

Rotary

Club of Columbus



Celebration of Excellence!

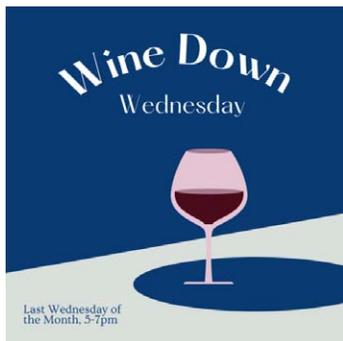
The Celebration of Excellence is next week!

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).

There are limited seats available. If you are interested in attending, Email [Carol Beckerle](#).



Wine Down Wednesday



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](#)

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!

Speakers

May 13, 2025
[Celebration of Excellence](#)

May 20, 2025
[Paul Craft, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of Ohio](#)

June 03, 2025
[Todd Ambrosia, President, Mount Carmel College of Nursing](#)

June 06, 2025
[Sandra Knoesel](#)

Birthdays

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
Bradley Flinders
June 3rd
James V. Maniace
June 3rd
Elfi Di Bella
June 6th

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**



Jason Dwayne Southwell
June 8th
Hannah Mathison
June 8th

Years of Service

Karen J. Morrison
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
Linda Diane Stephens
06-02-2023
2 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

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!

8th Annual Bring Your Graduate to Rotary Day

Columbus Rotary will hold its **8th Annual Bring Your Graduate to Rotary Day** on Tuesday, July 15th at our noon luncheon meeting. Our program committee has scheduled a most appropriate guest speaker.

This could also be called **"Recognize Your Graduate at Rotary Day"**. We hope your graduate can join us in person if possible. It would be fabulous to have you and your graduate at our luncheon meeting. Your graduate need not be present to be recognized and can join via Zoom. All graduates submitted by their sponsoring Rotarian will be recognized along with their Rotarian sponsor.

Now is the time to make your invitation and gather the information we need.

Do you have a son, daughter, grandchild, niece or nephew that has recently graduated from high school, vocational, technical, college, grad school, military etc? The graduate can be your family member or a close friend.

Please provide the following:

Rotarian member sponsoring
Your graduate's name and relationship
School, program, service graduation
Future plans
A photo of your graduate in JPEG format.

Please email this information to Calloway Robertson calloway.robertson@gmail.com by the deadline of June 30, 2025.

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.



The 125 Club

125 Club

Donate to the Rotary Foundation by giving at least \$125, with \$100 going to the Annual Fund and \$25 going to PolioPlus Fund. By being a member of the 125 Club for 24-25 you'll get a cool pin.

Use this link to donate: https://givebutter.com/125_Club.
