

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

A publication of the Rotary Club of Warren

December 20, 2023

ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS

January, 2024 - Patti Augustine

February, 2024 - Terra O'Brien

REGISTRATION

January, 2024 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak

February, 2024 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

January, 2024 - Denise May

February, 2024 - Joni Gawne

FELLOWSHIP (1st & 3rd Wed.) & MAGAZINE REPORT (2nd Wed.)

January, 2024 - Ray Sinchak (Fellowship) & Joni Gawne (Mag. Report)

February, 2024 - Ted Stazak

CAREER AWARENESS (4th Wed. of the Month)

January, 2024 - Alicia Adams - Angelo

February, 2024 - Ellwood Jones

SPEAKERS

12/27/23 - No Meeting

12/31/23 - Opening Night (6 to 9 p.m.)

1/3/24 - Bob Jadloski & Tom Angelo, Opening Night Slide Show

1/10/24 - Rob Berk, Past Time Arcade & Slice of the Valley

1/17/24 - Off-Site Visit to the SCOPE Center

Program on Social Security, Medicare & Taxes

1/24/24 - Inspiring Minds

1/31/24 - No Meeting/Service Project

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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Cindy Matheson*

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Judy Masaki*

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Cheryl Oblinger*

*Assistant
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Ted Stazak*

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Lauren Kramer
Marilyn Pape
John Perdue
Lorilyn Shandor
Julia Wetstein*



A few weeks ago, Lauren Kramer introduced us to The Elf on the Shelf. She continued her Christmas-themed Fellowship presentation this week by outlining the Dos and DON'Ts of the Holiday tradition.

1. Do have your elf "bake" treats for the kids.
2. Don't hide the elf in the oven. There is a chance you will forget it is in there. Burnt elves aren't cute!
3. Do place your elf in the bathroom sometimes. There are a lot of cute ideas the elf can do in there.
4. Don't put the elf too close to the toilet.
5. Do have the elves have a snowball fight with fake snow and snowballs on the floor.
6. Don't forget to turn off your robot vacuum.
7. Do try to hide your elf in different spots every day.
8. Don't sit the elves on light bulbs. They could catch fire.
9. DO have your elf make snow angels out of flour.
10. Don't have your elf make snow angels out of red sprinkles. It looks scary!

Overall, do make it fun for the kids. They will enjoy these memories for years to come.

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about our
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you would like
to become a
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Judy Masaki

PROGRAM:

RAY SINCHAK,
THE GOLDEN YEARS OF HOLLYWOOD

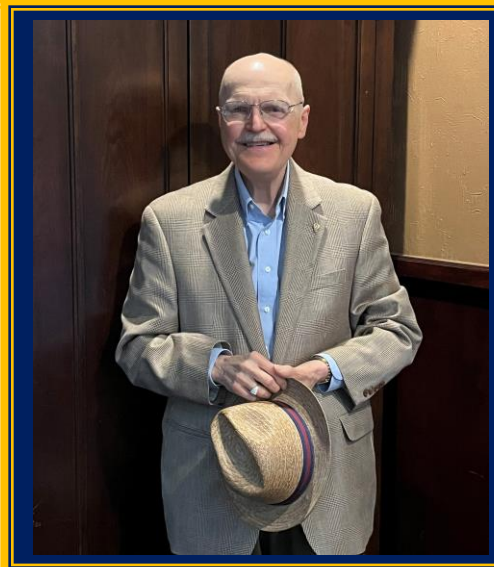
Ray Sinchak is one of the best story tellers around, and this week, he did not disappoint! He shared a story about Errol Flynn, an Australian actor who achieved worldwide fame during the Golden Age of Hollywood.

Errol Flynn grew up in Tasmania and discovered at a young age that he was not built for a 9 to 5 job. He wanted adventure and money. Wherever he went, he carried a black doctor's bag that contained a bottle of gin and two glasses. And one of his best friends that he enjoyed

sharing a drink with was President Batista of Cuba. Flynn was a frequent visitor to Cuba during the last years of Batista's regime.

When Fidel Castro overthrew Batista, Errol Flynn was summoned to his office. Flynn was told that he shouldn't come back to Cuba because Castro could not guarantee his safety.

