

# Rotary



## Club of Dayton SMILE



### This Week at Rotary

**MONDAY, March 17, 2025**

### "NATO Dayton 2025"

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#### Birthdays



Stephen Keyes  
March 18th



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March 20th



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March 21st



C. Thomas Weber  
March 23rd

#### Speakers

**March 17, 2025**  
Jason Galanes, Chief of Staff, U.S. Representative Mike Turner/Secretary US NATO Parliamentary



Jason Galanes, Congressman Turner's Chief of Staff as well as the Lead Planner for NATO Dayton 2025 will be with us to talk about the plans for the event taking place here in Dayton May 22-26. The NATO Village will be downtown between Monument and Third Streets. Featured locations for the assembly sessions include the Schuster Center, the Victoria Theater and CareSource.

Chair of the Day: Karla Garrett Harshaw

### This Happened Last Monday...

President Randy called the meeting to order at 12:10. Fran's Words to Live By are from Pope Francis. We are reminded that living for others is a rule of nature and life is much better when others are happy because of you.

Bill Nance provided news of the day and shared that people using their MasterCard recently had problems with online payments and purchases. It is now resolved. We Ride, a global leader in autonomous driving now has a delivery van with 194 cubic feet of cargo space that doesn't need a driver. A second grader of a school in Mesa, Arizona, saved a friend choking on a grape by using the Heimlich Maneuver. This was developed by Dr. Henry Heimlich, the director of surgery at Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati and an honorary member of the Cincinnati Rotary Club. The New York Yankees have dropped their ban on beards that has been in place for 49 years. The goal is to improve player recruitment.

Latisha Taylor welcomed guests and visitors:

- Lonnie Franks – Episcopal Priest, Peter Homeyer from Christ Episcopal Church
- Michelle Feltz – Paul Hemminger, founder and CEO of Story Connect; Wendy Roop from Wendy Roop Coaching; Brandon Bayer, founder of Flight Control; Caleb Ingram, founder and CEO of Declare; Marcy Walker, Wes Macdonald, and Stefan Watts from Declare
- Cindy Garner – Tracy VanDewerker from Miami Valley Meals
- Katie Neubert – Donnica Hawes-Saunders
- Bob Hanesman – Lauren Schramm from Sebaly Shillito & Dyer
- Karla Garrett Harshaw – Ellen Miller, Joe Kelly, and Daniel Slaybaugh from CareSource
- Tom Carlisle joined us on Zoom!

**Kim Bramlage stepped in for Secretary Sarah** celebrated birthdays - Terry Offenberger, March 12; Rick Schwartz, March 15. Kim reminded everyone of the upcoming Rotary Dines Out March 13 at the Dublin Pub. Sponsorship information for this year's Summerfest, September 19, is on the tables. Rotarians are given first priority for sponsorships.

#### Day 10's offered by:

- Lonnie Franks – Two Day 50s: One for having his priest visit today; one for our new Rotary member, the Director of the Peace Museum and a panel on Environmental Climate Justice on Saturday
- Rick Schwartz – Day 100 for his birthday; Go UD!
- Dave Williamson – Day 100 For the Dayton Rotary Club's victory over the Cincinnati Rotary Club at Stones Bowling Alley; first Dayton victory in six years
- Michelle Feltz – Day 10 for her lovely guests
- Judy Budi – Online donation for the Red Ribbon Project supporting The Foodbank; challenges others to donate as well
- Emily Broughton – Day 10 for Speech Contest; Day 10 for Red Ribbon Committee project
- Kathy Harper – Day 100 for the Red Ribbon Committee Project to purchase scanners for the Foodbank; additional information on the tables
- Mollie Hauser – Day 100 towards Paul Harris in memory of her husband, Dick Hauser who died 7 years ago this week; He was so proud of the bowling team
- Surendra Singhvi – Day 100 – 60 for 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 7; 40 for Paul Harris

President Randy invited Cindy Garner to present a foundation check to Tracy VanDewerker from Miami Valley Meals. They donate over 4,000 meals per week to over 50 non-profit organizations in the Dayton region. They use rescued food which keeps the food waste out of the landfills. Annually, over 25,000 meals are prepared using over 100,000 pounds of food. Tracy told us they surpassed 1 million meals in January 2025 which was prior to their fifth anniversary.

President Randy invited Lonnie Franks up to introduce a new Rotary member. Alice Young-Basaro is the Executive Director at the Dayton

Assembly Delegation

**March 24, 2025**

[Jenell Ross, Bob Ross Auto Group](#)

**March 31, 2025**

[Kathleen Trick, Manager 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/Joe Sciabica Employers' Workforce Coalition](#)

**June 16, 2025**

[Aileron](#)

**June 23, 2025**

[TBD](#)

**June 30, 2025**

[Randy Domigan & Linda Groover Changing of the Rotary Guard](#)

International Peace Museum, where she leads efforts to inspire dialogue and action for peace through education, exhibitions, and community engagement.

