

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 2, 2025

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ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS & REGISTRATION

April, 2025 - Don Powers & Ray Sinchak
May, 2025 - Volunteers Needed

INVOCATION

April 9, 2025 & April 30, 2025 - Judy Masaki
April 16, 2025 & April 23, 2025 - Diane Sauer
May 7, 2025 & May 21, 2025 - Janet Schweitzer
May 14, 2025 & May 28, 2025 - Kim Straniak

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

4/16/25 - Andy Bednar
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)

4/9/25 - Andy Bednar
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

4/9/25 - Tom Conley, Greater Warren-Youngstown Urban League
4/16/25 - Ed Hukari, Warren Fire Department
4/23/25 - Off-site meeting at the Log Cabin/Peace Pole Installation
4/30/25 - Martha Yoder, Trumbull County Auditor/Taxes

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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Julia Wetstein*

invocation

As Rotarians Celebrate Environmental Month, let's reflect on this poem written by Betty Opheim, of Fargo West Rotary, in Fargo, North Dakota District 5580:

Let my eyes be opened.

Let me awake and see beauty that surrounds me all around.

Let me hear the singing birds make their wonderful sound.

Let me thank God for my health that has been good to me so far.

Let all my dreams come true when wishing upon a star.

Let me be thankful for friendship that was lovingly given me.

Let me never forget the caring that was made for me to see.

(Offered By Judy Masaki)



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

contact:

Judy Masaki



The first ever Earth Day, celebrated on April 22, 1970, launched a wave of landmark environmental laws in the United States. Every year since, this day is set aside to mobilize action to protect our planet.

Likewise, Rotary has been shaping conversations regarding the environment for years, including addressing climate change, fighting pollution, and finding creative solutions to protect and safeguard our vital resources. In fact, The Rotary Foundation has allocated \$18.4 million to environment-related causes in the past five years. Projects have included:

- * restoring land, coastal, marine and freshwater resources;
- * supporting sustainable agriculture, fishing and aquaculture practices;
- * reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- * supporting educational initiatives that promote environment-friendly behavior;
- * removing invasive species;
- * planting pollinator gardens and trees;
- * sponsoring e-waste fundraisers;
- * building economies that promote food-waste reduction and use resources more efficiently; and
- * addressing public health concerns and environmental justice issues.

Wangari Maathai, a Kenyan Environmentalist, Founder of the Green Belt Movement, and Nobel Peace Prize Winner, said, "We owe it to

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ourselves and to the next generation to conserve the environment so that we can bequeath our children a sustainable world that benefits all."

Are you up to the challenge of protecting our common legacy?



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 ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN NEEDS TO BORROW TABLES & POP-UP TENTS for our River Duck Festival. Tables are needed for our basket raffle, 50/50 sales, duck Sales, & face painting. Tents will be used for all of the above as well, with the exception of the basket raffle, as that will be under a pavilion. If you can help out, please contact Cindy Matheson.

GENTLY USED OR NEW BASKETS ARE NEEDED for our basket raffle at the River Duck Festival. If you are looking to get rid of some baskets, contact Terra O'Brien, Judy Masaki or Marilyn Pape!

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to Christine Cope on the recent passing of her father. Please join us in keeping Christine and her family in your thoughts and prayers. There will be no services held.

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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!:

*** **Purses for a Purpose Designer Bag Bingo**, presented by The Society of St. Vincent De Paul Northeast Ohio District Council, will be held on Thursday, April 10th at Ciminero's Banquet Centre (123 Main St. in Niles). Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$45 which includes 1- cards for 10 games. Limited tickets are available. If you are interested in attending or sponsoring, call Event Manager Lindy Hilton at (234) 223-2933 or email her at mhilton@svdneodistrict.org

*** **The Rotary Club of Warren Board of Directors** will meet on Thursday, April 10th at Saratoga. Fellowship, hosted by Julia Wetstein, will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.

*** **The Rotary Club of Warren Foundation Board of Administrators** will meet at 11:15 a.m. on April 16th at Trumbull Country Club.

*** **The Bell Scholarship Committee** will meet at 1:00 p.m. at Trumbull Country Club following our weekly club meeting on 4/16/25.

*** **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. A sign-up sheet will be available soon. There will be no meeting at Trumbull Country Club that day.

*** **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, a Jeep Meet, 50/50 and basket raffles, and food and merchant vendors. Sponsorship opportunities and duck and 50/50 pre-sales are now open. Only 1,500 ducks are for sale, so purchase yours now!!



