

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

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ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS & REGISTRATION

April, 2025 - Don Powers & Ray Sinchak

May, 2025 - Volunteers Needed

INVOCATION

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)

5/5/28/25 - Kim Straniak

CAREER AWARENESS (5th Wed. of the Month)

4/30/25 - Eric Knoth

SPEAKERS

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

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A Prayer for World Peace, 1978

*We pray for the power to be gentle;
the strength to be forgiving;
the patience to be understanding;
and the endurance to accept the consequences
of holding on to what we believe to be right.*

*May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil
and the power of love to overcome hatred.*

*We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe
in a world emancipated from violence,
a new world where fear shall no longer lead men or women
to commit injustice,
nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others.*

*Help us devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task
of making peace,
praying always for the inspiration and the power
to fulfill the destiny for which we and all men and women were
created.*

(Author Unknown, Offered By Diane Sauer)

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Judy Masaki

ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN
PEACE POLE DEDICATION
ON
COURTHOUSE SQUARE

In 1955, The Peace Pole Project was started by Masahisa Goi in Japan. Being greatly affected by the destruction caused by WWII and the atomic bombs that fell on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Mr. Goi dedicated his life to creating world peace. In a moment of inspiration and deep prayer, the Peace Message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth", came to him. Soon after, this message began to be inscribed on Peace Poles erected in various locations across Japan.

The Peace Pole Project was introduced to the United States in 1986, the International Year of Peace, when The World Peace Prayer Society opened its offices in San Francisco and New York. Today, Peace Poles are the most recognized international peace symbol in the world, with more than 200,000 Peace Poles standing in almost every country.

Peace and Conflict Resolution is one of Rotary International's seven areas of focus. Rotarians are encouraged to promote peace through service projects both globally and in local communities. As part of Warren Rotary's efforts to become a Peacebuilder Club, a committee was formed and tasked with the job of researching the Peace Pole movement, ordering the monument, and scoping out the best place to install it in our own community. This past week, the efforts of committee members John Esker, Kim Massary and Ray Thomas came to fruition. The Message of Peace was brought to our community with the dedication of a Peace Pole, near our club's other contributions to the city, on Courthouse Square.

As he shared his thoughts with those in attendance for the dedication ceremony, Committee Member John Esker told of our country's history which was full of division, crime, war and blood. Yet, he indicated that there is good in the world - kindness, charity and compassion - all of which give us hope to endure the hard times. While the path to peace is not for the faint of heart, John emphasized that we all have gifts that can be a beacon of light for others. So, let us resolve to be peacemakers and create a better city, country and world.

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The Peace Pole was installed near the fountain on Courthouse Square, with a park bench next to it, allowing residents to spend some quiet time in meditation. The Peace Pole is inscribed with the Peace Message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth", in English, Spanish, Greek, Italian, Polish, German, Braille, and American Sign Language.



The Very Rev. Monsignor Robert Siffrin of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown offered a prayer at the dedication ceremony. Monsignor Siffrin is leading the way on Rotary District 6650's Peace Building mission.

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



Speakers included: Warren Rotary President Cindy Matheson; Peace Building Committee Members Kim Massary & John Esker; and Mayor Doug Franklin.



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



The Rotary Club of Warren was also pleased to welcome District Governor Elayne Bozick and city leaders, John Brown and Eddie Colbert, to the event.

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!:

***** 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.

*****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

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

*** **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.

*** **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!

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:
