

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 28, 2024

ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS

March, 2024 - Dallas Woodall

April, 2024 - Chris Shape

REGISTRATION

March, 2024 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

March, 2024 - Janet Schweitzer

April, 2024 - Ted Stazak

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

March, 2024 - Judy Masaki

April 3rd & April 17th - Ray Sinchak (Fellowship)

April 10th - Lauren Kramer (Magazine Report)

CAREER AWARENESS (4th Wed. of the Month)

March 27, 2024 - Erica Royster

April 24, 2024 - Robin Martorana

SPEAKERS

3/6/24 - Social Event @ Downtown 124 - 6:00 p.m.

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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Judy Masaki closed out the month with a little research on National Holidays celebrated on February 28th. They include the following medley of themes:

1. National Pink Day - an anti-bullying day that encourages people to stand up for kindness and respect;
2. Chocolate Souffle Day - indulge in the rich, airy dessert that will leave you craving more;
3. National Tooth Fairy Day - celebrating the creature who brings joy and smiles to young children. This holiday is also celebrated on August 22nd. Why two days during the year? Because the American Dental Association encourages you to get two cleanings a year!! (Or maybe because an astute kid figured out a way to get more money under his pillow!) Incidentally, U.S parents of children ages 6 to 12 years were polled at the start of 2024. In 2001, the average Tooth Fairy payout was approximately \$1.50 per lost tooth. Today, the payout is \$5.84 per lost tooth. Talk about inflation!!
4. Inconvenience Yourself Day - extend a hand when needed, embody kindness and make a positive impact on someone's life;
5. National Floral Design Day - unleash your creativity, captivate the senses, and bring nature's beauty to life; and
6. National Public Sleeping Day - take no shame in catching a quick

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

contact:

Judy Masaki

snooze!

While some of these topics were tempting to delve into a little more in depth, Judy instead chose to focus on something more near and dear to her heart - how music became a part of Rotary!

The tradition of singing at Rotary Club meetings began in 1905 when Rotarian Harry L. Ruggles jumped up on a chair and led members of the Rotary Club of Chicago in a rousing rendition of *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*. As new clubs were formed, the practice of singing at meetings caught on, especially in the United States. So, Ruggles' company published an unofficial book of songs, consisting of patriotic tunes, familiar oldies, and Rotary songs written by Rotarians, to help make singing a regular part of their meetings.

The first OFFICIAL edition of Ruggles' songbook wasn't published until 1920. It was titled *Songs for the Rotary Club*, but it only contained lyrics. Five years later, they added musical notes to the book.

Later editions gave advice on how to incorporate songs into meetings, like adding singing to the weekly agenda, singing prior to lunch, and selecting a song leader based on personality, not musical talent. The Rotary Club of Warren lucked out in both departments with our own Julia Wetstein!

Walter R. Jenkins, from the Rotary Club of Houston, served as the official song leader of Rotary International Conventions for 35 years beginning in 1931.

Since that first songbook, many other editions have been published by clubs and districts, some in a variety of languages and some including parodies that put Rotary words to familiar tunes. The one we use today was compiled by the International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians. They worked with Warner Brothers Publications, which owns the copyrights to many of the songs. It's the first songbook to be published since membership was opened to women. So, words to some of the Rotary songs were removed because they only referenced males. Our book also includes a list of the annual theme songs of RI Presidents from 1978 through 2002. The theme songs were approved by each of the Presidents and sung around the world when they visited.

So, there you have it - history in the making! Rotary is steeped in tradition - even our music. Stay tuned to see what Judy comes up with next.



WARREN EAST ROTARY



LOST & FOUND: A black polka dotted umbrella was left at our club meeting on February 28th. Julia Wetstein rescued the umbrella. So, if it belongs to you, let Julia know. (She might charge ransom by having you sing a duet with her at our next meeting!!)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: There will be no Noon meeting at Trumbull Country Club on Wednesday, March 6th. Rather, a social event will be held Wednesday evening at Downtown 124 (124 N. Park Ave., Warren, OH) beginning at 6:00 p.m. Join fellow Rotarians for cocktails, including Love Grows Where my Rosemary Goes, Lethal Lemon, Dew on the Flowers, Through the Drinking Glass, and more! Food may be ordered off of the menu. Guests are welcome!

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY: You're invited to join the Champion Rotary Club at their annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 9th, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Champion Presbyterian Church (4997 Mahoning Ave., Warren, OH). The Easter Bunny will be their honorary guest! Every child in attendance will receive a free Easter basket. Face painting will also be available. Admission is \$8 for adults. Children under 6 years of age are free with an adult purchase.