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Scrappy from The Mahoning Valley Scrappers and the mascot from the Akron Rubber Ducks will be on hand at the Festival! **All Warren Rotarians are also asked to donate a themed gift basket worth \$50 or a \$50 gift card to help make our basket raffle a success.** Donations may be given to Terra O'Brien, Judy Masaki, or Marilyn Pape.

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

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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.

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*** 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.

*** Mahoning County Soil & Water is creating a Mahoning County Stream Team to help with water quality monitoring initiatives. Volunteers of all ages are invited to help monitor local streams. Water Quality Monitoring Training will be held on April 16th from 5 to 7 p.m. To attend, contact: ZACHARY.FELGER@MAHONINGCOUNTYOH.GOV or (330) 740-7995.

*** 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.

*** 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!

Rotary
Club of Warren



The Rotary Club of Warren's
River Duck Festival

Saturday, April 26
Perkins Park | Gates open at 11 a.m.



Warren, Ohio

Adopt a Duck
\$10 per Duck

Free
Admission

Only
1,500
Ducks
Available!

\$500
First Place
Prize!!

Prizes to the
first 10 duck
finishers

- Gates Open at 11:00 a.m. with vendors, music, basket raffle, 50/50, and duck adoptions
- Jeep Meet with Best Jeep Competition - Parade in Perkins Park at 1:00 p.m.
- Rubber Duck Race down the Mahoning River (weather permitting) - 3:00 p.m.

Musical
entertainment
through out the day!

For full race rules and additional
information visit WarrenRotary.org

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Visit our
website
to adopt
a duck
today!

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Join us Saturday, April 26 for all
the fun! Gates open at 11:00 a.m.
Perkins Park | Free Admission



Sponsorship Opportunities

Grand Mallard - \$5,000

- Opportunity to speak at the event
- Twenty (20) Duck entries (\$200 value)
- Signage at the race viewing area and at the stage during the concert
- Vendor space (optional)
- Name & logo on marketing materials
- Mention in social media posts
- Full page (8.5h x 5.5w) program ad

Master Quacker - \$2,500

- Signage at the race viewing area and at the stage during the concert
- Ten (10) Ducks entered into race (\$100 value)
- Vendor space (optional)
- Name & logo on marketing materials
- Mention in social media posts
- Half page (4.25h x 5.5w) program ad

Mighty Duck - \$1,000

- Signage at the event
- Five (5) Ducks entered into race (\$50 value)
- Vendor space (optional)
- Name & logo on marketing materials
- Mention in social media posts
- Quarter page (2.125h x 2.75w) program ad

Quaker Backer - \$500

- Name & logo on digital marketing
- Mention in social media posts
- Logo list in event program

Duckling - \$250

- Mention in social media posts
- Recognition in Event Program

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SPONSORSHIP RESPONSE FORM

Sponsorship Form Due by April 4, 2025
Programs Ads Due by April 14, 2025/Please send ads to
Lorilynshandor@gmail.com

_____ Grand Mallard - \$5,000 _____ Mighty Duck - \$1,000
_____ Master Quacker - \$2,500 _____ Quacker Backer - \$500
_____ Duckling - \$250

Contact Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

_____ Check Enclosed

_____ Please send an invoice

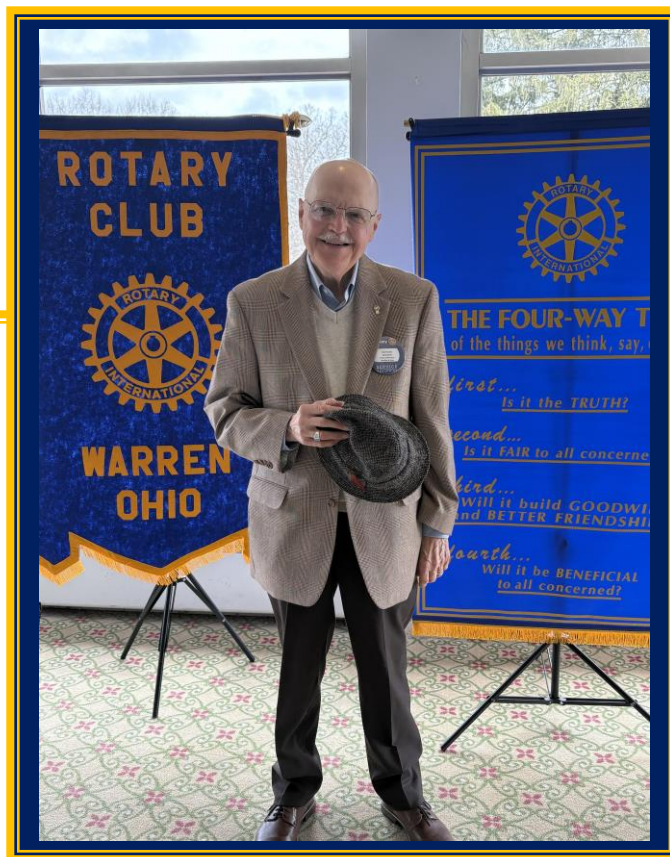
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Forms can be returned to any Warren Rotarian, emailed to
warrenrotary@gmail.com, or mailed to PO Box 68, Warren, OH 44482.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTIING THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN AND
THE WORK WE DO IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Join us Saturday, April 26 for all
the fun! Gates open at 11:00 a.m.
Perkins Park/Free Admission

