

Rotary



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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Birthdays



Burnell Roberts
May 6th



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May 9th

This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021

"May is National Bike Month: How do you Roll?"



SPEAKER: Laura Estandia, Executive Director, Bike Miami Valley

Laura has served as the Executive Director of Bike Miami Valley since 2015. She coordinated the launch of Link: Dayton Bike Share which serves more than 3,500 unique users annually in Dayton. She recently led an effort to evolve the station-based bike share program into a smart bike program, while also adding electric bicycles to the Link Dayton fleet. Laura currently serves as a co-chair of the Regional Bikeways Committee and as Vice President of the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District Board. Laura is a graduate of the University of Dayton and formerly served the community as the Executive Director of UpDayton. Laura loves using her bike for transportation and recreation, especially on our regional asset, the Nation's Largest Paved Trail Network.

Chair of the Day: Becky Benn

This Happened Last Monday...

President Brian introduced Bill Nance to lead the group in the Pledge, the Four Way Test and prayer. We heard news of the day. Kim Bramlage then announced guests and visitors. Tom Lasley introduced his wife, Janet to the group and Diane Farrell introduced Jamie Kenney, a second time guest. There were several ODOT visitors. Three of our group have birthdays this week. Greg Birkemeyer thanked those who attended the multi district conference. Greg also gave a Day 25 in honor of the Williamsons who brought him donuts during the conference!

Other Day 10s and foundation gifts included Suren's Day 10 in honor of Greg, our District Governor; Kelly Lehman a Day 50 toward her Paul Harris; Tom Lasley a Day 100 in honor of Bing; Patty Caruso a Day 10 celebrating her family is fully vaccinated; Cathy Ponitz a Day 50 in honor of two of her favorite guys - Bing Davis and her dad (who was on the call with her!); Paul Gruner a Day 100 in honor of Bing Davis and towards his Paul Harris; Chuck Vella a Day 100 in honor of the Contemporary Dayton Gallery to open in the Arcade. He also announced that the Gallery is open to the public this Sunday. Carolyn Rice gave a Day 100 towards her Paul Harris in honor of Bing. Greg Birkemeyer gave a Day 25 for Dave and Terry Williamson bringing his donuts on Saturday morning. Charlie Campbell gave a Day-100 for his birthday celebration. It was shared that our honorary member Lester Lyles was honored for his birthday recently and a Nationals game.

Brian then turned it over to Patty Caruso who introduced Cathy Gardner, the CEO of the Jewish Federation here in Dayton. Cathy is originally from Florida but moved to Ohio and is a huge fan of the change of seasons. We learned of Cathy's passion



Dennis Grant
May 9th

Speakers

May 03, 2021

[Laura Estandia, Executive Director](#)
Bike Miami Valley

May 10, 2021

[Alec McGillis](#)
One Click America

May 17, 2021

[Roundtable Discussion on the Book by Alec McGillis](#)
Fulfillment: Winning and Losing in One-Click America

May 24, 2021

[Amanda DeLotelle, Executive Director](#)
Miami Valley Meals

June 07, 2021

[Rob Signom, Curator](#)
America's Packard Museum

June 14, 2021

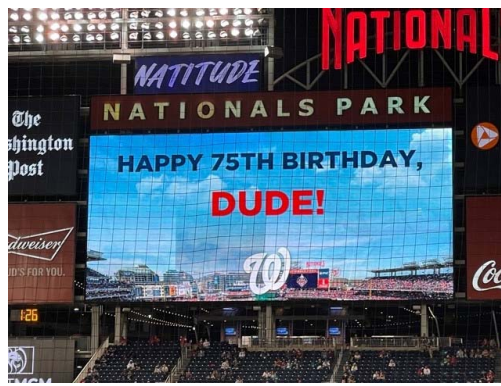
[Pam Plageman](#)
Dayton Convention Center

June 21, 2021

[John Gower](#)
Wright Dunbar 2.0

June 28, 2021

[Brian Martin & Shaun Yu](#)
Changing of the Rotary Guard



to help the community she serves and that she will be a wonderful addition to Dayton Rotary. Welcome Cathy!

Brian then turned the meeting over to Paul Gruner, the Chair of the Day. Paul gave a very informative and impressive introduction to the day's speaker, Bing Davis, who has had quite an illustrious career as scholar and artist. Bing spoke to us about the Third Street Peace Bridge—it is expected to be completed in mid-October of 2021. We learned that Bing has dedicated his life to serving the community and peace and how those concepts can be expressed and encouraged through art. He was asked to work on this project and actually went to Baltimore to meet the bridge's designer. The project also has an aesthetics stakeholder committee comprising of folks in many different professions and encourages community involvement. The committee holds public meetings.

Bing explained that the bridge will be a draw for the entire area and will serve as a point of pride and a point of destination. It is his hope and belief that people come not only to cross the bridge but to learn about the communities that the bridge connects. The bridge will be interactive and provide bar codes that can be scanned with a phone to take people to other sources to further the education Dayton history and facts. The murals and other displays at and on the bridge will pay tribute to Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the Wright Brothers, Land of Funk bands and the Tuskegee Airmen. There will also be a display that includes the women that shaped Dayton's history. It will be a 24 hour per day experience.

