

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

A publication of the Rotary Club of Warren

APRIL 17, 2024

ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS

April 24, 2024 - Patti Augustine

May, 2024 - Patti Augustine

June, 2024 - Kim Straniak

REGISTRATION

April, 2024 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak

May, 2024 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

April, 2024 - Ted Stazak

May, 2024 & June, 2024 - Terra O'Brien

FELLOWSHIP (1st & 3rd Wed.) & MAGAZINE REPORT (2nd Wed.)

May, 2024 - Kim Straniak

June, 2024 - Denise May

CAREER AWARENESS (4th Wed. of the Month)

April 24, 2024 - Robin Martorana

May, 2024 & June, 2024 - To Be Announced

SPEAKERS

4/24/24 - Mark Miller, Magician

5/1/24 - RYLA Students

5/8/24 - Denim Day Presentation

5/15/24 - Mike Wilson, Game

5/22/24 - Jason Gray, TCTC

5/29/24 - Brendan Byers, Oakland Center for the Arts

Areas of Focus

Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution

Disease Prevention & Treatment

Water & Sanitation

Maternal & Child Health

Basic Education & Literacy

Economic & Community Development

The Environment

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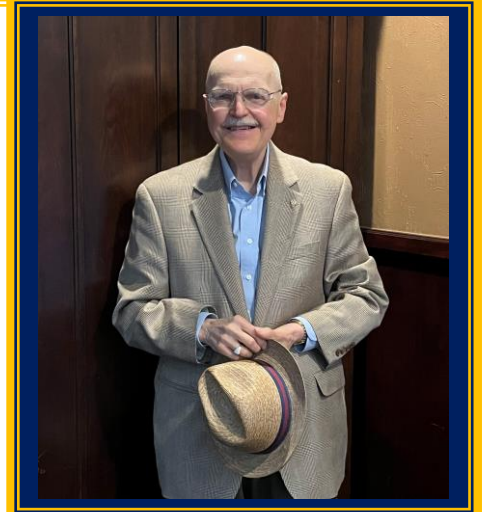
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Ray Sinchak opened Fellowship this week with some good news and some bad news about April 17th. First, for the bad news - on April 17, 1961, a failed military landing operation by the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front occurred on the southwestern coast of Cuba, consisting of Cuban exiles who opposed Fidel Castro's Cuban Revolution. This operation, the Bay of Pigs invasion, was clandestinely financed and directed by the U.S. government.



On a more positive note, on this day in 1970, after a six-day mission, Apollo 13, which had survived an explosion of an oxygen tank two days after launch, returned to Earth safely with the whole crew on board. The explosion had robbed their Command Module of power and oxygen, and the astronauts had to take refuge in the Lunar Module *Aquarius* and judiciously conserve their resources in order to stay alive!

Next, Ray reminded us that two weeks ago, he had shared the story of how Judy Garland became a star. Fast forward a decade and a half, and this week, Ray told us that Judy entered a period of ups and downs. In 1944, while she was dating Vincente Minelli, Judy starred in the musical, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, and introduced the song "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas". The song became an instant classic and went on to win an Academy Award for best original song.

Garland and Minelli married the following year, and Judy was later cast in the musical, *The Harvey Girls*, directed by George Sidney. On the day that they were shooting the big scene, Judy wasn't feeling too well. The assistant director found her in her trailer, lying on the couch with an ice pack on her head. He told Sidney, who eventually coaxed Judy into performing. Despite not feeling well, Judy showed up on stage, all dolled up, and her performance was perfect!

After the performance, back in her trailer, George Sidney thanked Garland for her performance. And that's show business, folks!

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Judy Masaki



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership (TNP) and Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District are hosting a citywide clean-up day in Warren from 10 a.m. until Noon on Saturday, April 20th. Help organizers clean up litter in targeted neighborhood parks and public spaces throughout the city!

THE FINAL CONCERT OF THE WARREN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA for this season will be 3:00 p.m. this Sunday, April 21st, at First Presbyterian Church (256 Mahoning Avenue, NW, Warren, OH). The concert closes the Orchestra's 58th performance season. In addition, it celebrates 24 years of musical excellence under the direction of Conductor Susan Davenny Wyner, who is stepping down as Music Director.

