

Rotary



Club of Dayton SMILE



No Meeting on Monday February 17th

As a reminder, there is no meeting on Monday, February 17th in celebration of President's Day



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February
20th



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February
22nd



Charles Vella
February
24th



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February
24th



Brian O. Martin
February
26th



Lance W. Detrick
February
26th



Ailsa Zink
February
26th

This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, February 24, 2025

"Oscars Previews and Predictions"



Jonathan McNeal graduated from Wright State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Motion Picture Production. He has taught film and video production at both the high school and college levels – Wright State & Stivers – and directed the award-winning documentary about Dayton's beloved drag troupe – THE RUBI GIRLS. This will be his 10th time presenting to Rotary about his predictions for the winners of the Academy Awards.

Chair of the Day: Lisa Grigsby

This Happened Last Monday...

President Randy Domigan called the meeting to order at 12:10. Fran Rickenbach shared the **Words to Live by** and led the **Pledge to the Flag**. Noting that Valentine's Day is this week, Fran focused on Connections and the importance of communication, promoting global understanding and to be in the presence of others. This is one of the best gifts that one can give or receive.

Bill Nance shared **News of the Day** including a new teacherless classroom in Arizona and a new non-profit, Skates of Hope that donates skates in honor of those athletes that lost their lives on the American flight recently. He shared that a cocker spaniel dog made a new World's record for skating on a skateboard under a 40-person tunnel in Italy.

Richard Lundin **welcomed many guests:**

- Assistant Governor from the Fairborn Club- Roger Sloan
- Diane Welborn welcomed her husband Larry, home on sabbatical
- Jack Lohbeck welcomed Bob Crawford and Jim Donaldson, longtime friends
- Lonnie Franks introduced Tim Forbess
- Matt Jessup introduced Joyce Kasprzak who is present from Children's Historical Publishing to receive a Foundation check

Secretary Sarah seemed to be having a tough day; her daughter's back went out, the refrigerator went out and her dog was sick.

Linda Groover highlighted **Rotary Youth Exchange**. We hosted all of the districts exchange students in Dayton this past Saturday. They visited the Boonshoft, the Dragon's stadium and went ice skating. Linda encouraged the club to support the program.

Ed Gray is celebrating his birthday this week and offered a Day-10 for his birthday. **Lisa Wagner's** birthday is next week so she offered a Day-100 in advance.

Speakers

February 17, 2025
[NO MEETING - PRESIDENT'S DAY](#)

February 24, 2025
[Jonathan McNeal, Manager, The NEON Oscars Preview](#)

March 03, 2025
[Jessica Oakley, Outreach Coordinator CareFlight](#)

March 10, 2025
[Larry Smart, CFO, CareSource](#)

March 17, 2025
[Jason Galanes, Chief of Staff/Secretary US NATO Parliamentary Assembly Delegation](#)

March 24, 2025
[Jenell Ross, Bob Ross Auto Group](#)

March 31, 2025
[Miracle Clubhouse](#)

April 07, 2025
[Red Ribbon Takeover Meeting](#)

April 14, 2025
[Rick Willits, We Care Arts](#)

April 21, 2025
[Gregory Bowles, Head of Government Affairs Joby Aviation](#)

April 28, 2025
[Gerri Pegues, Assistant Montgomery County Administrator The Human Services Levy](#)

May 05, 2025
[Gil Turner, Director of Aviation, City of Dayton Dayton International Airport Update](#)

May 12, 2025
[Emily Wells 40th Anniversary of the Human Race Theatre](#)

May 19, 2025
[Rotary on the Road](#)

May 26, 2025
[NO MEETING - MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY](#)

June 02, 2025
[Ryan Ernst, Partner, The Connor Group Expansion of the Greater Dayton School](#)

June 09, 2025
[Barbra Stonerock/Joie Sciabica Employers' Workforce Coalition](#)

June 16, 2025
[TBD](#)

June 23, 2025
[TBD](#)

June 30, 2025
[Randy Domigan & Linda Groover Changing of the Rotary Guard](#)

Sarah noted a big need for meeting volunteers, so see Laura's sign-up sheets. Rotary Rewards did not go to the front table (much appreciation for sitting up front) but to the individuals that brought guests today.

Only six spots left for the Thai 9 Rotary dines out on February 18th.

Sarah's water fact? It is a myth that there is a "flush" of water activity during the Super Bowl. There was a water line break one year in Salt Lake City but it was not related to the Super Bowl volume of water. And- did you know how much a bottle of water cost at the Super Bowl??? \$7.00.

Day 10's offered by:

- Penny Wolff gave a Day-100 for the Eagles Victory
- Mollie Hauser gave a Day-100 in recognition of Joyce K as the Dayton Woman's Club has published a book with her group, Children's Historical Publishing.
- Stephen Keyes gave a Day-100 for the 70 yr, 3rd generation celebration of Key Ads
- Katie Neubert gave a Day-100 for We Care Arts Black and White gala on February 28
- Chuck Vella just because...gave a Day-50
- Jeff Schiavone gave a Day-115 in celebration of the Boys Scouts of America which is celebrating the 115 yr anniversary and the official name change to Scouting America. Did you know that 20% of their members are young girls today?



President Randy welcomed Matt Jessup to the podium to present **Joyce Kasprzak a \$3,000 check from the Foundation. The Children's Historical Publishing** group is going to use this to produce History of Hope; a collection of stories of people who lived on the West Side of Dayton. The book will be distributed to 6-12 grade students for free. Joyce shared several examples of the stories in the book.

