

Rotary



Club of Cranberry Township - Sunrise

Speakers

Events

August 20th
[Blessing Board Donation Drive - Sunset Club](#)

Birthdays

Andrew J Wilson
July 30th
Christopher J. Williams
August 5th
Michele Jurysta
August 7th

Wedding Anniversaries

Kimberly Reuss
August 11th

Club Leaders



[Karen S Newpol](#)
President



[Michael J. Ozdinec](#)
President-Elect



[Timothy D O'Brien](#)
Secretary



[Kimberly Reuss](#)
Rotary Foundation
Chair
Vice President



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Webmaster

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Club Director

Club Bulletin 7/22/22

By Timothy D O'Brien on Thursday, July 28, 2022

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