DENIM DAY: Join United Way of Trumbull County, Family and Children First Council, Trumbull County CSB and other community organizations at the gazebo in front of the Warren Courthouse at 12:00 Noon on April 24th. All of those gathered will be supporting survivors, educating others and raising awareness about sexual assault. Show your support by wearing denim. To learn more about Denim Day, log in into denimdayinfo.org.

SERVICE PROJECT: On April 27th and/or May 4th, volunteers are needed to assist in the upkeep of Camp Stambaugh on Leffingwell Rd. in Canfield from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00p.m. Camp Stambaugh is the primary Boy Scouts of America camping facility used by scouts in Trumbull and Mahoning Counties. The service projects on the two days noted above include repairs to various cabins at the site. Volunteers are asked to wear work clothes and bring a pair of work gloves. All other supplies and tools will be provided, and lunch will be served. Rotarians will receive one meeting make-up for every hour worked. If you are able to help out, email Ted Stazak at tstazak@zoominternet.net or sign up at our next club meeting.

SCOPE is holding a bake-off on May 21st. More information to follow if you'd like to get your fill of sweet treats!

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MITCH & CINDY'S BLUEGRASS JAMBOREE is scheduled for May 24th through May 26th at the Trumbull County fairgrounds. Cindy Matheson would like to have a Rotary table set up to get the word out about our club. If you are able to help set up and man the table, contact Cindy Matheson.

THE 2024 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION will be held 5/25/24 through 5/29/24 in Singapore, "the Garden City". You can attend inspiring breakout sessions, exchange ideas about service projects, and make meaningful connections with global individuals. Register today @ convention.rotary.org. This year's theme is "Sharing Hope with the World".

TRUMBULL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY is organizing a block party for Saturday, June 1st, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in front of the Warren Trumbull County Public Library on Mahoning Avenue. A few hundred children and their families will be visiting the event. Consider having your organization/business set up a table with give-a-ways and info for the community!

THE ANNUAL ROTARY DISTRICT 6650 CONFERENCE will kick off with an evening social event at Royal Docks Brewing in Oakwood Square from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 14th. The conference will be held on June 15th at Kent Stark Conference Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Attendees will be able to meet new people, hear new ideas, and have some fun! Registration will be open from now until midnight on May 31st. Early registration is \$25 through midnight on May 24th and will increase to \$40 from May 24th to May 31st. Sign up today at: tinyurl.com/Rotary6650Conference

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN'S PRESIDENTS' NIGHT will be held on Wednesday, June 19th at Trumbull Country Club beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be no noon club meeting that day.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN FOUNDATION NEEDS YOUR HELP! If you have full Adobe software and are tech savvy, we need help turning our application for the Bill & Mae Bell Handicapped Scholarship into a digital format that eligible students can access and complete online. Please email Secretary Judy Masaki (jmasaki1962@gmail.com) if you are willing and able to assist.

FREE EVENT: Sunshine Golden Acres Farm Market & Soap Company will host a Classic Car Cruise-In on Saturday, July 20th, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. (3335 Mahoning Ave., NW, Warren, OH). There is no registration fee! The free event will feature music, coffee, donuts and other food, as well as a 50/50 raffle. Contact Rotarian Amy Phillips for more information.

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PROGRAM:

MIKE WILSON
AS RODNEY DANGERFIELD



Warren Rotarian Mike Wilson of Champion, Ohio is the Director of SCOPE Senior Services with ten centers serving 4,000 senior citizens in Northeast Ohio. Mike began performing as the late great comedian Rodney Dangerfield five years ago. He has also presented President William McKinley all over our nation for over 30 years. After a performance as McKinley, he was asked if he could come back, but do someone funny.

Well, after feeling disrespected, he happened to watch a Johnny Carson video with Rodney Dangerfield. Now Mike brings Rodney back to life in his "No Respect" comedy tour. His biggest crowd to date was a group of doctors at NEOUCOM.

