

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
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*International
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Youth Service

ROTARY NOTES

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August, 2022 - Chris Shape
September, 2022 - Cindy Matheson

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August, 2022 - Ray Sinchak
September, 2022 - Barry Dunaway

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August, 2022 - Diane Sauer
September, 2022 - Janet Schweitzer

FELLOWSHIP

August, 2022 - John Campolito
September, 2022 - Steve DeBolt

MAGAZINE REPORT

August, 2022 - Denise May
September, 2022 - Diane Sauer

SPEAKERS

8/17/22 - Tour at the Packard Museum
8/24/22 - Connie Cassidy, Trumbull New Theater
8/31/22 - Visit Another Rotary Meeting

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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GIVING THANKS FOR SUMMER

(Presented by Diane Sauer)

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

*Thank You for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.*

*Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.*

*Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.*

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray

no matter where I am or what I am doing.

*Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.*

*As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.*

- Author Unknown



With the start of the academic year right around the corner,
John Campolito entertained us with the following jokes about school:

Q: Where do people go to learn how to make ice cream?

A: Sundae School

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Judy Masaki

Q: What did the student say to the teacher after he missed the first day of school?

A: "No, Mrs. K, I didn't miss it at all."

Student: Teacher, would you punish me for something I didn't do?

Teacher: Of course not.

Student: Good, because I didn't do my homework.

Teacher: What's the chemical formula for water?

Student: H - I - J - K - L - M - N - O.

Teacher: How did you get that?

Student: Yesterday you said it was H to O.

Friend 1: Why was school easier for cave people?

Friend 2: Why?

Friend 1: Because there was no history to study!

Q: "Josie, can you tell us where the Declaration of Independence was signed?" asked the teacher.

A: "Yes," Josie replied. "Right at the bottom."

Q: What's the King of school supplies?

A: The ruler.

Q: What did one pencil say to the other on the first day of school?

A: Looking sharp!

Child: Hey, Mom, I got a hundred in school today!

Parent: That's great. In what class?

Child: A 40 in reading and a 60 in spelling.

Q: What did the pen say to the pencil?

A: What's your point?

Q: What did the math book say to the history book?

A: Boy, do I have problems.

Parent: "What did you learn today?"

Child: "Not enough. They said I have to go back tomorrow."

Q: What's big and yellow that comes every morning to brighten your mom's day?

A: A school bus.

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THERE WILL BE NO WEEKLY MEETING AT CAFÉ 422 ON

AUGUST 17th: Those members who signed up will instead meet at the National Packard Museum at Noon (1899 Mahoning Avenue, NW Warren, OH 44483) for a tour and lunch. There is an admission fee of \$10, and lunch is \$12.

A NIGHT FOR UKRAINE: DG Michelle Charles is asking everyone to save the date for a very special event being hosted in District 6650. On November 5, 2022 from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. an event is being held at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church (5305 Massillon Rd.) in North Canton to support the Rotary International Disaster Relief Fund benefitting Ukraine. RI Past-President Barry Rassin will be a special guest speaker. There will also be live ethnic performances, a live auction, and an authentic Ukrainian menu. Sponsorships and matching gift opportunities are available. For more information and tickets, visit: www.rotarydistrict6650.org or contact Event Chair Scott Schulick by phone @ (330) 727-9507 or email: ssdg1819@gmail.com. Each club is being asked to donate at least \$2,500 and send representatives to attend the event. The goal is to raise \$100,000.

"IMAGINE ROTARY" PINS are still available. See Ted Stazak if you didn't yet receive one.

KENTUCKY FLOOD RELIEF: Flooding has devastated three counties in Eastern Kentucky in economically challenged communities. 26 people have lost their lives and fatalities may rise as rescue efforts continue. Rotary District Governor in District 6740, Seema Sachdeva, the district leadership, and Rotary clubs in the devastated communities are organized to accept donations to help these communities survive, recover and rebuild. At this time, cash donations are needed and are the preferred way for each of us to make a difference. The Pikeville, KY Rotary Club will serve as the district's point of contact for cash contributions to a 501 (c) (3) fund, through an account with the Pikeville Community Foundation. If you are able to help the people of Eastern Kentucky, cash contributions can be sent to: Pikeville Rotary Club Eastern Kentucky Disaster Relief Fund, PO Box 988, Pikeville, KY 41502. Thanks you for your compassion!

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THE WARREN LIBRARY GRAND REOPENING CELEBRATION will be held on Saturday, August 20th from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. Everyone is welcome to join the Library staff for tours, fun activities, live music, and refreshments. The Library is located at: 444 Mahoning Ave, NW Warren, OH. For more information, please visit: WTCPL.ORG.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED the morning of August 22nd for the 100 Men Dress for Success Event. All men are asked to come suited and booted to welcome scholars in Warren City School District on the first day of school. The schedule will be as follows:

7:20 a.m. - Warren G. Harding High School

8:10 a.m. - McGuffey and Lincoln

8:55 a.m. - Jefferson and Willard

PROGRAM:

**STEVE CHIARO, SUPERINTENDENT
WARREN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**



As an educator in Warren City Schools for twenty years, Steve Chiaro has been an Elementary School Teacher, Middle School

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Assistant Principal, Elementary Principal, PK - 8 Lead Principal, High School Curriculum Supervisor of School Improvement, Associate Superintendent and, since 2014, Superintendent. These experiences have prepared him to better understand the academic and social needs of the district's students, their families and the community. As Superintendent of the Warren City Schools, it is important to Steve that the students improve over the next several years. He believes that his students deserve a high quality education, an experience that starts with preschool opportunities and prepares them for college and career readiness. Chiaro has participated in medium sized urban school district initiatives for advocacy at the state level to create opportunities for student pathways to success.