Bing showed us a series of slides of 8 symbols with their explanations that originated in West Africa that will be in an alternating patters on the borders of the sidewalks around the bridge. The symbols are used worldwide and stand for concepts such as peace, community and positivity. The symbols are being used in an effort to pull people together and to show people what this area can be. Bing answered several questions about the Third Street Peace Bridge having to do with the completion date; interactive components, and lighting.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Carolyn Rice presented Bing with the Irv Bieser Award for his lifetime of work in the arts, education, civil rights and promoting African culture. It was an exciting event!



Welcome to Dayton Rotary!

NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Cathy Gardner is the CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton. While that's a mouth-full, it really means



that she is in charge of the Jewish Federation and all its agencies which include the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Services, the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Jewish Foundation. She also works closely with the editor & publisher of *The Jewish Observer*.

Ms. Gardner has been working as a Jewish communal professional for over 28 years. She began her career in the hotel industry following graduation with a degree in business; majoring in accounting and marketing. Her other passion is art and she is a master calligrapher and dabbles in the mosaic arts.

A fourth generation native of Tampa, Florida, Cathy moved to Dayton in 2012. She moved up north for this position and has been asked repeatedly why she would move away from Florida. Her answer is that a change of season is truly the best. She reports that Dayton has become her second home and she truly loves living here.

Cathy Gardner
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Rotarians Volunteers Needed to Help with Water Safety Education Day

Rotarian Kelly Lehman recently spent some time in the office labeling Josh The Baby Otter Books for donation to children in our community as part of our Water Safety project. The books were originally to be distributed last Spring/Summer but that was postponed due to COVID.

We now plan to have a Water Safety Event at the Gem City Market in their Community Room on a Saturday from 10:00 AM - 3:00 p.m. sometime between May 22nd and June 26th. The date will be determined at an upcoming planning meeting in early May.

Kelly will need up to 6 volunteers to help with the event. You will be reading the book to the children and helping to pass out materials to the children and their parents.

We will have additional details soon but if this is something you may be interested in helping with please email Kelly at kellymarielehman@gmail.com or you may reach her by phone at 937-760-4100.



Former Rotary Youth Exchange Student

Jadoria McClendon was scheduled to attend but ultimately could not make our April 12th Club meeting where the program was Youth Exchange. We are a small part of Jadoria and her future.

Jadoria was approved as our Club's sponsored outbound student while Rick Wegmann was Club President and she went on exchange to Brazil last year while Jean was Club President in 2019-2020. Our Club sponsored Jadoria financially with a scholarship for her to participate in the program.

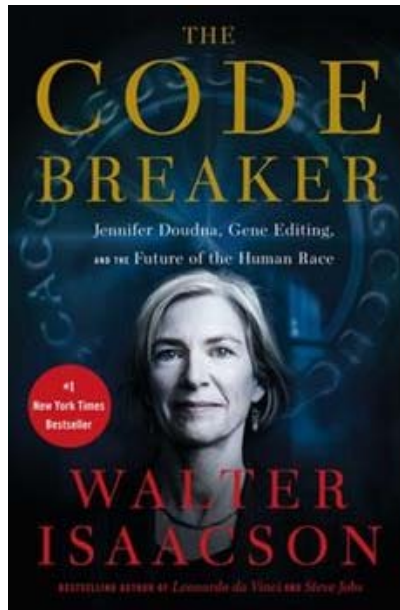


Jadoria (JJ) McClendon, outbound rotary youth exchange student in 2019-20 to Tres Lagoas, Brazil (Dist 4470), is now a first year cadet at the United States Air Force Academy. JJ was a rising star student at Dayton Early College Academy when she applied for the Dayton Rotary Club's sponsorship and scholarship to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange. JJ explained at the time of application that her goal was to get an appointment to the USAFA and that Rotary Youth Exchange would be an important part of her being able to make this happen. She received her appointment while she was in Brazil. During her exchange, like all of the other students in Brazil, she dealt with the Amazon forest fires and ultimately had to come home early in March due to the global

pandemic shutting the program down early.

JJ is getting her degree in cyber science and computer science. She joked that she will become a government hacker. She expects upon graduation to be engaged in cyber operations within the Air Force. Her life goals include traveling around Europe and having a lengthy productive Air Force career defending our country.

Rotary Book Club



Our next book is **The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race**, by Walter Isaacson. Walter has written at least ten books, and you will enjoy his writing style.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

Happy reading!

Please contact Dr. Susan Hayes for any questions.
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Additional meetings in 2021 are 8/10/21, 10/12/21, 12/14/21, 6:30 - 8:00 PM via Zoom

Save the Date for the RI Virtual Convention

Virtual Convention Registration

The Virtual Convention will be open to all Rotary members and participants. Event



registration will open in mid-April and will include a promotional fee of \$49 for 21 days, with an increase afterward to \$65. The cost of each preconvention

event is \$20. Both the convention and preconvention events include access to the House of Friendship. Please continue to check back for more details and updates.
