

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

January, 2022 - Kristen Carpenter
February, 2022 - Volunteer Needed

REGISTRATION

January, 2022 - Ray Sinchak
February, 2022 - Barry Dunaway

INVOCATION

January, 2022 - Lisa Taddei
February, 2022 - Janet Schweitzer

FELLOWSHIP

January, 2022 - Lisa Taddei
February, 2022 - Ken LaPolla

MAGAZINE REPORT

February, 2022 - Kim Straniak
March, 2022 - Denise May

SPEAKERS

1/19/22 - Tour of the Harriet Taylor Upton House
1/26/22 - Wiley Runnestrand, Green Board IT

Areas of Focus

Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution

Disease Prevention & Treatment

Water & Sanitation

Maternal & Child Health

Basic Education & Literacy

Economic & Community Development

The Environment

Club Officers

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Christine Cope*

*President Elect
Ted Stazak*

*Vice-President
Ken LaPolla*

*Secretary
Judy Masaki*

*Treasurer
Cheryl Oblinger*

*Assistant Treasurer
Mike Bolla*

*Past President
Dominic Mararri*

Board Members

*Bill Beinecke
Lauren Kramer
Scott Lewis
Marilyn Pape
Lisa Taddei
Julia Wetstein*



Visiting Rotarian, Ken MacPherson, and Dominic Mararri's guest and infant daughter, Melina Mia, joined us for fellowship this week. Lisa Taddei treated all present to a little laughter:



After a morning fishing, a Rotarian left for a District meeting in the afternoon and his wife decided to motor out into the lake, drop anchor and read her book.

A Game Warden pulls up alongside the woman in his boat. "Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?"

"Reading a book," she replies.

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area," he informs her.

"I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing. I'm reading."

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you," says the game warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am," the warden said, and he left.

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suggestions
about our
newsletter, or if
you would like to
become a
sponsor, please
contact:*

Judy Masaki



Barry Dunaway continued reviewing our the history of our club's membership with a tribute to three gentlemen. First, **John Quincy Tandy Ford** joined the Rotary Club of Warren in 1944 under the classification of Law. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1922 and became a partner in Hoppe, Day and Ford Law Firm. John served as President of our club from 1946 to 1947. He was also Past-President of the Warren Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Red Cross, and Director of the Warren Community Fund. John was a U.S. Naval veteran.



Clayton L. Kittinger joined Warren Rotary in 1964. His classification was Civil Engineering. He was the President of Lynn, Kittinger and Noble Surveyors. Clayton was President of our club in 1969-1970 and was a very active member, serving on many committees such as the Pancake Dinner. He was also active in several community organizations, including the Boy Scouts and Children's Rehabilitation Center.

Finally, **Carl F. Thomas** joined Rotary in 1932. His classification was Abstracting, and he was President of the Trumbull County Abstract Company, which was established in 1910. Carl was a lawyer. He was active with the YMCA, Boy Scouts, and The Community Fund (United Way). This Rotary Wheel was prominently displayed in his office. The wheel had been used to identify Rotary since 1905. The spokes stand for strength, and the gears or cogs for design and power.



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SLICE OF THE VALLEY - is scheduled to be held at the Eastwood Event Centre on March 6, 2022. This year's recipients of proceeds include: Animal Welfare League, ST. Vincent de Paul, Warren Family Mission (in honor of Pastor Chris Gilger), and Cadence Care Network.

AN OPENING NIGHT FUNDRAISER is being planned for next year. An organizational meeting will be held soon.

WE WILL MEET AT THE HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON HOUSE (located at 380 Mahoning Avenue NW in Warren) ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19th AT NOON. Saratoga will cater a light lunch which can be purchased for \$10. Please plan to arrive early in order to find parking.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES - The Rotary Club of Youngstown has had a committee which distributes Little Free Libraries throughout the community for many years. They will supply a library to our club for no cost. If you know of anywhere to put one of these libraries, contact Christine Cope.

A SPECIAL SERVICE PROJECT - has been announced for Rotary's President-Elects. They will be donating blankets to children in Ohio's foster care system. Stay tuned for more information.

AND SPEAKING OF PROJECTS - The following are some of the projects that our club has sponsored or participated in this year to date: Dictionary Project; Toys for Tots; and Freddy Bears. In addition, Don Powers continues to deliver for Mobile Meals. This year's donations and grants have included:

- *Animal Welfare League - to help purchase medical equipment used during spaying/neutering and other surgeries.
- * Trumbull Mobile Meals - to feed the community's home-bound individuals.
- * Santa's Hide-A-Way Hollow - a Christmas retreat for terminally ill children year round.
- * Children's Rehabilitation Center - Due to the Pandemic, the annual children's Christmas Party was not held, but funds were donated to the Center to purchase therapeutic toys

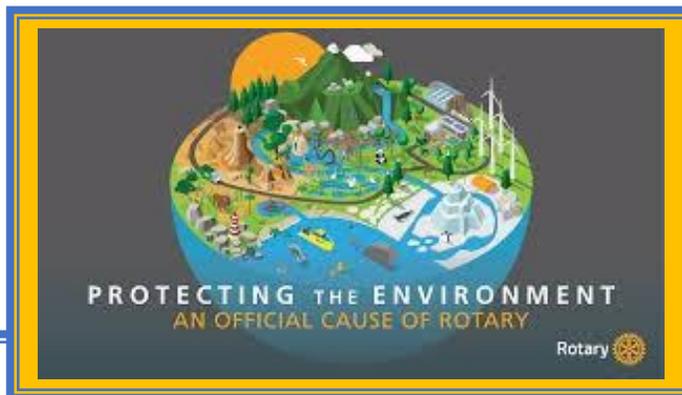
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and equipment to be used by children receiving Speech-Language Therapy.

