

Rotary

Club of Westerville Sunrise



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

April 02, 2025

Mike Amfahr
Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio

April 09, 2025

Paul Workmaster
Christ's Cocoons - MaD recipient

April 23, 2025

WARM Field Trip

Birthdays

Kyle Stroh
April 1st

Katy Tombaugh
April 3rd

Terry W. Burton
April 9th

Helka Christine Casey
April 11th

Happening This Week

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April 2, 2025

Program: Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio
Speaker: Mike Amfahr
Greeter: Bob Freed
Invocation/Pledge: Beth Wilcox

Call to Action:

Bring in pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald Pop Tabs Program. The collected tabs are recycled and the funds generated are used to support the operating expenses of the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



April 5: Earth Service Day Project
April 10: Easter Party for low-income seniors
April 25-27: District Conference
April 25: District Foundation Gala
April 28: Star House Family Dinner
May 10: WARM service opportunity
May 10: Field of Heroes flag assembly party
May 23-26: Field of Heroes
June 5: Clippers baseball game with the Noon club
June 23-27: RI Convention, Calgary

Earth Day Clean Up at Sharon Woods Metropark

By David Wartel



We are looking for 10-15 Sunrise Rotarians to join Friends of Alum Creek & Tributaries ("FACT") and others in the community to remove invasive species along the connector trail to Sharon Woods Metropark in celebration of Earth Day.

Kip Fetchero
April 12th
Andrew
Tompkins
April 16th
Patrick Knott
April 18th
Janae Lincifort
April 20th
Maggie Pope
April 24th
Alberto Daniel
Crotte
April 26th
Albert Bruchac
April 27th
Ron Pusateri
April 28th
Dennis A. Blair
April 29th

Years of Service

Robert P.
Horbatt
04-12-1994
31 Years
Dennis C.
Berrier
04-12-1994
31 Years
Robert A. Coco
04-12-1994
31 Years
Michael Swartz
04-12-1994
31 Years
Eugene L.
Hollins
04-12-1994
31 Years
John D. Pietila
04-12-1994
31 Years
Frank E Hill Jr.
04-12-1994
31 Years
Don Denton
04-12-1994
31 Years
Craig H.
Watterson
04-12-1994
31 Years
James G.
Flaherty
04-12-1994
31 Years
Edward T
Wandtke
04-10-2013
12 Years
Gregory Ruban
04-25-2018

The event will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 10 am to noon. Participants should come prepared with appropriate work clothes, including close-toed shoes and work gloves. Bring loppers, bow saws, and/or shovels if possible (you may want to mark yours with your name to ensure it doesn't get "donated" accidentally).

Parking will be available behind Annehurst Elementary School at the end closest to the Annehurst Pool.

Coffee and donuts will be provided to energize the crew!

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B44ADA729A0F85-55789816-earth>

Westerville Sunrise Rotary Foundation Youth Impact Grant

By Theresa Petraszak

Westerville Sunrise Rotary Foundation Youth Impact Grant Now Open!

The **Westerville Sunrise Rotary Foundation** is pleased to announce the return of its **Youth Impact Grant** program. If you're connected to a nonprofit 501(c)(3) that serves youth (from birth through undergraduate college students) within the **Westerville City School District**, this is a great opportunity for you!



Grant Details:

- **Grant Amounts:** \$1,000 to \$8,000
- **Eligibility:** Nonprofits serving youth within the Westerville City School District
- **Preference Given To:**
 - Programs that emphasize service to youth
 - Initiatives that teach and instill the value of service in youth
 - Requests for funding to purchase equipment or learning materials that can be used for multiple years

How to Apply:

Applications are now open and can be submitted through the link below. The deadline to apply is **May 1, 2025**.

[Click here to access the application](#)

For any questions, please reach out to **Theresa Petraszak**, Grants Coordinator, at theresajpetraszak@yahoo.com.

We look forward to supporting impactful programs that serve the youth in our community!

WARM Food Pantry Volunteers - Save the 2025 Dates!

By Mary T. Chandler

7 Years
Alberto Daniel
Crotte
04-03-2019
6 Years
Brian Grimone
04-03-2019
6 Years
Kevin A Smith
04-12-2023
2 Years
Char Stille
04-12-2023
2 Years
Abra Campbell
04-17-2024
1 Year
Janae Lincifort
04-17-2024
1 Year



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 remaining dates for 2025 are:

- 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.

Help Homeless Youth at Monthly Star House Family Dinner

By Chris Herbert

Do you like to cook? You can make a difference for homeless youth at Star House by helping prepare or serving a family meal hosted monthly by Westerville Sunrise Rotary, in partnership with our friends in the noon club.

If you are able to provide items for our next dinner and/or help serve the meal, please use the sign-up link below:

[April 28.](#)

Please note, in order to serve meals at Star House, you must register, complete a trauma training and have a background check. More information on this, as well as the full schedule, can be found by clicking "read more".

