

Rotary Motto

*Service Above
Self*

4-Way Test

*Of the things
we think, say
or do:*

Is it the truth?

*Is it fair to all
concerned?*

*Will it build
goodwill and
better
friendship?*

*Will it be
beneficial to all
concerned?*

Avenues of
Service

Club Service

*Vocational
Service*

*Community
Service*

*International
Service*

Youth Service

ROTARY NOTES

APRIL 16, 2025

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ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS & REGISTRATION

April, 2025 - Don Powers & Ray Sinchak

May, 2025 - Volunteers Needed

INVOCATION

April 23, 2025 - Diane Sauer

April 30, 2025 - Judy Masaki

May 7, 2025 & May 21, 2025 - Janet Schweitzer

May 14, 2025 & May 28, 2025 - Kim Straniak

FELLOWSHIP (1st & 3rd Wed of the Month)

5/7/25 & 5/21/25 - Kim Straniak

WHEEL GAME (2nd Wed. of the Month)

5/14/25 - Kim Straniak

ENVIRONMENTAL TALK (2nd Wed. of the Month)

6/11/25 - Lorilyn Shandor

MAGAZINE REPORT (4th Wed. of the Month)

4/23/25 - Andy Bednar

5/5/28/25 - Kim Straniak

CAREER AWARENESS (5th Wed. of the Month)

4/30/25 - Eric Knoth

SPEAKERS

4/23/25 - Off-site meeting at the Log Cabin/Peace Pole Installation

4/30/25 - Martha Yoder, Trumbull County Auditor/Taxes

5/7/25 - RYLA Students

5/14/25 - Club Forum/Planning for Rotary Year 2025 - 2026

5/21/25 - Bell Scholarship Recipients

Areas of
Focus

*Peace & Conflict
Prevention/
Resolution*

*Disease
Prevention &
Treatment*

*Water &
Sanitation*

*Maternal & Child
Health*

*Basic Education &
Literacy*

*Economic &
Community
Development*

The Environment

Club Officers

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Cindy Matheson*

*President Elect
Tony Iannucci*

*Vice-President
Lorilyn Shandor*

*Secretary
Judy Masaki*

*Treasurer
Cheryl Oblinger*

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*Mike Bolas
Eric Knoth
Lauren Kramer
Robin Martorana
Marilyn Pape
John Perdue
Julia Wetstein*



*We gather together here today
intent on doing good work.
We seek to represent fairly and well,
those who have given us this task.*

*May our efforts be blessed with insight,
guided by understanding and wisdom.
We seek to serve with respect for all.
May our personal faiths give us strength
to act honestly and well in all matters before
us.*

(Offered By Diane Sauer)

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suggestions
about our
newsletter, or if
you would like
to become a
sponsor, please**

contact:

Judy Masaki



Andy Bednar kicked off Fellowship this week by welcoming Vicky Brady and Beth Sanders, guests of Julia Wetstein. Vicky is an Accountant, and Beth used to work with Julia at Berk Enterprises. Both women have been volunteering behind the scenes, organizing the vendors for our River Duck Festival.

Andy then took center stage as follows:

"You know Rotarians are generally kind people. In fact, when I forgot that I scheduled myself for Fellowship this month, nobody 'called me out!' All they did was pick up the slack. And for that, I am grateful.

So today, I'm gonna share with you some thoughts on forgetfulness.

You know before I start, I'll have to admit that this isn't the first time someone told me I was forgetful . . . but I can't remember who that was.

I've always been the kind of guy who likes to write little notes to remind myself not to forget things . . . but you know it's getting bad when you start writing notes to remind yourself to read your little notes!

Wanna know why the banana forgot to take out the garbage? It slipped is mind.



W A R R E N R O T A R Y

Know the best way to remember your partner's birthday? Forget it once.

And finally . . .

There once was an elderly couple who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor.

The doctor told them that they should start writing things down so they won't forget.

