

Rotary



Club of Dayton SMILE



This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, November 4, 2024

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"Insights on our Local Restaurant Industry"

Club Leaders



Randall K. Domigan
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Birthdays



Markus Peer
Rumpfkeil
November 4th



Matt Joseph
November 10th



Alan Moscowitz
November 11th

Speakers

November 04, 2024

[Restaurant Panel Discussion](#)

November 11, 2024

[NO MEETING - VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY](#)

November 18, 2024

[Red Ribbon Committee Meeting @ 11AM](#)

November 18, 2024

[Pam Plageman and](#)



**Restaurant Owners
Joe Castellano, Emily Mendenhall
& Cassaundra Spaziani
share insights on the state of
our local industry.**



Hear from 3 local restaurant

owner/operators about the daily challenges these entrepreneurs face, like finding and retaining quality staff, rising food costs, controlling growing operational costs and obtaining new customers in a challenging economy.

Chair of the Day: Lisa Grigsby

This Happened Last Monday...

President Randy Domigan called the meeting to order and asked that Bill Nance lead the Club with Words to Live By and the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill Nance then provided the News of the Day and the weather for the week. Richard Lundin introduced visiting Rotarians welcoming our District Governor, Dottie Meade from the Fairborn Club. Rick Wegmann introduced Phil Parks. Mike Rogers introduced Gabriel Von Aalst, President & CEO of Dayton Live. Kim Bramlage introduced guests Jeff Harper and Elaine Lumonya. Nadja Turek introduced Jana Frank. Fran welcomed online guests Carlye Roush and Tom Carlisle our visiting Rotarian.

Richard then called on Secretary, Sarah Hippensteel-Hall. Social events coming up are the Jay's Seafood dines out and the Mozzarella-making class (November 21 @ 5:30), which supports the Gem City Market. Fall "Bring a Guest Day" is November 18 with speakers on the topic of the Dayton Convention Center – plan ahead to bring someone who would make a good Rotarian

Rotary Rewards went to Paul Gruner for wearing a Rotary t-shirt under an "Iron Man" costume... he's a superhero with a Rotary logo! Ginger Clark made the Coats+ announcement. She asked that everyone consider making a gift – three more days of the program are left!

Next Sarah opened the floor to Day-10s:

- Steve Naas – Day 100 for his daughter's wedding two Friday's ago – congrats newlyweds Zack and Abby Davie!
- Linda Groover – Day 50 for her son and his girlfriend of 5 years getting engaged; proposal was in Paris, France!
- Rachel Jessup – Day 100 for the coats project because she wants to go to Paris
- Howard Ducker – Day 200 for two years of his wife's life/survival of her horseback riding accident
- Holly Wiggins - Day 100 for her birthday, to go to the coast project
- John Lyman – Day 100 for coats & to invite everyone to the Peace Walk Wednesday at Wegerzyn
- Alexis Larsen – Day 50 for the coats project, and for Polio Day; her father is a Polio survivor
- Fran Rickenbach – Day 10 for someone in Pittsburgh who noticed her Paul Harris pin from Germany who wants to attend our meeting
- Suren Singhvi – Day 200 towards Polio+ and his Paul Harris
- Sarah Hippensteel Hall – Day 50 for Emma and Elaine hanging out this past weekend and seeing DCDC dance

Water Fact: To grow a healthy pumpkin you need an inch of rain a week. The largest pumpkin at a recent festival was 2226 lbs! It can take up 100

[Michael King](#)
Innovation Taking
Flight: MCCFA/Dayton
Convention Center
Progress & Updates

**November 25,
2024**

[Natalie F. Hudson,](#)
Professor of Political
Science at the
University of Dayton

**December 02,
2024**

[Kelly Lehman](#)
Rotary Builds Peace

**December 09,
2024**

[Holiday Sweepstakes
& Elections](#)

**December 11,
2024**

[Social Event -
Caroling at Bethany
Lutheran Village @
6PM](#)

