

Rotary



Club of Dayton SMILE



This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, August 5, 2024
"7th Annual Tour de Gem"

Club Leaders



[Randall K. Domigan](#)
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Birthdays



[Iris Juergens](#)
August 5th



[Robert Patterson](#)
Woodhull August 6th



[Kevin C. Mulder](#)
August 9th

Speakers

August 05, 2024
[Tom Kelley, President & CEO, United Way of Greater Dayton Tour de Gem](#)

August 12, 2024
[Red Ribbon Committee Meeting @ 11AM](#)

August 12, 2024
[Signature Grant Finalist Presentations](#)

August 19, 2024
[Governor Mike DeWine](#)

August 26, 2024
[Shelley Dickstein, City of Dayton](#)

September 02, 2024
[NO MEETING - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY](#)

September 23, 2024



Tom Kelley, President & CEO, United Way of Greater Dayton will be speaking to us about the 7th Annual Tour de Gem will take place on Saturday, August 31st (Labor Day weekend) starting and finishing at Day Air Ballpark. Registration for the ride includes a ticket to Dayton Dragons' final Saturday home game that evening. For non-riders, tickets may be purchased for \$14. This year's Tour will focus on the Family Fun Ride of 1- 38 miles and a Virtual Ride, ridden at your own pace during August. The Family Fun Ride follows the eastern bike path connecting Dayton through Riverside and Beavercreek to Xenia, with primary rest stops at Eastwood Metro Park, the 911 Memorial in Beavercreek and the Xenia Station Bike Hub. The ride features picturesque views and historical sites along the route. The Tour de Gem fundraising platform is also available and open to other non-profit organizations to gain financial support from riders and the community through the live or virtual rides. To register please visit [Dayton-unityedway.org](https://dayton-unityedway.org) or tourdegem.org or to buy additional Dragons tickets please visit <https://fevo-enterprise.com/Tourdegem24>

This Happened Last Monday...

President Randy Domigan opened the meeting, welcomed all members, and called upon Bill Nance to provide us with the news, weather, the Pledge, Words To Live By and the opening prayer. We took a lesson from the Jimi Hendrix playbook; "When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace." We learned that Ohio falls about in the middle with those with money worries. Rotary clubs across the world support communities affected by the recent storm devastation in Turkey and Syria.

Emily Broughton introduced the day's guests and visitors. Dottie Meade brought her husband Alan; Steve Conklin's guest was Kim Hess, of YMCA downtown branch; Jan Lepore-Jentleson, Executive Director of the East End Community Services who was also the Peace Builder interviewee at the meeting, was the guest of Carolyn Rice. Roger Sloan, Assistant Governor of Rotary from the Fairborn club was in attendance as well as Tom Carlisle, who was on Zoom.

Secretary Sarah Hippensteel Hall announced that the birthdays of the week's Alexis Larsen and Matt Jessup are 7/29 babies! Peace Walk is Wednesday July 31 at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark on Siebenthaler. Stuff the Bus is still going on and donations can be given in many ways, including bringing supplies to a meeting. August 22 at Meridien in Centerville for Rotary Dines Out. Please make reservations with Laura. Chaz is still planning Summer Fest in September (21st) and will need plenty of help!

Rotary Rewards went to Paul Gruner (next week) and to Steve Conklin and Carolyn Rice for bringing guests. Dottie Meade was also honored.

Sarah then accepted the Day 10's and other foundation gifts.

Penny Wolff Day 200 in honor of her husband who survived and thrived after heart surgery this is the anniversary of his surgery.

Mollie Hauser Day 100 for Stuff the Bus and in honor of her late husband

Chuck Watts Day 10 to Peace Committee and fun time at the Dragon's game.

Alexis Larsen Day 100 towards her Paul Harris and in honor of her birthday. Reminded us of online fund raiser for Eastwood MetroPark Playground

Kelly Lehman Day 150 in honor of her birthday, towards her Paul Harris Fellowship. Teachable moment was to remind us to talk to Frank Scott or go LRI about "points" system through the District.

Greg Birkemeyer Day 25 for Jeremy's team at Apply Pressure and the other \$25 in honor of his mother. He will ride in the Cleveland Clinic's fundraiser upcoming bike ride.

