



# ROTATIONS

The Official Newsletter of the Oakwood Rotary Club

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

## Speakers

### October

4th - [Tom Nichols](#)  
Dayton Dragons

18th - [Amy Martin](#)  
Oakwood Schools Foundation

11th - [Tracey Benson-Taylor](#)  
Montgomery County Records Office

25th - [Karen Hesser](#)  
MetroParks

## Events

### October

5th - [Sandwich Making](#)

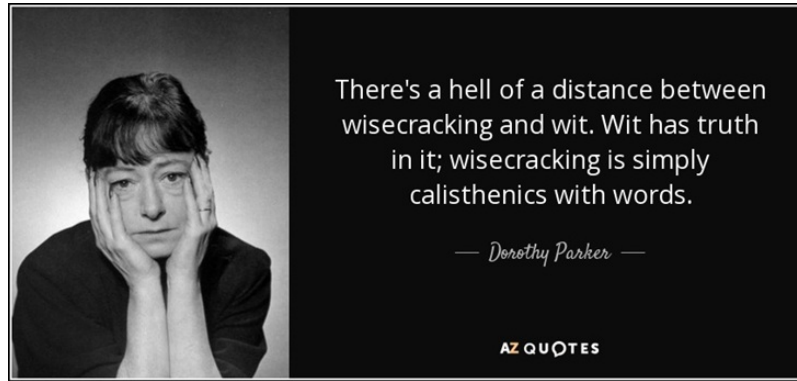
19th - [HazMat Pickup Day](#)

## Guests of Rotary

Dr. Bob Leibold, Rotary Club of Sarasota, FL, guest of the Club  
Jan Runkle, Rotary Club of Miamisburg, guest of Dick Stevens  
Jeremiah Burgess, guest of Scott Bryant



## Thought of the Day ~ Stan Herr



## Announcements

Rotarian **Joe Wade**, affectionately known as “Bolo Joe,” passed away on Saturday and he will be greatly missed. He loved the Rotary, loved being of service, loved attending meetings, and loved supporting the Rotary mission. The viewing will be at Westbrook Funeral Home on October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4-8:00 PM, followed by a second viewing at St. Alberts on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM. The funeral Mass will be at noon on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and he will be buried following with Military Honors. A reception will follow at the Presidential Banquet Center in Kettering. Please see Peter Davies if you can volunteer to videotape the funeral or Honors Ceremony.

**Frank Mione**, who is currently undergoing treatment for cancer (thank you to the Rotarians who have assisted with rides and support), lost his daughter to cancer on Thursday so please send your thoughts and prayers to the Mione family.

Unfortunately, the **Marching Band Tailgate** was **cancelled** due to inclement weather. We passed the hat and raised \$617 for the band, in addition to a \$250 check from the club.

TR announced that **Father Jim Manning** passed away on September 22, with a funeral Mass held over the weekend.

## Office of the Sergeant at Arms



### The “What Happened to the Flag???” Edition

First fine for failing Properties 101 goes to **Marty B**, who missed putting the flag up this morning! **Stefan** was fined a \$1 for wearing a Bengals shirt (I think we should GIVE him a dollar for the bold move in the middle of a 0-for-3 start), **Jim S** was fined for the invocation that turned into a history lesson, but got it back when he was recognized for his daring plaid-on-plaid layered shirt combo, while **Tom D** was fined for NOT wearing flannel. **Dr. Bob Leibold** from the Sarasota Club was fined for making an announcement about the President’s Club Legion of Honor luncheon; that would have been totally fine during announcements, but not on Sarge’s time!! Speaking of time, **Stan Herr** was fined for being on “Stan Time” and showing up just in time to present the Thought of the Day, and he turned it around by fining Sarge for not having his badge on (it was on the table, though!), **George** and **Marty** were fined for shorts in the middle of a near-hurricane, and our last challenge was to name what national day it is today; no answers but it was “National Crush a Can Day.”

