

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

JANUARY 5, 2022

ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS

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

REGISTRATION

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

INVOCATION

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

FELLOWSHIP

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

MAGAZINE REPORT

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

SPEAKERS

1/12/22 - Ken MacPherson, Update on the City of Warren
1/19/22 - Tour of the Harriet Taylor Upton House

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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Ted Stazak*

*Vice-President
Ken LaPolla*

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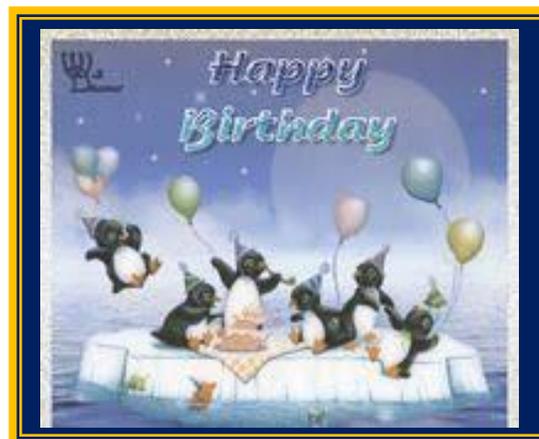
*Past President
Dominic Mararri*

Board Members

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



Ted Stazak was the lucky Rotarian who got to give the 'Whirl of Fun' a spin this week. When asked to share his favorite Rotary memory, Ted offered two. First, he said he'll never forget the look in the children's eyes when they received their books from the Dictionary Project during his first year as a Club member. In addition, the first time he worked at our Slice of the Valley event, Ted got to be Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini's "handler", keeping his crazed fans at a distance. Very cool!!



Best wishes to Bob Hoy and Judy Masaki as they celebrate their January birthdays!!

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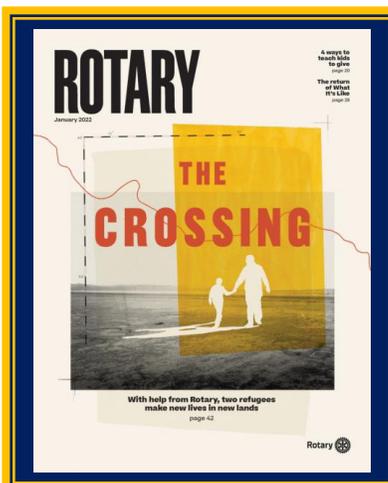
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about our
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you would like to
become a
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Judy Masaki



MAGAZINE REPORT



In his own unique and poetic style, Andy Bednar provided us with a summary of the January, 2022 edition of our favorite magazine. Here's what he had to say:

"As usual, I took a look at three articles...

HEART OF GOLD

- Marianne Hopsch, who grew up in the former East Germany, has dedicated her life to helping refugees.
- That is because she was also in need of assistance when she fled to West Germany shortly before the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.
- Hopsch now lives in Switzerland where she is a member of the Rotary Club of Zurich City.

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- She also runs her own jewelry business.
- As her club's program officer, she decided to delve into aiding refugees.
- Her efforts developed into an ongoing vocational service project that involves several clubs.
- Her dedication has caused her to devote roughly 70% of her workday volunteering.

FOR THE BIRDS

A wildlife biologist's conservation plans take flight

- According to Katie O'Brien of the Rotary Club of Marquette Breakfast, we lost about three billion birds in the last 50 years.
- The causes include loss of habitat, predation by cats, collisions with various structures, and contaminants.
- So she is working to reduce the unintended consequences of human activities.
- She also encourages drives like maintaining tree cover and a reduction of lighting at night.
- O'Brien cites the cultural value of birds including their songs and their beauty.
- Bird habitats can support clean water as well as human health.
- Her efforts include building partnerships around bird conservation goals across not only the U.S. but also throughout other countries.

