

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
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Westerville, OH
43081-2119
Time:
Wednesday at
07:15 AM

Speakers

**August 07,
2024**

Jerry Holloway
Friends of Alum
Creek

**August 14,
2024**

Bryan Wagner,
Elise Schellen,
Grace Knapper
Westerville
Helps /
Westerville
Home Repair

**August 21,
2024**

No meeting this
week - Join us
at the Golf
Outing

Birthdays

Mary T.
Chandler
August 5th
David A.
Collinsworth
August 15th
Douglas
Fosselman
August 26th
Allen Jefferson
Fox
August 30th

Kevin A Smith
September 1st

David W. Kott
September 1st
Kristen
Gillenwater
September 3rd
Robert Hunt
September 3rd



August 7, 2024

Program: Friends of Alum Creek
Speaker: Jerry Holloway

Greeter: Chuck Sprunger
Invocation/Pledge: Michael Swartz

Call to Action: Bring in canned or other food for WARM

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events

By Julie Ann Colley

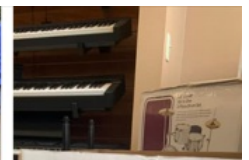


Save the Date! Upcoming Events

August 15: Rotary Board Meeting
August 19: Golf outing at York Country Club
August 25: Rotary Family Picnic
September 11: Field of Heroes Sponsor Appreciation
September 24: District Governor (DG) visit
October 19: District Fall Assembly
October 24: Social with Noon club
November 2: District Awards Celebration

March 14-15: All Ohio PETS
April 25-27: District Conference
April 25: District Foundation Gala
June 23-27: RI Convention, Calgary

School Supply Drive for Neighborhood Bridges



Years of Service

- Tim Bowers
08-18-1999
25 Years
- Jason A. Buehner
08-24-2011
13 Years
- Thomas F. Schmitt
08-26-2015
9 Years
- Anthony Mujic
08-30-2017
7 Years
- Dan Hare
08-28-2019
5 Years
- Jackie Washburn
08-16-2023
1 Year
- Jeff Washburn
08-16-2023
1 Year



Great things happen when we work together!

In partnership with the noon Rotary Club, Westerville Area Chamber, Uptown Westerville and Leadership Westerville, we held a drive in Uptown Westerville to collect school supplies, hygiene supplies and undergarments for local students and neighborhood bridges. The drive culminated on August 3 with an event in the green space in front of City Hall, where kids had the opportunity to play while parents learned about some of the important resources in our community, including Rotary, the Westerville Library, WARM and neighborhood bridges.

Volunteers Needed for We Are the 'Ville Games

The Westerville City School District is hosting the ***We are the 'Ville Games*** at the Westerville Sports Complex on Tuesday, August 6th from 8:30 to 11:30 am. As part of the first-ever event, high school student athletes will team up to compete in a series of athletic challenges, minute-to-win-it games and tournament-style competitions.

Volunteers are needed to serve as game monitors or scorekeepers, give out treats, and keep track of any good sportsmanship you observe. If you are interested in helping, contact Noon Club Immediate Past President Katrina Plourde at kplourde@westervillelibrary.org.

Fill The Big Bus™

The Rotary Club of Westerville is joining with [Westerville Education Challenge](#) and [The Big Bus](#) to support an upcoming event for an important cause. The Club will stage a **Fill The Big Bus Middle School Food Drive**, and incorporate it into the **Westerville Education Challenge™'s Night of Hope 5K**, set for the evening of Aug. 24 at Westerville North.

“Basic needs must be met for students to thrive and hunger should never stand in the way of their success,” Club President Brandy Deichert said. “Inspired by the heartfelt concerns of middle school staff about food insecurity, we launched the **Fill The Big Bus Middle School Food Drive** to take steps to ensure no student worries about their next meal. Together, we can make a significant impact on their lives and create a brighter future for Westerville.”

Deichert said the coordinated effort grew from conversations with Minerva Park Middle School Counselor Jill Huck and Minerva Food Service Manager Lauri Jones. They mentioned a fill the bus food drive, and further conversations with Rotarian Tracy Davidson “also a Westerville school board member and board member for both The Big Bus and Westerville Education Challenge” grew into Fill The Big Bus Middle School Food Drive.

About WEC and Night of Hope

An all-volunteer organization that started in 2009, the Westerville Education Challenge has supported more than 10,000 students through scholarships, mentoring clubs, grants for teachers, programs such as Challenge Day and mental health and wellness initiatives.

