

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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APRIL 3, 2024

ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS

April 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> - Patti Augustine  
April 24, 2024 - Volunteer Needed  
May, 2024 - Patti Augustine

REGISTRATION

April, 2024 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak  
May, 2024 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

April, 2024 - Ted Stazak  
May, 2024 - Terra O'Brien

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

April 17<sup>th</sup> - Ray Sinchak (Fellowship)  
April 10<sup>th</sup> - Lauren Kramer (Magazine Report)

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

April 24, 2024 - Robin Martorana

SPEAKERS

4/10/24 - Amy Phillips, Sunshine Golden Acres  
4/17/24 - Mike Wilson, Rodney Dangerfield  
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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Over 50 years ago, on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the first Earth Day was celebrated, launching a wave of action to protect our environment. As people of action, Rotarians are well-suited to safeguard our vital resources. Rotarians around the world initiate and support activities that: focus on the conservation and protection of natural resources; advance ecological sustainability; and foster harmony between communities and the environment. Rotary offers grants and other resources to communities that are innovative in addressing the causes and reducing the effects of climate change and environmental degradation. Projects have included: regenerative agriculture; reduction of food waste; replacement of fossil fuels with solar panels; reduction of carbon emissions; educating others about family planning in order to decrease population overgrowth and overuse of resources; and protection of tropical forests and other habitats of pollinators.

By helping to protect our natural world, we can support all of Rotary's other areas of focus. We all share this one planet. It's our home, and it's our responsibility to care for it. What will you do to help sustain all life on Earth and serve humanity?



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**contact:**

*Judy Masaki*



Ray Sinchak kicked off April Fellowship by explaining that April 3<sup>rd</sup> was designated as National Party Day! Ray said that the opposite of strife and war is not just peace. Parties also have goodness and optimism at the forefront. So, party on!!

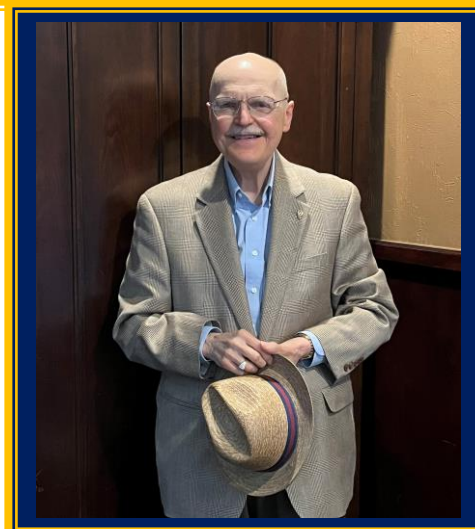
Ray then introduced us to the Gumm sisters of Minnesota - Frances, Dorothy Virginia and Mary Jane. The sisters sang and danced in their home town accompanied by their mother on the piano. Their mom was a typical stage mother who took her children to Hollywood to seek their fortune.

While singing at MGM, the youngest sister, Frances, was a real standout and was signed to a contract. At the suggestion of comedian George Jessell to change her name to something more theatrical, the young performer adopted the name "Judy Garland". She initially performed in film shorts and other small parts here and there.

When MGM bought the rights to *The Wizard of Oz*, they originally wanted to cast Shirley Temple in the lead role. However, she was under contract with 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox. Following unsuccessful negotiations, MGM settled for their own Judy Garland. Her performance of the song, "Over the Rainbow" earned Garland an Oscar at the 1940 Academy Awards.

The filming of *The Wizard of Oz* cost more than \$3 million. When television came along in the 1950s, MGM got CBS to air the film, and MGM received royalties. Every year thereafter, they made more and more money. However, all of the cast members got a flat rate - not a cent from the royalties, just immortalities!

Stay tuned for Part II of Ray's Judy Garland story in two weeks!



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**SLICE OF THE VALLEY** takes place this Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>!! Be sure to support our biggest fundraiser of the year by volunteering and/or attending. All volunteers should arrive at the Eastwood Event Centre by 2:00 p.m.

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS** will meet on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at Stoneyard Grill & Tavern (41 S. Main Street in Niles, next to Farmers National Bank). Fellowship will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m. Our hostesses for the evening will be Cheryl Oblinger and Judy Masaki.