This week, Mike delighted fellow Warren Rotarians with his portrayal of Rodney Dangerfield. He had us in stitches with his jokes about physicians, health issues, and his wife, all of which, of course, were interjected with the famous quips, "What can I say" and "I don't get no respect"!

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Jack Roy (born Jacob Cohen but better known by the pseudonym Rodney Dangerfield) was an American stand-up comedian, actor, screenwriter and producer. At the age of 15, Dangerfield began to write for stand-up comedians while also performing at the Nevele, a resort in New York. He struggled financially for a while, and at one point, he took a job as an aluminum siding salesman. However, in the 1960s, he started reviving his career in show business. His self-deprecating one-liner humor and monologues grew in popularity, not only during his early career as a stand-up comedian, but also on talk shows during the 60s and 70s. He eventually became a headlining act in the Las Vegas casinos.

Dangerfield reached national prominence on television after appearing on *The Ed Sullivan Show* in 1967. He also was a regular on *The Dean Martin Show* and appeared on *The Tonight Show* more than 70 times. In 1969, he teamed up with a friend to build his own comedy club in New York City so that he didn't have to travel as often.

In 1980, a comedy album, *No Respect*, was produced and won a Grammy Award. In 1983, his "Rappin' Rodney" single became one of the first Hot 100 rap records, with an associated hit video on MTV. Throughout the 80s, he also appeared in commercials for Miller Lite beer, as well as various other music videos of stars like Billy Joel and Lionel Richie.

In 1995, Rodney Dangerfield was the first celebrity to personally own a website and create his own content for it. This led to him being named one of the "100 Most Influential People on the Web" by *Websight* magazine. He was also recognized by the Smithsonian Institute for his trademark white shirts and red ties.

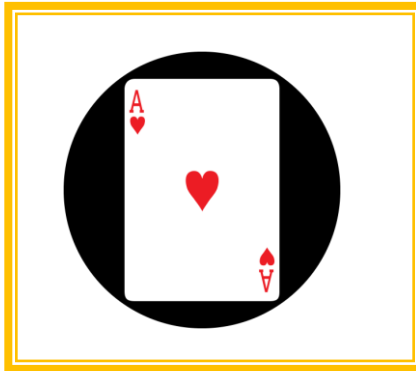
Dangerfield appeared in comedy films, such as *Caddyshack* and *Easy Money*, but also in a rare dramatic role in *Natural Born Killers*.

Health issues throughout the early 2000s curtailed his career. On his 80th birthday in 2001, he suffered a stroke while performing stand-up comedy on *The Tonight Show*. He returned a year later, on his 81st birthday, to perform again. However, in 2003, he underwent brain surgery to improve blood flow in preparation for heart valve replacement surgery. The heart valve surgery took place in 2004.

Rodney Dangerfield died on October 5, 2004, following a month-long coma due to complications from the heart valve surgery. On the day of his death, the Joke of the Day on his website was, "I tell ya, I get no respect from anyone. I bought a cemetery plot. The guy said, 'There goes the neighborhood!'" "There goes the neighborhood" was chosen by Dangerfield's wife as the epitaph on his headstone.

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TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$338.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Ken LaPolla!



- *** **Julia Wetstein** is thrilled with all of our new members. Orientation will be scheduled soon.
- *** **Cindy Matheson** is glad that Rotary orientation is coming down the pike, and she'd like to attend. She also offered a Happy Buck for Rodney Dangerfield.
- *** **Ted Stazak** showed a little respect for Rodney!
- *** **Robin Martorana** had a lot of fun participating at our service project at Washington Square.
- *** **Bob Hoy** is on his way to Switzerland! Safe travels, Bob!
- *** **Ken LaPolla** offered a Happy Buck for Mike Wilson's portrayal of Rodney Dangerfield, for our fun and worthwhile painting service project, and for the upcoming service project at Camp Stambaugh.
- *** **Visiting Rotarian Ken MacPherson** announced that Howland Rotary now meets at Shepherd of the Valley on North River Rd, Mondays at Noon (in case anyone wants to attend for a make-up).