## Buck Talks

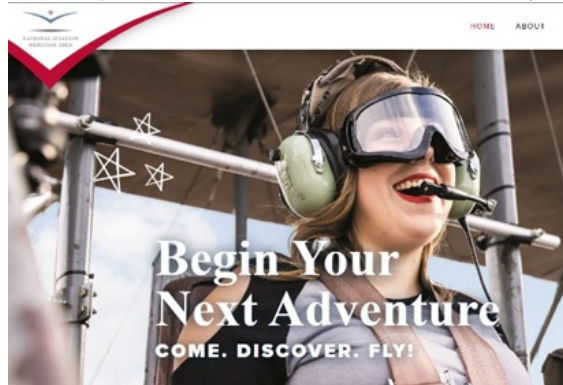
**Rob Stephens** put in a buck for TR reminding him of Father Jim, who officiated at Rob's wedding, and **Cathy C** put in \$2, one for Joe and one for Father Manning. **Mike Staub** put in a buck for expecting a second daughter in March and for being on the mend from a thumb he broke while working out (he will stick to golf from now on). **Tom D**, after asking us to keep his wife's 50<sup>th</sup> on the down low, noted that his wife and the quads were featured on the front page of the Dayton Daily! **Wes** put in \$2 for his oldest and youngest being home together, **George** put in a dollar for turning 65 on September 4<sup>th</sup>, **Steve Byington** but in \$6 for our new City Manager Kate Smiddy, who will be taking over from Norb. **Rob Walker** put in a buck for attending homecoming at Norwich University, the oldest private and senior military college in the United States and also in honor of the celebration of 50 years of women being admitted into the Corps of Cadets. **Bill Winger** put a donation to celebrate his recent Honor Flight to D.C. and the beautiful reception at the airport that greeted them at the airport to welcome them back to Dayton; he especially wanted to note the five-year-old girl who stepped out of the line to personally thank him for his service. **Amy G** was returning from Ireland at the same time and was thrilled to turn a corner at the airport and see the hundreds of people in the corridor welcoming back the Honor Flight veterans. **Jim** put in a Happy and Sad buck; one for his trip to California and one that his oldest sister passed away.



## Speaker

**Mackensie Witmer, Dayton Aviation Heritage  
COME. DISCOVER. FLY!**

Mackensie Wittmer is the Executive Director of the National Aviation Heritage Alliance, which manages the Congressionally designated National Aviation Heritage Area, sustaining the legacy of the Wright brothers and all men, women, and flying machines that changed our world. Mackensie just can't stop volunteering: She serves on the Wright-Dunbar Inc. board of trustees, is a volunteer and trustee for Dayton Metro Library Foundation, and is a member of the Wright-Patterson AFB Honorary Commanders program, and was appointed by Governor DeWine to the America 250-Ohio Commission, planning the celebration of 250 years of the United States in 2026. Mackensie is a graduate of Miami University and has a Masters from Wright State University. She has been executive director since August 2018.



There are over 62 National Heritage Areas in the United States and Dayton/Montgomery County is home to the one of them: the National Aviation Heritage Area! Started in the 1980's, the National Heritage Area program's mission was the federal response to celebrate regions of note in the country through storytelling. We are in good company: some of our sister National Heritage Areas include the MotorCities National Heritage Area in Michigan, Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area in Pennsylvania, National Coal Heritage Area in West Virginia, and Silos and Smokestacks National Area in Iowa.

Administered by the National Parks Service, the National Aviation Heritage Area's mission is the preserve and develop the assets in the National Heritage Area and promote the heritage and future of aerospace. The Area includes the world's largest military aviation museum, the birthplace of the Wright Brothers and Neil Armstrong, and the National Aviation Hall of Fame and tours are grouped around the Early Years, War Years and Space Age. Their most recent accomplishment was to be designated by the National Park Service as an American World War II Heritage City, the only designee in the state of Ohio and one of only 17 other communities across the United States. The Dayton Aviation site has been further nominated to be recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site and has passed the first hurdle for consideration.

Mackensie also provided information about America 250 in 2026 and the part the National Aviation Heritage Area will play in this celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States. Events are planned to be held in all 88 counties and include being part of America's Field Trip, Two Lights for Tomorrow on April 18-19, encouraging city buildings putting two lights in their windows to commemorate Paul Revere's Ride, and Light to Unite, encourage buildings to illuminate their exteriors with red, white and blue lights on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Other events include a state-wide "250 Days of Film" movie series celebrating Ohio's contribution to the movies, Trails and Tales tours of over 30 sites, and river tours to highlight the Ohio River and the Great Lakes as a means of transportation.



For more information on America 250, go to their website at <https://america250.org/> or visit the National Aviation Heritage Area's website at <https://visitnaha.com/>.

## Assignments

Date	Greeters (2 People)	Raffle (2 People)	Properties (2 People)	Guest Intro (1 People)	Invocation (1 People)	Thought (1 People)
04- Oct- 24  Club Meeting	Slazinik, Ian Stitsinger, Molly L	Stephens, Robert P. Stevens, Richard R.	Sills, Robert L. Staub, Michael V	Stiver, Chris L	Stover, Michael E.	Thornburg, Katherine M.
11- Oct- 24  Club Meeting	Walker, Rob Zompetti, Anthony Edward	Turben, Daniel H. Winger, William Ralph	Vanderburgh, Michael E.	Wade, Joseph F.	Worley, James M.	Voisard, Jane G.
18- Oct- 24  Club Meeting	Alter, Gerald Anglin, Nina	Walker, Rob Winger, William Ralph	Worley, James M. Zompetti, Anthony Edward	Beyer, Martin A.	Armstrong, Michael F	Beecher, Robert M
25- Oct- 24  Club Meeting	Bryant, Scott Butler, Jim Jr.	Budde, Stephen J. Byington, Steve	Campbell, Catherine Sue Chorny, Yury	Clymer, Elizabeth	Collins, Carol D.	Boord, L. Wesley

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