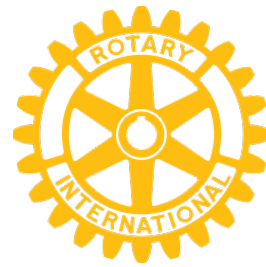


Rotary

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

March 04, 2026
[Beth Domanick](#)
Life Care Alliance

March 11, 2026
[DG Sandy Knoesel](#)

March 11, 2026
[Sandy Knoesel](#)
District Governor Update

March 18, 2026
[Beth Weinhardt](#)
Westerville Fair & Minerva Park

March 25, 2026
[Vic Meyer](#)
Agnes Driscoll Presentation

April 01, 2026
[Jackie Barton & Katie Kaslow](#)
Ohio Historical Westerville 250 Update

President's message

By James T. Caldwell



A very informative presentation by Jeff Yoest last week on the Buckeye Trail. I know I have been on some hikes before on the trail in Southeast Ohio without realizing I was on the Buckeye trail. It is another gem in Ohio we can enjoy.

Last week I introduced the Zone 30 and 31 Club Membership Challenge. The challenge for every club is to bring in 8 new members in the next 8 weeks. In addition to the Zone prize of the club being entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 happy hour, the Sunrise Club will award the sponsor 1,000 Paul Harris points – 500 points at the new members induction and another 500 points when the new member completes their red badge process. You may wonder what our chances are to meet the goal. We already have 2 new member applications in and several visitors that have expressed interest in joining. Even though the contest is for 8 weeks, we realistically need to have the applications before April 1 to get through the new member process.

Our speaker this week will be our own Beth Domanik who will tell us what is going on at Lifecare Alliance.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Happening This Week



March 4, 2026
Program: Lifecare Alliance
Speakers: Beth Domanik
Greeter: Abra Campbell
Invocation/Pledge: Chad Maxeiner

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



February 28: Winter Assembly
March 8: Westerville Noon club - Fish Fry
March 20: Game Night
March 23: Star House Luncheon
April 24-25: District 6690 Conference
May 9: WARM volunteer opportunity
August 17: Golf Outing

Save the Date: Rotary Game Night!

By Amanda Klein

Birthdays

Paul E. Kulik
March 5th
Michael Ley
Collins
March 10th
Thomas F.
Schmitt
March 12th
Patrick C.
Kemmer
March 17th
James T.
Caldwell
March 24th
Kyle Stroh
April 1st

Years of Service

Patrick Knott
03-14-2001
25 Years
Robert Hunt
03-20-2002
24 Years
Lawrence C.
Jenkins
03-20-2002
24 Years
Patrick C.
Kemmer
03-09-2005
21 Years
Diane Jean
Conley
03-10-2010
16 Years
Robyne A.
Vasselo
03-19-2015
11 Years
Mary T.
Chandler
03-21-2018
8 Years
Alberto Daniel
Crotte
04-03-2019
7 Years
Brian Grimone
04-03-2019
7 Years
Leigh Hollins
03-08-2023
3 Years
Andrew
Tompkins
03-11-2023
3 Years



Mark your calendars! Westerville Sunrise Rotary is hosting **Game Night** on **Friday, March 20**, from **6:00–9:00 PM** at the **American Legion Hall, 393 E. College Ave., Westerville, OH 43081**.

Join fellow Rotarians and friends for an evening of fellowship, laughter, friendly competition—and, of course, bragging rights. Whether you're a strategic mastermind or just in it for the snacks, there's a seat at the table for you.

Snacks and drinks will be provided, and the cost is **\$35 per person**.

Gather your game face and bring a friend—we promise great company and a night full of fun.

More details coming soon!

Satellite Club Events



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

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.

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!