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. Over 500 students are expected to attend! 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.

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PETS TRAINING: President Elect Cindy Matheson and Vice-President Tony 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.

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. Online ticket sales are now up and running at: www.warrenrotary.org/tickets Sponsorship packets have been sent out, and they can also be found on the last two pages of this newsletter. In addition, Cindy Matheson is requesting donations for the wagon raffle (\$50 items, gift cards 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). There's a new addition to this year's SOV menu! Michael Ingram from Game Changers will be bringing "King of the Wings" to the event. SO, in addition to 11 or 12 pizza vendors, wine from L'uva Bella Winery, and desserts from Mocha House, six restaurants with wings will each be serving 250 chicken wings. (A special ticket must be purchased in order to enjoy the wings.) Entertainment will be provided by DJ Tom Angelo and the SCOPE Seniors.



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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.

A ROTAPLAST MISSION TRIP is being planned to Bangladesh April 13th through April 27th, and two Rotarians from District 6650 are being sought as nonmedical volunteers. Non-medical volunteers may serve as the Quartermaster, Medical Records Keeper, Patient Transporter, Ward Coordinator, Sterilizer, or in other capacities. Training will be provided. Meals and hotels are paid for by Rotaplast, but the volunteers have to pay their own airfare. If you are interested in volunteering and having an experience of a lifetime in caring for children with cleft lips and palates, visit the following site to complete an application:

<https://rotaplast.org/non-medical-volunteer-application/>

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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THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN WELCOMES ITS NEWEST MEMBER

President Ken LaPolla had the honor of inducting another new member into the Rotary Club of Warren on February 28th, bringing our membership to 52 individuals!

Eric Knoth is the Owner of Knoth Management Group, Inc. and a former Board member of Ronald McDonald House Charities. He has had various volunteer experiences in the community and is eager to be an active member of our club. In fact, he has already offered to assist in securing sponsorships for our upcoming Slice of the Valley Pizza & Beer Challenge.

Eric was sponsored by John Perdue, his father-in-law. John was out of town this week, and Tom Baker graciously offered to stand in for him to assist in presenting Eric with his Rotary badge and pin.



Please take the time to get to know Eric over the upcoming weeks and extend a warm welcome to him as our newest Warren Rotarian!



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SHERIFF PAUL MONROE,
TRUMBULL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Paul Monroe was born in Warren, Ohio and grew up in the Bolindale area. He graduated from Howland High School and then went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Kent State University.

Paul started his law enforcement career with the Howland Police Department in 1985, where he remained for 31 years. He has done literally every job in the police department. He has: worked patrol; walked the beat; and served as detective, commander of the detective bureau, shift sergeant, undercover agent, commander of the first Trumbull County Drug Task Force, and Chief of Police for 13 years. Paul has been an active and participating member of the Trumbull County Homicide Squad for the past 30 years. When Paul left the Howland Township Police Department, it was regarded as one of Ohio's Best Law Enforcement agencies. In 2017, Paul became Trumbull County's 43rd Sheriff.

Paul has received numerous awards and accolades for his outstanding performance in law enforcement. These acknowledgements include valor in

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the line of duty, investigative excellence, and administrative excellence, to name a few.

Paul is an active member and has twice been selected as Chairman of the Mahoning Valley Chiefs of Police Association. He is a member of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association and other state, national and county police organizations. He has also attended a plethora of advanced Law Enforcement Executive programs. He has coached boy's baseball and girl's softball with the Howland Athletic Club.

Paul is married to Tina Monroe, owner of Salt Therapy, for 37 years, and they have two adult children that he says are his proudest accomplishments.

Sheriff Monroe spoke to Warren Rotarians this week about the services offered by the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office. The office employees 200 individuals and patrols 630 square miles of Trumbull County. The office runs six different departments, and they have duties that many people may not be aware of, such as:

1. foreclosing and selling homes;
2. serving indictments, warrants and protection orders;
3. transporting prisoners to correctional facilities;
4. extraditing prisoners from other states;
5. dealing with mental health and drug addiction issues in the area's jail and prisons in collaboration with Coleman and Meridian;
6. providing security for government buildings and both courthouses;
7. overseeing the detective bureau;
8. operating the canine unit and the drug unit;
9. operating a drone unit with 5 certified pilots; the drones are used in place of officers for safety;
10. handling sexual offender notifications (with 220 offenders in the county and almost 100 in the City of Warren);
11. placing/overseeing 8 school resource officers;
12. overseeing the Marine dive, entry and mounted units; and
13. deploying with the fire department and EMA for search and rescue missions.

