

Rotary

Club of Columbus



Letter from the President

Dear Rotarians,

I cannot believe it is nearly halfway through the Rotary year!

As the calendar year winds down, I want to thank you all for your tremendous efforts throughout 2024. I am always in awe of what Rotarians can accomplish when we work together.

It has been fantastic to see engagement rise with the move back to lunch at The Boat House, and I hope to see that trend continue into 2025. I also love seeing friends who can't always make the noon meetings at our Wine Down Wednesdays and service projects - there are many ways to stay engaged with Columbus Rotary.

I believe in 2025 we can continue to drive membership with this principle in mind. Rotary is for everyone who values service above self, and there are many ways to be involved: on a committee, at weekly meetings, at service projects, or at socials. I challenge everyone - including myself - to invite our network of colleagues, peers, friends, and family to join us at weekly meetings and beyond next year.

Happy holidays, and I will see you all in the new year!

Emily Chapman
Columbus Rotary President
2024-2025

Rotarian of the Year - Meredith Vegh

Congratulations to our 2024 Rotarian of the Year, Meredith Vegh!

As was said in her nomination and recognition speech, Meredith is a mover and shaker behind the scenes. When she says, "yes," you know the job will be completed to perfection and it will be delivered on time and on budget.

Meredith joined the Career Path Awards Committee when it was just beginning, recruiting some of the original sponsors, including CAPA and Rosati Windows. Earlier this year, she organized the Celebration of Excellence at the Lincoln Theatre Ballroom, coordinating details for CPA and Scholarship recipients to be recognized for their efforts.

This award is well-earned for her efforts in the club. Congratulations again, Meredith!

Speakers

January 07, 2025

Dale Deubler

Alliance for Health and Rehabilitation

January 14, 2025

Paula White

How Can We Be Better Listeners?

January 21, 2025

Michael Copella

Birthdays

T. Calloway Robertson III

December 23rd

Steven L. Heiser

December 25th

John S. Hall

December 27th

Tracy Najera

December 30th

Meredith S Vegh

December 31st

Mathew D. Egbert

December 31st

James S. Bartha

January 5th

Denise M Robinson

January 5th

Rodney Fields

January 8th

Andrew P. Shockney

January 11th

Savvas P Sophocleous

January 18th

Nancy P Day-Achauer

January 18th

Linda Diane Stephens

January 20th

Years of Service



Theodore M. Beegle Jr.
01-15-2001
24 Years
Rodney D. Barnette
01-15-2001
24 Years
Steven M. Weiler
01-21-2002
23 Years
Anthony E Hunter
01-01-2014
11 Years
Christopher M
Angellatta
01-02-2023
2 Years
Preeti Saboo
01-01-2024
1 Year
Todd Ambrosia
01-01-2024
1 Year

Colerain School Holiday Party

First of all, Jim Wojta and I as co-chairs want to thank Rotarians for their time, talents and treasures to fund this service project and for the many volunteers who joined last week.

Our Rotary club's history with serving the severely orthopedically challenged youth began in 1920. For a great many years, it has been to host a Christmas party at Colerain Elementary School for all the students both the physically challenged (50%) and neighborhood/mainstream (50%) of the 185 students. This was our 104th year of our continuous service project. We contribute funds from our Foundation service project allocation for teachers to buy presents for each of their students.

We held a "Wrapping Party" on Monday, December 16th after school. We had a strong turnout of 15 volunteers. Two spouses of members and a co-worker of a Rotarian joined the "wrapping party". Santa would have been proud of our efficiency (just over one hour) and fun times laughing while wrapping 185 presents. Please ask Nanci McCorkle about her work years ago at the Limited wrapping gifts. Priceless!

On Friday, December 20th, the student's last day of school before holiday break, Colerain held a Winter Fest. Students, teachers and staff wore festive holiday pajamas. We had a big turnout once again as Rotarians were joined by a few spouses, one's mom, a daughter, a son, and a granddaughter wearing Rotary blue/logo Santa helper hats. Twenty-one classrooms came through the library to be greeted by all volunteers and Santa (a new helper as Santa this year) gave each student a gift, a high five and/or a hug. A Rotarian/volunteer walked back with each challenged student to their room and helped unwrap the gift celebrating the joy with the student.

It was an emotional morning and as Nelson French would say it was a feel good "Warm fuzzy".

In addition to the students' excitement and joy, our service project lifts the teachers and staff too who thank us more than we deserve. Their dedication to the physically and mentally impaired students is with heartfelt care.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Co-chairs:

Calloway Robertson

Jim Wojta





Reminder: No Meetings Until January 7

Reminder, we are taking a break for the holidays! We will see you back at The Boat House for lunch on Tuesday, January 7.

Dues

Reminder - if you have not prepaid your dues for the entire year, your dues for January to June are due by December 31! You should have received an invoice via email. If you have not, please contact Treasurer Stefan Walliser (walliserstefan2@gmail.com).
