

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 4, 2024

A publication of the Rotary Club of Warren

### 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 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the Month)

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

#### WHEEL GAME (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the Month)

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

#### ENVIRONMENTAL TALK (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the Month)

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

#### MAGAZINE REPORT (4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the Month)

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

#### CAREER AWARENESS (5<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the Month)

1/29/25 - Darlene Jones

### SPEAKERS

12/11/24 - Tour of Warren G. Harding Wellness Center  
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*

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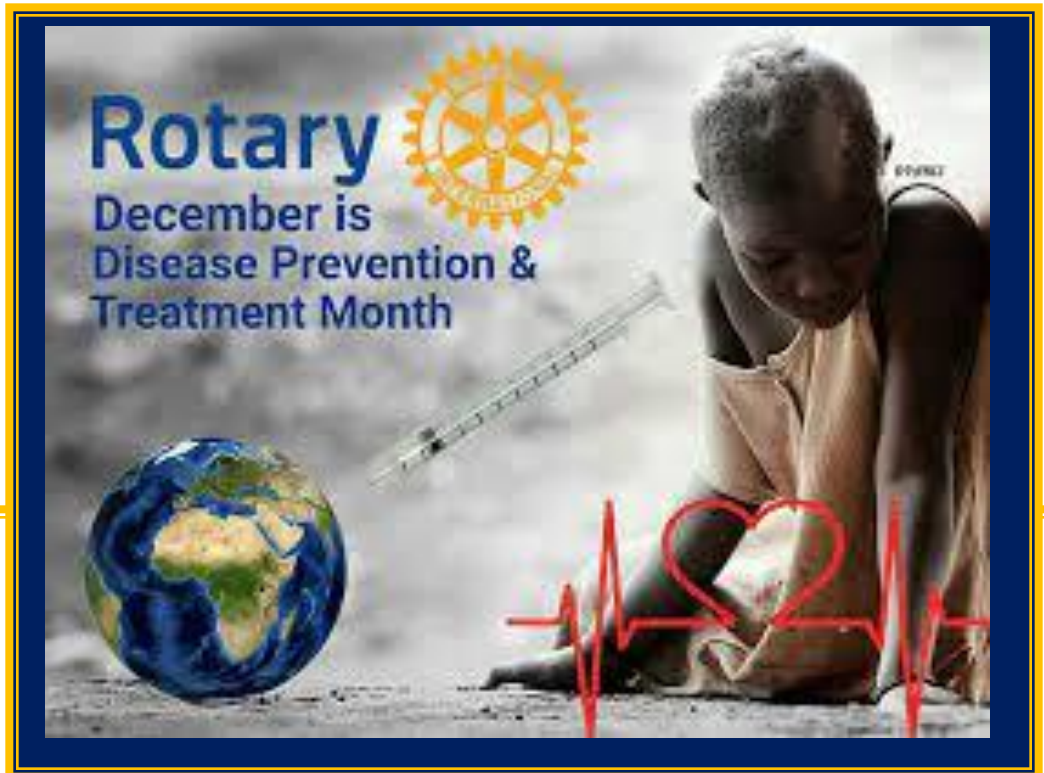
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The Rotary Foundation and individual Rotary clubs support many projects around the world to promote improved health, and for good reason. Good health care is everyone's right. Yet, 400 million people in the world can't afford or access basic health care!

The health and vitality of individuals, families and communities can be negatively impacted by diseases, many of which are preventable. In fact, disease prevention is a keystone to progress in other focus areas of Rotary. The eradication of polio has, of course, been Rotary International's major effort. However, other health-related projects include providing clean water and improving sanitation infrastructure, to name just a few.

Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, from supporting research studies, training those in the health professions, fighting drug wars, hosting family health days or educational fairs, or simply providing transportation for others to routine hearing, vision and dental care.

The world depends on Rotary to tackle global challenges and set an example for others to follow. What disease prevention and treatment efforts, large or small, will you become involved in this month?

