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 30, 2025

A publication of the Rotary Club of Warren

ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS & REGISTRATION

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

INVOCATION

May 7[,] 2025 & May 21, 2025 - Janet Schweitzer May 14, 2025 - Andy Bednar May 28, 2025 - Kim Straniak June, 2025 - Denise May

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

5/7/25 & 5/21/25 - Kim Straniak 6/4/25 & 6/18/25 - Denise May

WHEEL GAME (2nd Wed. of the Month)

5/14/25 - Andy Bednar

ENVIRONMENTAL TALK (2nd Wed. of the Month)

6/11/25 - Christine Cope

MAGAZINE REPORT (4th Wed. of the Month)

5/28/25 - Kim Straniak

SPEAKERS

5/7/25 - RYLA Students

5/14/25 - Club Forum/Planning for Rotary Year 2025 - 2026 5/21/25 - Bell Scholarship Recipients

5/28/25 - To Be Announced

6/4/25 - To Be Announced

6/11/25 - To Be Announced

6/18/25 - To Be Announced

6/25/25 - Presidents' Night (No Noon 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 Cindy Matheson

President Elect Tony Iannucci

Vice-President Lorilyn Shandor

> Secretary Judy Masaki

Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger

Past President Ken LaPolla

Board Members

Mike Bollas Eric Knoth Lauren Kramer Robin Martorana Marilyn Pape John Perdue Julia Wetstein



Open my senses, God, to understand and answer the needs of others.

Keep my ears attuned to the laughter of children, my eyes to the needs of the hidden.

Let my nose smell the beauty of flowers.

May my touch be gentle in raising up those who live under a heavy burden.

Help me sow beauty and not destruction.

May I savour the taste of your abundance and make the earth sustainable for all.

Amen.

Rotary Club Foundation Board

President Ted Stazak

Vice-President Lorilyn Shandor

> Secretary Judy Masaki

Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger

Andy Bednar Cindy Matheson Denise May Kim Straniak

Contact us at:

Rotary Club of Warren P.O. Box 68 Warren, OH 44482

Our Website:
Warrenrotary.org

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

contact:

Judy Masaki



AWARENESS



Eric Knoth has been a member of the Rotary Club of Warren since February 2024 and currently serves on our Board of Directors. He and his wife, Kristen, are the proud parents of two children and two dogs (who won awards in our recent photo contest).

Eric has worked with McDonald's for the past 25 years, beginning in 1999 as a Manager Trainee and working his way through the ranks to General Manager.

In order to advance further with the company, he was encouraged to return to school to earn his degree, after which he realized that there is more to McDonald's than just restaurants. 90% of the restaurants in the country have owner/operators.

 \mathbf{R} R E N \mathbf{R} R

Eric attended a meeting in Cleveland, Ohio to learn more about this side of the business, where he sat next to Kristen Perdue, daughter of our own John Perdue. Kristen and Eric were eventually married and became Owner/Operators of Knoth Management Group, Inc. They currently operate four McDonald's restaurants – two in Warren, one in Hubbard and one in Jefferson.

Eric is proud of the programs that they have sponsored to benefit the local community, such as McTeacher Night and Coffee with Cops. They have raised money for schools, given away free helmets and offered other in-kind donations. The Warren Rotary is especially grateful for the McDonald's fundraiser that was held for our club and the "Grand Mallard" sponsorship of The River Duck Festival by Knoth Family Restaurants and John and Michele Perdue.

Eric indicated that he hopes to reach 50 years of service to the community like his father-in-law.



Despite the cool and windy weather, the first annual River Duck Festival, held in Perkins Park on April 26^{th} , raised money for the local community and was a lot of fun.

Y-103's Fast Freddie was on hand to help promote the event prior

W \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R} E N \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}

to the big day and during the festivities, and Speed Limit rocked the park all afternoon with their great-sounding music. A performance by James Dance Studio delighted patrons, as well as 38 snazzy vehicles that participated in the Jeep Meet. The Mayor spoke with everyone in attendance and Bass Pro Shop raffled off a pedal boat. We had delicious food and beverages provided by local food trucks, wares were sold by vendors, and the kids enjoyed face painting, the Pop-Up Library, and animals and a display from Mosquito Lake State Park and ODNR.

While the river was too high and swift for the duck race, ducks were pulled from a boat, a 50/50 raffle was held, 32 baskets were raffled off. and a lot of prizes were given away!

