

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, 2024 - Patti Augustine

February, 2024 - Terra O'Brien

REGISTRATION

January, 2024 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak

February, 2024 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

January, 2024 - Denise May

February, 2024 - Joni Gawne

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

January, 2024 - Ray Sinchak (Fellowship) & Joni Gawne (Mag. Report)

February, 2024 - Ted Stazak

CAREER AWARENESS (4th Wed. of the Month)

January, 2024 - Alicia Adams - Angelo

February, 2024 - Ellwood Jones

SPEAKERS

1/10/24 - Rob Berk, Past Time Arcade & Slice of the Valley

1/17/24 - Off-Site Visit to the SCOPE Center
Program on Social Security, Medicare & Taxes

1/24/24 - Inspiring Minds

1/31/24 - No Meeting/Service Project

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

*President
Ken LaPolla*

*President Elect
Cindy Matheson*

*Vice-President
Tony Iannucci*

*Secretary
Judy Masaki*

*Treasurer
Cheryl Oblinger*

*Assistant
Treasurer
Mike Bolas*

*Past President
Ted Stazak*

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*Bill Beinecke
Lauren Kramer
Marilyn Pape
John Perdue
Lorilyn Shandor
Julia Wetstein*



JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH



Vocational service allows us to empower others by using our unique skills and expertise to address community needs and to help those we mentor acquire or refine skills and advance their professional opportunities. Rotary brings together people from diverse professions and backgrounds and recognizes the importance of all skills and occupations. In fact, each Rotary Club reflects the businesses, organizations and professions in its community, in this way embracing diversity.

As a Rotarian, you have a dual responsibility: to represent your occupation within our club, and to exemplify the ideals of Rotary in your workplace.

This month is a great time to start leveraging vocational service! You can do this by:

1. Joining a Rotarian Action Group (an autonomous group consisting of Rotarians and family members with expertise in a particular field) and supporting service projects around the world.
2. Joining or forming a Rotary Fellowship related to your vocation. These are international groups of Rotarians and family members who share a vocational or recreational interest.
3. Volunteering as part of a service project and using your vocational skills to serve others.
4. Lending your skills to local clubs and helping to develop impactful projects.
5. Participating in a Job Fair in our region and helping to match job seekers with suitable employment.
6. Offering career guidance to high school students on employment opportunities and enabling them to pursue the right educational course for developing relevant skills.

Vocational service has been a central theme of Rotary throughout its history. This month, use your unique talents to make a difference in our community.

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

contact:

Judy Masaki



Led in song by Julia Wetstein, Warren Rotarians paid tribute to the new year by singing the Scottish tune, *Auld Lang Syne*. We then welcomed the following guests: Lynanne Woodling's son, Anthony, who was enjoying one more day off of school; Robin Martorana, who is soon to be a new member; and Cindy Matheson's son, Mitch, and his girlfriend, Grace.

Diane Sauer then took center stage to share the interesting history behind New Year's resolutions. New Year's resolutions actually go back to ancient times. From the Babylonians, who resolved to return borrowed farm equipment, to medieval knights who renewed their vows to chivalry, New Year's resolutions are nothing new. In 2000 B.C., the Babylonians held a 12-day festival called Akitu to celebrate the New Year. It started at the vernal equinox, the beginning of the farming season when crops were planted, kings were crowned, and promises were made to pay debts. One common resolution was the return of borrowed farm equipment. After all, it was an agriculturally based society.

The Babylonian New Year was also adopted by the ancient Romans, as was the tradition of resolutions. The timing of the New Year, however, eventually shifted to the Julian calendar in 46 B.C., which declared January 1st as the start of the new year.

January was named for the two-faced Roman god, Janus, who looks forward to new beginnings, as well as backward for reflection and resolution. The Romans made sacrifices to Janus and promises of good behavior for the year ahead.



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Janus was also the guardian of gates and doors. He presided over the temple of peace, where doors were opened only during wartime. It was a place of safety where new beginnings and resolutions could be forged.

Fast forward to today in Europe and North America. If you think about the land and the seasons, the timing of early January as New Year's Day makes sense. The harvest season has passed. The hustle and bustle of the holidays is ending. It's a time of leisure for farmers, settling accounts with your neighbors, and retiring to the bosom of your family.

Whether or not you pooh-pooh this tradition of New Year's resolutions, we can all look at January as a new beginning - a time to continue good practices, change undesired behaviors, and work towards accomplishing personal goals.

