



Happening This Week



October 2, 2024

Program: Otterbein Update
Speaker: Dr. John Comerford

Greeter: Jeff Washburn
Invocation/Pledge: Beth Ware

Call to Action: Bring letters for veterans (Ron and Chip) for the October Honor Flight

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

October 02, 2024

Dr. John Comerford
Otterbein Update

October 09, 2024

Anne VanBuskirk
Shelter Box

October 16, 2024

Meg Griffing
ADAMH Crisis Mental Health Care Center Update

October 23, 2024

Kim Emch
Festa

Birthdays

Timothy Gose
October 4th
Skyler M Juhnke
October 6th
Adam Price
October 13th
Dan Hare
October 13th

Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



- October 3: Buckeye Bash
- October 10: Honor Flight
- October 19: District 6690 Fall Assembly
- October 24: Pints for Polio Social with Noon club
- October 28: Star House monthly dinner
- November 2: District Awards Celebration
- April 25-27: District Conference
- April 25: District Foundation Gala
- June 23-27: RI Convention, Calgary

Tim Bowers
October 25th
Lawrence Rick
Sellers
October 25th
Gary Yoko
October 27th

Years of Service

Robert P. Freed
10-25-2006
18 Years
Tiffany McGinnis
10-24-2007
17 Years
Thomas Strasburg
10-05-2011
13 Years
Coutanya Coombs
10-21-2015
9 Years
Richard Schorling
10-23-2019
5 Years
Anne M VanBuskirk
10-27-2021
3 Years
Audrey Carmichael
10-18-2023
1 Year
Craig D. McGuire
10-18-2023
1 Year
Axl Pons
10-18-2023
1 Year

Service To Youth Award Recipient Honored

By Angela Sillus



On Wednesday, September 25, 2024, the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club honored **Rachel Martin**, Intervention Specialist at Westerville Central High School with a Service to Youth award for her outstanding dedication to our local students.

Rachel was nominated for being an exemplary human and amazing teacher to both her regular geometry students and her caseload. She is super organized and has undying patience and energy for days. She loves her students and gives them boundaries and has taken the regular reward system and put a creative spin on it. Students have hope because of her and how much she gives them. The nominator was "blown away" when she assisted in her classroom.

Service to Youth award recipients receive an engraved plaque, as well as a gift card and box of cookies from Kroger. They are invited to join a Rotary Club breakfast in May and will be honored with a flag at The Field of Heroes event Memorial Day Weekend 2025.

Polio Plus Football Pool - Congratulations to the Winners

By Jamie Maze

Congratulations to the lucky winners from the OSU/ Michigan State game:



1st Quarter/ \$50: Debbie Wiedwald
2nd Quarter/ \$50: Andy Tompkins
3rd Quarter/ \$50: Rick Rano
4th Quarter/ \$100: Rick Rano

Poinsettia Fundraising Committee Meeting

By Debbie Wiedwald

The Holidays are coming soon, and that means it's time to kick off our Poinsettia Sale activities! The Poinsettia Fundraising Committee will meet briefly after the Rotary breakfast meeting on Wednesday, October 2, to begin planning this important fundraising effort. Please join us to share your thoughts and assist with the fundraiser.

If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to assist with the fundraiser, please let Debbie Wiedwald know - debbie.wiedwald@gmail.com.



Buckeyes and Volunteers Needed for Buckeye Bash

By Chip Bruchac

We will be hosting our Annual Buckeye Bash for low-income seniors on October 3 from 11 am to 2 pm at Westerville Area Resource Ministry.

During the event, we will serve lunch and participants will make their own Buckeye necklaces with help from volunteers. They will also receive Buckeye souvenirs.

We need many buckeyes for the event, help with drilling holes in buckeyes, and volunteers to help with the event on October 3.

If you have buckeyes to donate or can help with the event, please contact Chip Bruchac at chipfitohio@gmail.com.



Socktober Is Here

By Amanda Klein and Rick Sellers



Once again during the month of October, District 6690 is having a contest to see which local Rotary club can collect the most socks for the homeless and needy. Last year, Westerville Sunrise Rotary came in first with the most socks donated -- members donated 1,200+ pairs of socks and Bombas donated 1,000 pairs. Another club was first in socks donated per member.