- * Greg Greathouse took home \$952 as winner of the 50/50 Raffle! Greg joined us for this week's meeting and was very complimentary of the event.
- * Congratulations to the following Duck Race Winners:
 - 1. Anna Marie \$500
 - 2. Meghan Reed \$300
 - 3. Sue & RB a one-night stay at The Grand Resort
 - 4. Rick Sinchak \$100
 - 5. Geri Remsey \$50
 - 6. Marisa Reynold \$50
 - 7. John Perdue, Jr. \$50
 - 8. Lauren Mathews \$50 (donated back to the club)
 - 9. T. Paisley \$50
 - 10. Darlene Jones \$50

Many thanks to all Rotarians and volunteers who helped out at the event.

And we want to extend special appreciation to our "Grand Mallard Sponsors!



 \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R} E N \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}

And now for some highlights of the day!





W

A

 \mathbf{R}

 \mathbf{R}

E

N

 \mathbf{R}

 \mathbf{O}

 \mathbf{T}

A

 \mathbf{R}

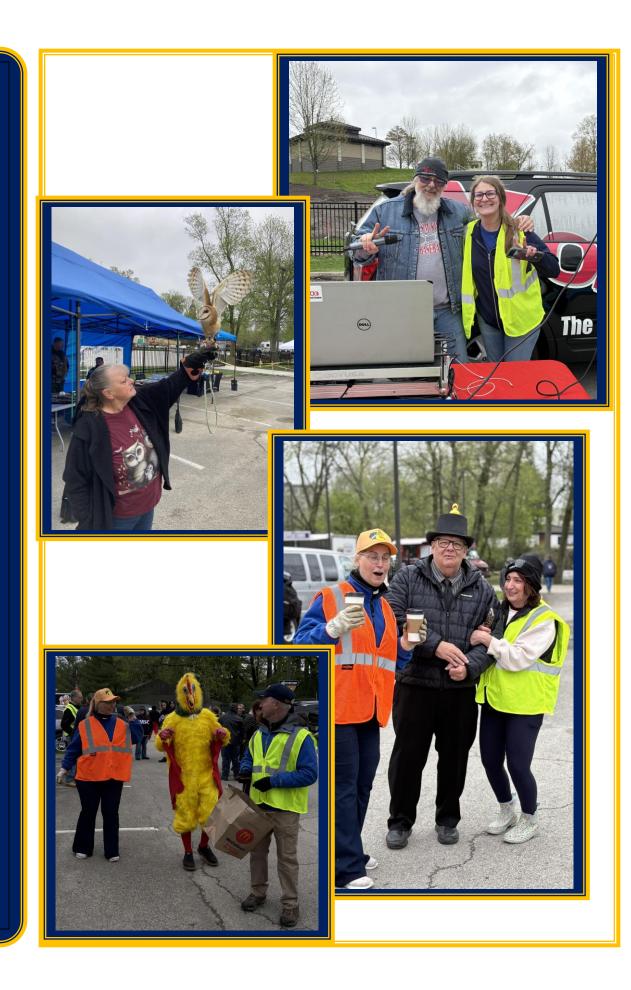
Y







 \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R} E N \mathbf{R} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{R}



 \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{E} N \mathbf{R} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{R}







 \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{E} N \mathbf{R} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{R}









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 AUW.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 (including our Rotary Pizelles!), 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 \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R} E N \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}

*** 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.

<u>OPERATION POLLINATION CHALLENGE:</u> 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, etc.)	genealogy,
List Member Talents: (e.g. technology, sales, finance, photography, metc.)	nusic, fashion,
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:	

W \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R} E N \mathbf{R} A \mathbf{R}

<u>FILL A BAG. HELP FEED FAMILIES</u>. Help stamp out hunger by bagging healthy, non-perishable food items and placing them near your mailbox on the second Saturday in May (May 10th). Your letter carrier will do the rest! Donations will stay in our community.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet on Thursday, May 8th at Buena Vista Café (1305 Buena Vista Ave., NE, Warren, OH 44483). Fellowship will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting to follow at 6:00.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN FOUNDATIN BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS will hold its next meeting at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18th, at Trumbull Country Club.

THE GIRARD-LIBERTY CATALINA WINE MIXER will be held onm
Thursday, June 12th, at Giant Eagle (4700 Belmont Ave., Girard, OH
44420) from 6 to 9 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Girard-Liberty School
Food Pantry and other community projects. Tickets are \$75 per person or
\$500 per table. Tickets may be purchased at this Giant Eagle, Blackstone
Funeral Home, Byrne Chiropractic, Sweet Memories Vintage Tees and
Candy, or on Eventbrite.