Emily Broughton shared information about the revitalized Four-Way Speech Contest, held for the first time since the pandemic. Area high school students competed with speeches that reflected the four tenants of the Four-Way Test. The top two winners will go on to compete on a district level at Wright State University on March 30.

Karla Garrett Harshaw introduced Larry Smart, CFO for CareSource. Larry shared the history and projection for CareSource, that works with government-sponsored plans. As a non-profit organization, their sole focus is their members and partners. They don't have investors and can reinvest in innovation into their members and their communities. Some of the growth they've had is through mergers, acquisitions, and partnerships, including Ohio's Hospice, marketplace plans in Wisconsin and Michigan, long-term care, and care for military and veterans.

Kathy Harper did not draw the Queen of Hearts so the drawing will continue, and the pot will grow.

Next week's speaker will be Jason Galanes, Chief of Staff, U.S. Representative Mike Turner/Secretary of the US NATO Parliamentary Assembly Delegation. Please make your reservation ahead of time if possible so that we are sure to have enough seating.

Everyone joined in reciting the Four-Way Test and the meeting was adjourned.

[Link for Meeting Recording](#)

## Welcome to Dayton Rotary!

### NEW MEMBER PROFILE



**Alice Young-Basora** is the Executive Director of the Dayton International Peace Museum, where she leads efforts to inspire dialogue and action for peace through education, exhibitions, and community engagement. She previously served as the museum's Director of Education, shaping impactful programs, such as "Peace 101" that connect young people and lifelong learners to global peace initiatives.

Alice's career spans education, the arts, and nonprofit leadership. A former middle school science teacher, she developed innovative curricula that blended science and creativity, including founding and creating an extracurricular class, called "Art-ology" that united biology and art. She later launched Nina Carina, LLC, a successful jewelry design business where she conducted hands-on workshops for children and adults.

Her dedication to education extends beyond traditional classrooms. She has served as a wildlife rehabilitator at Brukner Nature Center, an instructor at the Yellow Springs Community Children's Center, and a board member for multiple arts and theater organizations. Alice holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Cleveland State University and is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

Passionate about fostering understanding and advocacy, Alice continues to expand the museum's reach, ensuring it remains a hub for dialogue, reflection, and action in the pursuit of a more just and peaceful world.

Alice and her husband Mario reside in Yellow Springs and have two children.

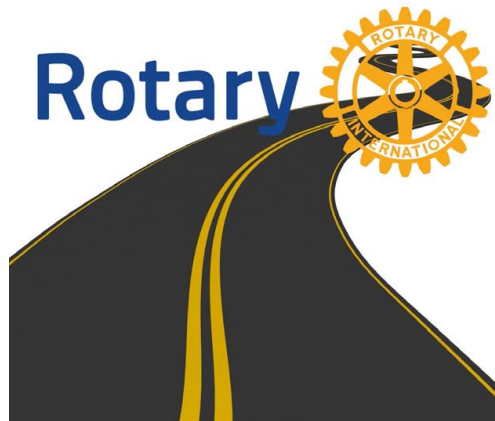
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## Rotary Dines Out at Dublin Pub





## Rotary on the Road to be Held on May 19th....Hosts Needed



On May 19th we will hold our Spring Rotary on the Road Event. On this day, we will not meet in our usual location at Sinclair Community College. Instead, we will split up and choose from several different Rotarian Host Locations.

At this time, we are recruiting a few host locations. If you are interested in hosting a small group of Rotarians (10-20 people) at your business/organization, then please contact Laura to submit your name for consideration.

## Summerfest 2025 Sponsors Needed



Summerfest, presented by the Rotary Club of Dayton, is back for a fun-filled night of music and community! This summer, we're going to pack the Levitt Pavilion and close out summer with a bang. Don't miss your chance to connect with thousands of your neighbors while supporting the great work of the Rotary Club of Dayton Foundation - sponsor Summerfest 2025! All proceeds support our Foundation, a 501(c)3 that provides grant funding to nonprofit organizations throughout the Miami Valley

SUMMERFEST 2025  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19  
LEVITT PAVILION DAYTON  
6:00PM – 9:30PM

For more details on the event...Please follow this link to the [Sponsorship Packet](#) for more details

## Support the Red Ribbon Takeover Day Project...Helping the Foodbank



## Help The Foodbank Enhance Efficiency & Reduce Waste: Your Support Makes a Difference!

The Dayton Rotary Club's **Red Ribbon Project** is helping The Foodbank, Inc. take the next step in improving its inventory management system—ensuring food gets to those who need it most, faster and more efficiently.

