

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

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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, 2024 - Ted Stazak

March, 2024 - Judy Masaki

CAREER AWARENESS (4th Wed. of the Month)

February, 2024 - To Be Announced

March, 2024 - To Be Announced

SPEAKERS

2/14/24 - Mike Wilson, President McKinley

2/21/24 - Rob Berk, Bill Beinecke & Ken LaPolla, Slice of the Valley

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

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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ROTARY THEME FOR FEBRUARY
PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION



Peacebuilding is the development of constructive personal, group, and political relationships across ethnic, religious, class, national, and racial boundaries. It aims to resolve injustice in nonviolent ways and to transform the structural conditions that generate deadly conflict.

**Rotary
Peace**



Conflict and violence are unfortunately all too common in our world today, leading to displacement and suffering for millions of people, particularly women and children. Rotarians are dedicated to addressing the root causes of conflict, such as poverty, lack of education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Conflict prevention is built on the principle that, through skilled mediation and negotiation, the most significant differences can be settled peacefully across ethnic, religious, class, national, and racial boundaries. As a result, Rotarians also provide training to adults and young leaders to help prevent and mediate conflicts and offer aid to refugees who have fled dangerous areas.

This month is very special in the Rotary calendar. February 23rd is "World Understanding and Peace Day". In addition, this year, we celebrate the 119th anniversary of the first Rotary meeting held in Chicago on February 23, 1905.

Take time this month to practice the four C's of peacemaking - contact, cooperation, communication and conciliation. Treat ALL people with kindness. Reflect on all that Rotary has accomplished in their international peace efforts. Promote Rotary and our club in our community and engage others in our vision of doing good in the world.

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about our
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you would like
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contact:

Judy Masaki



As many of you know, Ted Stazak has a keen interest in history, so he kicked off Fellowship this month by researching events that occurred throughout history on February 7th. He found over 150 significant events that occurred on this day! The following are a few of his favorites:

- * In 1940, Walt Disney's second feature length movie, "Pinocchio", premiered in New York City.
- * In 1949, Joe DiMaggio became the first \$100,000 a year baseball player for the New York Yankees.
- * Fast forward to 1962 when U.S. President JFK began the blockade of Cuba by banning all Cuban imports and exports.
- * Just two years later, in 1964, the Beatles landed at New York's JFK airport, for their first U.S. tour.
- * One year later, George Harrison's tonsils were removed!

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* In 1974, American left-wing guerilla group, the Symbionese Liberation Army, claimed responsibility for the kidnapping of Patty Hearst, daughter of American publishing heir Randolph Hearst.

* Pink Floyd premiered their live version of "The Wall" at the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena in California in 1980.

* Just last year, LeBron James scored 38 points to become the NBS's all-time leading scorer as the Lakers went down 133 - 130 to the Oklahoma City Thunder in Los Angeles. He surpassed Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's 38,387 career points.

This week, Ted ended his presentation with a most interesting event that took place in 1959: American pilots Bob Timm and John Cook broke the former flight endurance record, exceeding 1,550 hours (64 days, 22 hours, and 19 minutes), landing "The Hacienda", their modified Cessna 172 where they started, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Here's the whole story:

In 1958, the two men in a Cessna took off on a nonstop 150,000-mile (240,000 kilometers) flight around the desert outside Las Vegas and set a record that still stands today. The flight lasted over two months. The distance was about six times around the Earth or 15 Sydney - New York flights without touching the ground.

It started as a flying billboard for the Hacienda Hotel. In 1956, an entrepreneur wanted to promote his Las Vegas hotel, and his slot machine mechanic, Robert Timm, a WW2 bomber pilot, had an idea. The Hacienda Hotel and Casino had just opened at the southern end of the Las Vegas Strip, and its owners wanted to promote the hotel as one of the first family-oriented resorts in the city.

Timm convinced the owner to fund an attempt to break the manned flight endurance record, with Hacienda Hotel featured prominently on the aircraft. He found a Cessna 172, registered N9217B, and with a trusted mechanic, spent a year modifying it for the record attempt.

The two made several changes to the 4-seater propeller aircraft. The most significant modifications included the addition of a fuel tank in the belly to supplement the 47 gallons carried in the wings. The 95-gallon belly tank had an electric pump to transfer fuel to the main tank, and they also replumbed the oil lines to change oil and filters without shutting down the engine.

Further additions included a mattress to nap on, a small sink for personal hygiene, and a foldable camp toilet.

Robert Timm and co-pilot John Wayne Cook took off on December 4th, 1958, at 15:52. They first made a low pass on the airfield to allow a

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chase car to paint white stripes on the aircraft's tires to ensure they didn't make any secret landings. The paint would scuff upon touchdown, and the resulting marks would be visible when "officially" landing. They spent most of their time flying over the deserts around Las Vegas, sometimes diverting to Los Angeles for TV promotional opportunities.

Now for the really ingenious method of refueling. Twice daily, a truck fitted with a fuel tank and pump would rendezvous with the aircraft over a straight stretch of closed highway along the California-Arizona border. This was ground-to-air refueling at its best! The Cessna would fly roughly 20 feet off the ground and use an electric winch to lower a hook and snag the refueling hose. Timm or Cook would stand on a platform outside the door and insert the hose into the belly tank, taking around three minutes to fill. Over the course of the flight, they refueled 128 times.

Food was provided complements of The Hacienda, which prepared gourmet meals. Some of the magic of the quality food was lost in transit, as the food had to be chopped up and stuffed into thermos jugs to get up to the pilots. A quart of water was also sent up for bathing every other day.

Thirty-nine days in, the generator failed, so they had no lights, heat, or fuel pump. The pair relied on a hand pump to transfer fuel and soon after had to refuel in the dark, with no lights or moon. They passed the existing record of 50 days, but decided to keep flying for as long as possible. Sleeping was difficult even with the mattress due to the engine's noise and the planes' vibrations. At one point, Timm fell asleep while flying for over an hour, and the aircraft was kept aloft thanks to a rudimentary autopilot they had installed. The autopilot failed days later.

By the beginning of February, the spark plugs and combustion chambers were loaded with carbon, making it difficult to climb with a full load after refueling. They decided to land on February 7th, 1959, but before they could touch down, the paint on the tires was checked, and no scuff marks were found.

Timm and Cook had to be lifted out of the Cessna, and their record still stands today. Robert Timm died in 1976 and John Cook in 1995, both in Las Vegas, and the Hacienda Hotel was demolished in December, 1996. The famed Cessna 172 now hangs above the baggage carousel at Las Vegas Harry Reid International Airport (LAS).

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Sleep in Heavenly Peace is seeking volunteers to help build 76 beds that will go to families in need in Trumbull County. The "Build A Bed" event will take place on Saturday, February 24th, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Jefferson PK8.

THE NORTH CANTON ROTARY CHILI OPEN will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arrowhead Golf Club (1500 Rogwin Circle, North Canton). Tickets are \$15. For more information, visit: www.rotarychiliopen.com

CAREER AWARENESS DAY has been rescheduled for March 13, 2024 from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Harding High School and will be held in collaboration with the City of Warren. If you would like to participate by sharing information about your field of work with the students, please contact Tony Iannucci.

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 will be here before you know it! Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date has been changed to April 7th. We'll need as many Rotarians as possible to volunteer at the event in order to make it a success. Stay tuned for more 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".

NEW MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

At its February 8th meeting, the Rotary Club of Warren Board of Directors endorsed the following membership proposal:

**Eric Knoth, Owner
Knoth Management Group, Inc.
3935 Longhill Dr., SE
Warren, OH 44484
(Sponsored by John Perdue)**

If any Warren Rotarian objects to this individual being inducted into The Rotary Club of Warren, he/she should put their concerns in writing to President Ken LaPolla no later than February 19, 2024.

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PROGRAM:

SCOTT RYAN, CHIEF OF COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT



Scott Ryan is the Chief of Community Engagement for the Ohio Department of Development. In that role, Scott assists the Department's mission of empowering communities to succeed by connecting with and supporting community leaders as they navigate challenges associated with economic development.

Scott served three terms in the Ohio House of Representatives for the 71st District and served as a member of House leadership as chair of the House Finance Committee. Scott is passionate about serving communities in need and has been a champion for mental health and addiction causes at the state level. His legislative priorities also included local government and business issues.

Scott has been the owner of a printing company for more than 25 years and previously served as Licking County Treasurer. A third-generation resident of Licking County and a member of the Granville High School Class of 1983, he graduated from Miami University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Scott has extensive volunteer leadership experience with local nonprofit organizations, including service as a member of the Board of

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Directors for First United Methodist Church in Newark, the Licking County Family YMCA, and United Way of Licking County.

He and his wife, Sheila, live in Newark, and they have two adult daughters.

Scott began his visit with our club by applauding the Rotary Club of Warren for being the "backbone of the community" for more than 100 years. He then went on to highlight some of the biggest projects that the Ohio Department of Development has helped to secure under the leadership of Governor Mike Dewine, including technological advancements like electric vehicles and integrated electronics. He indicated that these manufacturing projects increase our area's goods and services and benefit our businesses and families. And the most important factor is that they are made in Ohio. In this way, Ohio is investing in itself and collaborating with state and local governments to achieve a shared vision.

Moving forward, in 2024, the Ohio Department of Development is planning the following investments:

1. \$1 billion will be invested in community transformations, such as ensuring that everyone has high speed internet access, tearing down dilapidated buildings, and making sure that drinking water is safe.
2. The All Ohio Future Fund will offer \$750 million to make available sites project-ready.
3. The Appalachian Community Grant Program will invest in the workforce and healthcare in the Appalachian Region, which will help attract new businesses from around the world to our area.
4. The Department of Development is dedicated to assisting small businesses with certification and access to funds. \$20 million in loans will be made available to more than 200 minority businesses, and more than 4,000 small businesses will be provided with counseling.
5. Innovation hubs will continue to be developed in order to support collaboration at the local level and assist communities in retaining local talent.

Scott closed by saying that all of these projects are investments in the quality of life of our residents.

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TRIPLE JACKPOT

This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$208.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Christine Cope!



Best wishes to the following Warren Rotarians
who are celebrating February birthdays:

William Zamarelli

Janet Schweitzer

Mike Bollas



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing you smiles, laughter
joy and cheer ..
New happiness that stays
throughout the year.
Hope your birthday brings
all these and more ..
Filling life with surprises
and joys galore!
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HAPPY BUCKS



*** **Christine Cope** was a happy winner, and she donated her winnings back to the club!

*** **Ted Stazak** offered a Happy Buck for our speaker.

*** **Scott Lewis** said that Ray Sinchak may be the King of Fellowship but Ted Stazak is the Prince!

*** **Cindy Matheson** offered a Happy Buck for our speaker and all of the good things happening in Ohio. She is also happy that her Mom is getting stronger.

*** **Robin Martorana** enjoyed our speaker. She also reported that she recently lost a good friend; she was happy to know him and grateful for the happiness he brought to her life.

*** **Ken LaPolla** also offered a Happy Buck in memory of his friend Tony. He enjoyed our speaker, and he thanked John Perdue for all of the work he is doing with club membership.

*** **Ben Kulper** offered a Happy Buck in honor of Dentist Ken LaPolla; he took care of a tooth for Ben!



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**