They went home that evening, and while they were watching TV together the woman asked her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. 'You might want to write it down,' she said. Her husband said, 'No, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream.' She then told her husband that she also wanted whipped cream on top. 'Write it down,' she told him, and again he said, 'No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream on top.' Then the woman added that she also would like a cherry on top. Again, she said, 'Write it down,' and again he said, 'No, I've got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top.'

So he went into the kitchen and was there for over 30 minutes. He came out and handed his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. The woman just stared at the plate for a moment, then looked at her husband and asked, 'Where's the toast?'

Have a great Rotary Day!"



W A R R E N R O T A R Y



BRING A FRIEND TO ROTARY - Every month, for every friend you bring to a meeting, you'll be given a ticket to enter into a raffle, with a chance to win \$100! Be sure to put your and your friend's name and address on the ticket.

THE GENESIS SOCIETY, a group of founders for the Sci-Fi Museum, is being formed. The Society will be limited to 200 people. To date, Julia and Mark Wetstein, Ken MacPherson, Lish and Tom Angelo, & Janet and Fred Schweitzer have committed to joining. If you would like more information, contact Meghan Reed.

SAVE THE DATES!:

***** Join us for our Peace Pole installation** on Wednesday, April 23rd. We will meet for lunch at the Log Cabin across from Courthouse Square at Noon. There will be no meeting at Trumbull Country Club that day.

***** The due date to submit our Club's Operation Pollination checklist**, photos, stories, etc., to ccope@unitedwaytrumbull.org and **confirmation that our club is a certified Peace-builder Club** to rsiffirin@younstowndiocese.org is May 9, 2025.

***** A Human Trafficking Awareness Event** will be held on Thursday, May 15th, from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church (2860 E. Market St. Warren, OH 44483). The event is open to the public. A Resource Fair will open at 5 p.m. and will also be available, along with refreshments, following the program. At the event, you will learn the facts and myths about human trafficking, its prevalence in Trumbull County, what resources are available, and how to advocate for victims/survivors. If you have questions or would like to set up a table at the resource fair, please email AAUW.TrumbullCounty@gmail.com. The event is sponsored by the Warren Trumbull County Branch of the American Association of University Women.

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***The District 6650 District Conference will be held at the Tyler History Center (325 W. Federal Street, Youngstown, OH 44503) on May 24, 2025 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. To register, go to: <https://rotarydistrict6650.org>. Registration fee is \$25 and includes food, beverage, and a live magic show! Registration ends May 5th.

*** The Rotary International Convention will be held in Calgary, Canada, June 21st through 25th. Come discover the "Magic All Around". Register at convention.rotary.org

*** The First Wednesday Series at the Upton is back, with coffee hour at 9:30 a.m. and the lecture at 10:00 a.m. On May 7th, John Kudley, President of the Aurora Historical Society, will present the history of Geauga Lake Park, including the heyday of the local amusement park and its recreation value for the community in the 20th century.

*** Friends of the Mahoning River will be presenting their 2025 Riverfest on June 21st from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Packard Park. Join them in celebrating the revitalization of the Mahoning River. The event will include vendors, exhibits, live music, food trucks, a kayak race and more. Entry to the event is free!

*** Presidents' Night will be held on Wednesday, June 25th at the Von Isley Estate in Niles. Dress code will be Country Club Attire. Stay tuned for more details. We will not have a club meeting at Noon that day.

OPERATION POLLINATION CHALLENGE: Three upcoming environmental educational opportunities are eligible for "points" towards the District 6650 Operation Pollination Environmental Challenge. Please take advantage of these opportunities which offer something for all ages! And if you participate, be sure to report back to Christine Cope so we get credit.

