



# ROTARY NOTES

A publication of the Rotary Club of Warren

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*

APRIL DESIGNATION IS

**MATERNAL  
AND CHILD HEALTH  
MONTH**

*"What is the value of the life of one child saved? No one will ever know, but if the child were our own, the price tag would be marked: Not for sale - this life is invaluable." 1979-80 James L. Bomar Jr*

Rotary  TAKE ACTION: Join a Project

APRIL 21, 2021

ASSIGNMENTS

INVOCATION

April, 2021 - Lisa Taddei  
May, 2021 - Andy Bednar

FELLOWSHIP

April, 2021 - Lisa Taddei  
May, 2021 - Ken LaPolla

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May, 2021 - Christine Cope  
June, 2021 - Denise May

SPEAKERS

4/28/2021 - To Be Announced

Areas of Focus

*Promoting Peace*

*Fighting Disease*

*Providing Clean Water*

*Saving Mothers & Children*

*Supporting Education*

*Growing Local Economies*

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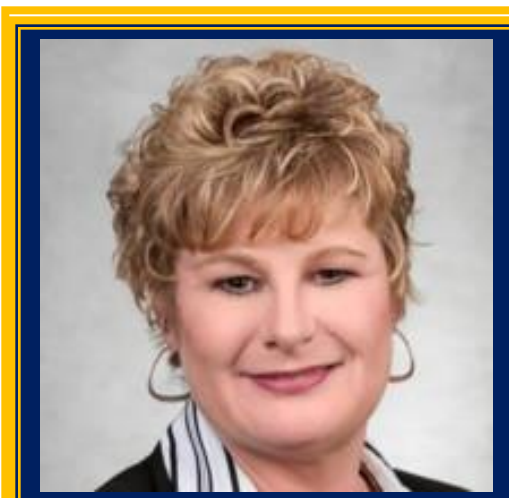
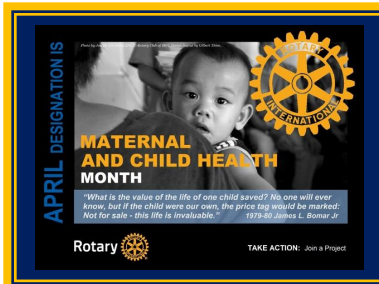
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Lauren Kramer  
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Lisa Taddei  
Julia Wetstein*

*Rotary International's monthly theme for April is Maternal & Child Health. At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year from treatable, preventable causes, such as malnutrition, poor health care, & inadequate sanitation. Rotary makes high - quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer & grow stronger. Rotary projects that support mothers and children include mobile prenatal clinics, cancer screenings, immunizations, & training on how to protect themselves and their children from disease.*



Irony is a situation that is strange or funny because things happen in a way that seems the opposite of what you expected. When it comes to finding examples of irony, real life often proves stranger and funnier than fiction. Lisa Taddei shared the following trivia with ironic twists:

\* What's ironic about the Bible?  
In one of the most interesting

examples of irony, the most shoplifted book in America is the Bible.

\* What's ironic about McDonald's? In one of the most hilarious examples of irony, the McDonald's employee health page, which is now shut down, once warned against eating McDonald's burgers and fries.

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*Judy Masaki*

\* What's ironic about the inventor of the stop sign? "Father of Safety" William Eno invented the stop sign, crosswalk, traffic circle, one-way street, and taxi stand - but never learned to drive. A prime example of irony, as he never got the chance to benefit from his own invention.

\* What's ironic about Al Capone? Al Capone's older brother was a federal prohibition agent.

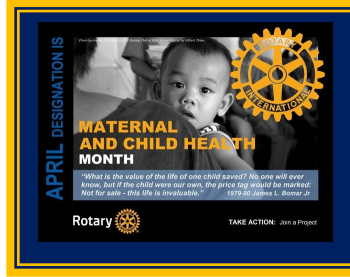
\* What's ironic about the man who invented basketball? The only losing basketball coach in University of Kansas history is James Naismith - the man who invented basketball in 1891.

And the most recent real life example of irony was the SNOW Mother Nature treated us to this week after some beautiful warm weather. Yet, beware! The latest snowfall in Ohio occurred on May 6, 1989 (0.2 inches) in Wilmington. If April showers bring May flowers, what does April snow bring???

**MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE:**



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**WEEKLY CLUB MEETINGS** have returned to a hybrid format. Members have the option of participating in meetings in person at Café 422 or via Zoom.

**THE ROTARY LEARNING CENTER** is now available right on your mobile device through an app on any IOS10 or Android 6 and later platforms. You can take a range of free interactive courses, find resources, and connect with an on-line community to develop leadership skills, prepare for new Rotary roles, and learn how to incorporate Rotary values into everyday activities. All members are encouraged to explore this powerful tool!