Sarah Hippensteel Hall Day 25 in honor of Kettering Rotary where she was speaker. They were very welcoming.

Surendra Singh Day 10 in honor of Dottie Meade who was very helpful to him.

Scott Kayser Day 100. Prayers for those in his family who recently died or are ill. He announced a big promotion and good news starting in January his boys will be big brothers as he and his wife will be welcoming a new baby!

Sarah's water fact related to the opening ceremony of the Paris Olympic Games. The woman riding a horse on the Seine is Sequana, the Roman goddess of the River Seine. She was the daughter of Bacchus (the god of wine and the arts), and the story goes that she was being pursued by Neptune for her beauty and she escaped him by turning herself in to the River Seine.

President Randy then came to podium and introduced Bill Nance as he interviewed Jan Lepore-Jentleson, currently the Director of East End Community Services for the Peace Builder Spotlight. Jan explained the mission of the organization and continues its quest to help children build dreams. Having achievable dreams may help break generational poverty that afflicts so many areas, including the east end of Dayton. Growing up in poverty can be traumatizing and can generate anger and other issues, including gun violence. The needs are met by food, clothing drives and after school programming and project-based learning through Ruskin Elementary School. That school will soon be transformed to offer more services, including job placement, housing, and addiction recovery programs. Jan will be shifting gears within the organization and, as of 9/1/24, she will be focusing on affordable and market rehousing efforts. Nicole Smith will take over as Director. She has been with East End Community Services for 26 years and counting. No word for her.

Frank Scott announced that Merle Wilberding reached his 4th Paul Harris Fellowship award. Randy then introduced the new segment "Rotary Spotlight" and we heard from Kim Bramlage, our past President. Kim is the marketing and communications manager at the Five Rivers Health Centers. It is a non-profit organization with a non-profit board. The Centers provide primary care and ancillary care/services to folks in the community even if they do not have the ability to pay.

Frank was the Chair of the Day and introduced Rotary District Governor, Dottie Meade. Dottie is a retired teacher who spent 39 years in education as a teacher, mentor, and administrator. She supervised at the GCC Center for several years. From 1990- 2007 Dottie worked with Fairborn schools to introduce Rotary's ideals. In 2004, she met Andy Shoup and, soon after, the Andy and Elmer's Apple Dumping Adventure was written. The book teaches the 4-way test to children. Another book, Becky and Lynn's Apple Orchard Park was published to teach school children about service above self. She retired in 2013 and was President of the Fairborn Rotary Club in 2014-2015. She is married to her best friend, Alan Meade. They have 3 adult daughters and 3 grandchildren and all of them live close by.

Dottie was very impressed with our club. She thanked Roger Sloan for his presence at the meeting, and his involvement and willingness to serve. Dottie wants us to open our hearts even further to Rotary's project and challenged each of us to do all that is possible so that our clubs are the best thing in town!

Dottie outlined the challenges given to all Districts by Rotary International's President, Stephanie Urchick. In January of this year, President Urchick introduced the theme of Rotary 2024-2025: "The Magic of Rotary". She challenged all clubs to use and share the magic of Rotary to make our clubs irresistible. This can be done, in part, by talking to everyone we know about Rotary's wonderful projects all over the world.

President Urchick challenged all Rotary District Governors to increase membership by 100 members over the year; each district adds 4 new clubs to their districts (this includes e-clubs); and to just say "yes" if asked to be on a committee and other involvement. Dottie challenged each of us to look into our hearts to determine areas in which we can say "yes". For instance, we can all try to find a new Rotarian; grow already existing projects or start new projects. We are creating a Rotary for our children and grandchildren. She was among 530 District Governors at the meeting in January and, regardless of nationality, all were speaking about Rotary. She was reminded that each District and each Rotary club is representative of a small part of a much larger world.

Dottie explained that the District's 45 clubs are being asked to come up with an environmental project and challenged us to present a project for April 2025. Past Rotary International President Mark Malone introduced "Mark's Magical Markers" - issuing 5 goals to all Rotary Governors, including leading by example and increasing membership in "My Direct Rotary". Dottie explained that by each Rotarian giving \$67 more than the previous year can make a huge impact. There are 2300 members in our District and increasing giving by an additional \$67 per year, would amount to \$154,000 more given to Rotary International than last year.