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After Warren Rotarians were treated to a video of Gene Kelley crooning and dancing to *Singin' in The Rain*, we took a trip back to Hollywood with Ray Sinchak. Here's what he had to say:

"It was 1952 and four-time Oscar winning famed director, John Ford, was finally able to film a picture he had wanted to make for many years but previously wasn't able to get a movie studio to produce it. The studios thought the theme of the movie would not have good box office appeal, and it was also because Ford insisted that it be shot entirely in Ireland.

But, finally, Republic Pictures took a chance and gave John Ford the go-ahead. SP all the cast, crew and equipment made their way to a little

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village in the Republic of Ireland called Inishefree. And what they made was a wonderful picture with great performances by the cast and, just as important, the beautiful scenery of Ireland in Technicolor.

Many of the cast while there took side trips around the countryside. The male and female stars of the movie also drove around one evening, and preoccupied with all the great sites to see, unfortunately, they went pretty far afield and got hopelessly lost. They drove on and on until they spotted a small cottage with a thatched roof, and a light was in the window. So they pulled in and noticed the sign, 'O'Leary's Dairy and Eggs'. After knocking, the door opened and they told the man they lost their way and needed directions back to Inishefree.

The O'Leary's introduced themselves and the female actress said, 'I'm Miss O'Hara', and with a little wink to her co-star, said, 'and this is Mr. Morrison'. Mr. O'Leary said, since it was already dark and very late, 'You best stay 'til dawn and then I can show the way to you.' Mrs. O'Leary brought some tea and biscuits and had them sit by the fireplace in their rocking chairs.

Now Mr. Morrison reached for his wallet, but Mr. O'Leary said, 'There will be none of that. We don't charge for kindness.' Then he and his wife went to their room, and the actors dozed off in the rockers. AS he woke and morning was coming soon, Mr. Morrison looked around, then went to the kitchen and opened the icebox and found eggs and bacon. So he took a large skillet, put some wood in the oven and cooked. After slicing a loaf of bread, he put the kettle on. AS the sun came up, the O'Leary's came out smelling the food and exclaimed, 'What's this', to which Mr. Morrison said, 'Well, since you wouldn't take money for helping us, I made you breakfast. Have a seat.' And he served them. All sat down and ate.

After getting directions, the actors started for the car, but Miss O'Hara came back to Mr. O'Leary and said, 'I just have to tell you, Mr. Morrison goes by the name John Wayne', and he said, 'You mean that actor fella who makes all those shoot-em up movies in the States?' Miss O'Hara replied, 'Yes, that's right.' Mr. O'Leary mused, 'Well, for an actor, he doesn't say very much, does he?' She replied, 'No, only when he has something to say.'

So as Miss O'Hara got to the car, Mr. O'Leary asked loudly, 'What's the name of the moving picture you're making?' And she replied, 'Why it's called *The Quiet Man*', and Mr. O'Leary with a smile uttered, '*The Quiet Man*, the quiet man, *Indeed*.'"

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PROGRAM:

KIM MASSARY, NEOCAP



In the 1980s and '90s, judges began demanding more resources for provision of treatment for offenders, because prisons were increasing in population. Legislators began writing proposals for community-based, lock-down facilities where people could live and participate in treatment programming. Today, in 88 counties across Ohio, NEOCAP provides treatment to more than 7,000 offenders yearly. A male facility on Pine Avenue in Warren offers programming to 125 convicted felons who are at high risk for reoffending. The closest female facility is located in Painesville and houses 60 individual.

