

Rotary

Club of Westerville Sunrise



Happening This Week



August 14, 2024

Program: Westerville Helps/ Westerville Home Repairs
Speaker: Bryan Wagner, Elise Schellen, Grace Knapper

Greeter: Lewis VanLandingham
Invocation/Pledge: Andy Tompkins

Call to Action: Bring in food for The Big Bus
Current needs: ramen, granola bars, fruit snacks, pasta, rice, mac & cheese, mini marshmallows, instant oatmeal

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

August 14, 2024

[Bryan Wagner,](#)
[Elise Schellen,](#)
[Grace Knapper](#)
Westerville Helps / Westerville Home Repair

August 21, 2024

[No meeting this week - Join us at the Golf Outing](#)

Birthdays

David A. Collinsworth
August 15th
Douglas Fosselman
August 26th
Allen Jefferson Fox
August 30th
Kevin A Smith
September 1st
David W. Kott
September 1st
Kristen Gillenwater
September 3rd

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events

By Julie Ann Colley



Save the Date! Upcoming Events

August 15: Rotary Board Meeting
August 19: Golf outing at York Country Club
August 25: Rotary Family Picnic
September 11: Field of Heroes Sponsor Appreciation
September 25: District Governor (DG) visit
October 19: District Fall Assembly
October 24: Social with Noon club
November 2: District Awards Celebration

April 25-27: District Conference
April 25: District Foundation Gala
June 23-27: RI Convention, Calgary

Robert Hunt
September 3rd
Niels Hansen
September 9th
Stuart Allyn
Whittaker
September 10th

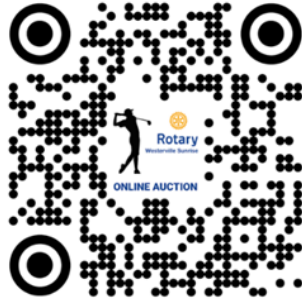
Years of Service

Susan F. Castro
09-04-1996
28 Years
Tim Bowers
08-18-1999
25 Years
Jason A.
Buehner
08-24-2011
13 Years
Thomas F.
Schmitt
08-26-2015
9 Years
Anthony Mujic
08-30-2017
7 Years
Dan Hare
08-28-2019
5 Years
Jackie
Washburn
08-16-2023
1 Year
Jeff Washburn
08-16-2023
1 Year

Golf Outing Online Auction Going Live

By Lawrence Rick Sellers

The Online Auction for our annual golf outing goes live at 8am, on Tuesday, August 13 and closes on Monday, August 19 at 10pm. You can access the auction online via a phone, tablet, or PC using the QR code below:



We have many nice items available in the auction. *Anyone* is invited to bid -- so invite your friends and relatives! Once you access the auction site, you will need to enter a few pieces of information such as your name and credit card to begin bidding. 100% of proceeds go to the Sunrise Rotary Foundation.

We are still looking for additional donations for the auction as well as hole sponsors for the event. Sponsorships are \$150 and can be purchased through the [Sponsor Registration or Donation](#) link.

Any questions or issues, reach out to Ed Wandtke or Rick Sellers.

Welcome Bag for MJ

By Michael R. McGreevey



The Youth Exchange Committee is putting together a welcome bag for our exchange student, Moojin (MJ) Ahn. MJ is from South Korea and arrived here in Ohio on August 9. If you would like to contribute an item for the welcome bag, please let Mike McGreevey or any member of the Youth Exchange Committee know. Suggested items include favorite snacks; gift cards for places like McDonalds, Whits, Chipotle, or Target; an OSU/Westerville/Ohio cap or clothing item; or a Yeti. Items are needed by August 22.

Westerville Sunrise Rotary Picnic to Welcome MJ!

By Julie Ann Colley



Join your fellow Rotarians in giving a warm Westerville Sunrise welcome to our exchange student from South Korea - MJ - on Sunday, August 25 from 1 to 3 pm at Millstone Creek Park Shelter House ([745 North Spring Road, Westerville](#))! Bring your favorite dessert to share - our club will provide the cool drinks. Family and friends are highly encouraged to attend!

Please [RSVP](#) if you are able to attend.

Becoming a Host Family

By Debbie Wiedwald



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 usâ€™itâ€™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?

A variety of family structures are perfect for being host familiesâ€™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 are opportunities for 2 additional host homes 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.

Fill The Big Bus™

WEC's Night of Hope

5K, 1 Mile &
Family Fun Run



Use the QR
Code to Sign Up

Shining a light on mental health for all in our community

Rotary Club of Westerville & The Big Bus
Join the NIGHT OF HOPE

Donate "\$50 to Fill Up the Big Bus"

Leave the shopping to club volunteers, and make a donation rather than bringing food items in for our 2024 Fill Up The Big Bus Food Drive for Westerville's middle school pantries!