*** A Bees in Your Backyard Workshop will be presented by Dr. Olivia Carril on Sunday, June 22nd from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. There is a workshop fee of \$65, including lunch and refreshments, and the workshop is limited to 20 adults. You will learn hands-on instruction for ID and collection practices. On Monday, June 23rd, a free Public Lecture and Meet & Greet will be held from 6 - 9 p.m. This lecture will be limited to 60 people of all ages. Snacks and a campfire will be provided. Both of these events will be hosted at the Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center located at 16146 Daniel St.NE, Minerva, OH 44657. Register at (330) 823-7487 or naturecenter@mountunion.edu/nature-center To reserve Olivia's books or posters for purchase, please indicate this on your registration.

W A R R E N R O T A R Y

*** A Project Wild & Growing Up Wild Educator Workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 11th from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at 490 S. Broad St., Canfield, OH 44406. Formal and informal educators will receive two curriculum and educator guides, various wildlife resources and publications, and the eligibility to apply for a Division of Wildlife's Education grant. The workshop is free to attend, but you must bring your own lunch. Phone (330) 740-7995 or visit www.mahoningsoilandwater.org to register.

*** Join fellow Rotarians for the 2025 Zone Institute in Columbus, Ohio September 4th through 7th. You will be able to network, innovate, collaborate and celebrate the outstanding work of Rotary. Follow Rotary Zones 30 & 31 Institute on Facebook for updates and current information. It's the closest thing to a RI Convention!

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO MARILYN PAPE.

Marilyn's mother passed away Saturday, April 19th. Please keep Marilyn and her family in your prayers.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW MEDAL RECIPIENTS: For every \$1,000 an individual donates to the Rotary Foundation, he or she is designated as a Paul Harris Fellow, and it is tradition for them to receive a certificate and lapel pin. For many years, Paul Harris Fellow awards also included a Rotary medal with a bust of Paul Harris on it. In 2008, when the stock market crashed, then President of the Rotary Foundation Ray Klinginsmith needed to make financial cuts, and the medals were no longer given out. On the recommendation of Julia Wetstein, the Rotary Club of Warren's Board of Directors has decided to purchase medals and present them to all Warren Rotarians who became Paul Harris Fellows after 2008. Those receiving their medals this week included Ted Stazak, Bill Beinecke, John Perdue, Judy Masaki, Cindy Matheson and Tony Iannucci.



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The Warren Rotary River Duck Festival will be held on Saturday, April 26th on the Mahoning River in Perkins Park. Join us for duck races, 25 vendors, 4 food trucks, a Jeep Meet, 50/50 and basket raffles, face painting and chalk on the sidewalk for children, and more! Scrappy from The Mahoning Valley Scrappers and the mascot from the Akron Rubber Ducks will be on hand at the Festival, and the Warren Library's Bookmobile will be on site! Duck and 50/50 pre-sales will end on Tuesday, April 22nd. Only 1,500 ducks are for sale, so purchase yours now!! And the 50/50 is already around \$730!!

All Warren Rotarians are also asked to donate a themed gift basket worth \$50 or a \$50 gift card by Wednesday, April 23rd to help make our basket raffle a success. Please drop off finished baskets at Warren's SCOPE Center and ask them to lock up your donation in Mike Wilson's office.



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Volunteers are needed the day of the event!! Contact Julia Wetstein or Cindy Matheson if you can help out.

President Cindy Matheson received some great news recently! **Bass Pro Shops** is donating a two-person pedal boat to the Festival! Mayor Doug Franklin and City Council President John Brown will ride down the river in the boat during the opening ceremony, and the boat will later be raffled off to the public. The organization has also committed to being involved in next year's event.



Event t-shirts are being made and will be sold at the Festival for \$25. Small yellow ducks will be for sale and used to **vote on your favorite jeep**. The Jeep Meet trophy will be the Golden Duck!