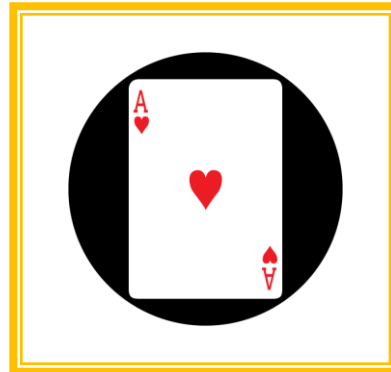
In addition to these duties, the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office brought in the DEA to start a task force. Their drug task force has been recognized as one of the best in Ohio. Five FBI agents work out of the office. They also have a fulltime investigator that works at CSB.

Within the Trumbull County Jail, the Sheriff's Office has raised standards that hold employees accountable. They have implemented a

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body scanner to check every cell once a month. The scanner was paid for via a special fund through the commissioners and judges. Revenue has been increased by charging inmates who need to be walked to the courthouse. A \$4 million security and technology upgrade has taken place, doubling the number of cameras. Finally, an inmate worker program has been initiated to shovel snow for the elderly in the community, mow grass in the parks and bike trails, and pick up litter. Future plans are being made to clean up other areas in the county in order to make them more attractive to new businesses.

TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$250.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Ken LaPolla!

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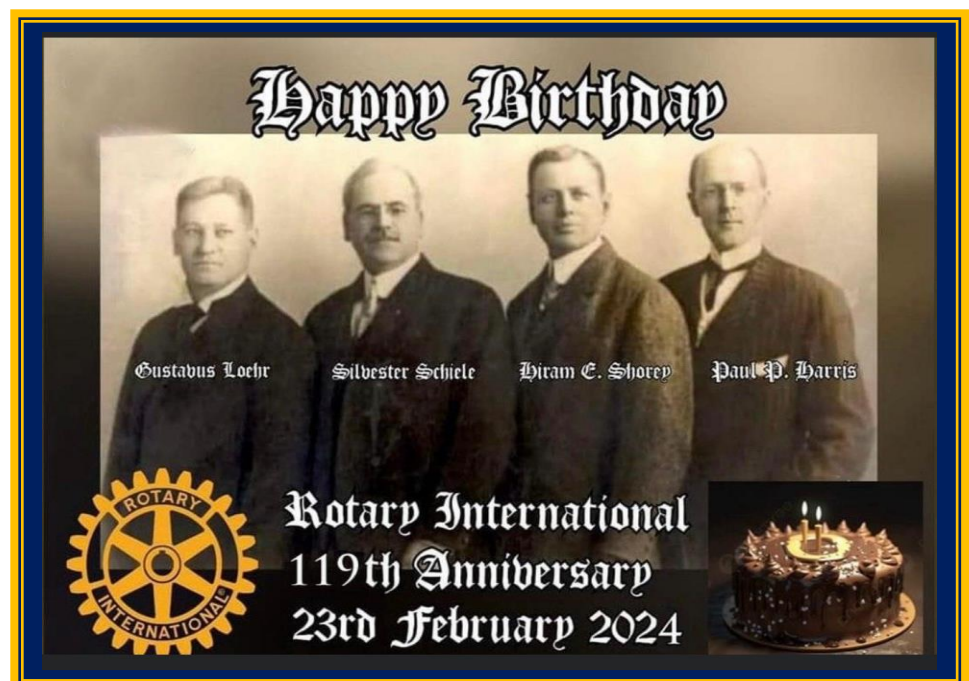


*** **Julia Wetstein** indicated that it's been a joy working with the deputies from the Sheriff's Office during Courthouse tours on Opening Night. Julia also served on the Grand Jury for 4 months, and she said the security officers there did excellent work.

*** **Cindy Matheson** offered a Happy Buck in honor of: our new member, Eric Knoth; Rob Berk and his SOV team; and Sheriff Monroe and his wife, Tina, who runs Salt Therapy.

*** **Robin Martorana** offered a Happy Buck for our newest member and for our speaker. She is also happy that all of her medical tests have come back great so far.

*** **Ken LaPolla** offered a Happy Buck in honor of Eric Knoth, for Game Changers and their help with SOV, and for our speaker. Ken is also happy to report that he came back from skiing approximately 34 miles on his recent trip and he still has use of both legs!



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