President Randy introduced **Bill Nance and Diane Welborn** for the quarterly **Peace Builder interview**. Diane shared information about Ombudsman's office and how they solve complaints about many government agencies. Her team is well-trained in techniques in conflict resolution. There are 220 Ombudsman organizations around the world.

Walt Hibner, Chair of the Day and Board member of County Corp introduced our own Steve Naas to talk about the Affordable Housing need in the Community. Steve shared examples of many projects County Corp has facilitated. He shared data about the need for Housing and the income ranges for people that need affordable housing. There are way too many people that are spending over 30% of their income on rent. County Corp does Home Ownership Training and supports the YouthBuild program that helps young people learn construction trades by building a home. County Corp has

changed their focus in the 45 years of existence, and they work to keep people in their home, address blight in the community, support lead remediation and build housing.

Kathy Harper drew the 3 of spades so the Queen of Hearts drawing will continue, and the \$770 pot will grow.

There is **NO MEETING on President's Day**. See you on February 24th when Jonathan McNeal, Manager of the NEON will preview the Oscars.

Kappy Kilburn led the 4 way test and meeting was adjourned at 1:15.

[Link for Meeting Recording](#)

Queen of Hearts Drawing

Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle

Weekly at Monday Meetings to benefit the Dayton Rotary Foundation

\$1 per ticket/\$5 for 6 tickets

Weekly winner draws a card from the deck if they draw the Queen of Hearts the winner takes ½ the pot. If the card is not the Queen of Hearts card then the card is destroyed & we try again next week. Meanwhile the pot continues to grow.

CURRENT POT: \$879

See Secretary Sarah or Laura for more information.

ATTENTION ZOOM PARTICIPANTS

****For those members who would like to participate via zoom - please let Laura know ahead of time or place your request in the chat prior to the start of the meeting and we will assign you ticket numbers and bill your foundation account.

RULES FOR THIS ROUND

- You must be present to win and/or purchase tickets (either in person or on zoom)
- The drawing is for members of the Dayton Rotary only.
- The winner will need to complete a W-9 form and will be issued a W2-G form.
- The drawing will go to the very last card.



Rotary Dines Out at THAI 9

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at

THAI 9 Restaurant

11 Brown Street



**Tuesday, February 18th @
6:00 PM**

*Gather with Fellow Rotarians
to Enjoy a Meal.*

Pay your own Dinner/Drinks tab.

Round of Appetizers is on Dayton Rotary.



Rotarians and Guests

Welcome

Reservations to

laura@daytonrotary.com



**Space is Limited to 20
so Reserve Early!**

Dayton Rotary Hosts District Youth Exchange Outing

The Dayton Club hosted District 6670 Rotary Youth Exchange Students and families for a day of "Dayton" on Saturday February 8th. Five inbound students and 2 future outbound students joined in the fun, beginning with the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery where we were able to explore the museum and zoo on our own for a while. Next, we gathered in one of the classrooms for a private animal experience where we had the opportunity to learn about and see some critters: a giant millipede, a milk snake and a screech owl. The kids and adults alike conquered their fears and jitters and pet both the millipede and snake. The Owl however was a biter, so we abstained!

After Boonshoft, we made our way downtown to DK Effect arcade for lunch of Pizza. The space is filled with tons of arcade games which many participated in playing before we moved on to Day Air Ballpark. It was a windy and cold day, but the kids were troopers as we toured the stadium and were able to walk the field. A first for many exchangers, as baseball isn't the national pastime in many countries around the world like it is here. Everyone left with a new hat and mini cooler courtesy of the Dayton Dragons! The next stop of our tour of Dayton was the Victoria theater where we had a fun time hearing of ghost stories and many historical tales of days gone by to include 2 fires and flood! We landed on stage before

heading down under to the dressing rooms, set building shop and the famous puzzle room. If you can believe it, we had yet another stop of our great tour of our great city. Next the kids were challenged by Riverscape's ice arena! Many of our group went skating, some for the first time ever! They did great and had a lot of fun spending time together building lifelong friendships and, in the end, thawing out in the warming tent with hot chocolate.

Each year our club is asked to host an outing for Youth exchange and it is a fun day where the students get to bond and try new things that they may not experience in their home country. It is an honor to serve our club and promote peace building through Rotary Youth Exchange. If you have ever wondered how to get involved, please reach out to Laura, myself, Steve Naas Kim Bramlage or Nadya Turek, all members of RYE committee.

I want to give a special thank you to Tracey Tommee with Boonshoft, Karen Hesser with Five Rivers, Mike Rogers (former member of our club) with Dayton Live and the RYE committee for their role in the event. It was a great success.



Opportunities for Day of Literacy

Our Dayton Rotary Peace Committee is partnering with the Peace Museum and other local agencies. Please come and support these events on the Day of Literacy!

Day OF LITERACY

Saturday March 1 2025

Presented by :
Rotary Club of Dayton
Brunner Literacy Center

SENTENCED
MOVIE SCREENING
11am
RSVP Required at [PEACE.MUSEUM/events-1/Sentenced-movie-screening](https://www.peacemuseum.org/events-1/sentenced-movie-screening)

8PM MUSIC by Melina Marie and Marvin

6pm Talk with Dayton Literary Peace Prize Nominee, **RIVERA SUN**

The LOST HEIR by Rivera Sun

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