

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 26 & September 2, 2026

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GREETERS & REGISTRATION

September, 2026 & October, 2026 - Ray Sinchak & Barry Dunaway

INVOCATION

September, 2026 - Diane Sauer

October, 2026 - Ted Stazak

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

September 16 & 23, 2026 - Diane Sauer

October 7, 21 & 28, 2026 - Ted Stazak

MAGAZINE REPORT (typically 2nd Wednesday of the month)

September 9, 2026 - Diane Sauer

October 14, 2026 - Judy Masaki

SPEAKERS

9/9/2026 - Working Meeting

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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"We can teach children to love. We can teach them to respect themselves and others. We can teach them to set goals and work toward them. And in return, they can pass on these life-affirming values to the next generations."

PRIP Hebert G. Brown 1995-96

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Be a People of Action

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Imagine navigating a world without basic reading and writing skills. Worldwide, 67 million children have no access to education, and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate.

September is designated by Rotary International as Basic Education and Literacy Month, a time to focus on global learning, skill building and community empowerment. Our members support projects that provide technology, train teachers, form vocational training teams, provide student meal programs, and offer low-cost textbooks to communities. The goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities

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Judy Masaki

to support education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

Why do education and literacy matter? Education is one of Rotary's areas of focus because it changes lives. Basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, engaging community and economic development, promoting peace and supporting the environment.

Statistics show that:

- If all women completed at least primary education, there would be 66% fewer maternal deaths.
- A child born to a mother who can read is 50% more likely to survive past the age of five.
- If all students in low-income countries learn basic reading skills, 171 million people could be lifted out of poverty and become successful in a business or profession. This is equivalent to a 12% cut in world poverty.
- Literacy empowers people to participate more fully in society, advocate for themselves, and develop tolerance.

International Literacy Day is celebrated on September 8th. You can participate and help by visiting a library and helping children find new books to read, volunteering as a reading tutor for adults or children, and donating books or money to local or global literacy programs, such as the Guatemala Literacy Project, Books for Africa, Rotary India Literacy Mission, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, WASH in Schools, Kapadia Education Foundation, and more.

Get involved, support education and literacy! Education gives children knowledge, confidence, compassion, and the opportunity to build a brighter future. Education shapes minds that think critically and hearts that care deeply.



On August 26th, Denise May provided a tribute to a beloved country music singer, actor, and philanthropist - Dolly Parton.

Although Dolly's late husband Carl remained out of the spotlight for decades, he notably inspired one of her most iconic songs, *Jolene*.

The singer's October 1973 hit song chronicles one woman's jealousy surrounding her significant other's interest in another woman. But the real "Jolene" didn't try to "take" Dean. Instead, she had flirtatious banter with him when she helped him at the bank.

"The song was loosely based on a little bit of truth," she said during the 2014 Glastonbury Festival, per *The Independent*. "I wrote that years ago when my husband. . . was spending a little more time with Jolene than I thought he should be."

"She got this terrible crush on my husband, and he just loved going to the bank because she paid him so much attention. It was kinda like a running joke between us - when I was saying, 'Hell, you're spending a lot of time at the bank. I don't believe we've got that kind of money.' So it's really an innocent song all around, but sounds like a dreadful one."

"She had everything I didn't, like legs - you know, she was about 6 feet tall. And had all that stuff that some little short, sawed-off honky like me don't have," Parton told NPR. "So no matter how beautiful a woman might be, you're

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always threatened by certain. . . You're always threatened by other women, period."

While *Jolene* was based on a real bank teller, Parton confirmed she decided to use the name of a young fan.

"One night, I was on stage, and there was this beautiful little girl - she was probably 8 years old at the time."

"And she had this beautiful red hair, this beautiful skin, these beautiful green eyes, and she was looking up at me, holding, you none, for an autograph," Parton continued. "I said, 'Well, you're the prettiest little thing I ever saw. So what is your name?' And she said, 'Jolene.' And I said, 'Jolene. Jolene. Jolene.' I said, 'That is pretty. That sounds like a song. I'm going to write a song about that.' "

Despite the singer's frustration with the bank teller's flirtatious nature toward Dean, Parton thanked "Jolene" during the 2014 Glastonbury Festival.

"I want you folks to know, though, that something good can come from anything. Had it not been for that woman I would never have written *Jolene* and I wouldn't have made all that money, so thank you, Jolene."

The Imagination Library, the Dollywood Foundation's childhood literacy program, is perhaps the charitable effort Parton is best known for. As of 2025, the project now gives more than 3.4 million books per month to children in the U.S. and abroad, totaling to more than 300 million free books in the 20-plus years it has been active.

It is also personal for Parton, who was inspired by her father Robert Lee's illiteracy when she founded it. "That always made me feel bad about my dad, so I started it based on that, just for our county," Parton told *People* of the effort in 2022. "It's just grown in leaps and bounds ever since then, but it came from a place in my heart to try to help children in their young years, their most impressionable years, to learn how to read and write."

"I'm kind of addicted to the feeling of giving," "knowing that I'm doing something good for someone else."

And Denise said, "In my opinion. . . I think Dolly's amazing heartfelt need to help others would have made her the perfect Ratarian!"