**OUR NEXT SERVICE PROJECT** - will be held at Washington Square Health Care, a Medicare- and Medicaid-certified facility and the only VA-approved skilled nursing center in Trumbull County (202 Washington ST., NW, Warren, OH). Warren Rotarians will be painting the facility's dining area on April 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 a.m. You can work for 1 hour, 2 hours or a four hour segment. Bring an extension pole for paint rollers if you have one.

**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](https://convention.rotary.org). This year's theme is "Sharing Hope with the World".

**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](https://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.

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PROGRAM:

COCKEYE BBQ & CREAMERY



Erik Hoover received classical training as a chef at Johnson & Wales University's Culinary School. He initially worked as a Sous Chef in a restaurant, where he fondly remembers Rotarians coming in for meetings once a month!

Erik has been self-employed since 1998. In 2015, Erik and his wife bought a building on the west side of Warren, rehabilitated it and opened Cockeye BBQ.

Erik's son, Max, started out his college career studying pre-med (biology) and later switched to education. After discovering that teaching just wasn't for him, he got involved in the family business. The Hoovers bought the house next door to the BBQ restaurant, razed it to expand their parking, and then built a small building to open a creamery in 2019, where Max makes and sells premium ice cream. Last year, they sold 10,000 gallons of ice cream! And three months ago, they went on-line and now have their ice cream on shelves of grocery stores and other retailers.

Their success has allowed Cockeye BBQ & Creamery to give back to the community. Sales from their seasonal flavors help to support local youth organizations. In addition, proceeds from pint sales of their "charity flavors" are given to non-profits like St. Vincent de Paul and Sleep in Heavenly Peace, to name a few.

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Max is a five year member of an organization of small ice cream manufacturers from California to New York. He attends a yearly convention, and for the past three years, he has won blue ribbon awards for his chocolate ice cream, which went through a sensory science review at Cornell. As a result, he has been named a Grand Master Ice Cream Maker.

So, where did the name "Cockeye BBQ" come from? Erik was born with a lazy eye and is also blind in that eye. At a competition in North Carolina, a competitor called him a "Cockeyed Yankee", and Erik decided to own it!

And what's next for the Hoover family? Cockeye Creamery has opened a new manufacturing plant in Warren. Their distribution company, the Edgar Joseph Group, is now ready to add additional outlets in 2024 and grow more partnerships with local grocery stores in the Valley. In addition, a pizza shop is being built, which will be run by Max's brother and is due to open this coming fall. On April 11<sup>th</sup>, the company will be conducting tours of the manufacturing facility and sharing more about the continued growth story of Cockeye Creamery. A press conference and media presentation will begin at 10:15 a.m.

Many thanks to Erik and Max for visiting with Warren Rotarians this week and sharing ice cream samples!

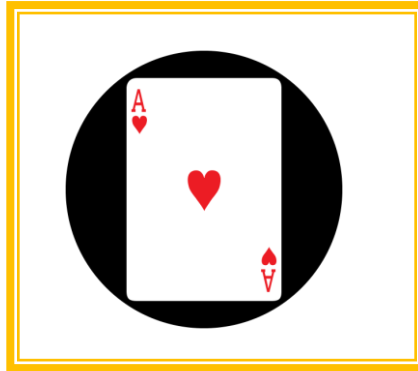


*Best wishes to the following Warren Rotarians who are celebrating April birthdays:*

*Ted Stazak Ken LaPolla Amy Phillips Tony Cafaro*

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## TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$310.  
Congratulations to Daily Winner Don Powers!



\*\*\* **Don Powers** was a happy winner, and he enjoyed our speakers.

\*\*\* **Judy Masaki** is glad to have her son back on U.S. soil! She also was grateful for Cockeye Creamery's samples. She hasn't eaten ice cream since October, and it was a real treat!

\*\*\* **Patti Augustine** also enjoyed our speakers and their ice cream!

\*\*\* **Tony Iannucci** thanked Cockeye BBQ & Creamery for their good work and dedication to our community.

\*\*\* **Julia Wetstein** offered Happy Bucks for BBQ and ice cream.

\*\*\* **Cindy Matheson** loved the delicious ice cream. She also said that getting ready for Slice of the Valley has been a wild ride, but we're almost there!!