up at 11:30 am and be done around 1 pm.

We also need assistance with purchasing items and/or cooking. Food can be dropped off to Chris Herbert the Sunday before if it's non-perishable, or Monday before 10:30 am if it's hot food.

Our next lunch will be held on February 23. Please use the following sign-up link if you are able to participate: [February 23](#). (Please note that we are reusing the January sign up genius for February, as the January lunch was canceled due to weather.)

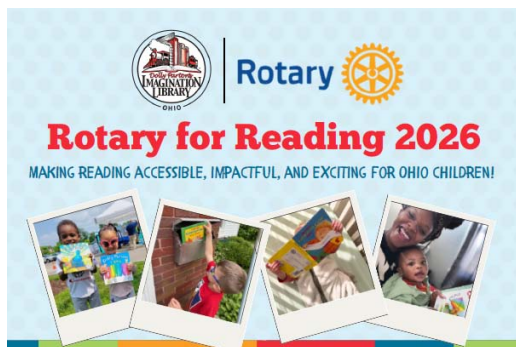
The remaining 2026 dates are:

- Mar 23
- Apr 27
- May 18
- Jun 22
- Jul 27
- Aug 24
- Sept 28
- Oct 26
- Nov 23
- Dec 28

Your support is greatly appreciated.

PETS Service Project: Ohio Imagination Library

By Theresa Petraszak



PETS Service Project: Ohio Imagination Library

Our PETS service project this year is **Ohio Imagination Library**. With Ohio's recent change automatically enrolling every newborn in the program, local program partners are experiencing increased demand—some already facing waiting lists.

This project is especially impactful because of how donations are distributed. Contributions made to **District 6690** are split evenly among all local program partners across the district. However, when a donation is made **in our club's name**, 100% of that gift stays in our local community with the program partner that serves our club.

The impact of your support is tangible and affordable. It costs **\$31 to sponsor one child for an entire year**, or **\$155 to sponsor a child for all five years of eligibility**, delivering high-quality, age-appropriate books directly to their home each month.

This effort is part of a **per capita challenge among Ohio's five Rotary districts**, which means we'll need to do twice as well as the other districts. District 6690 has won the trophy all but two years since the challenge began. Members are also encouraged to reach out to other community organizations—such as Eagles, Moose, Elks, VFWs, and other groups you support—to invite them to join us in supporting this project.

Donations can be made by check payable to **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio**, or by visiting:

CLUB <https://givebutter.com/OhioRotary/district6690/westervillesunrise>
DISTRICT <https://givebutter.com/OhioRotary/district6690>

Westerville Noon Rotary - 2026 Fish Fry



THANK YOU to the Westerville community for its ongoing support of our fundraisers and philanthropic efforts!

The Noon Rotary Club of Westerville Fish Fry returns for 2026 after a several-year hiatus due to Covid and renovations at the Campus Center.

Please join us for the relaunch of this event started in 1968, from noon to 5:30 p.m. Sunday March 8, in the dining room at the Otterbein Campus Center, 100 W. Home St.

New this year: Kids under the age of 8 eat free! And, added to our menu this year is yummy chicken tenders along with your Rotary Fish Fry favorites: Fried Fish, Baked Fish, fries, cole slaw, and a dessert prepared by the Otterbein dining staff!

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who sponsored, donated, volunteered and/or attended Margarita in the 'Ville! We had a great evening raising funds for WARM, CHA and the Westerville Sunrise Foundation!



We had around 160 attendees who enjoyed delicious food, music by Scott Sopata, a photo booth and games. Approximately 38% of our attendees were from outside Sunrise Rotary, which is a big increase from years past.

Our games winners were Vice Mayor Kelly Stocker in the Limbo, and our very own Stu Whittaker in the Ring Toss! Congratulations to them both- they took home a very stylish Margarita in the 'Ville Coffee Mug for their efforts.

Diane Conley won the 50:50 raffle.

Once we have the final invoices from Otterbein, we will know how much we cleared for our beneficiaries and will share that information with the club. What we do know right now is that we are on track to make more than last year.

Winter Assembly Offers Something for Everyone

The graphic is a promotional poster for the 2026 Winter Assembly. It features a dark blue background with white and light blue snowflakes. At the top left, it says 'Rotary District 6690' next to the Rotary logo. In the center, it says '2026 Winter Assembly' in a large, blue, cursive font, with 'STRONGER TOGETHER' in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it. At the bottom, it says 'Only \$25 Includes Lunch'. There are three photos: one of a woman speaking at a microphone, one of a group of people sitting around a table, and one of a man standing at a podium in front of an audience. At the bottom, there are two yellow rounded rectangles containing the date and location: 'Saturday, February 28, 2026' and 'Reese Center at OSU Newark, 12098 University Drive, Newark, Ohio 43055'.