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The following week, Diane Sauer provided "2Day In History" for fellowship. On September 2nd,

- In 1666, the Great Fire of London began, which would destroy more than 13,000 homes And hundreds of additional structures, including St. Paul's Cathedral, over the ensuing three days.
- In 1789, the United States Treasury Department was established.
- In 1864, during the Civil War, Union General William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.
- In 1935, a Category 5 hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys on Labor Day, claiming more than 400 lives.
- In 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II.
- In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the National Defense Education Act, which provided aid to public and private education to promote learning in such fields as math and science.
- In 1963, Alabama Governor George C. Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School by encircling the building with state troopers.
- In 1998, A Swissair MD-11 jetliner crashed off Nova Scotia killing all 229 people aboard.
- In 2005, four days after Hurricane Katrina, a National Guard convoy packed with food, water and medicine rolled into New orleans.
- In 2013, on her fifth attempt, U.S. endurance swimmer Diana Nyad became the first person to swim from Cuba to FLorida without using a shark cage.
- In 2018, a huge fire engulfed Brazil's 200-year-old National Museum in Rio de Janeiro, as firefighters and museum workers raced to save historical relics.



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AUGUST 26th PROGRAM:

TRUMBULL COUNTY ARCHIVES

Lynn Wallace Smith, Manager, and colleagues from the Trumbull County Archives & Records Center visited with Warren Rotarians on August 26th to provide an overview of services.

Trumbull County's governmental offices, departments and agencies maintain millions of documents in a variety of formats. Most records are paper and contain information of long-term legal, historical, administrative or fiscal value. The majority of these records are created and maintained as a result of mandated services. Without a good management system, records would occupy valuable space, be disposed of carelessly, or be stored in unsecured or inaccessible locations.

The mission of the Trumbull County Archives and Records Center is to alleviate these management concerns by preserving, organizing, economically and securely storing, and providing public access to historical and administrative documents from these various county departments. The archives house older county records, including tax records dating back prior to 1970. The center acts as the primary repository for past departmental files, forwarding requests to active county offices if records are held off-site or post-date their archival threshold. Staff also manage retention schedules and help to oversee the lawful disposal of obsolete county materials alongside the local Records Commission. The Records Commission reviews and approves all county Records Retention Schedules and any applications for the one-time disposal of obsolete records.

The benefits of this county records management program are:

1. Preservation of permanent records and accessibility of them for historical research;
2. Improving security for confidential records;

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3. Improving public access to records transferred to the center;
4. Improving productivity and space utilization for the offices served; and
5. Computerized indexing and tracking of county records.

SEPTEMBER 2nd PROGRAM:

DISTRICT GOVERNOR RYAN BOYCE



Ryan Boyce has been a member of the Rotary Club of Salem, Ohio since 2016. He has served as Sergeant of Arms, Club Public Relations Chair, 2021-2022 Past-President of the club, and held the Assistant Governor role for the

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2022 - 2025 term.

In April 2024, Ryan traveled to Ethiopia where he worked with CGWE and the Rotary Club of Nekempte on local projects. He received the 2024 Rotarian "Service Above Self Award" and a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his work and support.

From 2018 - 2020, Ryan served as a member of the Board of Directors for the local Salem Area Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the NEO Veterinary Managers' Group and helped facilitate it from 2016 - 2017.

Ryan is an alumna of The University of Akron. His hospitality career, focused on hotel restaurants and private country clubs, proceeded to grow as he became a part of the food and beverage management team at the Renaissance Downtown Columbus Hotel.

Upon relocating to Northeastern Ohio, Ryan took on the responsibility of Practice Manager at Adamson Veterinary Services. He created Real Surrounding Beauty, LLC during the time he was a stay-at-home parent for his and his wife's children until he returned to his Practice Manager role at Adamson.

In his free time, Ryan enjoys playing piano, photography, volunteering, culinary arts, bicycling, and travel.

Ryan's priority as District Governor this year will be youth programs, including Rotary Youth Exchange and Interact Clubs. He would like us to start a Rotaract Club.

Ryan announced District 6650's event for veterans at the MAPS Museum in Canton which will be held the evening of Veterans Day. He is asking every Rotarian to contribute \$15 which would make it possible for all veterans to attend the event for free.

He also announced that on Good Friday, the district will be hosting a concert at Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown. A renowned organist will play the background music for the silent film called "Phantom of the Opera".

Ryan directed members to the district website where we can view his podcasts. His most recent podcast conversation covered innovative ways that Struthers Rotary brought in new members this past year. 18 individuals joined their Rotary Club.

Finally, Ryan reminded everyone to participate in World Polio Day by purchasing Purple Pinkie Donuts.

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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 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.

THE PURPLE PINKIE FUNDRAISER: World Polio Day is October 24th - every year until polio is eradicated for good. As Rotarians, it's our duty and privilege to support this global effort through Rotary International's END POLIO NOW campaign. Once again, District 6650 will coordinate the district-wide "Purple Pinkie Donuts to End Polio" fundraiser. Three scratch bakeries will each prepare the delectable donuts: Nemenz IGA in Struthers, Kishman's IGA in Minerva, and Buehlers Market. Each donut will be topped with a dab of purple icing, representing the purple paint used to mark children's fingers after polio vaccinations. Please consider buying at least a dozen donuts to eat, resell or donate to local heroes. Each box of 12 Purple Pinkie Donuts requires a \$22 prepaid donation. For every dozen sold, \$10 goes directly to Rotary's END POLIO NOW campaign. Thanks to a 2-for-1 match by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, your donation triples in impact! If you want to simply make a contribution but not take donuts, makes checks payable to Rotary District 6650. Final pre-orders and payments are due October 6th. Orders and funds can be given to Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger. Our club's delivery day will be 10/21/26. This year, we will join in competition with all of Ohio! There are 45 clubs in

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District 6650. If all of our district clubs participate in the fundraiser, District 6650 could be #1 in Ohio.

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.

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.