Let's Fill the Bus – Washington, D.C. Trip! September 28–October 1, 2026

By Leigh Hollins



The Westerville Noon Rotary Club has planned a 4-day/3-night motorcoach trip to Washington, D.C., and you're invited! Enjoy guided touring of the "good stuff" in our nation's capital — monuments, memorials, museums — with time to explore and fellowship along the way. The trip departs from and returns to Westerville.

America turns 250 in 2026 — what better time to go?

Here's the key: **We need 40 travelers with deposits paid by March 14** to make this special trip happen. We have 14 signed up so far — great start — and we'd love to add 26 more!

You do **not** need to be a Rotarian to attend, so invite friends, spouses, neighbors, history buffs — anyone who's always said, "We should really go to D.C. someday." This is that someday.

I'll be going — join me!

Please see the Prime Tours website:

<https://www.goprime.com/tours/westerville-rotary-washington-dc> for full details, itinerary, pricing, and to sign up. Detailed itinerary can be found in the downloadable brochure on the site.

Questions? Let me know and I'll connect with Wendell McCurdy, Noon Club Secretary.

WARM Food Pantry Volunteers - Save the 2026 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 dates for 2026 are:

- May 9
- August 8
- November 14

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.

For more information, please contact Mary Chandler at (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 to 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 March 23. A sign-up link will be available shortly.

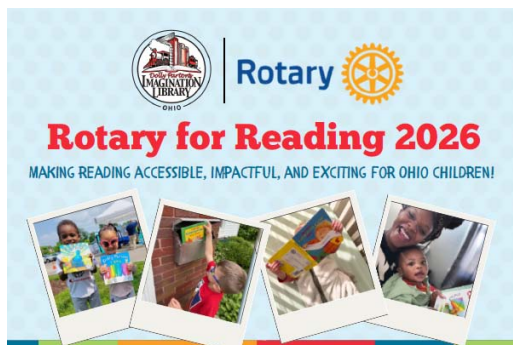
The remaining 2026 dates are:

- 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>

Registration Opens for Stronger Together District Conference

The Stronger Together District Conference is more than an event for district leaders – it's a gathering for every Rotarian who believes in service, connection, and making an impact.

Whether you're a first-year member or a longtime Rotarian, this conference offers inspiration, practical learning, and meaningful fellowship that strengthens both your club and our district. Rotarians across District 6690 are invited to come together for an inspiring, high-energy District Conference on April 24 - 25, and registration is now open!

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

Packed with fun, fellowship, learning, and service, the District Conference promises an engaging experience that celebrates what it means to be Stronger Together.

Friday evening highlights include the Rotary Foundation Gala, featuring keynote speaker Michael McGovern, chair of Rotary International's PolioPlus Committee. McGovern will also lead a breakout session on Saturday, offering Rotarians a deeper look into Rotary's historic and current fight to end polio. Saturday morning opens with an energizing keynote by Michael Angelo Caruso, who will share practical insights on sharpening communication skills, reading people more effectively, solving problems proactively, and using time-management hacks.

A variety of breakout sessions will be offered. Scheduled for the morning breakout sessions are:

- Michael McGovern on ending Polio,
- Michael Angelo Caruso on leadership and becoming a great speaker, and
- Renee Caruso on Health and Leadership Vitality.

Additional breakout sessions include:

- Revamping and age-old project (I Can)
- Leveraging Corporate Sponsorships and Service (Career Path Awards)
- Youth Exchange and its Impact presented by Youth Exchange students
- Global Grants featuring the Haiti Water Project
- Discover Rotary beyond your club
- Growing your club through Companion and Impact clubs

[Read More](#)

Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation & Pledge
04-Mar-26	Campbell, Abra	Maxeiner, Chad
11-Mar-26	Maxeiner, Chad	Coombs, Coutanya
18-Mar-26	Chapman, David	Cochran, Troy
25-Mar-26	Collins, Michael	Collinsworth, David

**Westerville
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Meeting Location

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 am

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Third Floor
24 North State Street
Westerville, OH 43081

Westerville Sunrise Hotline
614-523-7777



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