Another tidbit that Ray shared about Errol Flynn took place around the time that *Don Juan* was filmed. The movie was supposed to be shot in Italy but Flynn went to Mexico instead. There, he wanted to go "where the real people" were - a small town in the desert. While having a drink in the town, Flynn began talking to a girl whose boyfriend did not take kindly to the encounter. A big fight ensued, and everyone, including Flynn, was thrown in jail. Flynn was locked in a cell with the disgruntled boyfriend who gathered his friends and aimed to gang up on Flynn. However, Flynn's life was spared when one of the gang members recognized Flynn as "Captain Blood" and convinced the other men that they couldn't hurt him.



W A R R E N R O T A R Y



MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT: Invite a friend or colleague to Rotary! Any current member who brings a new member into the club will receive a Rotary license plate frame for their car!

WE HAVE A NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!! Be sure to share and "like" us at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090246039722&mibextid=LQQJ4d>

If you can't make it to our meetings at Trumbull Country Club in person, join us via Facebook Live!

OPENING NIGHT is slated for Sunday, December 31st! This year is exceptionally exciting as Warren celebrates its 225th birthday!! The birthday bash will begin with a Dancing Light Show on Courthouse Square at 6 p.m., and entertainment will follow at 6:15 p.m. in various venues around Downtown Warren. Wristbands are required to enter all of the venues and can be purchased online from now through December 28th by visiting:

www.warrenrotary.org/tickets . Everyone who purchases a wristband in advance will be mailed a coupon that will need to be turned in at the Log Cabin directly across from the Courthouse Square Fountain in exchange for a wristband. Wristbands WILL NOT be mailed in advance. Coupons will be mailed out until December 21st. After that, simply go to the Log Cabin the night of the event and give a volunteer your name and you will be given the proper number of tickets as indicated on our master list of guests. After December 28th, when online sales shut down, wristbands will need to be purchased the night of the event at the Log Cabin. Adult wristbands for those 10 years of age and older are \$10. Children, ages 3 through 9 years of age, will pay \$5 per wristband. Children under three are free. Any Warren Rotarians who sell tickets should keep a list of who bought tickets from them and give it to a committee member.

HOSTING DUTIES ON OPENING NIGHT: Warren Rotarians are needed to carry out hosting duties for Opening Night at a variety of venues. They will be responsible for welcoming guests, checking wristbands, and selling wristbands to those who don't already have one. You can request the

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venue that you'd like to volunteer at, on a first come, first served basis by contacting Julia Wetstein. Everyone will still be able to see the light show at 6:00 p.m. on Courthouse Square. The venues and activities at each are as follows:

SCOPE - Performances by Speed Limit Band. Kids Karaoke with Barbie and a Super Hero, as well as kids creating Happy Birthday cards for Warren; donations of crayons and stickers are needed for this venue. The Riverside Railroad Club will also be running their trains! **(More volunteers are needed here!!)**

THE KINSMAN HOUSE - The Senior Talent Showcase, which we saw a portion of at a recent club meeting. **(More help is needed here!!)**

THE UPTON HOUSE - The Warren Philharmonic String Quartet (This venue has already been spoken for)

TRUMBULL COUNTY COURTHOUSE - Tours and an appearance by President William McKinley re-enacting the dedication of the Courthouse.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - The youth singing group, "Chosen Vessel", will perform gospel music.

DARLENE LOUNGE - The magic and comedy of Eric Thompson **(More volunteers are needed here!!)**

LOG CABIN - Ticket and Raffle Sales

*** Assignments will be made to the first Rotarian who requests a venue/performance. At least two volunteers will be needed at every venue.

**** Volunteers are asked to arrive at least one hour early the day of the event (5:00 p.m. at the latest).

OPENING NIGHT ADVERTISING: Look for Julia Wetstein on WFMJ's Noon broadcast on Thursday, December 28th. She'll be interviewed about Opening Night!!

THE 2024 RYLA CONFERENCE will be held February 9th through February 11th at the Waypoint Marriott at Westford Place in Canfield, Ohio.

THE 2024 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION will be held 5/25/24 through 5/29/24 in Singapore, "the Garden City". You can attend inspiring breakout sessions, exchange ideas about service projects, and make meaningful connections with global individuals. Register today @ convention.rotary.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The 2024 Slice of the Valley Pizza Challenge will be held on March 3rd. Stay tuned for more details.

SCOPE'S "SENIORS GOT TALENT" SHOWCASE will be held on January 6, 2024 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Robins Theatre. Reserved seats are \$22 and \$15 plus fees.

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN WILL NOW BE OFFERING MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS!

An information sheet and application can be found on the home page of our website: www.warrenrotary.org.