### Why It Matters

- **\$0.94 of every dollar** spent at The Foodbank goes directly to programming.
- In the past year, The Foodbank distributed **over 18 million pounds of food** across Montgomery, Greene, and Preble counties.
- Serving **119 food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters**, The Foodbank plays a critical role in fighting hunger.
- Less than **1% of inventoried food** was reported as spoiled in FY24.
- Though The Foodbank serves the smallest service area of Ohio's 12 foodbanks, it faces the **6th highest need** in the state.
- As a **re-entry employer**, over 40% of The Foodbank team has prior involvement in the criminal justice system, offering second chances and job training.

### The Impact of Handheld Scanners

Since November 2023, The Foodbank has worked with Feeding America to optimize inventory management. Key achievements include:

- ✓ **27% increase** in available partner agency appointments
- ✓ **Reduced food waste** through better inventory tracking
- ✓ **New online ordering system** for partner agencies

Now, The Foodbank is ready to take the next step—**implementing handheld scanners** to streamline food distribution and further reduce waste.

### How You Can Help

To fully integrate scanners into daily operations, The Foodbank needs **12-15 scanners**. With seed funding in place, the Dayton Rotary Club's support will allow for the purchase of:

- **Handheld scanners** (\$2,510 each, includes battery packs for freezer use & a 3-year warranty)
- **Holsters & forklift mounts** (\$2,496 for 8 scanners)

**Scanners will greatly enhance the Foodbank's inventory management efficiency, reducing processing time by an estimated 75%. This time savings can be redirected to better serve their network of nonprofit partners. Your support will have a lasting impact on our community. Thank you!**

**Red Ribbon  
Takeover Day is  
April 7**

Your contribution through the **Dayton Rotary Club's Red Ribbon Project** helps ensure The Foodbank can continue to fight hunger effectively while empowering its workforce.

Together, we can make a difference!



**DONATE  
NOW**



**The Foodbank**  
Solving Hunger In the Miami Valley



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## Join Us for River Clean Up Day

The Rotary Club of Dayton is Partnering with the Rotary Club of Kettering to Make the River Cleaner!

### Join Us for River Clean-Up Day!

Help keep our local waterways clean and beautiful! Join fellow club members for a **fun and easy** river clean-up. We'll provide **grabbers, gloves, and bags**—all you need to bring is your energy and enthusiasm! Plus, stick around afterward for a **free lunch** to celebrate our hard work!

**Date:** April 26

**Location:** Downtown Dayton (parking information TBD closer to date)

**Time:** 9-11AM

This is an **easy walking cleanup**, perfect for all ages and abilities. Let's make a difference together while enjoying the great outdoors!

**Sign up today!**



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**The Social Committee Presents...Rotary Dines Out at Lilys**

# Rotary Dines Out



**Thursday, April 17th**

**6:00 p.m.**

**@**

**Lily's**

**329 East Fifth Street ~ Oregon District**

Lily's Dayton is a warm, welcoming and quirky restaurant with a bar program that focuses on tiki-inspired cocktails and an eclectic, elevated-but-casual global menu.

*Gather with Fellow Rotarians to Enjoy a Meal.*

*Pay your own Dinner/Drinks tab.*

*Round of Appetizers is on Dayton Rotary.*



**Spouses and Guests  
Welcome!**

**Reservations to [laura@daytonrotary.com](mailto:laura@daytonrotary.com)**

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



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**Dayton Rotary Bowling League Achieves Victory Over Cincinnati Rotary Bowling League**





4-Way Test Speech Held Last Saturday





The Rotary Club of Dayton convened local youth for their 4-Way Test Speech Contest last Saturday at the Dayton Metro Library. Participants prepared and presented short speeches that affirm the four values of the Rotary International 4-Way Test. Those values are:

Is it the TRUTH?  
 Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
 Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Students from local schools participated in the competition, judged by volunteers from the Club and the community.

The top three finishers each won a cash prize, with the top two advancing to the Rotary District 6670 competition to be held on March 30, 2025.

The three finalists are:  
 1. Mya Smedley (\$350 prize)  
 2. Lilia Lopez (\$250 prize)



3. Claudine Tumusifu (\$150 prize)

Rotarian Emily Broughton, who led the initiative to revive the Club's local contest, said, "It is incredibly heartening to hear the thoughtful take these future leaders have on pressing issues. Their poise, thoughtfulness, and polished delivery gives me hope that the future is bright for these young leaders."

Thank you to Emily Broughton for leading the efforts to revive this speech competition for our club. The contest at our club level hasn't been held since before the pandemic.

## Rotary District Gala

**Rotary**   
District 6670

*Magic of Rotary*  
**GALA**

FRIDAY APRIL 25, 2025  
5:30-10:00PM

**WRIGHT PATT AIR FORCE MUSEUM**

**Tickets \$65.00 - Register at [www.dacdb.com](http://www.dacdb.com)- MY CLUB TAB**

Please come early to tour the museum until 5:00 pm.  
Recognition of Rotarians, Dinner, Keynote Speaker,  
Presentation from the Environmental Committee, District 6670 Meeting & More!  
Dress: Business Casual, Rotary Polos are Great!

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