

# Rotary Club of Columbus



## Remembering Nelson French

I am saddened to share the passing of Past President and Past District Governor, Nelson French.

A member of the Columbus Rotary Club for 63 years, he had an enormous impact on the club and District 6690, from leading the charge to eradicate polio in the 80s to serving as a Team Leader for Group Study Exchange and connecting with Rotarians around the world.

[Read his full obituary here.](#)

A memorial service honoring Nelson will be held at 4:30pm, Thursday, November 7, at First Community Church.



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## NO Meeting 10/15

**Don't forget there is NO meeting on Tuesday, October 15!**

This Rotary year, we are only having 3 regular meetings a month. With 5 Tuesdays in October, we needed to take two meetings off, so we are taking the 15th off for a break after our big Walking with the Dead event! We will also have no meeting on the last Tuesday of the month (the 29th), as usual, to have our Wine Down Wednesday on the 30th.

We'll be back at The Boat House on October 22!

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## Hurricane Relief

The Worthington AM Rotary Club is collecting supplies to drive down to North Carolina to support the Victims of Helene. They will be driving a 24ft box truck down to deliver items on Monday, October 14.

If you would like to help, see list of recommended items under "read more" below, and coordinate

## Speakers

**October 22, 2024**

[Gary Baker, Rotary District Governor](#)

**November 05, 2024**

[Matt MacLaren, Director of Travel and Tourism Policy, Ohio Chamber of Commerce](#)

drop-offs with Dave Baas for this weekend.

Call Dave Baas at 614-560-4182 to coordinate a delivery to the following address:

2385 Refugee Park  
Columbus, OH 43207 [Read More](#)

## Walking with the Dead

Join Columbus Rotary tonight at Greenlawn Cemetery for our annual Walking with The Dead 5K or 1 mile run/walk 5:30-9:00 at 1000 Greenlawn Avenue Columbus, OH 43223. Come dressed like a ghost for a Guinness World Record attempt, join the run, take a spooky ghost tour in the cemetery, and enjoy a drink in the beer garden hosted by ThunderWing Brewing.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Columbus/WalkingWithTheDead>

Thank you to our sponsors of this event. Greenlawn Cemetery, Integrated Buildings Systems, Jones Lumber, ThunderWing Brewing, Morgan Stanley Kathleen Lach Financial Advisor, EPCO Energy Planners Co., G&J Pepsi, and Race Penguin.



## REMINDER - Wine Down Wednesday!



This Rotary year, there are only 3 regular meetings a month. The last Wednesday of the month, we will have a "Wine Down Wednesday" social!

Join us for an evening of socializing with your fellow Rotarians - and it's a great place to bring a guest to introduce them to Rotary!

- **Wednesday, October 30th** from **5-7pm** at **Budd Dairy Food Hall**
- See the full details and [RSVP with the link in the club calendar](#)

## Mid-Ohio Food Collective Volunteers Needed

We are looking for **6 volunteers** to serve at [Mid-Ohio Market at Norton Road!](#)

This Mid-Ohio Food Collective Market is an exciting new approach to free food markets, enabling customers to access a no-cost grocery store experience that provides convenient access to the right food.

We will be serving as "grocery store employees," stocking the shelves and directing shoppers through the morning rush!

When: Saturday, November 2, 9:00am-12:30pm  
Where: 620 Norton Road, Columbus, OH 43228

RSVP to Jason Southwell at [jsouthwell@haferdesign.com](mailto:jsouthwell@haferdesign.com).

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## Rotarian of the Year Nominations are Open

Nominations for Rotarian of the Year are now open! **They are due November 8, 2024.**

This is part of a long-standing tradition in our club to recognize an outstanding member who has exemplified Service Above Self in Rotary, their professional career, and in their community. Club members are asked to nominate candidates for the award and provide details to support the nomination. Past Rotarians of the Year then vote for the next Rotarian of the Year.

[Get the nomination form here](#), and learn more about this award, including eligibility restrictions and past winners, by clicking "read more" below. [Read More](#)

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