Happy New Year everyone!



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

Bob Hoy

Judy Masaki

Mike Wilson

Richard Fallon

Erica Royster

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MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT: Invite a friend or colleague to Rotary! Any current member who brings a new member into the club will receive a Rotary license plate frame for their car!

WE HAVE A NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!! Be sure to share and "like" us at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090246039722&mibextid=LQQJ4d>

If you can't make it to our meetings at Trumbull Country Club in person, join us via Facebook Live!

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN WILL NOW BE OFFERING MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS! An information sheet and application can be found on the home page of our website: www.warrenrotary.org.

END OF THE YEAR AWARDS: With Rotary Year 2023 - 24 half over, the Board of Directors is beginning to plan ahead for end of the year awards. If you have suggestions of candidates for the Lester R. Stauffer Community Award, please forward the individual's name and a short narrative about why you are nominating him/her to President Ken LaPolla or Secretary Judy Masaki. This award is named for long-time Warren Rotarian and Past District Governor Lester R. Stauffer. The award recognizes a non-Rotarian for his or her outstanding volunteer service (not vocational success or prominence) rendered to our community.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet at Stonebridge Grille & Tavern (1415 Niles Cortland Rd, SE, Warren) on Thursday, January 11th. Fellowship will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m. Our hostess for the evening will be Marilyn Pape.

JOIN US AT THE SCOPE CENTER on Wednesday, January 17th at Noon for an off-site meeting and tour. A sign-up sheet will be available at our next meeting to help us plan for seating and lunch. There will be no meeting at Trumbull Country Club that day.

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THE 2024 RYLA CONFERENCE will be held February 9th through February 11th at the Waypoint Marriott at Westford Place in Canfield, Ohio.

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.

Tickets are \$15. For more information, visit: www.rotarychiliopen.com

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 will be here before you know it! Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date has been changed to April 7th. 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

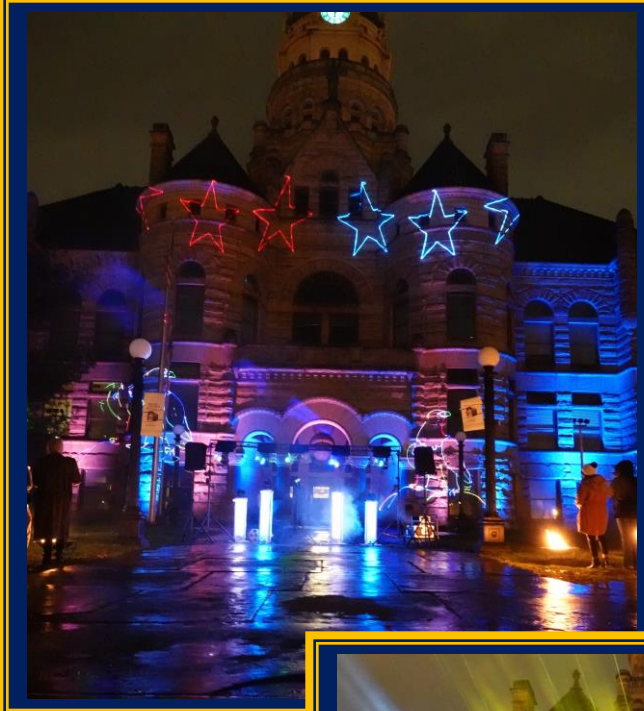
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A RECAP OF OPENING NIGHT

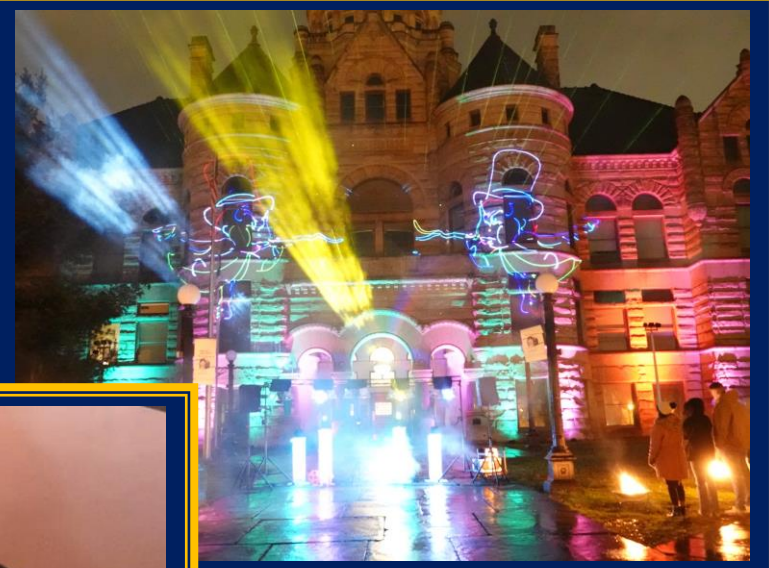
Tom Angelo and Bob Jadloski joined us this week to provide an overview of Opening Night, which was held in Downtown Warren on New Year's Eve. The goal of the event was to show those in attendance how wonderful Warren is and to embrace the talents of those who reside in our community. Mission accomplished!! Feedback on the event was very positive, and numerous business people are already thinking about how to further promote the area.