Whether you're a seasoned Rotarian or a newer member looking to get more involved, the District 6690 Winter Assembly is designed to deliver practical tools, fresh ideas, and meaningful connections for every Rotarian.

The Winter Assembly will take place Saturday, Feb. 28 beginning at 9 a.m., at the Ohio State University–Newark Reese Center, located at 209 University Dr., Newark, OH 43055.

This year's agenda is packed with engaging and informative breakout sessions focused on the issues Rotarians care about most. Participants can choose from sessions on District Grant Training, Fundraising Strategies, and Satellite/Companion Clubs, along with a hands-on Ignite session and an interactive discussion on Club Best Practices. Each session is designed to provide ideas Rotarians can take back to their clubs and put into action right away.

Registration is just \$25, which includes lunch, making it an affordable and valuable investment in your club's success. All Rotarians are welcome to attend, and club leaders are especially encouraged to bring fellow members who want to learn, grow, and help strengthen their club.

Make plans now to join fellow Rotarians for a morning of learning, collaboration, and inspiration—because at the Winter Assembly, there truly is something for everyone.

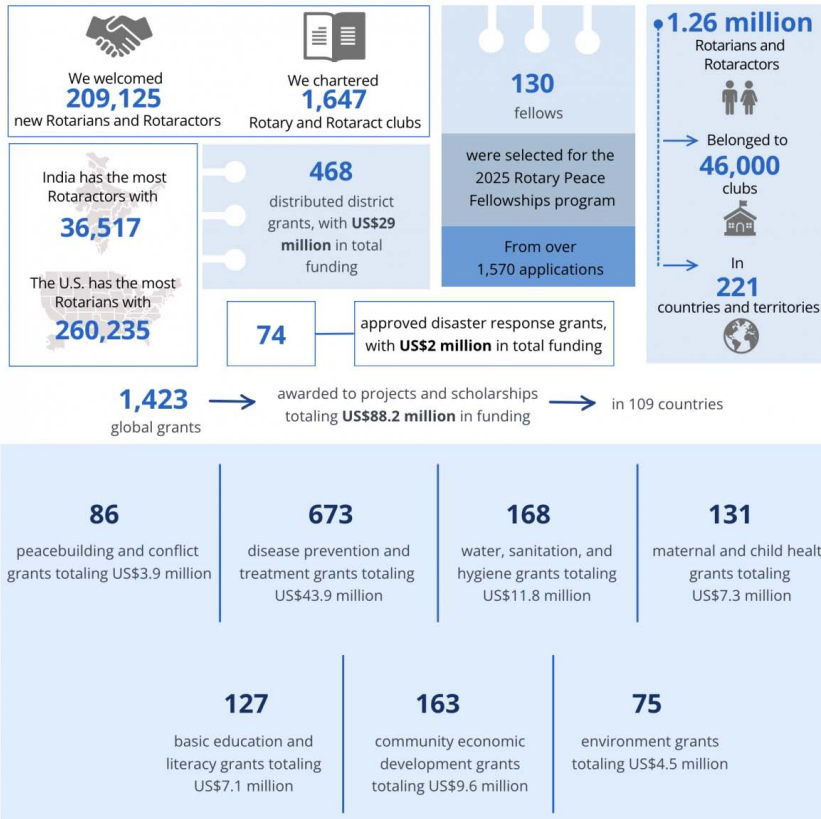
[REGISTER TODAY](#)

Happy Birthday Rotary

By Sandra Knoesel

February is an important month in our Rotary world because our organization turns 121 years old. What started as a vision of one man – Paul Harris – on Feb. 23, 1905, has grown to a worldwide organization with 1.26 million members who belong to 46,000 clubs in 221 countries and territories. But that's only part of the story. The impact Rotarians have had in creating positive changes in the lives of others is nothing short of remarkable.

2024 - 25 Fast Facts



The infographic from the 2024-25 Annual Report tells our story at the 30,000-foot level. I hope you will share our impact with friends and family and invite them to join us in doing good in the world. The world needs Rotary more than ever and Rotary needs more hands to do good work in our communities and around the world. Cheers to another century of Rotary!

Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation & Pledge
18-Feb-26	Blair, Dennis	Bokros, Linda
25-Feb-26	Bowers, Tim	Bruhac, Chip

**Westerville
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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



Club Leaders



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President



Theresa Petraszak
President-Elect



Allen Jefferson Fox
President-Nominee
Vice President



Mary T. Chandler
Treasurer



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Youth Exchange
Officer



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Club 501c3
Chair/President