



ROTATIONS

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Meetings: Friday, 7:00 am Dayton Country Club, [555 Kramer Rd, Dayton, Ohio, 45419](#)

Speakers

Events

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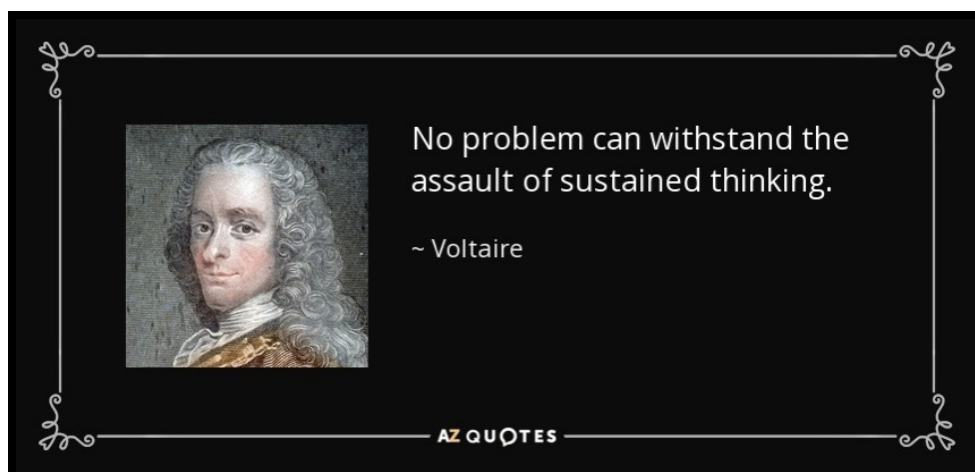
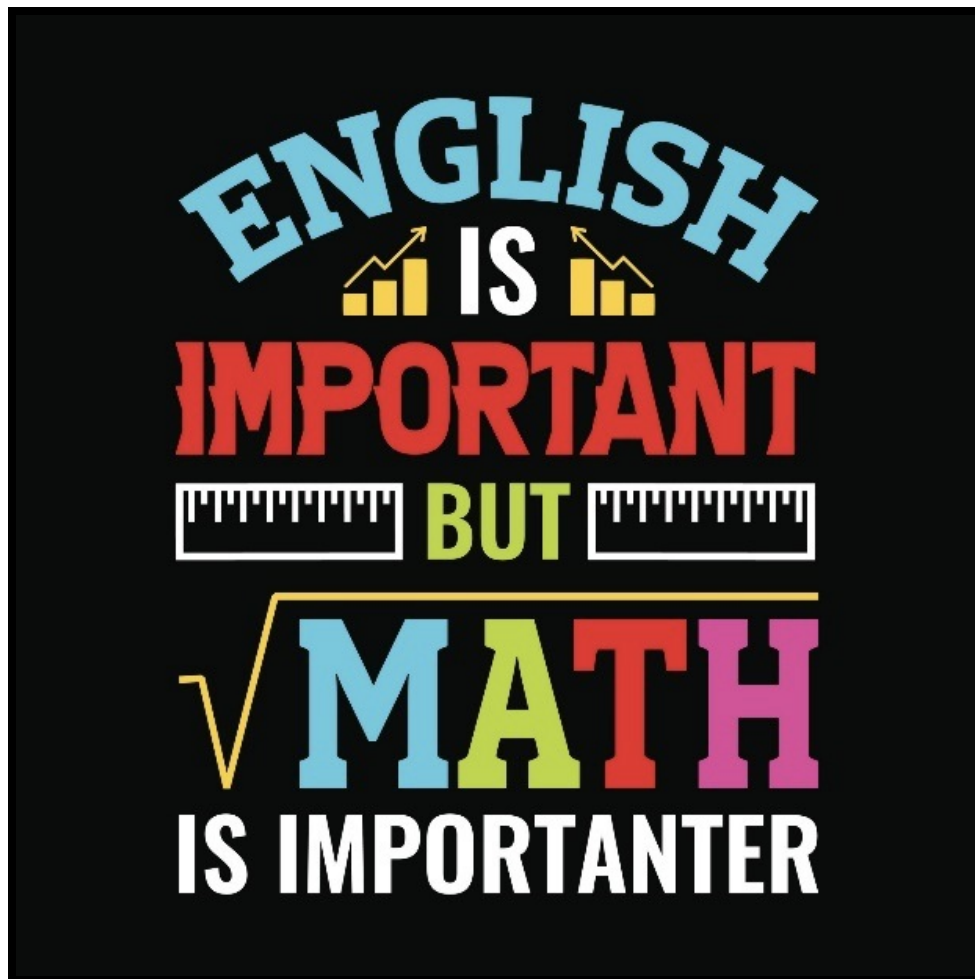
Guests of Rotary

Jeff Aguirre, guest of President-Elect Shawn Miller



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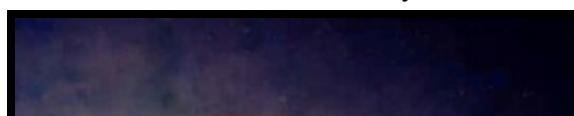


Announcements

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Moorhead announced the sad news of the passing of T.R.'s father, a man who spent his life dedicated to fraternity and community.