With support from the Ohio Department of Education, the Warren City Schools has worked on creating goals and action steps designed to improve student academic success in many ways. Programmatically, the district has added a Second Step Curriculum for grades 6 through 8, focusing on self-regulation (responding versus reacting), good judgement, and responsible decision making. Simulation labs in the high school teach college and career readiness skills. Finally, Warren City is one of 27 districts in a consortium and the only district in Ohio to partner with the Kennedy Center and focus on access and equity in the arts.

Warren City Schools has obtained a grant to create school-based health clinics. Six full-time health employees have been hired for the schools, including RNs and LPNs in all PK through 8 buildings. It is hoped that this will decrease chronic absenteeism due to health issues.

Chiaro indicated that the district has practiced fiscal responsibility with no deficit spending for the past eight years. 18 buses have been added to their fleet since 2015. Safety and security provisions have been implemented, including weapon detectors. Replacement of the community track, turf, fencing and paving are ongoing projects.

However, the most exciting project is creation of a \$20 million, 125 thousand square feet recreational wellness center. Groundbreaking has begun on this all-encompassing complex, which will include: a new band shell; a six lane running track; a three lane walking track; dedicated space for the Robotics Team; study areas; a spot for electronic gaming; and a bistro area in partnership with AVI where students can learn to run a business. The completion target date is June, 2024.

Chiaro left us with this thought: The Warren City School

WARREN R E N O T A R Y

District strives to build on the talents of students, at whatever level they fall, and encourage the highest level of success. However, children bring invisible back packs to school every day, and we don't know what's in them. So, don't judge a book by its cover. Rather, offer your support.

THE HISTORY OF WARREN'S LIBRARY

In 1990, Theodore A. Hirt wrote a quite extensive accounting of the 100 year history of the Warren Library Association, which Kim Straniak recently shared with me. With the grand reopening of the Warren Library slated for next weekend, I thought it might interest you to read some of the highlights of Hirt's paper, including the beginning of libraries in our part of the Western Reserve.

Hirt wrote, "It has been said that the early settlers were relatively highly literate for their day, and not as some would imagine frontier settlements to be. Early settlers from Connecticut and New England included several graduates of Yale. The first libraries were the saddlebags of itinerate preachers like the famous Rev. Joseph Badger. Badger began his labors on the Reserve in 1801, and records in his diary on Aug. 22, 1803 that books (two bags full) were sent out by the Connecticut Missionary Society to 'commodate the new population with means of instruction and to distribute as extensively as there were settlements.' He frequently mentions in his diary the distribution of books to the lonely settlers cabins. He often visits Warren and exchanges books.

Warren gets its first library, as such, in 1814 in the cabinet and coffin shop operated by Charles White. This shop stood on the land now occupied by the First Presbyterian Church, or its parking lot on Mahoning Avenue. (Nice that our present day facility is located only a few hundred feet up the street.) This lending library is reported to have had about one thousand volumes in its stock and was known as the 'Trumbull Library'. Next door north of Spear & White's cabinet shop was a two story building that contained on the second floor the offices of the 'Chronicle', and on the first floor the book bindery of a Wm. Ide and the bookshop of Wm. Porter. (Certainly the center of the printed word in Warren!) Porter and Ide operated a circulating library both on Mahoning Ave. and after the fire of 1846 in the VanGorder block on Market St. In the December 20, 1842 issue of the Chronicle the following is advertised, 'Wheat, corn, hay, oats, wood, butter, tallow

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and most kinds of produce will be received for subscriptions to Porter & Ide's circulating library.'

Hotels and taverns of the day maintained 'reading rooms' where periodicals and magazines were available. The old Graeter House (where the YMCA is today on High St.) announced that it had such facilities. (Stephen Foster was a famous patron of the Graeter House.)

In 1848 Jacob Perkins, Dr. Julian Harmon, Judge George Tuttle, Orlando Morgan, and others organized the 'Warren Library Assn'. The books of the Porter & Ide Library were transferred to the new organization, and a reading room was opened in the VanGorder block on Market St. It was supported by gifts and fees and flourished for a few years, but support was not sufficient and by 1954 had to close. The books were sold at auction (2000 volumes). M.D. Leggett, who was Warren's first superintendent of schools had served as librarian, and his salary was \$50 per year. It is doubtful if he ever collected it. A financial statement of this early library show expenses of: Rent = \$45/ yr., 7 gallons of lamp oil & 5# of candles = \$6.39, and interest = \$13.52 (probably owed to Leggett). Leggett was a General in the Civil War.