SERVICE THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE

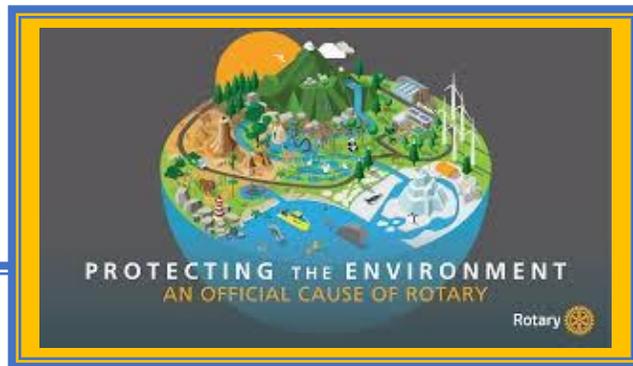
- During the height of COVID-19, many Rotary clubs coordinated service activities virtually.
- Now, with many vaccinated, there may be an opportunity to return to more in-person activities however we must be cautious around the unvaccinated or those who are unable to be vaccinated.

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- The obvious solution offered is to continue to offer both options (as we do here in our club).
- Suggestions include allowing virtual participants to do most of the planning for an event.
- Additional options include allowing those who help virtually to assemble packets, stuff envelopes, or make phone calls.

So in summary, today I very briefly reviewed THREE ARTICLES:

- First, a lifetime of help by becoming a VOLUNTEER.
- Second, efforts to preserve bird sounds for all of us to HEAR.
- And finally, a way to participate for those both far and NEAR!"



For her Environmental Tidbit this week, Christine Cope suggested a few things that we can do in the 2022 to help protect our planet:

1. **READ MORE BOOKS:** Educate yourself with knowledge regarding environmental struggles and solutions around the world.
2. **SHOP SECOND HAND:** Help reduce waste, pollution, and energy, and save yourself some money, by choosing to shop sustainably at the Menagerie Thrift Store, Goodwill, and other area second hand shops.

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3. USE A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE

More New Year's resolutions can be found at:

<https://www.euronews.com/green/2021/01/01/2021-is-here-5-green-year-s-resolutions-to-save-the-planet>

And now, for an update on **Operation Pollination** - The Western monarch butterfly is back!! The number of wintering insects along California's central coast was previously at an all-time low, due to climate change, habitat destruction and lack of food due to drought. However, an annual winter count by the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation found an estimated 50,000 monarchs at overwintering sites in November, 2021. This is compared to fewer than 2,000 in 2020. "This is certainly not a recovery, but we're really optimistic and just really glad that there are monarchs here, and that gives us a bit of time to work toward recovery of the Western monarch migration," Sarina Jepsen, Director of Endangered Species at the Xerces Society, said.



SLICE OF THE VALLEY - is scheduled to be held at the Eastwood Event Centre on March 6, 2022. This will be our Club's only major fundraiser this year. All Warren Rotarians are being asked to sell or purchase 10 tickets. More committee members are needed, as well as help in soliciting smaller sponsorships. If you can lend a hand, contact President Christine Cope, Rob Berk or Bill Beinecke. Let's make this year's event the best one yet!

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

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OUR CLUB STORAGE UNIT is now completely empty. Several individuals are storing items and memorabilia in their homes. Let Christine Cope know what you have so an inventory list can be created.

VISITING ROTARIAN: The Rotary Club of Warren was pleased to have Ken MacPherson join us for our January 5th meeting. Ken will present an update on the City of Warren at our next meeting.

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 sign up this Wednesday if you plan to attend and you haven't already done so.

MEETING LUNCHESES: At our last meeting, members were informed by the owners of Café 422 that they had to pay \$15.00 for lunch regardless of whether or not they were eating. There was no conversation or advanced notice about this. The Board of Directors is addressing this issue.

PROGRAM:

DALLAS WOODALL,
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Dallas Woodall has always said that some of our best programs come from our own members, and he did not disappoint! At our most recent meeting, he provided Warren Rotarians with an informative and motivational presentation about the Rotary Foundation.