Thomas H. Routsong
December 9, 1927 – July 12, 2024





TR Routsong's father, known as "Mr. R," recently passed after a life dedicated to service, learning, kindness, and empathy. His passion for engineering and airplanes led him to start his career at Wright-Pat where he developed many aircraft, and he designed his own home, "The Tree House." He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity and was a founding member of the Kettering-Oakwood Exchange and Lions Club of Oakwood. A true gentleman, he led by example because he was a servant leader; all who know Mr. R were better people because of him.

After today's meeting there will be a **tree dedication ceremony for Larry Leese** at **Judy Cook Park** at the corner of Oakwood Avenue and Schenck Avenue. Larry's family will be there and there will be opportunities to share memories of Larry during the dedication.

CHECK PRESENTATION

Joe Schenk presented **Rotary Foundation president Cathy Campbell** with a check for \$25,000, the largest check our treasurer will write in his tenure. TDIM is not only our gift to the community and a Rotary Day of Obligation, it's our largest fundraiser for the year and the Board is pleased to be able to donate a portion of the proceeds to the Foundation. The donation will continue our grant funding to local non-profits and charities.

The Foundation is tasked with oversight of our grant applications, including vetting applicants, voting on awards and investing our donations in an interest-bearing account. All applications require a club sponsor, the applicant must be a valid 501c3, and to be successful, the grant money should be used for something tangible and not for general operating budgets. We ask that applicants come to the Foundation meeting to present their request. We currently have \$47,319 in the Foundation's account and would like to spread the money around but do consider larger requests, our largest to date being the \$10,000 awarded to 4 Paws for Abilities.

Applications can be found on the Rotary Club of Oakwood's website <https://oakwoodrotary.org/> and can be emailed to Cathy Campbell at Campbell.cathy59@gmail.com or mailed to her at Rotary Foundation of Oakwood, PO Box 925, Dayton, Ohio 45409.

Amelia Bretz, a recent scholarship award winner, sent Mike a note in appreciation for the support the Club has given her over the past four years and that she and her family are grateful for the help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's not only a social event: Enjoy a floral designing demonstration, delicious finger food, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and just a plain good time! Support local businesses and join your fellow Rotarians at **Oakwood Florist** on **Thursday, July 25 at 5:00 PM** at the shop at 2313 Far Hills Avenue. BYOB if you're so inclined. Any questions, call Nina at 937-838-6599.

Polly Petricola has generously donated most of her mother's possessions to charity, and is in need of a twin bed to round it out. If you have one you can donate, please see her.

TR Routsong thanked the Club for all the calls and messages he received after his father's passing. He wanted to share with us that it was at "The Tree House" that the idea for Painless Paul Harris was conceived, and those matching donations speed up the path for our Club members to more quickly become Paul Harris Fellows.



Jim Cunningham (last week's big pot winner!!), has bought and is donating to the Club "golden keys," little flat space-saving flash drives. If you're in need of a flash drive for Club-related work, please see him.

AND WORTH REPEATING

Habitat for Humanity



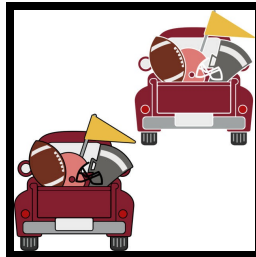


Trevor Hofmann announced that our next **Habitat for Humanity** building project will be **Saturday, August 17**; the Rotary also supports Habitat with grants; we donated \$8K last year for a dumpster trailer (no charge for the Rotary plaque!), a big help for removing trash at the building sites.



Chuck Roedersheimer is in the process of getting the **Interact Club** restarted at the high school (Interact Club is for youth ages 12-18 who want to connect with others in their community or school to foster international understanding and peace). He's looking for two or three Rotarians that can meet with members of Interact once a month; see him if you're interested. Did You Know??? Interact stands for International Action and was founded in 1962.

Fall Tailgate Party needs a home!



Cathy Campbell is looking for a host located near the high school for the **fall Tailgate Party**; last year we had a burger cookout, and it was swell!