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:** If you are willing and able to offer a fist-bump welcome to individuals attending our in-person meetings, contact Lauren Kramer to be scheduled into the Greeters list. Lauren can be reached at: lkramer@bakerbednarsnyder.com

**CLUBRUNNER:** Be sure to download the free ClubRunner Mobile app on your cell phone! It gives you ready access to contact information for all of our Club members.

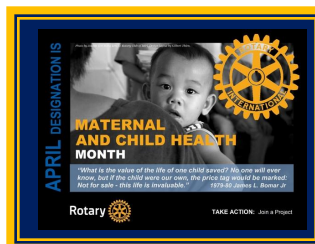
**SERVICE PROJECT:** The Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership will be holding a citywide Spring Clean-Up Day on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Club members will meet at the Amphitheatre at 10:00 a.m. and should be finished around 2:00 p.m. Gloves, garbage bags and pickers will be provided. Please consider joining in and help out our community. Family members and friends are also welcome!

**THE 2020 - 2021 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL CONVENTION** is scheduled to be held June 12<sup>th</sup> through June 16<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration is taking place now with a promotional fee of only \$49. Later registrations will cost \$65.

**WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK** is April 24<sup>th</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. Join with Rotary to combat vaccine hesitancy and misinformation by spreading the facts about why vaccines work.

**AN IN-PERSON DISTRICT CONFERENCE** will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Registration is \$60, including brunch at 10:30 a.m. and lunch at 2:00 p.m. Two very good speakers are lined up!

**CONDOLENCES:** The Rotary Club of Warren would like to express our deepest sympathy to Bob Hoy on the recent passing of his wife, Nancy. Bob, may you and your family find peace and comfort in the love and support of your many friends.



## MAGAZINE REPORT



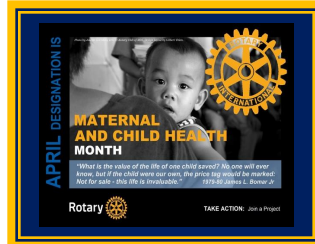
Diane Sauer provided a summary of two timely and important articles in this month's issue of *Rotary*. First, as we celebrated Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Rotary adopted the environment as a new area of focus. Our magazine's cover story, "In Our Nature", describes the various ways that Rotarians have already supported the environment and introduces the new kinds of projects that will be eligible for global grant funding in the upcoming year. Programs have and will continue to emphasize recycling, solar lights, water diversion and conservation,

sustainable farming, eco-stoves, clean energy, restoring habitats and more. Be sure to read more details about why Rotary decided to make the environment an area of focus and how Rotarians can get involved. You can also learn more at [rotary.org/environment](http://rotary.org/environment).

Of equal interest are the 2,000 years of innovation described in "A History of Vaccination". Research has estimated that 10 million deaths have been prevented by vaccines since 1963. Observations regarding immunity date back to a great pestilence that raged in Athens in 430 B.C. Through the years, different techniques were discovered to inoculate individuals against disease, beginning with smallpox in the 1500s. Later vaccines combatted typhoid, plague, pertussis, tuberculosis, and other diseases. In 1955, the first polio vaccine developed by Jonas Salk, was approved for use. Mass vaccination efforts swept the globe in the 1960s to combat the cholera pandemic and to eradicate smallpox. Rotary members are well-acquainted with the power of vaccines, as the oral polio vaccine has decreased cases of the wild polio virus 99.9% since the launching of the PolioPlus eradication initiative in 1985. Cases of wild polio now occur in just two countries worldwide. Finally, the most recent scientific efforts have tackled the previously unknown COVID-19 virus. Pick up your April issue of *Rotary* to read more about the course of vaccine development and production which has

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forever changed the world.



**PROGRAM:**  
**STEVE CHIARO, SUPERINTENDENT**  
**WARREN CITY SCHOOLS**



As an employee of the Warren City Schools for 20 years, Steve Chiaro has been an Elementary School Teacher, a Middle School Assistant Principal, Elementary Principal, PK - 8 Lead Principal, High School Curriculum Supervisor of School Improvement, Associate Superintendent, and currently Superintendent. These experiences have allowed him to gain a good

understanding of the academic and social needs of Warren's students, families and community. In collaboration with the Ohio Department of Education, the district has created goals and action steps designed to improve the academic success of each student.

The Warren City School District is the area's largest employer, with 908 staff members, and the largest district in this area of Ohio. 330 three and four year olds have attended preschool daily throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. Chiaro stated that their 10 preschool units, which have a 5-Star rating on Ohio's Quality Improvement rating system, are transforming young lives.

