

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

December 11, 2024

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ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS & REGISTRATION

December, 2024 - January, 2025 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

December, 2024 - Ted Stazak
January, 2025 - Patti Augustine
February, 2025 - Ted Stazak

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

12/18/24 - Ted Stazak
1/15/25 - Judy Masaki
2/5/25 & 2/19/25 - Ted Stazak

WHEEL GAME (2nd Wed. of the Month)

1/8/25 - Judy Masaki
3/12/25 - Lauren Kramer

ENVIRONMENTAL TALK (2nd Wed. of the Month)

12/11/24 - Lorilyn Shandor
2/12/25 - Christine Cope

MAGAZINE REPORT (4th Wed. of the Month)

1/22/25 - Judy Masaki
2/26/25 - Andy Bednar
3/26/25 - Lauren Kramer

CAREER AWARENESS (5th Wed. of the Month)

1/29/25 - Darlene Jones

SPEAKERS

12/18/24 - Warren G. Harding Madrigal Singers & Gift Exchange
12/25/24 & 1/1/25 - No Meeting/Happy Holidays

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

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*Vice-President
Lorilyn Shandor*

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Judy Masaki*

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Cheryl Oblinger*

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PROGRAM:

**TOUR OF THE
STUDENT RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTER
AT
WARREN G. HARDING HIGH SCHOOL**



Warren Rotarians took a break from their weekly club meetings at Trumbull Country Club and had the privilege of touring the Student Recreation & Wellness Center at Warren G. Harding High School on December 11th. Following a light lunch, Steve Chiaro, Superintendent of Warren City Schools who was recently nominated as Superintendent of the Year, gave a brief overview of the Center.

Chiaro indicated that the vision for the Center was born about 10 to 15 years ago and was inspired by college visits that he made with his son. He has an inclusive mindset for use of the facility, which is a combination of academic and athletic space.

During the daytime,



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contact:

Judy Masaki

the recreation center is focused on "the littles". Staff in the Pre-K through 8 buildings in the district can access the building via administration. Teachers must submit a lesson plan, and the administrator of the center will schedule each class to use the facility and assist in facilitating the lesson plan. There is no direct access to the recreation center directly from the high school. As a result, high school students cannot skip class to hang out. They too must schedule use of the facility via administration, and they are required to be in good standing academically.

The goal of the facility is to "build productive students by maximizing opportunity." And opportunities abound within the recreation and wellness center! In addition to flexible study space, the building houses: a track and gymnasium with state-of-the-art equipment that staff, students and all of the athletic teams can use for strengthening and conditioning; a golf simulator; e-sports lab; robotics lab; practice field; office space for staff; and an open roof-top deck for event space. A bistro is being constructed in conjunction with AVI Foods which will be student-run and teach entrepreneurship skills. Two medical partners will be housed in the center - Akron Children's Hospital and a physician's group for adults. This will allow students and staff to have ready access to health services on campus and assist in boosting school attendance.

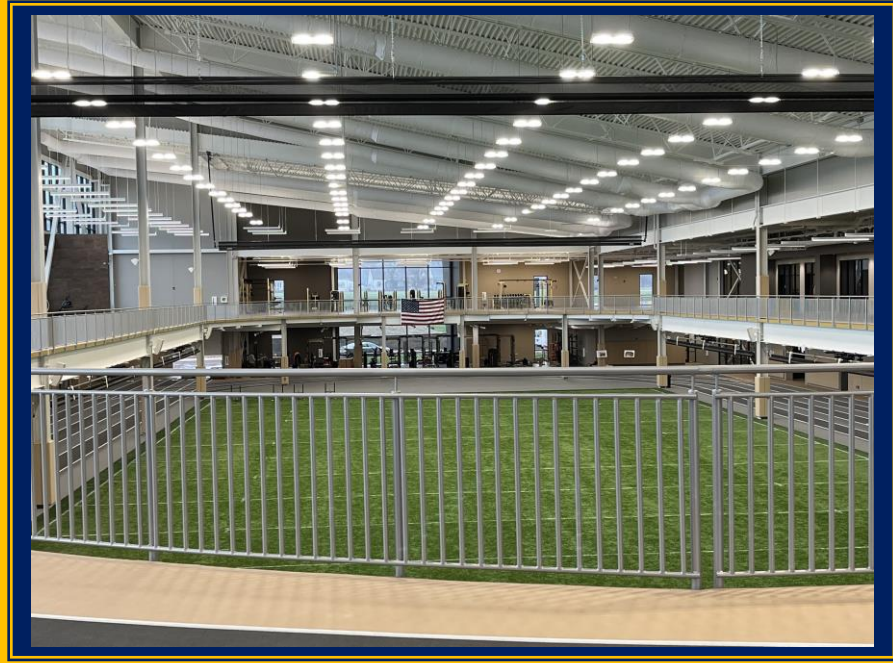
In the near future, the center will be hosting Quiz Bowl, e-sports, and drone league competitions, as well as an indoor track league for students. After the first of the year, the gym and walking track may be opened to the community for a few hours in the evening. Next year, Chiaro would also like to expand use of the facility to Mahoning County schools.

Creation of the Student Recreation and Wellness Center was a \$34 million project, funded by grants and borrowed investments. There is currently no debt on the project!

Superintendent Chiaro is to be commended, not only for his vision in building this gem for the Warren City School District, but also for his efforts in the district as a whole. Warren City School District is a \$100 million operation. Since taking over as Superintendent 11 years ago, he has made some tough decisions, including staff and administrative cuts and righting classroom sizes, in order to build up the district's reserves. However, hard work has paid off and allowed the district to operate with no deficits.

You can follow news about the Student Recreation & Wellness Center (SRWC) on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. While they don't begin to do the building justice, the following are just a few pictures of the current facility. However, Chiaro describes the center as "a transformational project" and noted that plans are being made to add additional roads, benches, and outdoor picnic tables.

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Indoor Practice Field and Walking Tracks



Flexible Study
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Gym Equipment



Robotics Lab



Golf Simulator



Outdoor Event Space

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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.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE will be held at our December 18th club meeting. Those wishing to participate are asked to bring a \$10, wrapped, unisex gift to the meeting.

SAVE THE DATE! The 2nd Annual Senior Showcase Talent Show is scheduled for Saturday, January 11, 2025 at the Robins Theatre. Tickets are on sale at the Robins Theatre box office.

SANTA NEEDS YOUR HELP!! The Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program needs volunteers on Monday, December 16th. This year, 1,682 children in 670 families are in need. In order to ensure that every child in every family has a present to open on Christmas morning, volunteers are needed to help organize, sort and shop within the room to complete the family Christmas bags. Your help, anytime between 7a.m. and 8 p.m. for as long as you're available, will be greatly appreciated!

(270 Franklin St., SE)