Office of the Sergeant at Arms



The Second Coming of Sarge Jeff Woeste

The "They're Random, They're Capricious, They're a Dollarâ€ Edition

If **Mike** wasn't immune, he would have been the first fine recipient for straying from the Rotary International Club President's job requirement to "run an orderly meeting." **Dick Stevens** did get a fine (two of them, in fact) for parking outside the lines, and turning his invocation assignment into *The Sermon on the DCC*. **Brad Judge**, regardless of whether he gets it right with Eudora or slips back into *Eldora*, would not get that wrong if he had ever been slapped with a facefull of mud as the cars squeal around the "high-banked clay dirt oval." If you want to know why you go to Eldora with money and a mask, sit in the front row on turn three and try to sip your drink, which you'll soon need a spoon for as it fills with clods of clay. **Jill Waters**, like all good doctors, says it's "important" (we suspect she really knows it's "more important"), **Joe Schenk** wants us to know that his name is pronounced with a soft "ech" and the street name, also spelled differently, is pronounced with a hard "ech" like skunk, not shenk. **Rob Stephens** wants us all to know that the street is pronounced with a hard "ech," regardless of the history revisionists who want to say "shenk." (I always say that street pronunciation is a sure-fire way you can immediately separate newbies from the life-long residents). **Dr. Slaz** unzips all the way when he has to micturate while wearing his onesie flightsuit, and hasn't had a zipper stick yet.

Buck Talks



HAPPY BUCKS

BECAUSE I'M HAPPY! CLAP ALONG!

Doug "the Golden" Hammer put in a buck for helping build 44 headboards for Sleep in Heavenly Peace; **Jim Schmidt** put in buck for taking possession of his new Tesla that will replace the one that got wrecked down by Miami Valley Hospital. **Party Marty Beyer** put in \$2; one in memorium



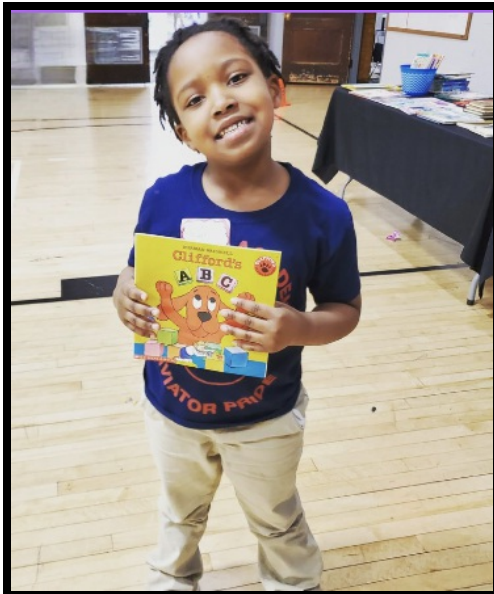
for TR's dad, and one for his daughter who just left for a three-year tour in Germany with the Army Corps of Engineers. **Cathy Campbell** put in a buck to thank **Bruce Reger** for the gentle correction: Joe Scott is the Foundation Treasurer and Joe Schenk is the Club Treasurer. **The Notorius** put in six bucks: One for picking up his new RV and a \$5 Scared as Hell bucks for never having driven anything that big before! **Past Prez, Joe Scott**, newly ensconced at **The Janis Table** in the back, put in a buck for the great job that **Mike Moorhead** is doing

Speaker

Rachel Bane, Founder and CEO, Sunshine Books



For a child growing up in trauma and stress, finding the book *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* by Beverly Cleary was a lifeline. Just like her, Ramona is curious, excited, afraid and brave, all at the same time. Rachel didn't just find Ramona then, she found her life-long passion for reading and connecting children in need with their own *forever book*.



When a school board member told her their greatest need was books, Rachel started to work to bring books to meet children where they were. Some schools don't have libraries, children don't have books in their own homes, and they often don't have a way to get to a library on their own. Every child has a story, and finding their story in a book begins their literacy and socialization journey, increasing their chances of staying in school and finding employment. Rachel first built community connections through face painting, but transitioned after the pandemic to providing books, but her big challenge was how? Partnering with other local non-profits such as Brigid's Path and Shoes for the Shoeless, she brought tubs of books to them to read to children and let them pick out their own to-keep book. Recently partnered with Agape for Youth after losing their previous space, Sunshine Book Club will now have their own space to provide books, Acts of Kindness bookmarks and a spark of hope, reading skills, and inspiration to young learners.

Sunshine Book Club accepts cash donations, new or gently used books and is always looking

for hosts for book drives or volunteers for their events. For more information, visit their website at www.wildlybecoming.org/sunshine-book-club or contact Rachel at rbane0618@gmail.com.



Assignments

Date	Greeters (2 People)	Raffle (2 People)	Properties (2 People)	Guest Intro (1 People)	Invocation (1 People)	Thought
July 26	Stover Turben	Stitsinger Stiver	Vanderburgh Walker	Thornburg	Waters	Schuerman
Aug 2	Zompetti Alter	Winger Worley	Slaz Staub	Wade	Bertke	Anglin
Aug 9	Campbell Chorny	Armstrong Beyer	Bryant Budde	Butler	Byington	Boord
Aug 16	Draper Eaton	Clymer Collins	Dalrymple Davies	Deddens	DaPrato	Cunningham

Club Leaders

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