

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

May, 2024 - Patti Augustine

June, 2024 - Kim Straniak

REGISTRATION

May, 2024 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak

June, 2024 - To Be Announced

INVOCATION

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

FELLOWSHIP (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.) & MAGAZINE REPORT (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed.)

June, 2024 - Denise May

CAREER AWARENESS (4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the Month)

May, 2024 & June, 2024 - To Be Announced

SPEAKERS

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

6/5/24 - Texas Roadhouse

6/12/24 - Nicole Fonacier Laroco, Former Rotary GSE member

6/19/24 - Presidents' Night/No Noon Club Meeting

6/26/24 - To Be Announced

7/3/24 - No Club Meeting

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

*President  
Ken LaPolla*

*President Elect  
Cindy Matheson*

*Vice-President  
Tony Iannucci*

*Secretary  
Judy Masaki*

*Treasurer  
Cheryl Oblinger*

*Assistant  
Treasurer  
Mike Bollas*

*Past President  
Ted Stazak*

Board Members

*Bill Beinecke  
Lauren Kramer  
Marilyn Pape  
John Perdue  
Lorilyn Shandor  
Julia Wetstein*



*Let us pray silently, each of us according to our  
individual beliefs.  
Let us offer thanks for our food, blessings for one  
another and for absent friends.  
Let us be a source of hope for those in need, and  
contentment for those who are lonely.  
Let us give gratitude for our opportunity to serve  
Rotary.  
Let the feelings of love, kindness, and a well-  
directed, yet gentle spirit always be reflected in  
our actions. Amen.*



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Denise May  
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**If you have any  
suggestions  
about our  
newsletter, or if  
you would like  
to become a  
sponsor, please**

**contact:**

*Judy Masaki*



**SERVICE PROJECT:** On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 project includes 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](mailto:tstazak@zoominternet.net) or sign up at our next club meeting.

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS** will hold its next meeting on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, in the Vista Room at The Avalon Grand Resort. Fellowship, hosted by Cindy Matheson, will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m. All Board Members should plan to attend.

**SCOPE** is holding a bake-off on May 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Warren Senior Center (375 N. Park Ave.). Get your fill of sweet treats!

**MITCH & CINDY'S BLUEGRASS JAMBOREE** is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> through May 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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!

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**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 14<sup>th</sup>. The conference will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>. Early registration is \$25 through midnight on May 24<sup>th</sup> and will increase to \$40 from May 24<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>. Sign up today at: [tinyurl.com/Rotary6650Conference](http://tinyurl.com/Rotary6650Conference)

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN'S PRESIDENTS' NIGHT** will be held on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at Trumbull Country Club beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be no noon club meeting that day. A plated meal will be served, including your choice of beef, chicken or fish.

**FREE EVENT:** Sunshine Golden Acres Farm Market & Soap Company will host a Classic Car Cruise-In on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**CLUB & DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT:** If you know of any contact people at Senior Assisted Living facilities or Funeral Homes, please ask if they have gently used hearing aides that they would like to donate to a good cause. Hearing aides can be refurbished or used for parts. We can collect them and give them to The Hearing Mission Foundation.



The Rotary Pledge

I am a Rotarian.  
I will always uphold the truth.

I am a Rotarian.  
I will always strive to be fair in all my dealings with fellow human beings.

I am a Rotarian.  
I will always endeavor to build goodwill and understanding in my community, among my countrymen, and among people of all nations.

I am a Rotarian.  
I will always seek to promote the greatest good for the greatest number of people in the spirit of Rotary service.

I am a Rotarian.  
I will always observe the Rotary International motto:  
**Service Above Self.**

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Robin Martorana served as a flight attendant for three years but decided that she didn't really love flying. So, she joined the team of engineers at Packard Electric, where she spent the bulk of her career for the next 20 years, followed by 12 years of employment with General Motors.

Six months after retiring from GM, Robin began another career in real estate with Jerry Altobelli. In addition, she oversees the paperwork and deliveries for her husband's company, Howland Builders, Inc.