- * Rotaplast International - supporting treatment and prevention of cleft lip and/or palate.
- * Women United Diabetes Initiative
- * Clover Recycling - to assist with the purchase of a shredder.

JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH! If you would like to share information regarding your vocation at a club meeting, contact Christine Cope.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet on Tuesday, January 25th at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. All Board members should plan to attend.



Robert Swan, the first man in history to walk to both the North and South Poles, said, "The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else can fix it." After seeing first-hand the effects of climate change, Robert has dedicated himself to protecting Antarctica and our planet at large through the promotion of recycling, renewable energy, and sustainability. The mission of the 2041 Foundation is to engage businesses and communities on climate science, personal leadership, and the promotion of sustainable practices. In 2041, there will be a renegotiation of a moratorium on mining in Antarctica, which designates Antarctica as a "natural reserve for science and peace".

The Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) also empowers members of the Rotary Family worldwide to take actions to sustain our environment and stabilize our climate. Visit them on Facebook or their website (esrag.org) to learn more about their initiatives.

PROGRAM:

KEN MACPHERSON.
THE WHAT & WHY OF CHARTER GOVERNMENT



Ken MacPherson has served for four years as Councilman at Large for the City of Warren. As an engineer, farmer and politician, he tries to make the world a better place by living The Four-Way Test. Ken has joined us for meetings in the past, and this week, he presented the “what and why” of charter government.

The United States operates under a Federalist political system, believing that each state under a central government can have its own laws and customs while still sharing unified laws, customs and currency. Our founding fathers felt that the scope of power matters.

The Constitutional Convention for local governments gives them the power to form their own government. Much like a constitution at the federal level, charters at the county, city, village, or town level define powers and functions of elected officials, as well as the organization and procedures of local government.

Right now, the City of Warren runs under a statutory form of government. MacPherson indicated that the problem with this is that executive power in the city lies with the winner of a popularity contest who has the right to run everything. There are no required qualifications, such as human resource and management experience, knowledge of roads, etc. There are no checks and balances.

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In contrast, the benefits of a charter form of government include: better checks and balances of power; defined credentials; better neighborhood control; accountability; and engagement with citizens in the community. In Ohio, smaller to larger entities have a charter government, including the cities of Cleveland, Youngstown, Gahanna, Kent, Bowling Green, Medina, and Tallmadge, as well as Cuyahoga and Summit Counties. MacPherson used Kent to describe an example of a charter. Kent has a certified city manager with finance and law experience. The size of council is limited, and the mayor has no administrative duties. Rather, the mayor is recognized as the head of government for ceremonial purposes.

So, how does a city go about developing a charter government? Here are the steps:

1. A petition for a charter initiative is passed legislatively.
2. Citizens secure five signatures in order to be members of a charter commission.
3. 15 members of the commission are elected by ballot; no politicians are allowed.
4. They have 12 months to write the charter/constitution. This usually takes approximately 15 to 20 meetings.
5. The citizens vote on the charter.

Those who argue against charter governments liken it to rearranging the chairs on the Titanic. Does it really change anything?

TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$55! Many thanks to John Perdue for donating his winnings back from last week. Congratulations to Daily Winner, Mike Bollas!!

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HAPPY BUCKS



*** **Scott Lewis** had a wonderful time with his children in New York over the Holidays. He also congratulated Christine on doing a great job as President.

*** **Dominic Mararri** was happy that his daughter, Melina, attended the meeting via Zoom and didn't fall asleep! He's happy to be back at Rotary. He is thankful that the Family Mission has been chosen as a recipient of funds from Slice of the Valley.

*** **Ted Stazak** offered a Happy Buck for our speaker. He is also happy that his niece who was diagnosed with Leukemia is in remission.

*** **Chris Shape** is happy about a trip to Arizona to see his Mom, Dad, and Sister. Hi son, Robbie, was hired by Liberty Fire Department as a part-time EMT. And his Steelers are in the playoffs!!

*** **Mike Bollas** was happy about being the daily winner of Triple Jackpot. And he's rooting for Tampa, Green Bay or Cincinnati!

*** **Janet Schweitzer** had a wonderful trip to Northern France and came back healthy!

*** **Christine Cope** reported that her whole family was ill over the Holidays, and her Mom was hospitalized. However, she is thankfully doing much better and is resting at home. She appreciates Scott's vote of confidence. She offered Happy Bucks for our speaker, for Marilyn Pape's help with the meeting with the restaurant owners, and for being able to see Dominic Mararri and Lisa Taddei back at Rotary. And she's excited about Slice of the Valley.

*** **Marilyn Pape** is pulling for the Kansas City Chiefs!!

*“Self-reflection is a humbling process.
It's essential to find out why you
think, say and do certain things. . .
then better yourself!”*

- Sonay Teclai