Dottie then highlighted District programs and events for the remainder of 2024 and into 2025 and personally thanked our members whose efforts support those programs. Specifically, the Rotary Leadership Institute, Youth Exchange, Youth Peace Initiative, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, the 4-Way Speech Contest, establishing an Environmental Committee and participating in the April 26th Day of Service.

She was proud to announce that there were 26 Club Gifts across the District to 15 Clubs for thousands of dollars. Dottie encouraged us to listen to the monthly podcast: "District #6670 Service Above Self", and to continue to read the newsletter. Finally, Dottie shared her sentiment that, as Rotary members, we are truly involved in something larger than ourselves.

Randy came back up to the podium and allowed Dottie to pull the ticket for the Queen of Hearts drawing. Dave Williamson's ticket was chosen but unfortunately, he drew the king of hearts. The pot continues to grow! Next week's speaker is Tom Kelley, the President and CEO of United Way of Greater Dayton and will update us on the Tour De Gem Annual Cycling Classic.

Dave Williamson led us in the Four Way Test. The meeting was adjourned.

[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 1/2 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: \$2249

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 W-2-G form.
- The drawing will go to the very last card.



Paul Harris Fellowship Recognition





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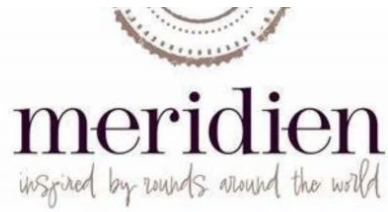
Congratulations to Merle Wilberding on receiving his 4th Paul Harris Fellowship. Frank Scott presented him his new pin at the meeting of Monday, July 29th.

Rotary Dines Out at the Meridien

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28 West Franklin Street
In Centerville



in Centerville
**Thursday, August 22nd
@ 6:00 PM**

**Join Your Fellow Rotarians for an Evening
of Good Food and Fellowship.**



We will be ordering off the Menu and Dinner will be on your own. The Rotary Social Committee will provide a sampling of appetizers for the Group.



Spouses and Guests are Welcome!
Reservations are limited to 20 people
So Reserve Your Spot Now!
Please make your reservations with Laura.

Annual School Supply Drive Benefitting Students in Need in Our Community



Think about being asked to complete a writing assignment without having a pen or pencil. Many children in our community face this situation every day when they go to school! supplies.

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TO HOST A BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE!

By donating to our supply drive, you can bridge the gap and enable students from all backgrounds to have an equal opportunity to succeed. Your contribution will directly impact the lives of these young learners. Your support during Stuff the Bus goes beyond the immediate provision of materials. It empowers students with a sense of dignity, confidence, and enthusiasm for learning. By investing in their education, you plant the seeds of lifelong success.

Bring your donations of school supplies to the **Dayton Rotary Office** or to the **Rotary meetings between July 15th- August 31st** . Or **donate online** directly to **Crayons to Classrooms** on our **Dayton Rotary Page** (with the following link)—we have a goal of raising \$2000.

Link: [Stuff the Bus 2024 - Dayton Rotary \(onecause.com\)](https://p2p.onecause.com/2024-stuffthebus/dayton-rotary-club)

Please consider helping students in need as they head back to school this fall! Most requested items include:

• Crayons (24-count)	• Pens
• Colored Pencils	• Pencils & Sharpeners
• Filler Paper	• Glue Sticks
• 70 ct Spiral Notebooks	• Construction Paper
• Pocket Folders	• Washable Markers
• Highlighters	• Kids Scissors



Items collected through this supply drive will be placed on the shelves of Crayons to Classrooms, for Dayton-area teachers to supply local classrooms in need. Teachers that qualify can visit Crayons to Classrooms, “shop” for supplies, and return them to their classrooms and students at no cost.

Your generosity will make it possible for our area children to go back to school with self-confidence and the supplies necessary to put their best foot forward!

Thanks for your participation!



Link to Donate Online <https://p2p.onecause.com/2024-stuffthebus/dayton-rotary-club>

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