The evening kicked off with a fabulous narrated laser light show choreographed to music spanning Warren's 225 year history. Warren's beautiful courthouse served as the backdrop for the light show. At least several hundred people lined Courthouse Square to view the show at 6:00 p.m., and they indicated that it was far better than fireworks.

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It's hard to capture the magic of a dancing light show in a still picture. Nonetheless, here are a few pretty amazing shots! The light show was repeated two other times, and Tom Angelo remained on Courthouse Square for the duration of the evening, playing music, making announcements, and helping to direct people.



Tours of the Courthouse were provided after the light show, and visitors to the historic building were able to meet President McKinley, portrayed by Mike Wilson. President McKinley was there when the Courthouse was dedicated in 1897.

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Fire pits lined Courthouse Square for those who needed to warm themselves, and the trolley was on hand to transport people from venue to venue. On a chilly winter's night, attendees were most appreciative.



Club Treasurer Queen Cheryl and a team of Warren Rotarians held down the fort in the Log Cabin, distributing wristbands and selling tickets for the Fire Pit Raffle.



Across East Market Street at the Darlene Lounge, Eric Thompson put on a great comedy and magic show. There was such a big crowd that more

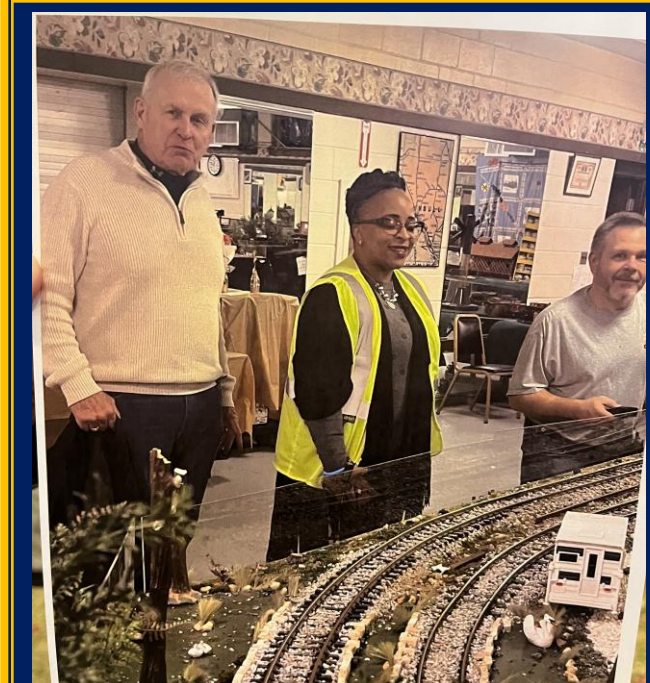
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chairs had to be brought in! Following Eric's show, a trolley full of kids headed to the SCOPE Center for Karaoke with costumed characters from Heroes and Tiaras LLC, kids' crafts, and a balloon drop to ring in the New Year (at a more reasonable time!).



In addition to the children's activities, the trains of the Riverside Railroad Club were on display on the lower level of the SCOPE Center. Six to seven trains were running, providing a huge draw. And on the main level, the classic rock band, Speed Limit, was back by popular demand. They performed with their horn section, and both the band and fans had a blast!

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The Kinsman House played host to the SCOPE Center's Senior Showcase, a talent show featuring a variety of singers, musicians, magicians and more!

The crowd was treated to more music up and down Mahoning Avenue! The Warren Philharmonic Quartet played to a full house all evening long in the Upton House, even

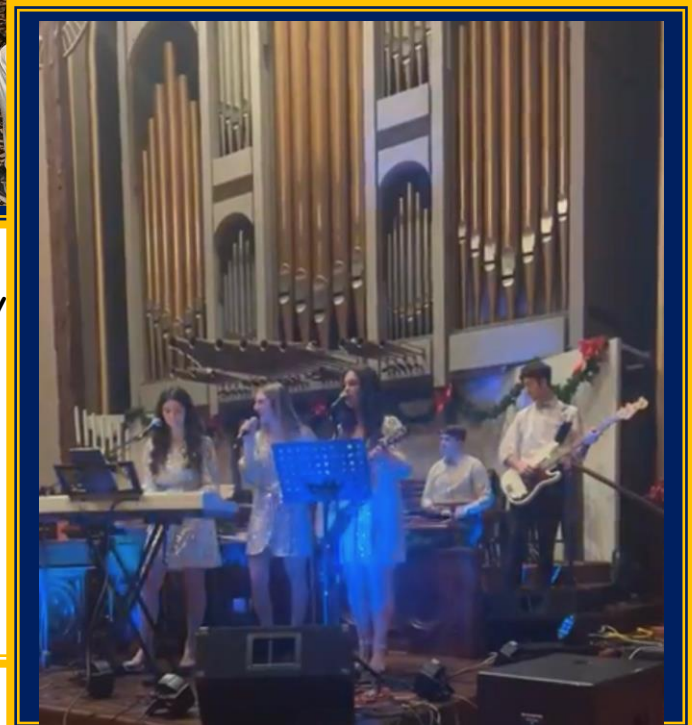
taking requests. And the sounds of the Chosen Vessel Worship Band,

consisting of a very talented group of teens, were enjoyed by all in the Warren Presbyterian Church.

Many thanks to all of our performers, the Warren Rotarians who volunteered at the event & our generous sponsors.



According to people who attended the event, the Rotary Club of Warren is becoming more visible in the community. When people see an event that is being organized by Warren Rotary, they come out and participate because they know it will be great! Congratulations on a wonderful evening!



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Last, but not least, many thanks to: the planning committee for all of their effort in organizing the event; Tom Angelo for an awesome light show; and Bob Jadloski for all of the videos and photographs! Your vision and support of Opening Night were invaluable.

TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$141.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Patti Augustine!

HAPPY BUCKS



*** **Patti Augustine** offered a Happy Buck for Opening Night. Four generations of her family were there - her daughter, grandson, great grandson, and herself!

*** **Robin Martorana** appreciated all of the Rotarians' efforts in putting together Opening Night. She said it was the most fun that she and her husband have had in 30 years! She also offered Happy Bucks in honor

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of Tom Angelo and his light show, for Cindy Matheson for inviting her to join our Club, for the New Year, and for Mitch and Speed Limit.

*** **Chris Shape** said it was a pleasure to see Robin Martorana, Mitch Matheson and his girlfriend, Grace, and Bob Jadloski.

*** **Cindy Matheson** offered a Happy Buck for: Cheryl Oblinger and her new chair; Tom Angelo and his light show; her son Mitch and Grace; and for Speed Limit.

*** **Tony Iannucci** said Opening Night was tremendous!

*** **Mike Bollas** offered a Happy Buck in honor of Queen Cheryl and the way the light hit her chair just right!

*** **Julia Wetstein** gave \$20 in Happy Bucks for the best team in the whole world who worked at Opening Night, and in anticipation of all those who will volunteer next year! And to Tom Angelo, she said, "Blessed are those who have not seen but still believe!"

*** **Mike Wilson** thanked Diane Sauer, John Perdue and all of the sponsors of Opening Night, as well as Tom Angelo. She also congratulated Marilyn Pape for being chosen as the next Executive Director of CSB.

*** **Tom Angelo** offered a Happy Buck for our Warren Rotarians and the hope and promise that they've brought to the City of Warren.

*** **Judy Masaki** was sorry that she missed Opening Night and congratulated the committee for a wonderful event. She also reported that her son is soon being sent to England by his employer for six weeks of training. She and Mark are renewing their passports!

*** **Ken LaPolla** thanked everyone who made Opening Night possible. And he offered a Happy Buck for a wonderful week of skiing in Colorado.

Happy, Happy New Year!
We wish you all the best,
Great work to reach your fondest goals,
And when you're done, sweet rest.

We hope for your fulfillment,
Contentment, peace and more,
A brighter, better new year than
You've ever had before.

By Joanna Fuchs