Robin serves on the Board of Zoning for Bristolville, where she started a community service committee.

She and her husband, Joe, have been married for 25 years. Robin has one daughter and a granddaughter.



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PROGRAM:

DEBBIE & MARK MILLER,  
PERFECT OCCASION COSTUMES AND MAGIC  
&  
WHIPS MAGIC EMPORIUM



Deb started Perfect Occasion Costumes in 1985. She met her husband, Mark, in 1998, and they combined magic with her existing business. They got married and have four children and 10 grandchildren.

Mark taught himself slight of hand by reading books and watching videos while serving in the United States Navy. Today, he is a world-renowned Slight of Hand Magician and Teacher. He performs globally.

Deb is a Master Seamstress, Master Puppeteer, Professional Face, Body and FX Artist, DJ, KJ and singer. She was also a professional clown for 45 years.

Perfect Occasion Costumes and Magic, located on N. State Street in Middlefield, Ohio, houses 30,000 rental costumes for theater and stage productions, photo shoots for historic places, and community events. Mascot costumes and over 600 types of wigs are also available. Perfect Occasion maintains, mends, cleans, and stores the costumes in their proper areas via a detailed storage system.

Whips Magic Emporium, located on Lake Road East in Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio, provides supplies to magicians, and Mark teaches other magicians how to perform. Mark explained that there are different genres of magic, including close-up, stage, parlor, and mind reading.

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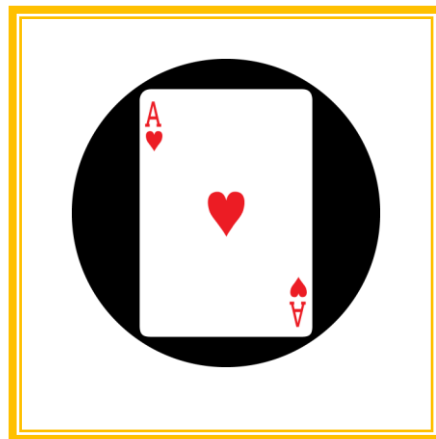
Mark performs close-up magic and treated Warren Rotarians to several card and coin tricks this week. He also teaches pit bosses in casinos different techniques used to catch card sharks.

In addition to owning the most fun and magical stores, Deb and Mark practice a lot of philanthropy. For example, the Northeast Ohio Steampunk Festival is a Victorian festival which helps preserve and protect history by providing an entertaining, family-friendly event for all ages annually. All proceeds are donated to charity. This year's festival will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day at Century Village Museum (14653 E. Park ST. in Burton, OH). Food, vendors, and a variety of entertainers will be on hand. Tickets can be obtained on-line at:

<https://cletix.com/events/northeast-ohio-steampunk-festival-8-24-2024>

or at: Perfect Occasion Costumes and Magic (14908 N. State Ave., Middlefield, OH). You may also phone: (440) 632-1147 or (440) 781-9875

TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$349.  
Congratulations to Daily Winner Ken LaPolla!

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HAPPY BUCKS

\*\*\* **Julia Wetstein** was glad that Brendan Byers was back with us after recovering from illness. She enjoyed our speakers - after all, if you're not having fun at Rotary, you're not doing it right! She also said that her favorite close-up magic scene in a movie was the courtroom scene in "Oh, God".

\*\*\* **Cindy Matheson** offered a Happy Buck for our speakers and for her good friend, Robin Martorana, and her Career Awareness presentation. She said Robin's one of the best cooks ever and an excellent pool player. Cindy went to see Speed Limit play at Greenville Moose Lodge, and she danced the night away!

\*\*\* **Ken LaPolla** was a happy winner for the second week in a row! He reported that Amy Phillips' soap sample was the best soap his wife ever used. He also offered Happy Bucks for the upcoming service project at Camp Stambaugh and for our speakers, their success, and especially Mark's connection to the Navy.



The best way to find yourself  
is to **lose yourself** in the  
*service of others.*