

# 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

**November 20, 2024**

Dennis Wheeler  
Franklin County Office of Aging

**December 04, 2024**

Greg Lott  
DIII Athletics - Otterbein Athletic Director

**December 11, 2024**

NO MEETING

#### Birthdays

Josh Plieninger  
November 17th  
Tiffany McGinnis  
November 23rd  
David A Lilley  
November 26th  
Bryan Wagner  
November 26th  
John Logue  
November 30th  
Lewis VanLandingham  
December 12th  
Edward T Wandtke



**November 20, 2024**

*Program:* Franklin County Office on Aging  
*Speaker:* Dennis Wheeler

*Greeter:* Amy Bauman  
*Invocation/Pledge:* Dennis Berrier

*Call to Action:*

write letters and cards to active service members for Blue Star Mothers to include in care packages

### Save the Date! Upcoming Social and Service Events



November 18: Star House monthly dinner  
November 18: Dream Center Chili dinner  
December 13: Holiday Party  
December 16: Star House Monthly Dinner  
February 8: Blues, Beads and Bourbon  
February 22: WARM

### Polio Plus Football Pool - Congratulations to the Winners

By Jamie Maze

Congratulations to the lucky winners from the OSU/ Northwestern game:



December 14th  
Allen V.  
Rupiper  
December 17th

1st Quarter/ \$50: Jeff Washburn  
2nd Quarter/ \$50: Jamie Maze  
3rd Quarter/ \$50: Jamie Maze  
4th Quarter/ \$100: Jamie Maze

## Years of Service

Douglas Fosselman  
11-10-1999  
25 Years  
Timothy Gose  
11-23-2011  
13 Years  
William G. Bishop  
11-29-2017  
7 Years  
Christopher Monacelli  
11-27-2019  
5 Years  
Amanda Klein  
11-15-2021  
3 Years  
Katy Tombaugh  
11-30-2022  
2 Years  
Matthew Stenberg  
11-30-2022  
2 Years  
David Case  
11-15-2023  
1 Year  
Adam Price  
11-15-2023  
1 Year

## 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:

- 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:

[November 18](#)

## Volunteers Needed for Dream Center Chili Dinner

By Paul E. Kulik



Please join us to prepare and serve a meal for the homeless in Columbus on November 18, starting at 6:30 pm at Rock City Church's Dream Center. This is a memorable experience, allowing for great relationship building with other club members while serving others.

You can help by:

- Making cornbread or chili in a crockpot
- Serving the meal at the Dream Center
- Both of the above!

In order to provide the meal for the number of people expected, we will need a minimum of 10 people to sign up to serve, 6 pans of corn bread and 6 crock pots of chili. If you haven't already signed up, please do so using the [sign-up genius link](#), or at our meeting Wednesday November 13, 2024. Rock City Church's Dream Center is located at 38 W Greenwood Ave, Columbus, OH 43201.

If you are unable to attend in person, but can still make food for the event, you can drop it off at Leigh Hollins' house. Her contact information is in the sign-up genius.

If you have questions about the event, please contact Paul Kulik at (614) 940-1905.

## 31st Annual Poinsettia Sale- Support the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Foundation and local seniors!

By Debbie Wiedwald



**How to help:**

- Buy beautiful poinsettias for yourself, friends, and family.
- Buy donation poinsettias for local, low-income seniors. Rotary will deliver these plants to The Harris Askins House, The Ravine at Central College, and The Woods at Central College.

**Details:**

- \$12 Per Plant (Red, White & Pink)
- Orders Due by Friday, November 22nd
- Pick Up Saturday, December 7th from 1:00 - 4:00 @ The Yoga Factory (223 East Broadway Ave.

- Westerville)
- Place orders & more info [HERE](#)
  - You will be asked if you want to leave a tip at checkout. NONE of the tip comes to Westerville Sunrise, so you can choose to enter \$0 tip

## Service To Youth Award Recipient Honored

By Angela Sillus



On Wednesday, November 13, 2024, the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club honored **Robert Shirey, Jr.** from the Westerville City Schools Building & Grounds Department, with a Service to Youth award for his outstanding dedication to our local students.

Robert does excellent work in the upkeep of our facilities and goes above and beyond every day to ensure that the schools are safe. He always takes the extra step in his work to make sure he got it just right, making the job better than it needs to be.

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.

## 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.

## Rotary Holiday Party!

By Amy Bauman

Celebrate the season with your Rotary friends and our "Favorite Things" theme!

Enjoy a festive gathering filled with beloved treats and cherished moments.

Event Details:

- Friday, December 13, 2024
- The Point at Otterbein University, 60 Collegeview Rd, Westerville, OH 43081
- Cost per person \$40

Schedule is as follows:

- 6:00 Jingle Mingle - Spirited sips and good cheer (cash bar)
- 6:30 Festivities Begin!

A buffet dinner will be served, including

- House Mixed Green Salad
- Three Cheese Lasagna
- Stuffed Chicken Breast
- Parmesan Risotto
- Green Beans with Almonds



- Cheesecake with Berries
- A Cheerful Assortment of Favorite Treats shared by our members

RSVP by December 5<sup>th</sup>. You can indicate any dietary needs on the [RSVP form](#).

## Blues Beads and Bourbon- Save the Date

By Anne M VanBuskirk

Dear Sunrise  
Rotarians,

Our winter fundraiser, Blues, Beads and Bourbon, is coming up February 8, 2025!

Event Details:

- Date: February 8, 6:00-9:30 pm
- Location: The Point at Otterbein

We would love to have 100% participation by the club -- and there are SO many ways to participate! How, you ask? Well, you can:

- Buy a ticket or two or six
- Be a Sponsor or enlist a Sponsor
- Donate to the silent auction
- Donate to the bourbon or wine pull
- Volunteer before, during or after the event
- Any and/or all of the above!

How will YOU participate??



## 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 us—it'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 families—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 is an opportunity for 1 more host home 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](mailto: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.

## Congratulations- District Awards

By Michael Herron

On Saturday, I attended our 2023-24 District Awards to collect a few awards on behalf of our Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club. Leigh Hollins and Jim Caldwell were also in attendance. Here are the recognitions we received:

- #1 Club with the Highest **Number** of Paul Harris Members meeting their annual commitment. (19 members)
- #2 Club with the Highest **Percentage** of Paul Harris Members meeting their annual commitment. (22%)
- #2 Club in the District with Highest Percentage of Club Members using Rotary Direct. (27%)
- 3rd Highest Net Growth in Membership (+7)
- Rotary Citation Award
- PolioPlus End Polio Award (over \$1,500 in contributions to PolioPlus)

Here is our picture displaying the awards we received.



## Thank you upcoming Greeters & Invocators



Date	Greeter	Invocation and Pledge
20 November, 2024	Bauman, Amy	Berrier, Dennis
27 November, 2024	Nelson, Larry	Berrier, Dennis

**Westerville  
Sunrise  
Rotary  
Club**

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](mailto:theresajpetraszak@yahoo.com) or Jackie Washburn at [jackiegardner1@hotmail.com](mailto:jackiegardner1@hotmail.com)





## Club Leaders



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President



[James T. Caldwell](#)  
President-Elect



[Theresa Petraszak](#)  
President-Nominee  
Vice President



[Patrick Knott](#)  
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[Angela Sillus](#)  
Secretary



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Coordinator  
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