Warren was without a library from 1854 until 1877, except some private 'reading rooms' in taverns and hotels as we have mentioned.

In 1877, Dr. Julian Harmon and Professional Moulton (who was Supt. of Schools in Warren at the time) gathered some books together and circulated them from Dr. Harmon's office (on Harmon St.) There was an annual fee for the privilege of drawing books of \$1 per year, plus donation of books and money to finance this endeavor.

In July of 1888, Professor Moulton, Dr. Harmon and others met to form a library of a more permanent nature. Marshall Woodford was elected President, P. L. Webb was Secretary, and the Board consisted of Dr. Sabin, Judge D. R. Gilbert, and Mrs. S. W. Park. Mrs. Park was the first woman connected with the library. The name Warren Library Association was retained, and two cases of books from Dr. Harmon's office (254 volumes) were moved to Mr. Webb's office in the brand new Opera House, with Mr. Webb serving as librarian for the first 2 years.

Application for incorporation under the laws of the State of Ohio was made and on July 31, 1890 the articles of incorporation were signed. 35 persons signed the incorporation papers. . .

Much of the work of running the library was done by volunteers, one of whom was Harriet Taylor Upton. The endowment of the Library Assn. was started by a donation by Henry B. Perkins of \$500. Miss Stevens donated some shares of Warren Opera House Co. stock."

Hirt's paper goes on to say that the income from the endowment fund was used to offer lectures and concerts to raise more money.

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Programs included: appearances by W. Nye, a humorist of the time and James Whitcomb Riley, the famous Hoosier Poet; a performance by the Patrick Gilmore Band; and a demonstration of x-rays by "Warren's own electrical genius James Ward Packard and Judge Gilbert." This was noted to be the earliest public demonstration of x-rays in the country, prior to experimenters being aware of the dangers later found to be associated with radiation!

In April, 1897, the library moved to the Court House and was housed on the first floor on the west end of the building (near Judge Swift). Sunday School and High School Libraries were added to the Warren Library.

In 1898, due to changes in taxation laws, control of the library came under City Council, with the Library Association maintaining operations.

In 1990, the lot and buildings on High Street which had formerly held the law offices of the late Judge Sutliff were conveyed to the Library Association. Later, funds were obtained from Andrew Carnegie, and a new library building was built on the Sutliff site in 1906. Generous gifts followed, including a collection of foreign language books for Warren's fast-growing immigrant population.

In 1923, the Library came under the control of the Board of Education, and the Library Association's role changed from operator to custodian of funds. The library expanded over time, including the addition of the James Ward Packard Reading Room in 1927. A new library building which housed a museum highlighting the Sutliff family was built in 1971. The Warren Library Association became the Museum curator and operator.

In closing, Hirt noted that Helen Estabrook did "a scholarly and complete job of preserving the early history of the library".

TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$91.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Bob Hoy!

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HAPPY BUCKS



*** **Barry Dunaway** announced that the Warren Philharmonic has hosted Warren City student for more than 40 years. He also is impressed that Steve Chiaro deals with so much stress as superintendent but has no grey hair!

*** **Rob Berk** reported that a past employee of Diane's spoke very highly of her great hair! He also said that he asked Ken LaPolla to consider being president of Rotary three times and was denied. But he finally got him this week (Ken filled in for a vacationing Ted Stazak).

*** **Cindy Matheson** loved Diane's invocation; Cindy loves summer! She also loved Rob Berk's tie. Speed Limit was playing in Cortland at two locations this weekend, and Mitch is performing in Nashville!

*** **Tom Baker** was happy to have his son Andrew with him at this week's meeting.

*** **Christine Cope** is a proud graduate of Warren Western Reserve, and she appreciates the Warren City Schools' partnership with United Way and the Reading Great by 8 Program. Christine was also with Dolly Parton promoting the Imagination Library recently.

*** **Diane Sauer's** daughter is a teacher in the Warren City School District at Jefferson. Diane also attended the dedication of the Purpose Heart Memorial, which she described as a very moving experience.

*** **Patti Augustine** recently went on a Shop Hop tour for fabric. Also, her grandson worked for 14 years in New York City for Apple and is now teaching 7th grade English in Orlando.

*** **Bob Hoy** was excited about beating out Chris Shape for the Daily Jackpot! He was happy to have recently spent a week with his two grandsons. His daughter is spending time in Naples with her college roommates, and a tornado came towards them but fortunately turned away in time!

*** **Julia Wetstein** offered a Happy Buck for Tony Cafaro's generosity in allowing Rotary to use his loge at Eastwood Field. She said it was a great time!

*** **Ken LaPolla** offered a Happy Buck for surviving his "initiation by fire" in running this week's meeting. He was happy to spend four days

backpacking with his Scouts in PA. Andrew Baker was a former Scout in his troop!

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**Ken LaPolla has spent many years traveling, backpacking and exploring the world with his Scouts and family. The experiences have reminded him about the classic saying:
“Life is a journey, not a destination.”**

This is a lesson we would all do well to remember.

Don't push your happiness to some undefined future.

Enjoy the moments in life that come to us in the here and now!