**December 16,
2024**

[Holiday Program
featuring Music from
Jimmy Leach](#)

**December 23,
2024**

[NO MEETING -
HAPPY HOLIDAYS](#)

**December 30,
2024**

[NO MEETING -
HAPPY HOLIDAYS](#)

January 06, 2025

[Steve Naas, County
Corp](#)

January 13, 2025

[Emily Weitz, Dayton
Childrens](#)

[On Our Sleeves
Mental Health
Initiative](#)

January 20, 2025

[NO MEETING -
MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR DAY](#)

January 27, 2025

[Russell Kline, Chief
Regulatory Officer,
Drone Express](#)

gallons a day to grow the giant squash at such festivals.

President Randy then came back to the podium and called on Bill Nance to do a spotlight with Emily Broughton. Emily's job is with Bottom Line Ohio, Director of External Relations. They got a grant from the Connor Group to bring Bottom Line to the Dayton area. They help underrepresented & first generation college students navigate from high school to college. They serve over 200 students (Trotwood, DECA, CJ, DPS... many more) and there are always more in need. They guide students on applying, how to get funding and scholarships. They advise them through college for up to six years. They also help with "what's next" after college with internships and jobs. She used to work for Cox Media and Preschool Promise. She has media experience in print, TV (was a TV anchor) and radio (she was a radio DJ in Sydney when younger). Check out her videos online singing nursery rhymes with kids – over 70k views. What did she like least about doing radio? She was alone at 17 in a studio and she had to fix anything that broke! For more info on Bottom Line Ohio go to www.bottomline.org.

President Randy then invited Elaine Lumonya to the podium. She is 17 years old from Uganda. She gave her deepest appreciation to the club for being our youth exchange student. She's having amazing experiences! She went to a surgical symposium this past weekend and wants to be a doctor. She is studying at Chaminade-Julienne. Elaine shared that Uganda is the "Pearl of Africa" in east Africa. She went to Gayaza High School, a girls Anglican, 1200 girls where the days start at 4:30 am and ends at 10pm. She shared pictures of her country, popular foods, traditional clothing, her school, classmates, family and (guard) dogs in Uganda. She has over 100 members in her "close" family – its big! She shared delightful family pictures, including family gatherings, graduation and wedding photos. She included a photo holding a baby LION ("they are very friendly" she said).

Randy Domigan then introduced guest speaker, Chris Kershner, leader of our nationally recognized (top 1%) Dayton Chamber of Commerce that represents over 2200 businesses (200k employees) in a 14-county region. Chris shared changes to the Chamber's strategic direction:

- Vision: "to be the most trusted voice of business in the Dayton region"
- Mission: "working shoulder to shoulder with businesses to help them succeed"
- Purpose: "to make it easier to do business"
- Key activities: advocacy, professional development, connections, and delivering value
- They are tailoring everyone to be the "best use of each member's time" because time is the most limited commodity of its members.

The Chamber does not endorse candidates! The Chamber informs its members on candidates' positions on business & they take positions on issues. So what effect would a JD Vance VP have on Ohio? A Senate seat would be open, filled by a sole appointment by Governor DeWine. There is speculation regarding GOP candidates. He shared some names.

Ballot issues: The chamber supports 34 Proposed Levy for the Dayton Metro Libraries, based on the Library's strong support of workforce development; the chamber also supports 35 Proposed Levy for the Five Rivers MetroParks, because the MetroParks promote quality of life and attractiveness for talent. They oppose Issue 1, based on the community impact it could have. They have advocated to keep counties and communities "together" in districts, but worry this issue could threaten that. Instead, the Chamber urges the Ohio General Assembly to take up changes to redistricting.

