

# Rotary



## Club of Dayton SMILE



### This Week at Rotary

**MONDAY, December 9, 2024**

#### Club Leaders



Randall K. Domigan  
President



Linda Groover  
President-Elect



Steven Conklin  
Treasurer



Sarah Hippensteel  
Hall  
Secretary



Kelly Marie Lehman  
Vice  
President



Kimberly M. Bramlage  
iPast  
President

#### Birthdays



Frank Kivuyo  
December  
9th



Cassie B. Barlow  
December  
10th



John Patterson  
December  
11th



Douglas H. Deutsch  
December  
12th



Laura J. Roesch  
December  
15th



Karen Hesser  
December  
15th

#### Speakers

**December 09,  
2024**



### "Annual Holiday Sweepstakes & Elections"

This week we will hold our Annual Holiday Sweepstakes where we raise money for our Dayton Rotary Foundation. It's a fun event you don't want to miss! Be sure to pay for your \$50 for your ticket to be entered into the prize drawing either online ahead of time or bring it with you to the meeting. Don't forget to bring your unwrapped gift of \$30 or more value to place on the gift table and be sure to wear your festive holiday attire for the contest. We will also have some great silent auction items to bid on and will hold a 50/50 drawing where the winner will take half the pot home that day! And finally, we will be voting for officers, directors and trustees

Chair of the Day: Kim Bramlage

### This Happened Last Monday...

Monday, December 2 at 12:10pm President-elect Linda Groover called the meeting to order on behalf of President Randy Domigan who was unable to join us today.

She began with sad news – fellow Rotarian Lorna Dawes passed away Saturday, November 30. The club observed a moment of silence and rang the bell on her behalf. Services are planned for later in the year and details will follow to honor her incredible life.

Linda turned it over to Fran for Words to Live By. She encouraged everyone to respect each other's holidays and observances by wishing a happy holidays, then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Nance provided the news of the day. In Rotary news, the Apex, NC Rotary Club Christmas parade has benefitted local nonprofits since 1957, draws nearly 25,000 people, and is set for this Saturday.

Bill Nance did a Day10 for Bob Ruzinsky and RTA for bringing the 1950's era trolley bus back to Dayton from San Francisco.

Nancy Farkas then welcomed visitors and guests. Kelly Lehman welcomed her cheering section, District Governor Dottie Meade, NCCJ team (Blake Miller, Adrian Miller, Danny Horton), and her friend Carol Gerlach and her son Hugo, and finally, her beloved husband Joe. Nicole Sturk with Agape for Youth hosted Melissa Cutcher, Executive Director of Technology First as a potential member. Cindy Garner has a guest visiting from San Antonio Rotary, Nick Warrington. Rick Thie introduced Jay Schindler, visiting from Miami Valley Leadership Foundation. Tom Carlisle, distinguished visiting Rotarian, is online.

Sarah Hippensteel Hall took the podium to recognize birthdays: Kathleen Carlson (today, December 2) and John Lyman (December 3).

Caroling December 11 – limited to 24 people, no talent required, come bring cheer to the residents of Bethany Village.

Past President Kim Bramlage reminded Rotarians that the Holiday Sweepstakes is next week – our biggest (and last) chance of the year to support the Dayton Rotary Foundation. Raffle participants: bring a prize worth \$30 or more and pay \$50 donation to Laura before next Monday to participate; donate prizes over \$50 for the silent auction. Zoom attendees can participate.

Dave Williamson brought up a controversy as to whether the holiday attire contest is for the ugliest, or the most festive.

Secretary Sarah reminded Rotarians that sweepstakes isn't just fun – it's also our election, so please come vote to ensure the next generation of leaders are voted in.

Rotary Rewards: Surendra called Sarah to remind us that in the past ten years, over a million people have perished due to rising floodwaters and tsunamis. Rotarians have helped provide milk during a shortage, clubs built and distributed relief kits, Rotarians helped those displaced during these storms. Kathleen Carlson for celebrating her birthday with us on the day. And reward for Kim on finishing her service as a host family to Elaine.

