

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 19, 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)

September 9, 2026 - Diane Sauer

SPEAKERS

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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O Lord,

*Thank You for this food,
the coffee that brings us back to life,
and the fact that most of us remembered
to wear our Rotary pins today.
Help us forgive the members who are late,
and bless us as we try
to change the world before Noon.*

Amen.

(Offered by Denise May)

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Judy Masaki

MAGAZINE REPORT



This week, Denise May summarized the feature article in the August 2026 issue of Rotary, "Beyond the Wire".

Denise reported that up until a few years ago, Jodi Whitt's trips to the Shawnee County jail in Topeka, Kansas began with an arrest and an anxious wait in a bare intake cell for up to 72 hours. She would be incarcerated for about 30 days, was then abruptly released without resources or support, and would eventually fall back into her addiction. The cycle would then be repeated for over 20 years.

In 2019, however, she got sober, committed to treatment, and eventually enrolled in the University of Kansas Technology Education Program. She then made a decision that changed her life and the lives of many other women. Jodi decided to go back into the jail and help provide intervention to other women.

A local Rotary club formed in 2021 to combat human trafficking, and Jodi was asked to join their mentorship program which helped women transition to life outside of prison. With Jodi's help, this club established itself as a key reentry service provider in Shawnee County, thus interrupting the cycle of incarceration for many women.

There are a growing number of cause-based Rotary clubs in the United States dedicated to fighting human trafficking. However, when women were released from the Shawnee County jail, traffickers were often waiting for them in the parking lot - waiting to prey on the vulnerable. Traffickers search online records to identify targets and track their release dates, promising assistance with housing, money or posting bail as leverage. This realization was the inception of the Rotary Club of

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Community Action Against Human Trafficking's largest project: Intersection to Care.

With support of a Rotary Foundation Global Grant in 2022, Intersection to Care transformed how the Shawnee County jail operates. The program not only provides basic resources and mentorship but now also offers classes in technology, movement and meditation, health, and art therapy, as well as supportive housing and doula services. The program has assisted more than 1,000 women since 2022.

With the help of Jodi Whitt, Intersection to Care began supporting women the moment they leave jail. She or other volunteers wait outside and drive newly released women to safe housing. Historically, between 1980 and 2023, the number of women incarcerated in local jails in the U.S. multiplied by over 600%, largely due to tougher drug sentences and lack of gender-responsive care and reentry services. However, the hands-on service provided by organizations, including Rotary, has made a significant, positive impact on changing the culture around incarceration and reentry into society.

In March 2026, in Topeka's art district, *Healing in Color: Stories of Strength and Hope*, artwork made by women participating in Intersection to Care, was on full display. A Rotary Peace Fellow who started art classes for these women in 2025 offered the keynote address and women with artwork on display shared remarks.

Pick up the August issue of Rotary to learn about personal stories of other women who triumphed over their addictions and Rotarians who assisted them. It's worth a read!



PROGRAM:
JASON LEE, NATURALIST
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES/
MOSQUITO LAKE STATE PARK



Jason Lee is a lifelong educator, conservationist, naturalist, and coach who has dedicated more than two decades to education and service in Northeast Ohio. He is a longtime science teacher at Howland High School, where he teaches Biology and College Credit Plus courses, and has also taught science at the collegiate level.

Outside the classroom, Jason serves as a Naturalist at Mosquito Lake and Nelson - Kennedy Ledges State Parks, where he develops and leads wildlife, conservation, and outdoor education programs for thousands of visitors each year. He also serves as Trumbull County Apiary Inspector and on the Trumbull Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors.

Jason's commitment to conservation education earned him the Ohio Bluebird Society Wildlife Conservation Award. He is an instructor in Hunter Education and

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Ohio Boater Education and holds certifications in archery, range safety, kayaking, paddle sports, and other outdoor education disciplines.

Beyond conservation and education, Jason serves as the Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach at Lakeview High School, where he works to develop young athletes both on and off the court.

Whether in the classroom, on the basketball court, or while introducing a family to Ohio's wildlife at a state park, Jason's career has centered on one goal: educating, inspiring, and serving the next generation.

Theresa Craig is a retired teacher from Maplewood School District. She is a member of the Friends of Mosquito Lake State Park and has volunteered at the park for eight years. Jason and Theresa visited the Rotary Club of Warren this week to tell our members and guests about the programs offered at Mosquito Lake State Park.

Mosquito Lake is more than a state park. Besides boating, fishing, camping, hiking and recreation, there is an ever-expanding array of conservation education opportunities at Mosquito Lake. All of these opportunities connect people with the natural resources of Northeast Ohio and create experiences that encourage people to understand, enjoy and protect nature.

The park's naturalist programs continue to expand for visitors of all ages. They include programs on: wildlife and raptors; owl prowls and nighttime; birding and big birding weekends; kayaking and paddling; pontoons; archery and BB guns; fishing; moths and insects; BioBlitz and citizen science; cavity-nesting birds; American chestnut conservation; children's and family activities; and hikes, special events, and guest speakers. The park also partners with 4H, church groups, Scouts, and home schooling groups to help children earn badges and participate in science coursework. The goal is not just to teach people about nature. It's also to give them an experience that makes them care about it.

