

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

FEBRUARY 21, 2024

ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS

February, 2024 - Terra O'Brien

March, 2024 - Dallas Woodall

REGISTRATION

February, 2024 - Don Powers & Ray Sinchak

March, 2024 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

February, 2024 - Joni Gawne

March, 2024 - Janet Schweitzer

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

February 28, 2024 - Judy Masaki

March, 2024 - Judy Masaki

CAREER AWARENESS (4th Wed. of the Month)

March 27, 2024 - Erica Royster

SPEAKERS

2/28/24 - Sheriff Paul Monroe, Trumbull County Sheriff's Dept.

3/6/24 - Social Event/No Meeting at Trumbull Country Club

3/13/24 - Nat Mazur, All About the Paws

3/20/24 - Rob Berk & Bill Beinecke, Slice of the Valley

3/27/24 - Shepherd of the Valley

4/3/24 - Max Hoover, Cockeye Creamery Factory

4/10/24 - Mike Wilson as Rodney Dangerfield

4/17/24 - Tony Iannucci & RYLA Students

4/24/24 - Mark Miller, Magician

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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*Vice-President
Tony Iannucci*

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Judy Masaki*

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Cheryl Oblinger*

*Assistant
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*Past President
Ted Stazak*

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*Bill Beinecke
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Marilyn Pape
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Lorilyn Shandor
Julia Wetstein*



MAGAZINE REPORT



During his review of the February issue of *Rotary*, Ted Stazak focused on the article, "Simply Irresistible", a recap of an interview with Rotary International's President-Elect Stephanie Urchick and her priorities for the next Rotary Year.

On a bookshelf in her office, Stephanie has a wooden sign displayed that reads, "Fall is proof that change is beautiful." In the interview, she explains that this is the same reason she likes butterflies. "They start out in little cocoons and don't look like much, but then they burst out and become a beautiful creature." She compares this to Rotary Clubs hoping to go through a similar "metamorphosis", and her plan for Rotary Year 2024 - 2025 is to help clubs become "simply irresistible"!

150,000 people join Rotary each year, but 160,000 leave because they are not finding value in their Rotary Club experience. Stephanie has a multifaceted career. She sang with a band, worked in college and university settings, and she started her own consulting and business development firm. Through her employment journey, she believes that she developed a set of skills that will benefit her as RI President and help her to attract people and grow Rotary.

Stephanie's theme for the next Rotary Year is "The Magic of Rotary", and she envisions clubs being able to believe in, spread, build on, and

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suggestions
about our
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Judy Masaki

celebrate that magic. Her priorities as president will be to:

- 1.grow membership;
- 2.heal a divided world through positive peace by encouraging everyone to live The Four-Way Test instead of just reciting it; and
- 3.encourage club presidents to have continuity by working with their predecessors and those that follow them, as well as rallying around successful programs within their clubs.

Ted also encouraged Warren Rotarians to always check out the article, "Our World: People of Action Around the Globe", where we can read about clubs bringing about change in many different countries.



The presentation of Paul Harris Fellow recognition is The Rotary Foundation's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs. It is named for our founder, Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer who started Rotary International with three business associates in 1905. While it is named for our founder, it wasn't until 1917 when Rotary International President Arch Klumpf had the foresight to begin The Rotary Foundation.

We move closer to a world of peace and good will today as Ted Stazak becomes a Paul Harris Fellow +2. Ted's gift to The Rotary Foundation's educational and humanitarian programs is a commitment to peace and to a better life for people across the world whom we may never meet. This is a truly selfless action and demonstrates Ted's commitment to our common goals of world understanding and peace.

It is because of gifts and commitments that our Rotary Foundation is able to carry out an array of programs that achieve beneficial changes in our world: improved living conditions, increased food production, better education, wider availability of treatment and rehabilitation for the sick

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and disabled, new channels for the flow of international understanding, and brighter hopes for peace.

In becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, Ted joins a family of well over 950,000 Paul Harris Fellows worldwide. Besides several members of our club, Ted stands with notables, such as Mother Theresa, Nelson Mandela, Prince Charles, Indira Ghandhi, Luciano Pavarotti, and Pope John Paul II, all of whom have been recognized for their devotion to the ideal of good will, peace and understanding.

President Ken LaPolla had the honor of presenting Ted with the Paul Harris emblem as a symbol of appreciation and saying thank you for making a difference in our community and in the lives of less fortunate people around the world.

We congratulate Ted and thank him for his commitment to the programs of The Rotary Foundation!



WARREN ROTARY



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: There will be no Noon meeting at Trumbull Country Club on March 6th. Rather, a social event is being organized. Stay tuned for more details.

CAREER AWARENESS DAY has been rescheduled for March 13, 2024 from 9 a.m. until 12:25 p.m. at Harding High School and will be held in collaboration with the City of Warren. SO far, several Rotarians and non-Rotarians have committed to participating and representing the fields of aviation, business, and real estate. If you would like to participate by sharing information about your field of work with the students, please contact Tony Iannucci.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will hold its next meeting on Thursday, March 14th, at Saratoga Restaurant. Our hostess for the evening will be Lauren Kramer. Fellowship will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.

PETS TRAINING: President Elect Cindy Matheson and Vice-President YTony Iannucci will attend this year's All Ohio training for Rotary Club President-Elects in Columbus, Friday, March 15th and Saturday, March 16th.