Day-10s:

· Kathleen Carlson – Day100 to Paul Harris Fellowship for her birthday in recognition of a wonderful Thanksgiving with family, and another Day100 to Polio+ in honor of her family leaving

## [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](#)

**February 03, 2025**  
TBD

**February 10, 2025**  
TBD

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

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

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

- John Lyman – Day160 in honor of Lorna and his birthday
- Vince Lewis – Day50 to Paul Harris in recognition of UD looking for a Director of the Herr Venture to Change program
- Rick Thie – Day100 fo IU Day50 to his Paul Harris
- Michelle Feltz – Day25 for her birthday last week, grateful for friends and family
- Fran Rickenbach – Day10 in honor of the awesome work being done at NCCJ

Sarah introduced President-Elect Linda Groover, filling in for President Randy Domigan. She turned it over to Rick Thie for a Foundation Grant Presentation. Rick and Jay Schindler, Executive Director of Miami Valley Leadership Foundation took the podium. The Foundation awarded MVLFF supports the right mentors, at the right place, at the right time to impact the community. The Foundation presented a grant for \$3000 to continue their work advancing the youth in our community. Jay thanked the club for the grant saying it's an honor. This grant will be used to expand their mentoring program in partnership with elementary and middle schools serving at risk and underserved youth, as well as help with their expansion into literacy. Linda turned it over to Frank Scott to present Paul Harris Fellowships.

Frank reminded Rotarians that we just finished Foundation Month – November annually – and we exceeded (almost doubled) our Polio+ goal for the club. Our annual fund share is also set in November. This year, the District Governor asked for an extra donation. In our club, we would double our club goal if everyone donated an extra \$67 to the Rotary International Foundation. January 30 – Mark Maloney, former Rotary International President, is now Rotary Foundation Chair and will be in Dayton to speak to us at a foundation dinner. Health McAlpine just took over our international service projects chair, and is receiving his third Paul Harris. Nancy Farkas is routinely volunteering at meetings, and now received her first Paul Harris Fellowship.

Linda returned to the podium to note the club's appreciation of members' generosity. She then introduced Chair of the Day, Commissioner Carolyn Rice, to introduce our speaker, our own Kelly Lehman. Kelly has been a member for almost 20 years. She was born in Dayton and raised as an Army dependent in Texas, Germany, Ohio, and Indiana. She is a graduate of Antioch University and worked at Lexis Nexis before leaving the corporate world to become an entrepreneur and nonprofit advocate. She founded Global Love Dayton to promote all that Dayton has to offer. She has served on numerous boards and in 2021 became co-chair of District 6670 Youth Peace Committee. In 2024, Kelly was selected by Rotary International and the Institutes for Economic Peace as one of 40 Peace Activators throughout the world. She helps Rotary clubs build and expand their Peace Committees.

Kelly Lehman took the podium to share ***The Fourth Object of Rotary***, what she is presenting to other clubs as Rotary Builds Peace. Rotary has a strong history of peace. Founded in 1905, they decided in 1921 that Peace & World Understanding should be part of Rotary's platform. In 1942, Rotary partnered with UNESCO. In 1945, we partnered with the United Nations. Rotary served as one of 45 observers to the UN Charter. In 1987, Dr. Sylvia Whitlock and women in general were admitted to Rotary International membership. In 1999, Rotary Peace Centers were established. In 2014, Peace was added as a RI area of focus. In 2017, RI Partnership with the Institute for Economics & Peace to quantify metrics of peace. They established 8 pillars of positive peace, and track the Global Peace Index and Positive Peace Index each year. In 2024, Istanbul Peace Center (the seventh) opened and Positive Peace Activators received a grant to train more volunteers.

Our Peace Committee has been meeting for 9 years now. Peace Committee tried different initiatives – Peace March and Peace Village – but it took awhile to find their footing and decide they wanted to work with youth.

