

Rotary

Club of Westerville Sunrise



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

April 30, 2025

Andy Tompkins & Dan Hare
Field of Heroes

May 28, 2025
Stuart Muszynski
Values in Action Foundation - Kindland

Birthdays

Dennis A. Blair
April 29th
Jimmy Hoben
May 4th
Amanda Klein
May 5th
Jeffrey A. Daniels
May 6th
Donna H. Rudderow
May 19th
Amy Bauman
May 23rd
Theresa Petraszak

Happening This Week

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Program: Field of Heroes
Speaker: Andy Tompkins and Dan Hare

Greeter: Dan Hare
Invocation/Pledge: Chris Herbert

Call to Action:

It's time to **spring-clean!** If you have **gently used sleeping bags** that you no longer need, please bring them to our meeting to be distributed to our unhoused neighbors.

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



May 10: WARM service opportunity
May 10: Field of Heroes flag assembly party
May 23-26: Field of Heroes
June 5: Clippers baseball game with the Noon club
June 23-27: RI Convention, Calgary

Service To Youth Award Recipient Honored

By Angela Sillus

May 23rd
Beth Wilcox
May 24th
Char Stille
May 24th

Years of Service

Robert P. Horbatt
04-12-1994
31 Years
Dennis C. Berrier
04-12-1994
31 Years
Robert A. Coco
04-12-1994
31 Years
Michael Swartz
04-12-1994
31 Years
Eugene L. Hollins
04-12-1994
31 Years
John D. Pietila
04-12-1994
31 Years
Frank E Hill Jr.
04-12-1994
31 Years
Don Denton
04-12-1994
31 Years
Craig H. Watterson
04-12-1994
31 Years
James G. Flaherty
04-12-1994
31 Years
Edward T Wandtke
04-10-2013
12 Years
Gregory Ruban
04-25-2018
7 Years
Alberto Daniel Crotte



On Wednesday, April 23, 2025, the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club honored **Melissa Cunningham**, Job Coach at Westerville Central High School School, with a Service to Youth award for her outstanding dedication to our local students and her staff.

As an example of how Melissa's calm disposition and guidance carries far beyond the work the students do at school, Melissa's coaching of a student who works in the library has helped him overcome anxiety and gain confidence to the point that he is training a new student library worker.

Melissa demonstrates every day that she believes in her students' abilities to make good decisions. She will wait all day if she needs to while the student does work through how they will approach a situation to an answer the student can truly own – which boosts their confidence.

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 our Rotary Club breakfast May 14 and will be honored with a flag at The Field of Heroes event Memorial Day Weekend 2025.

New Member Application

Beth Domanik, Director of Development for Lifecare Alliance, 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.

Help Homeless Youth at Monthly Star House Family Dinner

By Chris Herbert

Do you like to cook? You can make a difference for homeless youth at Star House by helping prepare or serving a family meal hosted monthly by Westerville Sunrise Rotary, in partnership with our friends in the noon club.

If you are able to provide items for our next dinner and/or help serve the meal, please use the sign-up link below:
[April 28.](#)

Please note, in order to serve meals at Star House, you must register, complete a trauma training and have a background check. More information on this, as well as the full schedule, can be found by clicking "read more".

[Read More](#)

Field of Heroes Flag Assemblers Needed

By Andrew Tompkins

04-03-2019
6 Years
Brian Grimone
04-03-2019
6 Years
Kevin A Smith
04-12-2023
2 Years
Char Stille
04-12-2023
2 Years
Abra Campbell
04-17-2024
1 Year
Janae Lincifort
04-17-2024
1 Year



Save the date for a flag assembly party on May 10th in Centerburg. During this event, we will zip tie new flags to their pole and roll the attached flag around the pole. This is important prep work for our upcoming Field of Heroes event Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26, 2025.

We are still confirming the time and will share it soon. The address for the event is 3643 Dill Rd in Centerburg, Ohio.

