

Rotary

Club of Columbus



Don't Miss Next Week's Program

We're back at The Boat House on Tuesday, May 6!

Our fellow Rotarian, Dr. Terry Davis, will share about the incredible work Rotary has done at Raifiki Children's Center outside of Nairobi, Kenya. Many Rotarians may recognize the name Raifiki, but may not know the extent of the life-changing work we have completed there over the years. Terry will give an update on the latest happenings - and you won't want to miss it.

Program Committee Meeting

The full Program Committee will be meeting on May 6, 2025 at 1:15 pm immediately following the regular luncheon Rotary meeting at The Boathouse. Everyone is invited, especially those with ideas or suggestions for speakers and/or programs.

Reach out to [JoAnne Schorsten](#), Rotary Program Committee Chair, with questions.

Volunteers Needed - Celebration of Excellence!

The Celebration of Excellence is just over a week away!

This event is where we'll recognize 37 outstanding seniors graduating from Columbus City Schools at the Lincoln Theatre at noon (in place of our regular weekly meeting).

In order to make this event happen, we need the help of our members!

Email [Carol Beckerle](#) with questions or if you are able to assist with this event.

Wine Down Wednesday

Thank you to everyone who attended this week's Wine Down Wednesday at High Bank - we had to grab two extra tables to make room for all of the Rotarians and guests who attended.

There are only 2 more Wine Down Wednesday socials left this Rotary year, and you won't want to miss out:

May 28 from 5-7 at Jackie O's: [Register](#)

Speakers

May 06, 2025

[Terry Davis](#)
Changing Lives:
Rafiki

May 13, 2025

[Celebration of
Excellence](#)

May 20, 2025

[Paul Craft,](#)
Superintendent
of Public
Instruction,
State of Ohio

Birthdays

Mark Supelak
May 2nd

Philip D. Turner
May 8th

John A. Smith
May 11th

Hugo R. Trux IV
May 18th

James C. Woods
May 21st

Emily Elizabeth
Chapman
May 25th

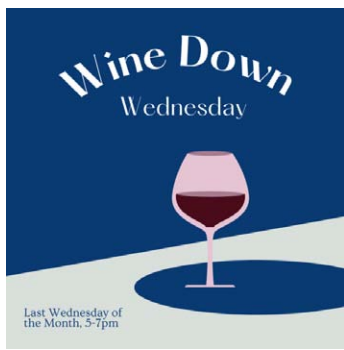
Nancy L. Trux
May 27th

Dwight I. Hurd
June 1st

Rebecca F
Kemper
June 1st

Years of Service

Karen J.
Morrison



June 25 from 5-7 at Land Grant: [Register](#)

This is an agenda-free social event where we get to know our fellow Rotarians better. It's also a great way to introduce guests to Rotary.

[RSVP using the link on the club calendar.](#) and contact Amanda Bowen with any questions.

District Governor Installation

You won't want to miss the installation of our very own Sandy Knoesel as District Governor!

Join us on June 6 from 5:30–8 pm at The Fives (550 Reach Blvd. Columbus, OH 43215) for this celebration. Click the link or scan the QR code below to register.



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Please Join Us For The

*Installation of
District Governor
Sandy Knoesel*



June 6

5:30 - 8 p.m.

THE FIVES

550 Reach Blvd. | Columbus, OH 43215

Hors d'oeuvres • Cash Bar

Music by Dan Rowan

**Click or Scan
to RSVP**
\$40 per person



05-16-2005

20 Years

George Kun

06-01-2013

12 Years

Bill Ditty

06-01-2016

9 Years

Cornell R

Robertson

05-14-2019

6 Years

Installation of Columbus Rotary Club Leaders

Join us for our annual installation of Club Leaders. Details on flyer below.

Contact [Jason Southwell](#) with questions.

[RSVP by June 2nd](#)



**Columbus
Rotary**

YOU'RE INVITED!

INSTALLATION OF CLUB LEADERS

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025
5:00-7:30pm

COLUMBUS BREWING COMPANY
200 Kelton Ave.
Columbus, OH 43205

CLUB MEMBERS FREE
GUESTS \$35

RSVP using the link below
by Monday, June 2nd.



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DETAILS:
Heavy Appetizers
Cash Bar
Fellowship 5:00-6:00
Program and Installation
6:00-7:00

Questions - Contact Jason Southwell | jsouthwell@haferdesign.com

CGWE Service Trip

Rotarian Mimi Tadesse just returned from a service trip to Ethiopia with her organization CGWE. While there, she met with the Bole Rotary Club and the Nekemte Rotary Club, and they began work on a vision to start a new club in Gimbi city near Nekemte.

Mimi would be happy to share about this trip and the work Rotary is supporting in Ethiopia - reach out or talk to her at the next meeting.



Host Families Needed

Rotary Youth Exchange is looking for host families for a long-term exchange student this fall!

Typically, a long-term student spends their year divided between 3 host families for about 3 months each.

This is a wonderful experience, not only for the exchange student, but for the whole family.

The Youth Exchange committee is looking for a family for this fall - and also to build a pipeline of families interested in hosting in the future. If you or someone you know (does not need to be a Rotarian) may be interested in learning more about the process or expectations, reach out to [Tracy Najera](#).

We also have an informational meeting this evening over Zoom for students in the district and their families to learn more about exchange programs for the 2026-2027 school year (yes - we're starting early on recruitment!).

Join us for an informational session on May 14 with the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82980304702?pwd=jEw6GL0nww4eZbKVPbmgvJGd8uugPN.1>

Thank you for supporting Rotary's Youth Exchange Program!