REMEMBERING ROTARIANS AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE – Each year at District Conference, attendees pause to remember Rotary family members who passed away in honor of their years of service. If you know of any past Warren Rotarians who passed away during the last year, please forward their names to Cindy Matheson as soon as possible, and she will give the information to District Membership Chair Maureen Drummond who will be teaming up with Msgr. Robert Siffrin to recognize them.

TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$40.

Congratulations to Daily Winner Cheryl Oblinger!

W

A

 \mathbf{R}

 \mathbf{R}

E

N

 \mathbf{R}

0

Т

A

 \mathbf{R}

Y

PROGRAM:

MARTHA YODER, TRUMBULL COUNTY AUDITOR

Martha Yoder grew up in neighboring Geauga County and is a graduate of Berkshire High School. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Government with a concentration in Public Administration from Liberty University. She has lived in Trumbull County since 1989, serving as Farmington Township Trustee and on the Trumbull County Transit Board. Mrs. Yoder is a graduate of the Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy and a member of the Jo Ann Davidson Leadership Institute. From 1994 until just prior to becoming the Trumbull County Auditor, she owned and operated Yoder Supported Living Services, Inc., a provider of residential services for adults with developmental disabilities.

Mrs. Yoder is a member of several community organizations, including the Warren Federation of Women's Clubs, the Trumbull County Republican Women's Club, the Upton Association, and the Women's Relief



Corps #104. Mrs. Yoder currently serves as Regent for the Mary Chesney Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. She was recently named Outstanding State Member of the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution for her work honoring Vietnam Era Veterans in partnership with the Vietnam War Commemoration. She is a member of Grace Fellowship Church in Niles

W R R. E N R

and serves in their children's ministry. She spoke to Warren Rotarians and guests this week, along with Chief Deputy Tim Haniford, about real estate taxes.

So, how do property taxes work? Mrs. Yoder explained that property taxes are assessed by mills or 0.1% of the assessed value of the property. Constitutionally and by statute in Ohio, the first mill is unvoted or an inside millage and is divided among the political subdivisions. Anything above 10 mills must be voted on by citizens. The County Auditor's role is to value the property and apply the effective millage to the assessed value of the property in each taxing district. The County Treasurer then sends out the tax bills and collects the taxes. You can find out where your taxes go by looking at your tax bill.

Six year mass reappraisals are conducted on a schedule established by the Department of Taxation. Property characterizations are confirmed on over 144,000 parcels of land. Property values are based on the market value, and the housing market has been very active since 2020. This resulted in an average residential value increase countywide of 35 to 36%.

Each taxing district has a combination of different types of levies which are combined along with the inside millage to have an effective rate. Some levies are voted on to raise a set amount of revenue. Others are set at a certain millage rate which does not change. The County Auditor submits the full rates and the total property values for each taxing district to the state for the calculation of the effective rate. A total value of a taxing district increases, the effective rate decreases. Those calculated effective rates are then applied to the values to calculate the taxes for each property.

As the values in a tax district increase, the effective rates of most levies decrease causing the overall effective rates to decrease. However, there is a limitation on this for school districts known as the 20 mill floor. If a school district has general fund levies in excess of the 20 mill floor, the effective rate of those levies cannot be decreased below 20 mills. The only school districts in Trumbull County who are not at the 20 mill floor are Warren City and Mathews.

Mrs. Yoder indicated that County Auditors are creatures of statute and are the administrators of what is legislatively decided in Columbus. The County Auditor's Association in Ohio is advocating for the following reforms: expanding the Homestead Exemption; expanding the Owner Occupancy Credit; limiting school levy growth caused by value increases (20 mill floor); and creating new tax relief programs aimed at protecting low to moderate income Ohioans.

If you have questions about property taxes, contact the County Auditor's office located at 160 High St., NW in Warren, OH 44481 or call (330) 675-2420.

W \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R} E N \mathbf{R} \mathbf{T} R

HAPPY BUCKS

*** Cheryl Oblinger was a happy winner!

*** Robin Martorana had a blast at the River Duck Festival. She thanked Julia Wetstein for the Harry Potter basket that she won, as well as all those who helped that day.

*** Ray Sinchak attended the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra's concert recently and heard his favorite show theme - The William Tell overture.

*** Tony Iannucci offered a Happy Buck for the Peace Pole and the committee members who made it happen, the Rover Duck Festival, and our speaker.

*** Janet Schweitzer enjoyed our speaker, but she said she still doesn't understand taxes!

*** Cindy Matheson congratulated our 50/50 winner and thanked him for joining us this week. She thanked the River Duck Festival team. And she asked that we keep Bob Hoy in our thoughts and prayers - he recently tripped in his yard and got pretty banged up. Wishing you a speedy recovery, Bob!

