

Rotary



Club of Cranberry Township - Sunrise

Speakers

March 11, 2023

[Meet in parking lot of Church at Rochester and Powell](#)

Contact Club member Greg Plutnicki, Event Coordinator, meet at 8:30am

March 17, 2023

[District Conference Committee meeting at 8:35am](#)

Planning for the District Conference May 18-20, 2023

March 18, 2023

[In the event the clean-up scheduled for March 11th needs to be cancelled](#)

Events

March 3rd

[Speaker - Dave and Melanie Sturrock, Shelter Box](#)

March 10th

[Rotary Club General Assembly - Members only](#)

March 11th

[Adopt-a-Roadway Clean-up Day - Powell Road, Rochester to Freedom](#)

March 17th

[Speaker - Kevin Mack, Pittsburgh North Chamber of Commerce](#)

March 24th

[Speaker - Ron Henshaw, Dir. Planning and Development - Cranberry](#)

March 31st

[Cranberry Township Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Birthdays

Jerry A. Andree

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March 12th
Elayne P. Wilhelm
March 14th
Mark W Segar
April 2nd

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding
Anniversaries Found

Club Leaders



Karen S. Newpol
President



Michael J. Ozdinec
President -
Elect



Timothy D. O'Brien
Secretary



Kimberly Reuss
Rotary
Foundation
Chair
Vice
President



Shawn Firster
Treasurer



Jerry A. Andree
Club
Director
Webmaster



Christopher J. Williams
Club
Director



Andrew J. Wilson
Public
Relations
Chair



Elayne P. Wilhelm
Interact
Club
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iPast
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