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about our  
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you would like  
to become a  
sponsor, please**

**contact:**

*Judy Masaki*



Warren Rotarians kicked off the Holiday Season with a round of *Jingle Bells*. Ted Stazak then welcomed Ken MacPherson from Howland Rotary and Julia Wetstein's guests from the Warren Civic Chorus, Anne Varley, Bob Kraynak and Jeff Ward. They told us about the Chorus' upcoming performance of Handel's *Messiah* on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at Blessed Sacrament Church (3020 Reeves Rd., NE

Warren, OH), 6:30 p.m. Under the direction of Dr. Hae-Jong Lee, The Warren Civic Chorus will be accompanied by the Warren Civic Chamber Orchestra and several guest soloists. The Chorus has been rehearsing since the beginning of October to tell the story of the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ through music. Admission is free but a free-will offering will be appreciated.

Now, we all know Ted Stazak enjoys sharing history during Fellowship. This week, he asked us to dial back about 250 years to December 4, 1783. On that day, future President George Washington, then commanding general of the Continental Army, summoned his military officers to Fraunces Tavern in New York City to inform them that he would be resigning his commission and returning to civilian life.

Washington had led the army through six long years of war against the British before the American forces finally prevailed at the Battle of Yorktown in 1781. There, Washington received the formal surrender of British General Lord Charles Cornwallis, effectively ending the Revolutionary War, although it took almost two more years to conclude a peace treaty and slightly longer for all British troops to leave New York.

Although Washington had often during the war privately lamented

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the sorry state of his largely undisciplined and unhealthy troops and the ineffectiveness of most of his officer corps, he expressed genuine appreciation for his brotherhood of soldiers of this day in 1783. Observers of the intimate scene at Fraunces Tavern, including Colonel Benjamin Tallmadge who wrote an account of Washington's address in the tavern, described Washington as "suffused in tears", embracing his officers one by one after issuing his farewell. Washington left the tavern for Annapolis, Maryland, where he officially resigned his commission on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. He then returned to his beloved estate at Mount Vernon, Virginia, where he planned to live out his days as a gentleman farmer.

Washington was not out of the public spotlight for long, however. In 1789, he was coaxed out of retirement and elected as the first president of the United States, a position he held until 1797.

Ted next reported that December 4, 1980 represents a pretty sad day for him and maybe you. Any guesses what happened? The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member band Led Zeppelin broke up.

The band was formed in 1968, originally under the name, "The New Yardbirds". (Jimmy Page was a member of the Yardbirds.) Original members of the Yardbirds suggested that the new band would go down like a "Lead Balloon". Band Manager Peter Grant suggested that they drop the "a" in Lead so as not to be confused with LEED and replaced Balloon with Zeppelin.

On December 4, 1980, shortly after the accidental death of drummer John Bonham, the band members released this statement, "We wish it to be known that the loss of our dear friend, and the deep sense of undivided harmony felt by ourselves and our manager, have led us to decide that we could not continue as we were." The statement was signed simply "Led Zeppelin".

Ted then had us travel back to 1956. On December 4, 1956, an impromptu recording session was held by Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash at Sun Studios in Memphis, Tennessee. This session was called the "Million Dollar Quartet". An article about the session was published in the *Memphis Press-Scimitar* under the title, "Million Dollar Quartet". The recording was first released in Europe in 1981 as the *Million Dollar Quartet* with 17 tracks. A few years later, more tracks were discovered and released as *The Complete Million Dollar Session*. In 1990, the recordings were released in the United States as *Elvis Presley: The Million Dollar Quartet*. This session is considered a seminal moment in Rock and Roll.