The schedule for the Festival is as follows:

- * 11 a.m. - Gates open
- * 11:45 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with the Mayor
- * 12 p.m. - Live music by Speed Limit in the Pavilion
- * 1 p.m. - Jeep Meet Parade
- * 1:30 p.m. - Dancing with James Dance Studio in the pavilion by the playground
- * 2 p.m. - Live music by Speed Limit
- * 3 p.m. - Duck Race
- * 3:30 p.m. - Distribution of Prizes

See you on the river!!

In an effort to plan for our next Rotary Year, President-Elect Tony Iannucci is asking all Warren Rotarians to complete the following survey. This will assist Tony in putting together committees and service groups that better match the talents and interest of our members. Please return your completed survey to Tony no later than May 7th.

Rotary Club of Warren Membership Survey

Member Name _____

List Member Interests: (e.g. movies, cooking, cars, sports, gardening, genealogy, etc.)

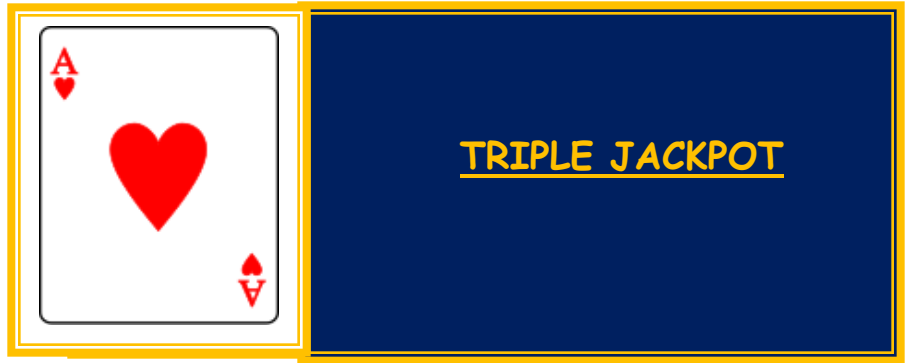
List Member Talents: (e.g. technology, sales, finance, photography, music, fashion, etc.)

List famous people you have met: (introduced to or spoke to)

List your favorite Warren Rotary highlight: (summary title)

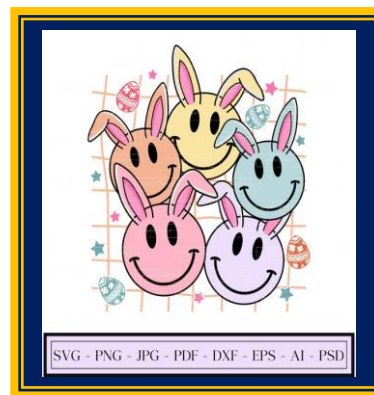
List longest serving current Warren Rotarian:

W A R R E N R O T A R Y



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$29.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Bill Beinecke!

HAPPY BUCKS



- *** **Julia Wetstein** offered a Happy Buck in honor of her River Duck Festival volunteer friends. She also thanked Mike Bollas for rescuing our club's original charter on parchment. It is being given to the Trumbull County Historical Society for restoration, and it will become a part of the Rotary Collection there.
- *** **Terra O'Brien** thanked Julia Wetstein for giving her the Paul Harris Medal. And Terra also offered a Happy Buck for a lovely bridal shower.
- *** **Patti Augustine** was happy to have been able to alter our Rotary tablecloth and give it square corners! And Patti is going to be a Great Grandma - Congratulations!!
- *** **Lorilyn Shandor** offered a Happy Buck for the last few years that she has spent in Rotary. This past week was Lori's last meeting with us! Good luck, Lorilyn, with your next adventure!
- *** **Ted Stazak** is happy that Warren Rotary is now a Paul Harris Medal club!
- *** **Ray Sinchak** thanked Judy Masaki for writing an accurate

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newsletter. He was also happy that Rory McIlroy completed the Grand Slam of Golf!

*** **Julia Wetstein** also thanked Patti Augustine for making the set-up/tear down crew's life easier!

*** **Cindy Matheson** thanked the volunteers and all Rotarians who are helping to make our River Duck Festival a success.