Individuals treated in these facilities have lived a criminal lifestyle and have anti-social thinking. They are unable to hold down employment, have poor problem solving abilities and lack life management skills. There is an absence of a positive family unit and good role models. Rather, they tend to associate with antisocial peers. They lack pro-social leisure activities and self-control. They have a need to manipulate and control

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others. A history of substance abuse, impaired moral reasoning, and a criminal record with past prison stays is also typical.

Offenders live in NEOCAP's facilities for four to six months. Monday through Friday, they are involved in treatment from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Groups cover topics such as thinking for a change, driving with care, community service and anger management. They are provided with case management, chemically dependent treatment, mental and physical health treatment, adult basic education, employment assistance and housing information. Saturdays and Sundays are leisure days where the individuals are given the opportunity to be outdoors, exercise, listen to presenters, watch TV, play games and have visitors. At the end of the treatment, their probation officers monitor their list of what needs to be accomplished. They can be on probation for five years.

75% of those going through treatment remain in the community. If they return to prison, they can be stepped down and sent to NEOCAP again.



Rotary Youth Exchange reaches milestone

In 2025, Rotary Youth Exchange is celebrating a half-century as an official Rotary International program. Look for historical highlights, testimonials from members and volunteers, and more on the new Rotary Young Leaders Instagram page and Rotary International social channels and then share them on your club and district channels. This 50th anniversary observance is a unique opportunity to inspire future generations of volunteers and participants, promote Rotary to your community, and reach new audiences.

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ROTARY MIXER

On Thursday, April 3rd, members of local Rotary Clubs enjoyed an evening of socializing and fun at Past Times Arcade in Girard. AT the retro-themed arcade, owned by Warren Rotarian Rob Berk, Rotarians and guests enjoyed classic and modern pinball machines, snacks and beverages.



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This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$37.
Congratulations to Daily and Grand Jackpot Winner Julia Wetstein!!



Best wishes to the following Warren Rotarians
celebrating April birthdays:

Ray Thomas Ted Stazak Amy Phillips

Ken LaPolla Anthony Cafaro, Sr.

Kim Massary Rachel Ellis

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HAPPY BUCKS



*** **Julia Wetstein** was a happy winner! She enjoyed our speaker and NEOCAP's alternative approach to treatment.

*** **Ken LaPolla** enjoyed the wonderful dinner and Sci-Fi museum exhibit last week. He was glad to see Chris Shape this week. And he had a great time in Maui!

*** **Lorilyn Shandor** accepted a new position working with the Foundation of Beaver Community College. Unfortunately, while she'll be around to help out with The River Duck Festival, she'll be leaving our club.

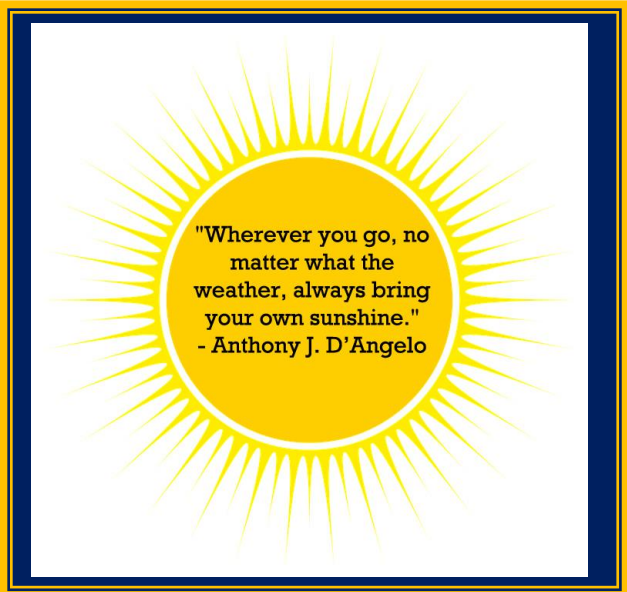
*** **Chris Shape** bought his ducks!! He was thankful to have had the opportunity to spend time with his father in Arizona before he passed away. And Chris is now a Grandpa!! His Grandson was born on March 31st.

*** **Ray Thomas** enjoyed our program today. And he has enjoyed working with Kim on the Peace Building Committee.

*** **Terra O'Brien** offered a Happy Buck for our speaker. She and her fiancé have also begun premarital counseling with John Esker!

*** **Tony Iannucci** offered a Happy Buck in honor of Kim Massary.

*** **Cindy Matheson** offered Happy Bucks for our speaker and NEOCAP, for Chris Shape, and for this week's Rotary Mixer. She offered hugs and prayers for Christine Cope and her family.



"Wherever you go, no
matter what the
weather, always bring
your own sunshine."
- Anthony J. D'Angelo