More than 1,500 community volunteers and 40 corporate and community sponsors partner with WEC and their contributions include thousands of volunteer hours and more than \$400,000 in donations. WEC's Night of Hope 5K, 1 Miler and Family Fun Run raises funds for a variety of initiatives and programs that support student wellness and mental health in Westerville City Schools, including:

- The Hope Squad suicide prevention program
- Parent Prep workshops
- Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) program at the district's five middle schools
- LINK Crew program, launching at all three high schools this fall
- Care for Twinkle, a district Canine Companions facility dog based at Westerville South High School
- Annual WEC-sponsored scholarships for high school graduates

This year, WEC's 3rd annual Night of Hope 5K, 1 Miler and Family Fun Run on Aug. 24 will honor those lives lost to suicide, and work to raise mental health awareness in the community. Registration opens at 5:30 p.m., and the 5K begins at 6:45 p.m. Register for the Night of Hope [here](#). More information on the event is available [here](#).

Bring donations to lunch, or the Night of Hope

Rotarians can bring donations to **Fill the Big Bus** to noon club luncheons in August, or bring them to pack the actual Big Bus, at the Night of Hope Aug. 24 which will conclude the food drive.

Requested food items include Ramen noodles, granola bars, fruit snacks, pasta, rice, mac & cheese, mini marshmallows, and instant oatmeal. They will be used to stock the Neighborhood Bridges pantries in Westerville middle schools.

"We look forward to providing the Rotary Club of Westerville's support for Night of Hope and to filling the Big Bus with food donations," Deichert said.

30th Annual Golf Outing to Honor Don Denton

By Lawrence Rick Sellers

30th Annual Westerville Sunrise Rotary Golf Outing honoring Don Denton is coming up Monday, August 19 at York Golf Club with a Shotgun start at 9:30am. That is **only 2 weeks away**, so you need to get registered ASAP. **We are limited to 25 foursomes and spots are filling up fast.**

Registration is **now open** for golfers and hole sponsors through these links:

[Golfer Registration](#)

[Sponsor Registration or Donation](#)

The Golf Committee needs your help in securing hole sponsors at \$150 and items for the online auction. The Golf Outing is one of our three annual fund raisers and support is needed.

Any questions or issues, reach out to Ed Wandtke or Rick Sellers.



Star House Monthly Dinner

By Chris Herbert



- October 28
- November 18
- December 16

Make a difference for homeless youth at Star House by helping prepare or serve a family meal. Westerville Sunrise Rotary, in partnership with our friends in the noon club, hosts a Family Dinner once a month on Mondays. Our remaining Mondays in 2024 will be:

- August 26
- September 23

We need 4 or more people to serve food, and many more to help prepare the meal. We now offer two shifts: 4:15 - 5:45 pm for set up and serving, and 5:00 - 6:30 pm for serving and clean-up. You may sign up for both shifts if you would like.

Please use the sign-up link below to cook or serve family dinner at Star House:

[August 26](#)

Becoming a Host Family

By Debbie Wiedwald

Becoming a Host Family

Have you ever dreamed of exploring another culture? Language? Customs? By hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange Student for 3 months people can experience another culture without ever having to leave home!



Without the willingness and sincerity of families who have opened their hearts and homes to students they have never met, the Rotary Youth Exchange Program would not exist. In an ever-changing world, it is important that we expose our children, our students and ourselves to areas and people unlike usâ€™s how we open our eyes to a global community that shares the same hopes and dreams that we do. In the landscape of today, adults and children alike must learn about others and reaffirm their faith that people from all over the world are good. What better way to do that than becoming a host family

Becoming a Host Family

A variety of family structures are perfect for being host familiesâ€™small, big, with many children, or no children. Working families - retired families - We aim to reflect real-world families to students, and we know that real families come in all shapes and sizes.

Westerville Sunrise Rotary is hosting a male student from South Korea for the 2024-2025 school year attending Westerville North high school. Exchange students live in 3 host homes for approximately 3 months each during the academic year to provide different experiences for the student and allow additional hosting opportunities for families. There are opportunities for 2 additional host homes for the 2024-2025 year. Host families receive support from the Youth Exchange committee. Host homes do not have to be Rotarians. If a host home does not live in the Westerville North attendance area, the host family would need to provide transportation for the student to attend Westerville North high school.

Please reach out to Debbie Wiedwald at Debbie.wiedwald@gmail.com or 614-332-0296 if you are interested in being a host home for the 2024-2025 school year and experience a cultural exchange.

WARM Food Pantry Volunteers - Save the 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. We still have two scheduled Saturdays in 2024:

- September 7
- November 9

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 the [Sign Up Genius link](#).

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

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