The jam session seems to have happened by pure chance. Perkins,

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who by this time had already met success with *Blue Suede Shoes*, had come into the studios that day accompanied by his brothers Clayton and Jay and by drummer W.S. Holland, their aim being to record some new material, including a revamped version of an old blues song, *Matchbox*. Sam Phillips, the owner of Sun Records, who wanted to try to fatten this sparse rockabilly instrumentation, had brought in his latest acquisition, Jerry Lee Lewis, still unknown outside Memphis, to play piano. Sometime in the early afternoon, 21-year-old Elvis Presley, a former Sun artist now with RCA Victor, arrived to pay a casual visit accompanied by a girlfriend, Marilyn Evans.

After chatting with Phillips in the control room, Presley listened to the playback of Perkins's session, which he pronounced to be good. Then he went into the studio and sometime later, the jam session began. At some point during the session, Sun artist Johnny Cash, who had recently enjoyed a few hit records on the country charts, arrived as well.

Jack Clement was engineering that day and remembers saying to himself, "I think I'd be remiss not to record this," and so he did. After running through a number of songs, Elvis and his girlfriend slipped out as Jerry Lee pounded away on the piano. Cash wrote in *Cash* that "no one wanted to follow Jerry Lee, not even Elvis." Whatever Elvis's feelings may or may not have been in regard to "following" Lewis, Presley was clearly the "star" of the impromptu jam session, which consisted largely of snippets of gospel songs the four artists had all grown up singing. The recordings show Elvis, the most nationally and internationally famous of the four at the time, to be the focal point of what was a casual, spur-of-the-moment gathering of four artists who would each go on to contribute greatly to the seismic shift in popular music in the late 1950s.

During the session, Phillips called a local newspaper, the *Memphis Press-Scimitar*. Bob Johnson, the newspaper's entertainment editor, came over to the studios with UPI representative Leo Sora with photographer George Pierce. Johnson wrote an article about the session, which appeared the following day in the *Press-Scimitar* under the headline "Million Dollar Quartet". The article contained the now-famous photograph of Presley seated at the piano surrounded by Lewis, Perkins and Cash.

Ted encourages everyone to see the musical!



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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.

**JOIN US FOR HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS** December 14<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8 p.m. on Courthouse Square!! The tree lighting, Santa meet and greet, a parade, our laser light show and more are planned for this family-friendly event. You won't want to miss it! A few volunteers will be needed to help hang signs and banners earlier that day and to work at the Upton House and the Hotel. If you are able to help out, contact Julia Wetstein. Also, tickets are being sold for \$20 each for a chance to ride the trolley. Proceeds will be used to purchase the candy to throw out and refreshments for the after-party. Those who purchase tickets should meet at the Kinsman House parking lot at 4:30 p.m. The after-party will feature music by Speed Limit.

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

**SAVE THE DATE!** The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**UPCOMING TOUR:** The Rotary Club of Warren will tour the Warren G. Harding Wellness Center on December 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Noon meeting at Trumbull Country Club that day. Participants will be able to purchase a boxed lunch (choice of: Ham & cheese sandwich, Turkey & cheese sandwich, Chicken in the Garden or Saratoga Salad). Sandwiches come with chips, and all lunches include desert. If you plan to attend and did not yet sign up, contact Cindy Matheson as soon as possible. Please plan to arrive promptly at Noon.

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS** will meet on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at Candywood Wine Cellar (765 Scoville North Rd., Vienna, OH 44473). Fellowship will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m. Our host for the evening will be Eric Knoth.

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PROGRAM:

PAT LAYSHOCK,  
NORTHEAST OHIO PREHISTORIC HISTORY



Pat Layshock was a laborer and eventually track inspector for the Northeast Division of CSX Railroad. The guys would take off into the fields at lunchtime to look for Indian artifacts, and once Pat joined them, he was hooked.

Prehistoric campsites can be found within a three mile radius of Newton Falls, Ohio. Following the retreat of the Wisconsin Glacier, the area became a corridor for caribou, attracting hunters and gatherers. In order to identify the campsites, Pat looked for places that would drain and at the contour of the land (i.e. small rises in the fields and sandy soil).