Field of Heroes Sponsorships Available

By Richard Schorling



We are thrilled to announce the 17th Anniversary of the Field of Heroes May 23-26, 2025, honoring the "50th Anniversary of the End of the Vietnam War". One of the highlights this year is **The Wall-American Veterans Traveling Tribute and Cost of Freedom**. We will continue to proudly display more than 3,000 American flags at the Westerville Sports Complex, located at 325 N. Cleveland Ave., directly across from the Westerville Community Center and adjacent to the City of Westerville's Veterans Memorial Pavilion.

Don't miss the chance to participate in our exciting 5K race, explore the Forever Field, and enjoy an unforgettable evening with the Westerville Symphony. This year is poised to be extraordinary as we come together to honor and remember our brave veterans and heroes.

Our primary beneficiaries this year will be Honor Flight Columbus and the Rotary District Honor Flight, both vital organizations that support our local veterans.

Please consider supporting our local veterans and heroes by becoming a Patron at the level that suits you best. Your support not only makes a difference, but it also offers a unique opportunity for your name or logo to be showcased on our shirts and printed materials.

More information is available at the links below:

- [Patron Levels](#)
- [New Patron Request Letter](#)

If you are interested in becoming a patron, forward your logo and information by completing the Patron Contribution Form using the following link: [Become a Patron of the Field of Heroes](#). For Patron Questions ask Rich Schorling, Patron Coordinator rschorling@gmail.com.

Westerville Sunrise Rotary Foundation Youth Impact Grant

By Theresa Petraszak

Westerville Sunrise Rotary Foundation Youth Impact Grant Now Open!

The **Westerville Sunrise Rotary Foundation** is

pleased to announce the return of its

Youth Impact

Grant program. If you're connected to a nonprofit 501(c)(3) that serves youth

(from birth through undergraduate college students) within the **Westerville City School District**, this is a great opportunity for you!



Grant Details:

- **Grant Amounts:** \$1,000 to \$8,000
- **Eligibility:** Nonprofits serving youth within the Westerville City School District
- **Preference Given To:**
 - Programs that emphasize service to youth
 - Initiatives that teach and instill the value of service in youth
 - Requests for funding to purchase equipment or learning materials that can be used for multiple years

How to Apply:

Applications are now open and can be submitted through the link below. The deadline to apply is **May 1, 2025**.

[Click here to access the application](#)

For any questions, please reach out to **Theresa Petraszak**, Grants Coordinator, at theresajpetraszak@yahoo.com.

We look forward to supporting impactful programs that serve the youth in our community!

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 remaining



dates for 2025 are:

- 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.

Updating Club ByLaws

By Tiffany McGinnis



Westerville Sunrise Club Bylaws

Thanks to **Pat Knott, Gene Hollins, Julie Colley** and other thought leaders who updated our Club Bylaws and the Club Board who opined on the language.

In accordance with our 1999 bylaws, as well as the proposed 2025 bylaws, all club members will be asked to vote on the revised bylaws, which include a section for the Satellite Club.

- Bylaws to be sent to the Club Board for final approval
- If approved by the Club Board, bylaws will be emailed in PDF format to the Club next week
- Voting:
 - We will vote in person, using paper ballots, at the April 30th meeting
 - Anyone who can't attend the April 30th meeting can submit their vote to the Club Secretary in advance
 - Votes will remain anonymous, with the exception of the Club Secretary tracking the votes. We need to be able to track who is voting so that people don't accidentally vote twice, since we are giving them the option of voting in advance.
 - Votes after 8:30 a.m. on April 30th will not be counted
- After the April 30th meeting, the Club Secretary will tally the results. If we reach a quorum, then we will tabulate the yes / no votes. If two-thirds of the voting members vote yes, the bylaws will be adopted.

Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation
23-Apr	Grimone, Brian	Hansen, Neils
30- Apr	Hare, Dan	Herbert, Chris

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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

Grant Deadlines

Don't miss out on grants available to District 6690 Clubs!

- The District Grant process both grant requests and grant end-of-year close out does go through dacDB. Contact [Bill Grindle](#) with any questions.

- PeaceBuilder Grant applications and end-of-year close out forms are available [here](#).
- Clubs who applied for the 2024-2025 Public Image Grant will receive an email this week with their grant close out information. Applications will open next week on the district website. Contact [Claudia Trusty](#) with questions.



Club Leaders



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