NATO Summit: Theme is "NATO PA Meets Main Street USA." First time in history that NATO is not visiting a "top 10 city" in the US. Congressman Turner helped secure this visit. It commemorates the Dayton Peace Accords 30th anniversary. We are expecting over 1000 attendees (NATO staff, State Dept. officials, and families) at the Schuster Center and Care Source next Memorial Day weekend:

- May 21 - attendees arrive
- May 22-25, reception & sessions
- May 26 – closing sessions & departures

They are adding international flights & flights from Atlanta, Dulles, Chicago and JFK that weekend. ALL hotel rooms in Dayton are reserved that weekend. Security is the HIGHEST priority, while making our city still accessible. A section of Downtown will be blocked off, called the "NATO Village" with badge-only entry to that zone. Visit the special section of the Chamber's website for info, with more info about closures, traffic, wayfinding, etc. coming in Q1 of 2025. There may be some volunteer activities and some cultural activities that club members could participate in. There will be investments made in downtown, like better signage, that will be lasting and there may be opportunities to host for future NATO sub-meetings if all goes well.

Chris was asked, will the Dayton & Cincinnati chambers ever combine? The Census bureau boundaries are followed by chambers and the Bureau says the two won't combine. But there is already a lot of collaboration between the two Chambers.

Chris Kershner took a few questions from the audience then drew the queen of hearts ticket. No Queen was shown so the pot continues to grow.

Next week's speaker is a Restaurant Panel Discussion

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 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: \$3407

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 Bowlers Needed



Rotary Bowling League 6:00 pm ~
Every Monday at Capri Lanes
2727 S. Dixie Drive

For More Information Contact

Steve Naas snaas@frontier.com or
Jack Lohbeck jlohbeck1949@gmail.com

No experience necessary to participate.

The Social Committee Presents...That's Amore Mozzarella Making Adventure

A glass of white wine is on the left, and a plate of fresh mozzarella cheese, basil, and tomatoes is on the right. The background is a dark green gradient.

Mozzarella Class...That's Amore!

That's Amore Mozzarella Making Adventure

at Gem City Market's Professional Teaching Kitchen
328 Salem Avenue Dayton, Ohio

Thursday, November 21st

5:30-6:00 PM - Wine & Nibbles while you tour/shop the Market
6:00-6:45 PM - Hands On Mozzarella Making Adventure
6:45-7:15 PM - Noshing and Mingling

\$25 per person
***Includes 2 glasses of wine, cheese, salad & nibbles**

Rotarians & Guests Welcome (Limited to 22 People)
RSVP to Laura

Please come ready to shop for any last minute groceries that you may need and support our Gem City Market.

Bring A Guest Day...November 18th

Rotary Bring a Guest Day



Your Dayton Rotary Membership Committee is busy making plans for our next **“Bring A Guest Day”** on

Monday, November 18

Members are encouraged to bring a prospective member guest to the meeting of **November 18th** where we will have guest speakers, **Pam Plageman, Executive Director for Montgomery County Convention Facilities Authority and Michael King, General Manager of the Dayton Convention Center**. Their topic will be *“Innovation Taking Flight: MCCFA/Dayton Convention Center Progress & Updates”*.

All prospective member guests will be provided with a free lunch and parking pass, courtesy of the Membership Committee. Guests will receive a gift for attending or be entered into a drawing for a gift card. Rotarians who bring guests will receive a special Rotary gift.

Our goal is **25 Prospective Member Guests** for the day...so we need everyone to be thinking about who would make a great Rotarian!

**MEMBERSHIP GROWTH IS
EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY!
PLEASE DO YOUR PART!**

So that we may plan properly please call or email Laura your guest’s name, email address, and phone number ahead of time
(by November 14th)

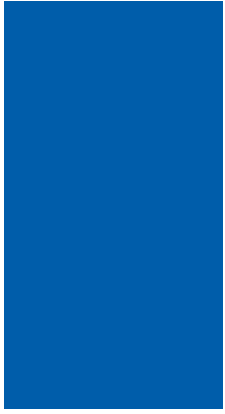
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