[Read More](#)

Field of Heroes Flag Assemblers Needed

By Andrew Tompkins



Save the date for a flag assembly party on May 10th in Centerburg. During this event, we will zip tie new flags to their pole and roll the attached flag around the pole. This is important prep work for our upcoming Field of Heroes event Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26, 2025.

We are still confirming the time and will share it soon. The address for the event is 3643 Dill Rd in Centerburg, Ohio.

Field of Heroes Sponsorships Available

By Richard Schorling



We are thrilled to announce the 17th Anniversary of the Field of Heroes May 23-26, 2025, honoring the “50th Anniversary of the End of the Vietnam War”. One of the highlights this year is **The Wall-American Veterans Traveling Tribute and Cost of Freedom**. We will continue to proudly display more than 3,000 American flags at the Westerville Sports Complex, located at 325 N. Cleveland Ave., directly across from the Westerville Community Center and adjacent to the City of Westerville’s Veterans Memorial Pavilion.

Don’t miss the chance to participate in our exciting 5K race, explore the Forever Field, and enjoy an unforgettable evening with the Westerville Symphony. This year is poised to be extraordinary as we come together to honor and remember our brave veterans and heroes.

Our primary beneficiaries this year will be Honor Flight Columbus and the Rotary District Honor Flight, both vital organizations that support our local veterans.

Please consider supporting our local veterans and heroes by becoming a Patron at the level that suits you best. Your support not only makes a difference, but it also offers a unique opportunity for your name or logo to be showcased on our shirts and printed materials.

More information is available at the links below:

- [Patron Levels](#)
- [New Patron Request Letter](#)

If you are interested in becoming a patron, forward your logo and information by completing the Patron Contribution Form using the following link: [Become a Patron of the Field of Heroes](#). For Patron Questions ask Rich Schorling, Patron Coordinator rschorling@gmail.com.

District 6690 & Honor Flight

Honor Flight Columbus

Opportunity Available to all Rotary Clubs in District 6690!



A District 6690 sponsored flight will take place in September of 2025. The veterans eligible would be Senior Veterans who are age 65 and over and served on FULL TIME active duty (outside of any basic training active duty) or over 20 years in the Guard/Reserves, WWII, and Korea. Terminally ill veterans will have scheduling priority. Veterans who served prior to 1961 receive top priority. The HFC 925 applications will include veterans that are Rotary club members, Rotary club alumni, related to Rotary families or local veterans sponsored by the Rotary club. The plane, scheduled for some time in September of 2025, can take 87 veterans and 43 guardians. Guardians will be provided by Honor Flight of Columbus. Earlier flights in the spring may be available, however, they are not District 6690 sponsored.

Rotary District 6690 HFC 925 applications can be found at:

<https://www.honorflightcmh.org/veteran-application> and <https://rotary6690.org>

We are asking for \$2500 sponsorships from Rotary Clubs, businesses, or individuals to help offset the cost of the September 2025 flight. You will be recognized in print material, social media and at District events.

**Applications for Veterans: <https://www.honorflightcmh.org/veteran-application>
The District 6690 HFC 925 now has an official mission date of September 25, 2025.**

Seeking GO/ NO GO vote to form Satellite Club

By Tiffany McGinnis

We are seeking a Go / No-Go vote from our Club to create the Satellite Club of Westerville Sunrise Rotary. *Electronic vote in mid-April.*

Growing membership is Rotary's top internal priority. Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary International, famously stated, "This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it." Your Club leaders have explored potential membership strategies. *Our recommendation:* start a Satellite club as an alternative meeting experience for members who cannot regularly attend weekly meetings.



What is a Satellite Club?

- Strategy to attract new members (example: teachers, parent/grandparents who drop off students to school, servant leaders who have work conflicts) and retain members
- Extension of our club -- Satellite club members would be Westerville Sunrise Rotarians
- 8 members needed to start a Satellite club - See attached file for information

IF approved, the Satellite club will begin July 1, 2025, and be led by two past WSR club presidents, Sue Castro and Heather Linch.

Contact **Tiffany McGinnis** (tiffany.t.mcginis@g mail.com) or **Pat Knott** (patk@groupeleven.com) for additional information.

Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation
02-Apr	Freed, Robert	Wilcox, Beth
09-Apr	Gillenwater, Kristen	Flaherty, Jim
16-Apr	Goss, Tim	CLine, Cindy
23-Apr	Grimone, Brian	Hansen, Neils
30- Apr	Hare, Dan	Herbert, Chris

**Westerville
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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



Club Leaders

[Tiffany McGinnis](#)

[James T. Caldwell](#)

[Theresa Petraszak](#)

[Patrick Knott](#)



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