In 1917, at a convention in Atlanta, Arch C. Klumph, Rotary International's sixth president, indicated that an endowment fund needed to be established "to do



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good in the world". The first gift totaled \$26.50, and today, the Foundation has grown to more than \$1 billion. The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace by supporting projects that focus on: providing quality education; improving the environment; alleviating poverty; improving sanitation; offering disaster relief; and so much more. Of course, the Foundation's biggest area of focus has been on the eradication of polio. Its original goal was to raise \$125 million to fund immunizations. Funds have actually totaled two to three times this amount, and only a few cases remain in Pakistan and Afghanistan today. Dallas stated that "the world and its citizens are being made better by the Foundation!"

Examples of the organization's good works are endless, and individuals can make a difference by donating very little money. 60 cents can provide an immunization against polio. \$50 will provide clean water to impoverished countries. Even COVID relief is being looked into. The Foundation is a very efficient organization.

There are several ways that you can give. The Foundation accepts gifts in kind - both tangible and intangible items.

You can donate \$100 each year to the "Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)" program by simply writing a check or having funds deducted in smaller increments from your checking account monthly. Once you reach \$1,000 in total donations, you will be designated as a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF), an award that can be earned multiple times. Historically, our Club has had 255 Paul Harris Fellow Award winners; 30 of our present members are Paul Harris Fellows, including several multiple Paul Harris Fellows and two Major Donors (having donated \$10,000 or more). In our own Club, if you donate an accumulated \$900, the club will donate the last \$100 towards your PHF Award.

You can decide to be a Benefactor by having \$1,000 or more gifted to the Foundation at the time of your death.

You can also donate to the Share Fund. Part of this money comes back to the District for projects and grants.

A donation of \$250,000 will earn you an Arch Klumph Award.

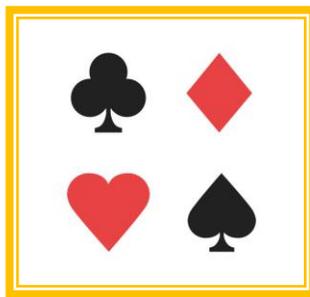
When members donate to the Foundation, they earn points, and the club does as well. These points represent dollars not yet used for PHF Awards. You can donate these points/dollars to other club members, your spouse, children or someone you simply respect and help them earn a PHF Award.

If you donate to the Polio Plus Program, all funds are spent on immunizations. Donations to the General Fund are invested and eventually come back to the club and district.

It's SO easy and worthwhile to donate to the Rotary Foundation. Make the commitment, and see Dallas Woodall or Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger today!

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TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$31.
Congratulations to Daily Winner John Perdue!

HAPPY BUCKS



*** **Dominic Mararri** has had ups and downs the past few weeks, following the loss of his good friend, Pastor Chris Gilger. He gave us an update on Melina Mia. He said she's a great joy, and he now has a new appreciation for moms and dads.

*** **Julia Wetstein** offered a Happy Buck in honor of Dallas Woodall. Nine years ago, she moved to Warren from Illinois, and Dallas became her sponsor and neighbor!

*** **Rob Berk** welcomed Dominic Mararri back. He reported that Jaden is going back to college now that winter break is over. He is happy that one of Anthony Cafaro's marketing people will be helping out with Slice of the Valley.

*** **Chris Shape** congratulated Dominic Mararri and family once again on the birth of his daughter. He offered a Happy Buck for Dallas Woodall, and gave a donation to EREY. He's also happy about the Dictionary Project, and of course, his Steelers!

*** **Dallas Woodall** is happy for Dominic and his family. He encouraged everyone to get the billfolds out and give to the Foundation!

*** **Patti Augustine** offered a Happy Buck for Dallas and the Foundation. When she was president of our club, funds from the Foundation were used

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to build a school in Ghana.

*** **Christine Cope** was happy to see Dominic back. She told him that no other time in his life will be quite like this! She thanked Andy for stepping in to do the Invocation, Whirl of Fun and the Magazine Report today. She is also appreciative of Dallas Woodall, Julia Wetstein and Ken MacPherson and all of their knowledge regarding the Foundation.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The best is
yet to come.