Starting with the October 2 Rotary meeting and going through October 31, we will be collecting cash to buy warm socks (men, women and kids). We plan to have the Dip Jar at every meeting so you can use a credit card to make a donation to the Sunrise Foundation and the funds will be used to purchase socks.

If you prefer, you can purchase the socks yourself and bring them to a meeting. Amazon has been having specials on Men's, Women's, and Kid's wool socks lately and it is a good place to get more socks for your money. In years past, Costco had wool socks on sale in late October so hopefully they will again this year.

Two Sunrise Rotarians Take Honor Flight

By Julie Ann Colley

On Thursday, October 10, 2024, Honor Flight Columbus' Mission 136 will send its 10,000th veteran to Washington, D.C. to visit the nation's memorials built to commemorate their service and sacrifice. Among the veteran group will be our own Sunrise Rotarians and Vietnam veterans, Ron Pusateri and Chip Bruchac.



Our veterans did not always receive a warm welcome when they came home from war. But we can give them that experience now! Please join us at John Glenn International to welcome Ron, Chip and the other veterans home! Plan to arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 pm on October 10. The flight is scheduled to land at 9:10 pm.

In addition, you can also send Ron and Chip a letter for the traditional mail call. You can either bring them to a Rotary meeting on or before Wednesday, September 25 and give them to Diane Conley -- or you can mail them directly to the Honor Flight Columbus office at:

Honor Flight Columbus
PO Box 20133
Columbus, OH 43220
Name of Veteran - Mission 136

Join the Make a Difference Committee

By Char Stille



The Make a Difference committee is a program for new members that allows them to propose non-profit agencies the club can support with a monetary donation and community service activities. Participation in this committee also gives new members an opportunity to socialize with and get to know other newer members of our club.

Committee meetings will be held on October 9 and November 13 at 6 pm to review nominations. The committee will vote on the nominations/ select winners on December 11 at 6 pm. Meetings will take place at Char Stille's house.

If you are interested in participating in this committee, please contact Char at Char.Stille@holderbaums.com.

Impact Membership

By Tiffany McGinnis



Rotary club leaders are exploring a new membership tier* (called *Impact*) for people who want to be part of Rotary but can't consistently attend weekly meetings. Intent: *Get in. Serve. Go home.*

We hosted two open-house events to ask community members how they would like this membership to be structured. During these meetings, potential members shared interest in connections and service.

*Our Club needs to vote on the Impact membership tier before we move forward, so this proposed membership option is currently pending. Contact our Club President if you have questions via email at tiffany.t.mcginis@gmail.com.

District 6690 125 Club

By Tiffany McGinnis

The 125 Club is a program where the district recognizes Rotarians who donate \$125.

- \$100 goes toward district and global grants.
- \$25 goes to Polio Plus and Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio.



To donate, you can reach out to Ruth Stenberg, our Club's Rotary Foundation Chair, at ruthstenberg@gmail.com.

2025 Rotary International Convention

By Michael Herron



The Rotary International (RI) Convention is coming to Calgary, Canada from June 21-25, 2025. There is a lot of interest from our club members and we are creating a club group list so we can all keep in touch during the event as well as possibly create a post-convention trip. If you have already registered (or are interested in attending), please email Mike Herron at mdherron68@gmail.com with your name, how many are traveling, hotel (if already booked), mobile phone and email address. For more information (or to register for the RI Convention), please visit this website: <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/>.

Star House Monthly Dinner

By Chris Herbert



Star House

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. Our remaining Mondays in 2024 will be:

- October 28
- November 18
- December 16

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:

[October 28](#)

Visit with Rotary Club of Lugano

Anne Van Buskirk and her partner Steven D'Ambrosio had a chance to meet with Rotarians in Lugano, Switzerland. When they arranged to attend their meeting, they did not realize it was their 95th anniversary dinner! They had a wonderful time visiting with Rotarians living in Lugano who came from all over world, including many from the USA.



Steven D'Ambrosio (Westerville), Hamid-Reza Khoyi, President of the Lugano club, and Anne VanBuskirk (Westerville Sunrise)

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