

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 & REGISTRATION

January, 2026 - Ray Sinchak

February, 2026 - Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

January 21, 2026 - Diane Sauer

January 28, 2026 - Lauren Kramer

February, 2026 - Judy Masaki

FELLOWSHIP (1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

January 21, 2026 - Diane Sauer

February 4 & 18th, 2026 - Judy Masaki

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT (2nd Wednesday)

February 11, 2026 - Marilyn Pape

March 11, 2026 - Lauren Kramer

MAGAZINE REPORT (4th Wednesday)

January, 2026 - Lauren Kramer

February, 2026 - Judy Masaki

SPEAKERS

1/21/26 - Rich McCafferty, Body Tech Fitness

1/28/26 - Kristy Boone, Family First

2/4/26 - Trumbull Tourism/America's 250th Anniversary

2/11/26 - Tour at Warren Family Mission

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 took center stage this week for our next segment of "Member Spotlight":

"Many of you know my connection to Children's Rehabilitation Center. After earning my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Master's in Community Counseling & Higher Education, and completing Post-Master's work all at Youngstown State University, I was first employed for five years by PsyCare, Inc., where I did counseling, ran support groups, conducted Worker's Compensation interviews, completed psychological testing and did quality assurance work. I later enjoyed a 35 year career with Children's Rehab Center, holding positions like: Staff Counselor, Senior Counselor, Rehab Coordinator, Daycare Administrator, and one year as Interim Executive Director. I retired from the Center on December 31, 2025.

I also wanted to share some experiences that you probably don't know about me. I actually wanted to be a teacher ever since I was little. However, after my father passed away when I was a senior in high school, my guidance counselor encouraged me to explore careers in counseling, and that's the direction I headed down.

My career in the helping profession really started in college. As an undergraduate, I worked for three years for the Dean of Student Services at YSU in a program called "Students Serving Students". We followed freshmen for their entire first year at YSU, helping them register for classes, introducing them to student organizations, and assisting them in solving any

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Judy Masaki

problems they encountered, all in the name of retention.

At the same time, I worked in an experimental rat lab in the Psychology Department. We did research on amphetamines, and I learned to program a Skinner Box and yes, pick up and inject rats while wearing very thick gloves. And believe me, if you can pick up a rat, you can do anything!

I volunteered for about a year and a half at Woodside Receiving Hospital in Youngstown in their Recreation Department with psychiatric patients.

During my Master's program, I was a Graduate Assistant in Career Services, where I helped with advertising and assisted students in writing resumes and doing mock interviews.

Ever since I was young, I have always loved music. I sang in the choir at our home parish, joined a regional concert choir within our diocese, and was a member of our youth music ministry called 'The Holy Crew'. When I was around eight years old, my parents bought me a Magnus Chord Organ for Christmas, and I proceeded to teach myself how to read music. At 16 years of age, they bought me a small, used home organ from a friend of the family for \$100. And by 18 years of age, I was a full-time organist in our church, never having had a lesson in my life. So, have pity on me when I make mistakes playing for Rotary - I work harder at it then most!

Now that I'm retired, I serve as a Guardian for adults with developmental disabilities who are assigned to me by the Trumbull County Probate Court.

I'm proud to be a Rotarian! I was sponsored by Jim Ditch back in 2015 and have been your Secretary since Andy Bednar's Presidential Year. It was very easy for me to feel comfortable joining Warren Rotary, as I knew several members who had been affiliated with Children's Rehab's Board of Trustees - Diane Sauer, Andy Bednar, Chris Shape, Barry Dunaway, Kim Straniak, Jim Ditch - and John Perdue was also a good friend of the Center.

In my spare time, I love to read, do jigsaw puzzles, travel, and spend time with my family. I'm also a proud Polish-American and enjoy incorporating many of our Polish customs and food into our family life, especially during the holidays."

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN FOUNDATION BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

will meet on Wednesday, January 21st at 1:00 pm, immediately following our weekly club meeting.

THE WARREN ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, January 28th at 1:00 pm, immediately following our weekly club meeting.