The newest project at Mosquito Lake State Park is their Nature Center. The Mosquito Lake Nature Center represents an incredible partnership between the park, volunteers, community organizations and conservation groups. More than 1,000 volunteer hours helped to make the Nature Center Complex possible. Remarkably, it was built for \$150,000, where other centers have cost more than \$400,000, and \$30,000 was obtained through fundraising by the Friends of Mosquito Lake State Park. Visitors to the Nature Center can explore: wildlife

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displays; microscopes; a birding station and viewing area; binoculars and field guides; skulls, pelts and other natural history specimens; turtles and other educational animals; hands-on children's activities; and conservation projects happening right at Mosquito Lake.

An Educational Raptor Mews and Live Raptor Education are also coming soon to Mosquito Lake. A mew is a specially designed enclosure used to house a bird of prey. Through growing partnerships, non-releasable raptors will serve as educational ambassadors, allowing visitors to experience these incredible animals up close while learning about hawks, owls, birds of prey, adaptations, habitats, wildlife rehabilitation, human impacts on wildlife, and conservation. In about a year, Jason himself will become a raptor rehabilitator. This addition to the park will ensure that a bird that can no longer survive in the wild can still inspire thousands of people to protect the birds that can.

Jason and Theresa, encouraged everyone to join the more than one million annual visitors who go to Mosquito Lake State Park for a tour of the lake and Nature Center Complex, events, and volunteer opportunities. All in all, Jason wants Mosquito Lake to be "a place where a child and adults can explore nature, look through a microscope, identify a bird, hear an owl, paddle a kayak, catch a fish, shoot a bow, see a raptor up close, participate in conservation. . . and maybe discover a lifelong passion for the natural world!"



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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 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 still available. No outside coolers or alcohol are permitted. To register, visit:

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

CINDY MICHAEL'S LENA MASON CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION will be holding its Annual Free Family FUN Day and Book Bag Giveaway at Tod park in Girard, Ohio on Saturday, August 22nd, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. If you know of any children who need a bookbag and school supplies, they can sign up/register beginning at 12:30 p.m., get a number and enjoy the events of the day. Bookbags will be given out at 3:00 p.m after children have fully enjoyed a day of fun, face painting, and food. For more information, contact: (330) 219-3564 or Ken@KenMacpherson.com

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 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.

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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. THE WARREN ROTARY NIGHT AT THE RACES has been postponed until the spring of 2027. A Halloween-themed social event is still being planned for this fall. Stay tuned for more information.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6650 WILL BE PRESENTING "VENERATING OUR VETERANS" on Wednesday, November 11th at the MAPS Air Museum (2260 International Parkway, North Canton, OH). Self-tours of the museum and a cash bar will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by a complimentary dinner at 6:00 p.m. and U.S. Veteran keynote speakers. Tables will also be set up by organizations providing services to Veterans. Please consider sponsoring dinner for veterans by donating \$15 per dinner. Donations can be given to Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger. 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.

AN UPDATE ON OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT: Lotten is due to start classes this week at Lakeview High School where she also wants to be a cheerleader. A Boardman Rotary member will also be hosting a pool party for all five of our district's exchange students.

THE YOUNGSTOWN PHANTOMS are looking for host families for this school year. If you are interested in obtaining more information, contact ALicia Adams-Angelo.

CLUB DUES NEWS: For many years, \$15 of each member's club dues have gone to The Rotary Club of Warren Foundation. This was originally meant to jump-start and sustain the Foundation. With the Foundation currently having a healthy balance, the Board of Directors has voted to retain this \$15 per member for club use at this time.

TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$164.
Congratulations to Daily Winner & Grand Jackpot winner Ray Sinchak!!

HAPPY BUCKS



*** **Judy Masaki** is heading to the "Old Country"! She'll be visiting Poland, Europe for two weeks. There will be no newsletter the week of August 26th. And the newest member of our music committee, Tom Baker, will be in charge of our Fellowship Song in Judy's absence. Judy also offered a Happy Buck for Jason Lee! Jason presented several wonderful programs at Children's Rehab Center for Kids Garden Daycare and even got Judy to hold a Python!!

*** **Ken LaPolla** kiddingly said Ray Sinchak's ticket came out of his left sleeve and the winning card out of his right! He thanked Jason Lee for all of his help at the River Duck Festival.

*** **Patti Augustine** reported that her grandson released some captured mice in her yard because the big birds needed something to eat! And she remembers Cortland

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before Mosquito Lake was there!

*** **Andy Bednar** offered a Happy Buck in honor of Jason Lee, a well-respected and dynamic teacher at Howland! He also announced that his niece just joined the Tri-Village Rotary Club in the upper Arlington/Grandview area. He also offered a Happy Buck for Fr. Ray Thomas who was a visiting priest at Andy's church and gave an inspiring homily, leaving Andy's family at peace.

*** **Ray Thomas** enjoyed our speaker. He has enjoyed walking in Mosquito Lake State Park.

*** **Julia Wetstein** agreed that Jason was a great speaker. And Julia is heading to New Orleans on the City of New Orleans train out of Chicago. She'll be attending the Rotary Zone Institute in New Orleans.

*** **Cindy Matheson** enjoyed our speaker. She is thankful that Speed Limit has had a busy summer. They'll be performing this Saturday at Harley Davidson on Elm Road, and on Sunday in Conneaut at Smoke on the Water.

*** **Scott Lewis** was happy that Ray Sinchak won the Grand Jackpot - he deserves it for all that he does for our club! And he is happy to have his son, Leonardo, visiting from Italy.

*** **Ray Sinchak** enjoyed our speaker, Jason Lee. Ray goes to the craft show in Mosquito Lake State Park and also enjoys walking around the lake.

*** **Alicia Adams-Angelo** thanked our speakers. She has never been to Mosquito Lake but is excited to begin exploring all of the opportunities there.