The students who attend Warren City Schools have an 87.3% graduation rate. Their population of court and foster home-placed children have a higher graduation rate than other similar state and urban districts in Ohio. Willard Elementary and the Lincoln K - 8 building have moved out of "school improvement status". These achievements are a testament to the ability of disadvantaged children to succeed and can be attributed to the district's focus on college and career readiness.

When planning their curriculum and special programs, the district emphasizes several areas of need. **Social-emotional learning** has been enhanced through the

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“Second Step” curriculum for Grades 6 - 8. This program teaches children self-regulation, encourages responding versus reacting, and builds good judgement and responsible decision making.

In 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, students are trained in essential employment skills. They are also given the opportunity to use their voice for the greater good and peacefully **advocate** for their rights in the community through activities such as **equity** round table discussions.

**Higher quality healthcare** is now being provided to Warren's students. LPNs and RNs from Akron Children's Hospital are now present in each PK - 8 building in the district.

Warren City School students participate in the “Any Given Child” program in collaboration with the Kennedy Center for **Performing Arts**. Warren City is the only district in Ohio that offers their students this opportunity.

Through these programs and their daily interactions with students, the staff of the Warren City School District teach students these values:

:

- Work ethic
- Accountability
- Responsibility
- Respect
- Effective behavior
- No excuses

As for the district's future goals, Chiaro reported that Warren City Schools are moving towards:

1. Fiscal Responsibility with a focus on expenditures, staffing and healthcare
2. Investing in students through building maintenance, educational programming, replacement of busses, safety and security, and installation of a community track and recreation/wellness center at Harding.

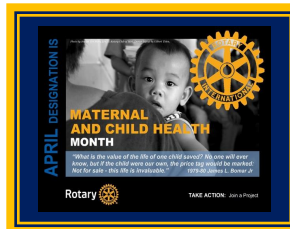
He acknowledged the many community sponsors that have assisted the district with improvements, including Inspiring Minds, Trumbull Country Club, Berk Enterprises, AVI Food Systems, YSU, Kent State Trumbull, and Mercy Health, to name a few.

Many have sad that 2020 was a “lost year” for education. However, Chiaro feels that this statement devalues all of the work that has been put in by students and staff. When people feel valued, they will far exceed expectations. Thus, he encourages us to look at all that we have learned and accomplished in an unprecedented year.

HAPPY BUCKS



- \*\*\* **Dominic Mararri** congratulated Steve Chiaro on being “a leader’s leader”. He also offered a Happy Buck for Café 422’s tilapia, chicken and hot peppers.
- \*\*\* **Cindy Matheson** offered a Happy Buck in honor of our speaker. She does not feel as if the last year was wasted. Rather, she was happy that life slowed down and she was able to focus on family. She is also glad that her parents got their second COVID vaccine.
- \*\*\* **Scott Lewis** is grateful for his amazing trip to Rome last weekend and the opportunity to see his son Leo’s soccer games.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Since the first Earth Day in 1970, one billion individuals in over 190 countries have engaged in actions to improve the environment.

In the decades leading up to the first Earth Day, Americans were consuming vast amounts of leaded gas through inefficient automobiles. Air pollution due to oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness and the extinction of wildlife was commonly accepted as the smell of prosperity. Until this point, mainstream America remained largely oblivious to environmental concerns and how a polluted environment threatens human health.

Senator Gaylord Nelson, a junior senator from Wisconsin, brought attention to the deteriorating environment in the United States and recruited Dennis Hayes, a young activist, to organize campus teach-ins and choose April 22<sup>nd</sup> for Earth Day observances.

By the end of 1970, the first Earth Day led to the creation of the



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United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of other first of their kind environmental laws, including the National Environmental Education Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the Clean Air Act. Two years later, Congress passed the Clean Water Act. A year after that, Congress passed the Endangered Species Act, and soon after, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. These laws have protected millions of men, women, and children from disease and death and have protected hundreds of species from extinction.

In 1990, Earth Day went global, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries and lifting environmental issues onto the world stage.

John Paul II said, 'The Earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations.'

Here are a few tips that are easy to follow to help eliminate pollution:

1. Take a linen bag with you shopping. Remember to always carry a linen shopping bag with you.
2. Check to see if the products you buy come sustainable, certified plantations.
3. When commuting, use the bus or a bike.
4. Try to exchange plastic products for things such as bamboo toothbrushes, paper straws and glass or metal bottles.

Today, Earth Day is widely recognized as the largest secular observance in the world, marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local policy changes.

Similarly, as Rotarians, we model Service Above Self and One Profits Most Who Serves Best. So, this weekend, we will come together to do our part in observance of Earth Day to serve our community and model the importance of taking care of our land." - Dominic Mararri, President  
The Rotary Club of Warren