THE RYLA CONFERENCE will be held on January 30, 2026 through February 1, 2026 at the Waypoint in Canfield. Our club will sponsor four students. All Rotarians are invited to contribute to the "Goody Bags" the students will receive. Promotional items from your businesses, something from our club, and snacks or money to help sponsor break time would be appreciated. Please remember, these are 16 and 17-year-olds. They like mechanical pencils, highlighters, post-it notes, key chains, small toys, playing cards, Frisbees, stress balls, gum, chips, protein bars, fruit, cookies, and Gatorade or water. Political giveaways will not be used, and no caffeine is permitted. 75 of any one item are needed so that every bag gets the same items. Items need to arrive by Monday, January 26, 2026. You can drop items off or mail them to:

Attention: Alicia Johnston
Salem Area Chamber of Commerce
'210 East State Street
Salem, OH 44460
(330) 337-3473

If you are mailing a check, please make it payable to Salem Rotary Foundation with "RYLA" in the memo. Make sure "RYLA" is on all correspondence and mailings.

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THE YOUTH COMMITTEE will meet in the near future to begin talking about a Career Day which will be held this spring, as well as the 4-Way Test Speech Contest.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on January 19th at Trumbull County United Way to begin planning a spring mixer in hopes of organizing a Satellite Club in Downtown Warren.

ROTARY FOR READING 2026: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library provides free books to children under age 5, and The Trumbull County United Way is an affiliate of this program. Ohio Rotarians are taking this on as a fundraising project this year in order to make reading accessible, impactful and exciting for our children. You can support this fundraiser in three ways. You can donate through Warren Rotary and provide books to children in Trumbull County. If you donate through District 6650, donations will be split among multiple counties. You can also mail a check to: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio, PO Box 340734, Columbus, OH 43234. Note "Rotary" in the memo line and specify the county your donation should be allocated to. Please contact Christine Cope with any questions.

THE CHARITABLE PROJECTS COMMITTEE will meet at Trumbull Country Club on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 11:30 a.m., prior to our weekly club meeting.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will hold its next meeting on Thursday, February 12th at The Chophouse (9519 E. Market St., Warren, OH 44484). Fellowship, hosted by Robin Martorana, will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.

OUR RED KETTLE BELL RINGERS will hold a social event at Giorgio's Ristorante (1231 Youngstown Warren Rd., Niles, OH 44446) in the near future. Stay tuned for more details.

THE DICTIONARY PROJECT: The books are in, labels are ready, and pencil pouches have been ordered! Distribution will take place in February. Stay tuned for more specifics.

DOWNTOWN DAZZLE has wrapped up and, all in all, was very successful. \$34,445 was raised this year, with \$15,048 in net proceeds left to make an even bigger splash at the end of 2026. A meeting will be held next week with the city to address some unresolved electrical problems.

PROGRAM:
DON POWERS, MEDICARE



Warren Rotarian Don Powers presented a program on the ins and outs of Medicare this week. Medicare is the federal health insurance program primarily for individuals 65 and older. People under 65 years of age with disabilities, end-stage renal disease, or ALS may also qualify for benefits.

While insurance choices can seem very complicated and overwhelming at first, Don tried to simplify things for us by explaining the four general parts of Medicare:

- **Part A** is inpatient hospital insurance that covers inpatient hospital stays, skilled nursing rehabilitation care, hospice, and some home health care. It is usually premium free if you or your spouse paid Medicare taxes while working.
- **Part B** is outpatient medical insurance which covers doctor visits, tests, preventive services, lab work, medical equipment, and some home health care. This does have a monthly premium.
- **Part C** Medicare Advantage plans combine Part A & B, and often include **Part D**, which is prescription coverage that helps cover the cost of prescription drugs. Many Medicare Advantage plans also include extras like

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dental, vision, and hearing coverage. Open enrollment for Medicare begins in October, and annual enrollment runs from January through the end of March.

If you are working, you can still qualify for Medicare Part B. You need to sign up for it through Social Security four months ahead of turning 65 years of age. At age 65, you also can sign up for an Advantage plan or a metagap/supplemental insurance. There are 30 to 40 companies out there, like Don's, that have plan designs, and they will assist you in choosing the best fit for you. However, you still need to purchase Medicare Part D. Don's company recommends contacting them six to nine months before turning 65 in order to explore options. Circumstances such as whether an individual has retired, is working beyond 65 and receiving group coverage through an employer, and whether they also have Medicaid can determine the timeline and options. Whatever your circumstances, Don is always happy to help or answer questions.

TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$73.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Cheryl Oblinger!

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HAPPY BUCKS



*** Cheryl Oblinger was a happy winner!

*** Chris Shape was happy to be with us! He's been having a ball babysitting his grandson. And he's happy that his Steelers made it to the playoffs!

*** Cindy Matheson asked for prayers for her good friend Casey Wilcox and her Dad.

*** Ray Thomas spent several months in Tuscon, Arizona with his family. He's happy to be back in town!

*** Lish Angelo offered a Happy Buck for our speaker.