DUES ARE DUE!! Warren Rotarians need to send in their dues or contact Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger to make payment arrangements by the end of December!!

THE PAUL HARRIS FELLOW CHALLENGE: You should have received a letter in November outlining details about donating to either Rotary Share (where District Grant funds come from) or PolioPlus. If you donate \$100 or more to The Rotary Foundation, you can gift your matching points to a fellow Rotarian. By doing so, you can help another Rotarian receive PHF status! (President-Elect Cindy Matheson would love to see 100% of our members receive a PHF Award.) If you misplaced or didn't receive your letter, contact Ted Stazak as soon as possible.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet at Stonebridge Grille & Tavern (1415 Niles Cortland Rd, SE, Warren) on Thursday, January 11th. Fellowship will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m. Our hostess for the evening will be Marilyn Pape.

END OF THE YEAR AWARDS: With Rotary Year 2023 - 24 almost half over, the Board of Directors is beginning to plan ahead for end of the year awards. If you have suggestions of candidates for the Lester R. Stauffer Community Award, please forward the individual's name and a short narrative about why you are nominating him/her to President Ken LaPolla or Secretary Judy Masaki. This award is named for long-time Warren Rotarian and Past District Governor Lester R. Stauffer. The award recognizes a non-Rotarian for his or her outstanding volunteer service (not vocational success or prominence (rendered to our community).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: There will be no weekly club meeting on Wednesday, December 27th. Enjoy the holiday week with your family and friends! We'll see everyone again at Trumbull Country Club on January 3rd.

SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER

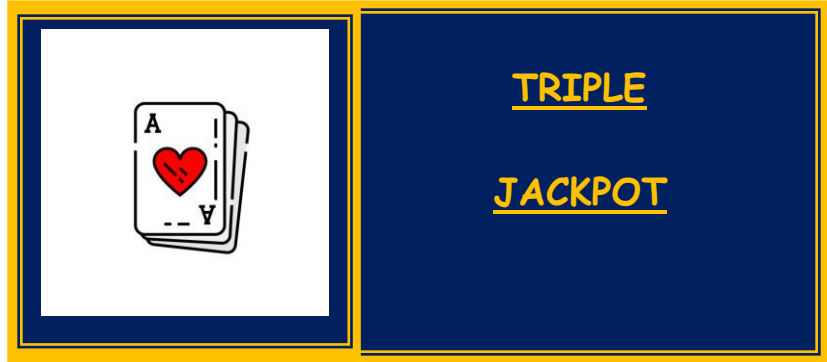
The Rotary Club of Warren has been most appreciative of Trumbull Country Club's hospitality when hosting our weekly club meetings. On behalf of our club, President Ken LaPolla presented a Christmas gift to our server, Bobbie, at our December 20th meeting.



Warren Rotarians present at this week's meeting also participated in some holiday fun. Each member stood in a circle with a wrapped gift in hand. A Christmas story was read, with the words LEFT and RIGHT sprinkled throughout. Each member passed their gift with every LEFT and RIGHT word read. Members went home with gift cards, nutcrackers, sweet treats, candles and more - along with a smile on their faces!



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This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$124.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Chris Shape!

HAPPY BUCKS



- *** **Ben Kulper** offered a Remembrance Buck: On December 20, 1944, our country was in the middle of the Battle of the Bulge. Remember those who came before us.
- *** **Chris Shape** was happy with his new Rotary Fannie Pack that he won during the Left/Right Game! He also shared greetings from Lynn Miller.
- *** **Barry Dunaway** offered a Happy Buck in memory of his good friend Earl Stiver who recently passed away.
- *** **Robin Martorana** offered a Happy Buck for Chris Shape, a good friend of hers for many years, and for Cindy Matheson. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas!
- *** **Lynanne Woodling** was happy that she remembered to bring cash with her this week! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!
- *** **Scott Lewis** recently spent time with his children in Italy.
- *** **Julia Wetstein** reminded everyone that if your phone goes off during a meeting, you owe a fine. She gave Ben Kulper a pass this time!
- *** **Ted Stazak** offered a Happy Buck for Mrs. Christmas - Cindy Matheson!
- *** **Ken LaPolla** reported that our placemats don't work - there were cookie crumbs on our Rotary tablecloth! He thanked whoever brought

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the nutcracker as their gift - he loves it! Ken is heading to Vail, Colorado to ski with his family - safe travels, Ken!



May the
Christmas season
fill your home
with joy, your
heart with love,
and your life with
laughter.

Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY