

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

August 12, 2026

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GREETERS & REGISTRATION

August through September, 2026 - Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

August, 2026 - Denise May

September, 2026 - Diane Sauer

FELLOWSHIP (typically 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays of the month)

August 26, 2026 - Denise May

September 2, 16, & 23, 2026 - Diane Sauer

MAGAZINE REPORT (typically 2nd Wednesday of the month)

August 19, 2026 - Denise May

September 9, 2026 - Diane Sauer

SPEAKERS

8/19/2026 - Jason Lee, Naturalist/Department of Natural Resources & Mosquito Lake
State Park

8/26/2026 - Lynn Wallace-Smith, Manager/ Trumbull County Archives

9/2/2026 - Ryan Boyce, District Governor

9/9/2026 - Night at the Races Committee

9/16/2026 - Savannah Moss, TCHS, The Warren Downtown Vet Banner

9/23/2026 - Kimberly Garrett, Executive Director, & Jo Phillips, Deputy Director/
Warren-Trumbull County Public Library

9/30/2026 - No Noon Meeting/Visit Another Rotary Club

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 GOOD HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND VITALITY

Dear God,

In this season of vitality,
We pray for the gift of good health and happiness.

May our bodies be strong,

Our minds at peace,

And our hearts filled with joy.

Bless us with the energy to embrace every moment

And the gratitude to cherish each day.

Amen.

(Offered by Denise May)

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suggestions about our
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would like to become a
sponsor, please
contact:

Judy Masaki



Everyone has seen certain movies where they couldn't imagine anyone else being cast in the starring role. Well, Denise May presented a list of main characters and the actors or actresses who were originally picked to play the part. See if you think they would have fit the bill!

Michael Corleone in *The Godfather* was played by Al Pacino, but Jack Nicholson was the first choice.

Forrest Gump starred Tom Hanks, but it was supposed to be John Travolta.

Will Smith was originally chosen to play in *Matrix*, but Keanu Reeves got the starring role.

Jack Nicholson was perfect in *The Shining*. Could you have seen Robin Williams in the role?

Brokeback Mountain featured Brad Pitt as Keith Ledger, but Matt Damon was originally chosen for the role.

Another Jack Nicholson role - the Joker in *Batman* - was first offered to John Lithgow.

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James Bond in *Live or Let Die* was played by the iconic Roger Moore. Could you have seen Burt Reynolds starring in the movie?

How about Christina Applegate in *Legally Blonde* rather than Reese Witherspoon?

Harrison Ford did a great job as Han Solo in *Star Wars*, but Al Pacino was originally offered the part.

Johnny Depp was the first choice for the starring role in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, but Matthew Broderick got the part.

I'm sure all of us associate Harrison Ford with *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. However, Tom Selleck was actually the first choice.

Marilyn Monroe was first offered the starring role in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, but Audrey Hepburn starred in the film.

Could you see Molly Ringwald instead of Julia Roberts in *Pretty Woman*?

John Travolta sang and danced as Danny in *Grease*, but Henry Winkler was first offered the part.

Kevin Bacon starred in *Footloose* rather than Tom Cruise.

Who else could star in *Sister Act* other than Whoopi Goldberg? They originally thought Bette Midler could.

The role of Jack in *Titanic* was originally offered to Matthew McConaughey prior to Leonard Decaprio, while the role of Rose was offered to Gweneth Paltrow prior to Kate Winslet.

Angelica Houston starred in *The Addams Family*, but Cher was first choice.

Sam in *Ghost* was played by Patrick Swayze, but Demi Moore's husband, Bruce

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Willis, was first considered for the part.

Tom Cruise starred in *Jerry McGuire* rather than Tom Hanks.

Finally, who else could play in *Groundhog Day* other than Bill Murray! Perhaps Michael Keaton??

PROGRAM:

LOTTEN LEVONEN,
EXCHANGE STUDENT



16 year old Lotten Levonen from Loimaa, Finland will spend the next 10 to 11 months with several Warren Rotary families as an exchange student of District 6650. Her biological family includes her mom and dad, three younger sisters, a

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younger brother, a dog, and two cats. Lotten chose to come to the United States as an exchange student because she has always loved traveling and learning about other cultures and languages. In fact, she has been to 11 countries, including Cyprus, Italy, Malta, Denmark, Germany, and France, to name a few. After recently visiting New York, she stated that the United States just might be her favorite place! Lotten has participated in the Scouts since she was six years old, and her parents are both Scouts as well.

Lotten shared some general knowledge about Finland. Finland's population is 5.6 million. The capital is Helsinki and total area of the country is about 130,000 square miles. The official languages of Finland are Finnish and Swedish. Finland has been independent since 1917. The current President is Alexander Stubb.

Finland has at least 168,000 lakes and more saunas than cars. Santa Claus actually lives in Rovaniemi, Finland. Finland has been voted the happiest country in the world for the past nine years. Yet, Lotten stated that individuals in Finland do not smile or participate in small talk. About 75% of Finland's land area is forest. On Finland's flag, the blue represents lakes and the sky, and white represents snow.

Lotten's hometown is part of Lapland, an arctic region of Finland with polar night in winter (no sunrise) and midnight sun during summer (the sun stays up all night). Lapland is known for the Northern Lights and vast wilderness, including reindeer and a lot of snow. As a result, ski lessons are required for children in first grade through high school. Unlike here in the States, snow days are non-existent. Lotten indicated that if school closed for heavy snow, children in Finland would never go to school! The city of Loimaa is situated in the southwest area of Finland and has a population of about 15,000 people living in a surface area of 330 square miles. Most of Loimaa is covered in fields.

The Rotary Club that is sponsoring Lotten in Loimaa is called Alastaro Rotaryklubi. The club has 21 members, five honorary members, and meets every two weeks except during the month of July.

Here in Ohio, Lotten will be splitting her time between the families of Alicia Adams-Angelo, John Eker, and Eric Knoth. She will be a first-year high school student and will attend either Howland or Wooster. She is well-spoken, as she started learning English in 3rd Grade, Swedish in 6th grade, and later French and German. In order to immerse her in our local culture, plans are being made for

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Lotten to attend Scrapper's games, the Canfield Fair, Cedar Point, a Guardians' game, and of course, shopping trips! If you would like to join or take Lotten on an outing, contact Alicia Adams-Angelo.

The Rotary Club of Warren is thrilled to have Lotten with us, and we wish her a wonderful year here in our little corner of the world!



ORDERS ARE BEING TAKEN for Rotary t-shirts and River Duck Festival shirts. An order form will be available at our upcoming club meetings.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet on Wednesday, August 19th, at 1:00 p.m., immediately following our weekly club meeting.

THE SALVATION ARMY'S 2026 RED KETTLE CLASSIC will be held on Saturday, August 22nd with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start at Tamer Win Golf and Country Club (3020 Niles Cortland Rd., NE, Cortland, OH 44410). Registration and breakfast will begin at 7:15 a.m. Cost is \$100 per player or \$400 for a team of four, including the green fee, a cart, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a goody bag. Teams and Sponsorship opportunities are now available. No outside coolers or alcohol are permitted. To register, visit:

<https://give.salvationarmy.org/event/neo-warren-red-kettle-tee-off/e784583>

THE 5th ANNUAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STEPS OF HOPEWALK/RUN will be held on Saturday, September 26th, from 10 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Perkins Park. Registration is \$25 for adults/\$10 for students (6 to 17 years of age). Registration fee includes t-shirt, lunch, SVdP gift, 50/50 and basket raffles, kids activities, and music provided by The Music Man. Register by mail or online by

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9/11/26 to secure your t-shirt size. Contact Lindy Hilton at 234-223-2933, ext. 106 or by email at mhiltonsvdpneodistrict.org for more information.

THE PURPLE PINKIE FUNDRAISER will take place the week of November 19, 2026. Our club's delivery day will be 11/21/26. This year, we will join in competition with all of Ohio! There are 45 clubs in District 6650. If all of our district clubs participate in the fundraiser, District 6650 could be ##1 in Ohio. **A HALLOWEEN-THEMED WARREN ROTARY NIGHT AT THE RACES** will be held sometime in October. Specific dates and a venue are being explored. Stay tuned for more information.

PLANNING FOR DOWNTOWN DAZZLE IS UNDERWAY! We would like to hold the lighting on the Downtown Warren Courthouse Square on either 11/7/26 or 11/14/26. Hot chocolate will be provided courtesy of The Salvation Army. Luminaries may also be sold and set up around the square the day of the lighting. A sponsorship packet is being developed, including opportunities to sponsor all of our club's events for this Rotary year.

WARREN'S HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS PARADE is scheduled for Saturday, December 5th.

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TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$148.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Julia Wetstein!!

HAPPY BUCKS



*** **Julia Wetstein** was a happy winner. She is thrilled to have Lotten with us for the year. And she announced that Wanda Angel from the Rotary Club of Sugarcreek is the designated District Governor Nominee for Rotary District 6650 for the 2029 -2030 term.

*** **Scott Lewis** was a summer of 1975 exchange student in Finland, and he has remained friends with his host family.

*** **John Esker** welcomed Lotten. And he was happy to be on vacation this week!

*** **Cindy Matheson** would love to take Lotten to a Speed Limit concert! She enjoyed her visit with Lotten when she helped to pick her up at the airport Tuesday. Cindy was proudly wearing the Rotary scarf that Julia Wetstein gave her! She announced that the Salvation Army is looking for volunteers for their Angel Tree Program, and she encouraged others to support SVdP's upcoming walk/run.

*** **Alicia Adams-Angelo** is looking forward to outings with Lotten and other upcoming community events.