Today, Pat has a collection of approximately 3,500 artifacts dating from 1200 B.C to 1400 A.D. His most prized possession is a broken spear point which he found 1 ½ miles from its base. The lineage of the artifacts is from the Iroquois Indians with a slight touch of the Delaware.

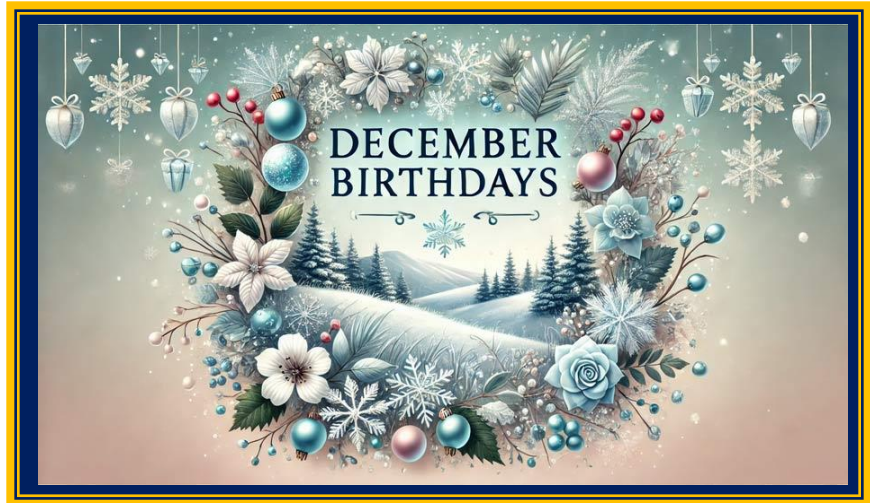
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Pat shared a selection of his artifacts with us this week, including prehistoric tools, jewelry and items thought to be from burial grounds.





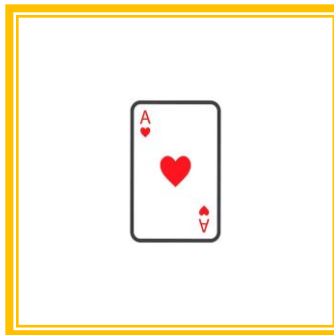
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Best wishes to the following Warren Rotarians who are celebrating  
December Birthdays:

Ken Bauer and Robin Martorana

TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$233.  
Congratulations to Daily Winner Ken LaPolla!

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HAPPY BUCKS

\*\*\* **Ken LaPolla** was a happy winner! He recently participated in a PGA Golf Tournament in Vegas. His son recently attended Rotary. Ken's very proud of him; he's working on AI development. Ken had a house full of people for Thanksgiving. And he enjoyed our speaker.

\*\*\* **Ted Stazak** offered a Happy Buck for our speaker. He thanked our friends from the Warren Civic Chorus for helping out with Fellowship. And Ted's still sad about Led Zeppelin!

\*\*\* **Julia Wetstein** enjoyed our speaker. She thanked Ray Sinchak and all others who have helped out with Hometown Holidays sponsorships. She encouraged everyone to come and see Handel's *Messiah* this weekend.

\*\*\* **Ray Thomas** enjoyed our program and this week's Fellowship. He also encouraged everyone to see the Warren Civic Chorus' performance of Handel's *Messiah*. And he had a wonderful Thanksgiving in Rome, Italy!

\*\*\* **Cindy Matheson** thanked Ray Thomas for her gift of candy from Rome! She reported that Robin Martorana's husband had surgery recently and wished him a speedy recovery. She loved the history shared with us during Fellowship and our Program. She hosted 24 family members over Thanksgiving! She's looking forward to Hometown Holidays. And she's heading off to a lakehouse to see the Holiday lights at Stan Hywet Hall and a Pentatonix concert.

We have to  
collectively work  
together to improve  
the world.

Samuel Strauch



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