OHIO P.E.T. PROJECT - The five RI Ohio District Governors are partnering with and fundraising for "On Our Sleeves", a non-profit organization committed to breaking stigmas and helping families talk about mental health issues with their children. On Our Sleeves designed a custom made kindness kit for teachers to use in their classrooms, and they are free to teachers who request them. For a gift of \$25, you can provide resources for one classroom to encourage children to build a kinder world together. You can donate at: www.onoursleeves.org

SAVE THE DATE: Join the Sugarcreek Rotary Club for their Annual Pancake Meal Fundraiser and Health Screening on March 22, 2024 at Garaway Belden Community Center (221 Dover Road, NW, Sugarcreek, OH). More details will be available soon.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our 2024 Slice of the Valley Pizza Challenge is only five weeks away!! The fundraiser is scheduled for April 7th at the Eastwood Event Centre! We'll need as many Rotarians as possible to volunteer at the event in order to make it a success. Tickets will be available soon. Sponsorship packets have been sent out, and they can also be found on the last two pages of this newsletter. Bill Beinecke needs assistance in making follow-up calls. In addition, Cindy Matheson is requesting donations for the wagon raffle (\$50 items or cash/checks). She will be organizing wagons with the following themes: Adult (wine, adult outings, etc.); Family (games, movies, etc.); and Pets (dogs and cats).

THE HEARING MISSION: District 6650 has partnered with The Rotary Club of Boardman, Dr. Sheryl Figliano, & The Hearing Mission Foundation (a local non-profit) to give the gift of hearing to hearing impaired children. A team of professionals and volunteers will be going to Guatemala City, Guatemala from April 7th through April 13th in order to test, fit, and supply hearing aids and batteries to 150 children with severe to profound hearing loss at a cost of \$300 per child. Clubs and individual Rotarians may choose to "adopt" a child. Your entire gift will be used for the benefit of the child. None of the funds will be used for travel, accommodations, or meals for the professionals or volunteers. Checks can be made payable to: The Hearing Missions Foundation. Please put the name of our Club on the memo line. Please mail your check to: The Hearing Missions Foundation

126 York Avenue

Youngstown, Ohio 44512

If you are interested in accompanying the team as a volunteer, contact Dr. Figliano (drfigliano@centersforhearingcare.com) or DG Rich Tirpak (RSTIRPAK@NEO.RR.COM) for details.

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. This year's theme is "Sharing Hope with the World".

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PROGRAM:

MICHELE GARMAN, PROGRAM
COORDINATOR
SOLACE CENTER



Michele Garman grew up in Boardman, Ohio and received a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Youngstown State University. She has resided in Vienna, Ohio since 1999.

Michele is involved in many community groups and organizations, including: ASAP (Substance Abuse Prevention), SAAVE (formerly Trumbull Domestic Violence Task Force), Trauma Informed Care Coalition, Suicide Prevention Coalition, and more.

Before moving to Vienna, Michele worked in foster care, juvenile diversion and served as Program Director at the Boys and Girls Club of Youngstown. In Trumbull County, she worked in zoning and currently serves on the Mathews Local School Board and Trumbull Career & Technical Center School Board. Michele is now employed as the Program Coordinator for Solace Center, Trumbull County's only private, non-profit, court ordered visitation and safe exchange program.

Solace Center provides child-focused services and education to families, with the goal of preventing future generations from repeating

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the cycle of abuse, neglect, and violence and establishing more healthy and productive relationships. Support, guidance and assistance is offered to families who have experienced trauma, including abuse, neglect, violence, divorce, separation, or custody issues that cause stress or other difficulties. Services are provided in a neutral, safe, and family-friendly environment with trained personnel who monitor time-limited visits (typically one hour in length) and exchanges. This allows a child to establish a relationship with non-residential parents, siblings, and other family members.

Families are court-ordered to obtain these services, typically by the Family Court systems in Trumbull and Mahoning Counties, although Solace Center has served families from as far away as Florida. A Guardian Ad Litem is often involved. Both involved parties are required to call Solace Center to set up an intake appointment, where rules are reviewed. Observation reports are sent to the court by Solace Center.

Solace Center currently serves approximately 120 children and adults (39 families). The average case lasts 3 months, but some require services as long as two years. Their offices are housed at Someplace Safe, intakes are completed at the Family Court, and visitations are held at the SCOPE Senior Center. Solace Center's dream is to one day have their own child-friendly space in which to operate. The center is always looking for donations of board games and toys for children ages birth to 18 years, baby wipes, and disinfectant spray.

If you know of anyone in need of service or would like more information, you may contact Solace Center at (330) 766-0689.



TRIPLE JACKPOT

This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$236.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Julia Wetstein!

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*** **Julia Wetstein** was a happy winner! And she's glad to be back at Rotary after her recent travels.

*** **Ted Stazak** offered a Happy Buck for our speaker and for his Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

*** **Cindy Matheson** congratulated Ted for receiving his PHF Award. She's sending get well wishes to Robin Martorana! Cindy's son is now playing in a Mario Kart Band.

*** **Judy Masaki** said her Mom always told her, "No matter how old you are, you'll always be my baby!" Judy gets it now - this week, she put her son on a plane to England, alone, for some on-the-job training. (And she only cried for a half hour!!) But all is going well.

*** **Ken LaPolla's** daughter will soon be defending her thesis, and she'll graduate from Auburn in May!! Ken also congratulated Ted for his PHF recognition. And now Ken's off to Utah for some skiing.

*** **Mike Wilson** offered a Happy Buck for our speaker.

*** **Michele Garman**, our speaker, was happy to be here!



AREA PIZZA SHOPS & BREWERIES ARE COMPETING!

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For more information call Rob: [330-716-3139](tel:330-716-3139) or Ken: [330-716-3838](tel:330-716-3838)  [Facebook.com/SliceOfTheValley](https://www.facebook.com/SliceOfTheValley)

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