Read more about our campaign here. Scan the QR code below or just click the pay button to donate. Thank you!



Thank you!

The Rotary Club of Westerville is joining with [Westerville Education Challenge](#) and [The Big Bus](#) to support an upcoming event for an important cause. The Club will stage a **Fill The Big Bus Middle School Food Drive**, and incorporate it into the **Westerville Education Challenge™'s Night of Hope 5K**, set for the evening of Aug. 24 at Westerville North.

"Basic needs must be met for students to thrive and hunger should never stand in the way of their success," Club President Brandy Deichert said. "Inspired by the heartfelt concerns of middle school staff about food insecurity, we launched the **Fill The Big Bus Middle School Food Drive** to take steps to ensure no student worries about their next meal. Together, we can make a significant impact on their lives and create a brighter future for Westerville."

Deichert said the coordinated effort grew from conversations with Minerva Park Middle School Counselor Jill Huck and Minerva Food Service Manager Lauri Jones. They mentioned a fill the bus food drive, and further conversations with Rotarian Tracy Davidson — also a Westerville school board member and board member for both The Big Bus and Westerville Education Challenge — grew into Fill The Big Bus Middle School Food Drive.

About WEC and Night of Hope

An all-volunteer organization that started in 2009, the Westerville Education Challenge has supported more than 10,000 students through scholarships, mentoring clubs, grants for teachers, programs such as Challenge Day and mental health and wellness

initiatives.

More than 1,500 community volunteers and 40 corporate and community sponsors partner with WEC and their contributions include thousands of volunteer hours and more than \$400,000 in donations. WEC's Night of Hope 5K, 1 Miler and Family Fun Run raises funds for a variety of initiatives and programs that support student wellness and mental health in Westerville City Schools, including:

- The Hope Squad suicide prevention program
- Parent Prep workshops
- Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) program at the district's five middle schools
- LINK Crew program, launching at all three high schools this fall
- Care for Twinkle, a district Canine Companions facility dog based at Westerville South High School
- Annual WEC-sponsored scholarships for high school graduates

This year, WEC's 3rd annual Night of Hope 5K, 1 Miler and Family Fun Run on Aug. 24 will honor those lives lost to suicide, and work to raise mental health awareness in the community. Registration opens at 5:30 p.m., and the 5K begins at 6:45 p.m. Register for the Night of Hope [here](#). More information on the event is available [here](#).

Bring donations to lunch, or the Night of Hope

Rotarians can bring donations to **Fill the Big Bus** to noon club luncheons in August, or bring them to pack the actual Big Bus, at the Night of Hope Aug. 24 " which will conclude the food drive.

Requested food items include Ramen noodles, granola bars, fruit snacks, pasta, rice, mac & cheese, mini marshmallows, and instant oatmeal. They will be used to stock the Neighborhood Bridges pantries in Westerville middle schools.

"We look forward to providing the Rotary Club of Westerville's support for Night of Hope and to filling the Big Bus with food donations," Deichert said.

New member application

Beth Ware, HR Director for St. Josephine Bakhita and owner of Covenant HR Consulting, submitted her application for membership. Her application will be reviewed by the club directors and voted on during the next board meeting 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.

WARM Food Pantry Volunteers - Save the 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. We still have two scheduled Saturdays in 2024:

- September 7
- November 9

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 the [Sign Up Genius link](#).

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

Star House Monthly Dinner

By Chris Herbert



Star House

Make a difference for homeless youth at Star House by helping prepare or serve 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 remaining Mondays in 2024 will be:

- August 26
- September 23
- October 28
- November 18
- December 16

We need 4 or more people to serve food, and many more to help prepare the meal. We now offer two shifts: 4:15 - 5:45 pm for set up and serving, and 5:00 - 6:30 pm for serving and clean-up. You may sign up for both shifts if you would like.

Please use the sign-up link below to cook or serve family dinner at Star House:

[August 26](#)

Club Leaders



[Tiffany McGinnis](#)
President



[James T. Caldwell](#)
President-Elect



[Theresa Petraszak](#)
President-Nominee
Vice President



[Patrick Knott](#)
Treasurer



[Angela Sillus](#)
Secretary



[Thomas Strasburg](#)
Club Membership Chair



[Michael Herron](#)
Club Grant Coordinator
iPast President



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Club Director



[Amanda Klein](#)
Club Director



[Jamie Maze](#)
Club Director



[Lawrence Rick Sellers](#)
Club Director



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Club Director
Club Programs Chair



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Club Director



[Helka Christine Casey](#)
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[Robert K. Gibson](#)
Club 501c3 Chair/President
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[Dennis C. Berrier](#)
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[Ruth I. Stenberg](#)
Club TRF Chair



[Paul E. Kulik](#)
Club Peace Committee Chair



[Michael Ley Collins](#)
Youth Exchange Officer