

Rotary

Club of Westerville Sunrise



Happening This Week

Club Meeting

Westerville Sunrise Meets at The Old Bag of Nails Pub
24 N State St Fl 3
Westerville, OH 43081-2119
Time: Wednesday at 07:15 AM

Speakers

February 26, 2025

Karen Lewis
City of Westerville Community Service Coordinator

Birthdays

Gregory Ruban February 24th
Robert P. Freed February 25th
Mark Morgan February 26th
Paul E. Kulik March 5th
Ruth I. Stenberg March 7th
Michael Ley Collins March 10th
Thomas F. Schmitt March 12th
Patrick C. Kemmer March 17th
James T. Caldwell



February 26, 2025

Program: Service Coordinator for Westerville Division of Fire
Speaker: Karen Lewis

Greeter: Coutanya Coombs
Invocation/Pledge: Al Crotte

Call to Action:

Support the Noon Club's Peace-Environment Project to collect plastic bags for recycling. Bring plastic bags from the store, your pantry & your front door to our Rotary meetings in February

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



February 24: Star House Dinner
April 25-27: District Conference
April 25: District Foundation Gala
May 10: WARM
June 23-27: RI Convention, Calgary

Star House Monthly Dinner

By Chris Herbert
Make a difference for homeless youth at Star House by helping prepare or serving a family meal. Westerville Sunrise Rotary, in partnership with our friends in the noon club, hosts a Family Dinner once a month on Mondays. The 2025 schedule is as follows:



Star House

February 24
March 24

March 24th

Years of Service

Glenn R. Epting
02-01-1995
30 Years

Jeffrey A. Daniels
02-26-2003
22 Years

Paul E. Kulik
02-18-2009
16 Years

Robert K Gibson
02-01-2012
13 Years

Ron Pusateri
02-27-2013
12 Years

John R. Kellogg
02-26-2014
11 Years

Kenneth L. Wright
02-28-2018
7 Years

James T. Caldwell
02-28-2018
7 Years

Charles Edward Durant Jr.
02-27-2019
6 Years

Theresa Petraszak
02-27-2019
6 Years

Jason Seeley
02-27-2021
4 Years

Josh Plieninger
02-07-2024
1 Year

Niels Hansen
02-15-2024
1 Year

Beth Wilcox
02-19-2025
0 Years

April 28
May 19
June 23
July 28
August 25
September 22
October 27
November 17
December 15

Serving Meals

If you are interested in serving meals or assisting with other activities at Star House, you must be [registered](#) as a volunteer with Star House, provide emergency contact information, have a background check completed and complete a trauma training. When completing the registration form, indicate you are with the Westerville Rotary Club in the comment section.

Preparing Meals

Anyone can help prepare a meal. You do not need to attend the dinner, and there are often items needed that do not require cooking. Items can be brought to Star House, or dropped off at a location in Westerville prior to the dinner.

Serving Meals

Arrival time for meal set-up at Star House is 5:30 pm, with the meal served at 6 pm. Clean up after the meal should be completed by around 7:30 pm. Volunteers will enter through the front door and sign in prior to serving.

Sign Up to Help

If you are able to provide items for an upcoming dinner and/or help serve the meal, please use the sign-up link below:
[February 24](#)

WARM Food Pantry Volunteers - Save the 2025 Dates!

By Mary T. Chandler



Rotary volunteers strengthen our community in many ways. One Saturday per quarter we sort and box food at the WARM warehouse at 150 Heatherdown Drive from 10 am to noon. Our scheduled dates for 2025 are:

- February 22
- May 10
- August 9
- November 8

We invite you to join in on the fellowship and fun. Feel free to invite your family, friends, and prospective Rotarians to join us too. Please sign up using this link:

[WARM 2025](#)

For more information, please contact Mary Chandler at (614) 523-0437.

Blues Beads and Bourbon - Thank You to our volunteers

Wow! Blues Beads and Bourbon was held on Saturday, Feb 8 and benefited

CHA, WARM and the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Foundation.

The event could not have happened without the work of many folks. A HUGE thank you to our volunteers and committee members!

Amazing Volunteers

Audrey Carmichael
Mary Chandler
Coutanya Coombs
AJ Fox
Dan Hare
Caleb Holderbaum
Tiffany McGinnis
Abby Palmer
Theresa Petrasczak
Greg Ruban
Angela Sillus
Ken Wright

Committee Members

Amy Baumann
Jim Caldwell
Leigh Hollins
Char Stille
Jeff Washburn
Jackie Washburn
Anne VanBuskirk



Mashuuru Water Project Update

By Julie Ann Colley



Thank you to all who participated in the fundraising efforts for the Mashuuru Water project this past summer and fall. Our collective efforts raised over \$3,000 and we are already putting these funds to use towards collecting information necessary to apply for a Rotary International Grant.

We have a great core working group: Kavita Tanna, Nick Salmon, and Samson Nyikuri with Globally Reconnect, and two Rotarians in Kenya, Patrick Karuga (Rotary Club of Ongata Rongai) and Chief Hummingbird (Rotary Club of Nairobi Parklands). Earlier this month, our club funded a water feasibility study to determine the water needs of the community - short and long term, assess the ability and willingness of the community to support and sustain the project into the future, and to identify all possible

sources of water.

The onsite team shared there is strong community support for the project, however, the initial source water study yielded options that would not be approved by Rotary International or were deemed insufficient to supply the community's water needs. A hydro-geologic survey has been identified as the next step and our club has authorized the funds to move this forward. We'll continue to update the club on the Mashuuru Water project as it develops.

Thank you again for your support!
Julie Colley, Larry Jenkins, & John Kellogg

Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation
26-Feb	Coombs, Coutanya	Crotte, Alberto Daniel
05-Mar	Daniels, Jeffrey A.	Comerford, John L.
12-Mar	Durant, Charles Edward Jr.	Epting, Glenn R.
19-Mar	Fetchero, Kip	Gibson, Robert K
26-Mar	Fosselman, Douglas	Fox, Allen Jefferson

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PO Box 1200
Westerville, OH 43086

Meeting Location

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 am

The Old Bag of Nails Pub
Third Floor
24 North State Street
Westerville, OH 43081

Westerville Sunrise Hotline
614-523-7777



Please Suggest Guest Speakers

Enlighten your fellow Rotarians. Suggest a speaker to brighten our day! No reasonable suggestion refused.

BUT, your guest must be willing to attend in person.

Email Theresa Petraszak at theresajpetraszak@yahoo.com or Jackie Washburn at jackiegardner1@hotmail.com



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