Rotary's areas of focus correlate strongly with the eight pillars of positive peace. Rotary wanted to have a one-day Peace Symposium. Kelly and Sue Taylor stepped up on behalf of the Dayton club to lead it, but quickly realized one day was insufficient. In 2021, they found a robust Peace education curriculum online created by New Generation Peace Builders. Sixteen Dayton Rotarians joined 39 students from Dayton Regional STEM School took the program from Nov 2021 – Mar 2022. Last Monday of the month, they had a Zoom meeting to discuss the Peace homework and had very positive, engaged discussions. Sessions culminated in a day at Sinclair where they partnered with NCCJ, who happened to have students in town from Bosnia-Herzegovina, and they joined to foster a youth discussion on Peace. They also packaged and prepared period kits for local schools that needed them.

The challenge is getting better access to students and streamlining projects so they don't consume hours of people's time. They partnered with NCCJ, whose mission is to educate and empower communities to eliminate bias, bigotry, and all forms of discrimination. NCCJ's areas of concentration are workplace professional development, youth leadership development, and community advocacy and action. With their help, they reached 247 students from 21 schools at their last symposium.

Next event for those of you that work with students is February 25, 2025. Usually, when she speaks at events like this, she shares how to get involved. We're already involved. Join the Rotary Action Group for Peace (\$20), which provides technical advice, resources, and best practices. Join the Peace Committee. Complete the IEP Positive Peace Academy Online (an hour commitment). You can also invite the 14-18 year old students in your life to join us at Teen Summit. Finally, we can get the Youth Peace Action (YPA) curriculum into Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) and share the YPA curriculum with as many students as possible.

Greg Birkemeyer commended Kelly for her great work and asked what part of her work she has introduced to RYLA. She has a half hour a year so far, but is working with the YPA curriculum to incorporate more peace activity into RYLA.

Dave Williamson commended the presentation. As a graduate of the Positive Peace Academy, he said it was graduate-level stuff. With Dottie and two former District Governors here, there's got to be some way to bring in smaller clubs that don't have the resources our club does to make peace a district-wife priority.

District Governor Dottie Meade thanked Kelly for her leadership at the District and answered Dave's question – she has a list of schools participating across the district and Dottie wants to connect them with their local Rotary clubs. Kelly was also the most recent guest on the District's podcast.

Monica Snow asked if the committee has reached out to the juvenile court system to reach students there.

Linda retook the podium and had Dottie Meade pull the ticket for Queen of Hearts as Kelly bought tickets. Matt Jessup won and drew the Queen of Hearts. The pot resets after the sweepstakes.

Judy Budi led the Four-Way Test, and President-Elect Linda Groover adjourned.

[Link for Meeting Recording](#)

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## Our Sympathy on the Loss of Rotarian

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of long-time Rotarian Lorna Dawes who passed away on November 30th at the age of 89.

Her daughter, Laura, indicated that her obituary would be in the Dayton Daily News this weekend. A Memorial Service will be set up for sometime in the spring. We will pass along additional information when it becomes available.



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### Queen of Hearts Drawing...We Have a Winner

#### WE HAVE A WINNER!!



Congratulations to Matt Jessup whose ticket was drawn on Monday, December 2nd and he then drew the QUEEN of HEARTS.

The pot totaled \$3850 and Matt's share amounted to \$1925.

We will start again in January with a new deck of cards.

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### Paul Harris Fellowship Recognitions



Heath MacAlpine  
4th Fellowship



Nancy Farkas  
1st Fellowship

**Paul Harris Fellowship Recognitions**



Let's Go Caroling...



**Wednesday December 11, 2024**

**Meet at Archers Tavern in Kettering  
Parking Lot (2030 East Dorothy Lane 45420)**

**at 5:15 p.m.**

**Caroling at 6:00 p.m. at Bethany Village**

**Space is Limited to 24 People  
on the Caroling Bus**

*We will meet and board a bus and brighten  
the day of some folks who can't get out.*

*We will sing and share our holiday cheer at Bethany Village Linden House  
Snacks will be provided on the bus.*

**After caroling we will end the evening back at  
Archers Tavern in Kettering  
Dinner and Drinks will be on your own.**

Please call 228-3331 or Email Laura to reserve your spot  
[laura@daytonrotary.com](mailto:laura@daytonrotary.com)

**Please join us in helping to spread  
a little Holiday Cheer!**

**NOTE: NO TALENT REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE**





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