

Winter 2025

# ROTOMAGNA

Quarterly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Urbana, Ohio



L to R: Doug Crabill, Tim Martin, Dave Martin, Joe Curran, Karen Bailey, Mark Nail, Joanne Petty, Gabe Jones, Ty Henderson, Bill Borland, Dave Hoskins.  
Not pictured: Charles Thiel, Nick Selvaggio, Bret Gilbert

**Rotary**  
Club of Urbana, Ohio



## MEETINGS:

Monday - 12:00 PM  
Lunch/networking  
begins @11:45am

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## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY ROADSIDE CLEAN UP

On Monday, October 7, 2024, a total of 14 members of the Rotary Club of Urbana, Ohio participated in one of the two annual roadside clean-up events by picking up trash along the two-mile section of US RT 68 south of Urbana. The club has been participating in this program since 1991.

## MEMBERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Membership and Engagement Committee has been meeting throughout the fall to analyze the results of the member satisfaction survey and set goals for the future.

In order to improve member relations, the committee is re-introducing Greeters for meetings as a way to welcome members, guests and visitors. In addition, member badges have been ordered so that all new members have a badge and the recent past presidents have updated badges.

More activities focused on membership are planned moving forward as the committee has set a goal of adding 17 new members by June 30, 2026.

**Service Above Self**



# CLUB SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVE

On Monday, October 21, 2024, the club sponsored a blood drive in collaboration with Solvita Blood Center and Mercy Health - Urbana Hospital. Donors received a famous Rotary Dairy Bar chocolate milkshake courtesy of Bill Borland and Ty Henderson.

During the three-hour event a total of 18 units were donated that can be used to save 54 lives.



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*One Profits Most Who Serves Best*

## Rotary International Avenues of Service

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

- **Club Service** focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
- **Vocational Service** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.
- **Community Service** encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.
- **International Service** exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.
- **Youth Service** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange.





# Club Members Have Holiday Spirit!

The members of the Rotary Club of Urbana, Ohio got into the Holiday Spirit this year through a number of activities.

The Club made a donation in support of the Champaign County Community Christmas, a non-profit, privately-funded, county-wide initiative that helps families with children and seniors with financial need at Christmastime.

The Club also provided financial assistance to the local DAR for their Wreaths Across America Program. The goal of this project is to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

Members of the club also shared in the season with the annual Rotary Manor Dinner. Members served the residents a meal and afterwards the students of the Urbana Elementary Hand Chime Choir performed. First opened in 1982, the club continues to support the residents and operations of this income-based senior living facility.



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A total of 31 members of the club and guests participated in the annual Holiday Social in early December with dinner at MIXX 165.





# Rotary Code of Conduct

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities; report any suspected harassment; and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

## FALL HIGHLIGHTS OF CLUB MEETINGS AND EVENTS



On Nov. 11th veterans Roger Wilson and Joe Curran were recognized. Jane Martin shared her musical talents during the program.



Members shared information about the club with the community during the Second Saturday Best Hometown Celebration on Nov. 9th



On Oct. 28th Polly Trenor & Sara Neer presented about the activities planned by the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce.

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL MONTHLY THEMES:

January 2025 - Vocational Service Month

February 2025 - Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

March 2025 - Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

April 2025 - Environmental Month



## Important Dates & Events

**January 6th:** Joe Curran - The First Rotarians

**January 13th:** Denise Beall on Fraud - Board Meeting After

**January 20th:** No Meeting - MLK Jr Day

**January 27th:** Club Assembly

**February 10th:** Greg Harvey - Board Meeting After

**February 17th:** No Meeting - Presidents Day

**February 23rd:** World Rotary Day

**March 17th:** Club Assembly - Officer Elections