

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

JANUARY 7, 2026

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ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS & REGISTRATION

January, 2026 - Ray Sinchak

February, 2026 - Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

January 14 & 28, 2026 - Lauren Kramer

January 21, 2026 - Diane Sauer

February, 2026 - Judy Masaki

FELLOWSHIP (1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

January 21, 2026 - Diane Sauer

February 4 & 18th, 2026 - Judy Masaki

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT (2nd Wednesday)

January 14, 2026 - Judy Masaki

February 11, 2026 - Marilyn Pape

MAGAZINE REPORT (4th Wednesday)

January, 2026 - Lauren Kramer

February, 2026 - Judy Masaki

SPEAKERS

1/14/26 - Don Powers, Medicare

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

1/28/26 - Kristy Boone, Family First

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

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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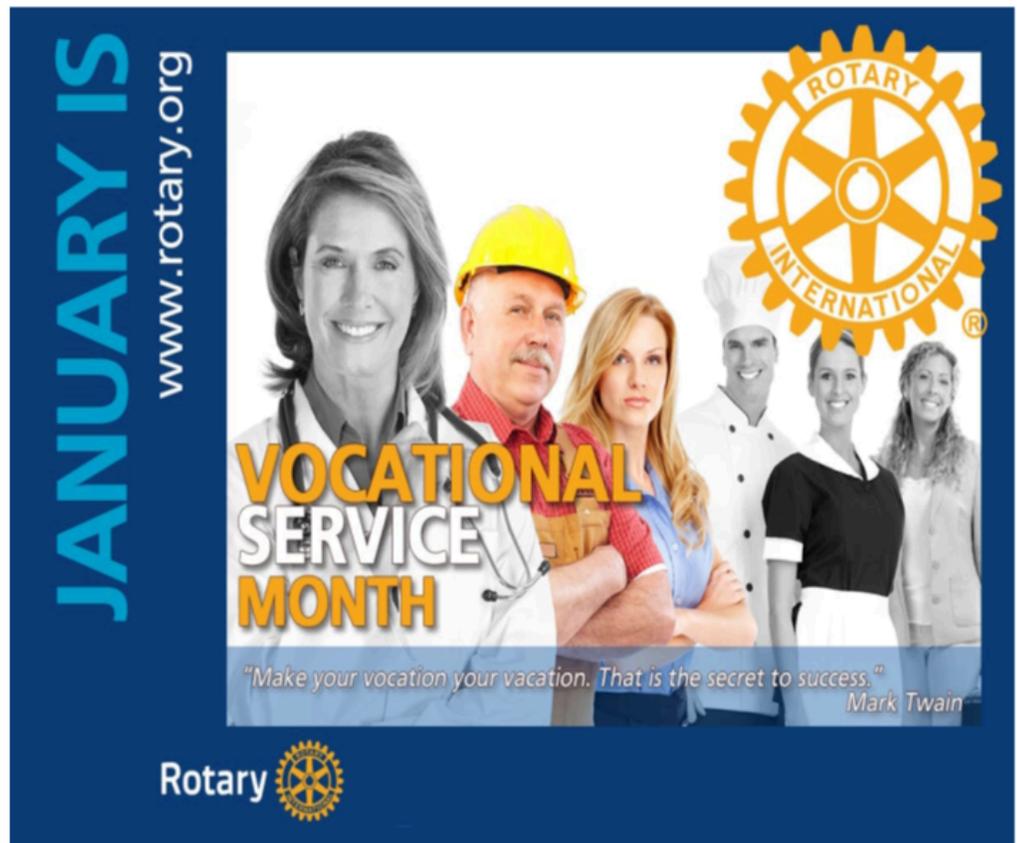
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The banner features a group of diverse professionals: a female doctor, a male construction worker in a yellow hard hat, a female chef, a male chef, a female nurse, and a female businesswoman. The text 'JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH' is prominently displayed. The Rotary International logo is in the top right corner. A quote by Mark Twain is at the bottom: "Make your vocation your vacation. That is the secret to success." The website www.rotary.org is on the left.

This month, Rotary's international focus is on Vocational Services. This theme aligns with the overarching 2025 - 2026 Presidential Theme of "Unite for Good", as we highlight using personal skills and professional talents to address community needs and create positive change. Specifically, Rotarians recognize the value of all occupations, promote high ethical standards in business and their personal lives, and apply vocational skills to serve their communities.

The "Member Spotlight" segment of Warren Rotary's club meetings and our tours of local facilities certainly reflect our commitment to vocational service. Other projects that you can participate in include: mentoring young professionals; providing vocational training for those individuals with disabilities; recognizing individuals in the community who demonstrate exceptional integrity in their professional lives; providing resume writing assistance and mock interview practice to job seekers; and offering pro bono expertise to local non-profits.

Business and professional life are core aspects of Rotary, and Vocational Service is a major force in promoting honor, integrity, and trustworthiness in business - and in all we think, say and do. Sound familiar? Be sure to start off the year by remembering the heart of how Rotary started and continue to link your lives to our Four Way Test!

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Judy Masaki



Father God,

Thank You for bringing us together for our first meeting of the year. Guide our thoughts, words, and actions. We ask You for Your blessing and guidance in all we do. Show us Your will, grant us Your wisdom to make good decisions and strengthen us to serve each other and fulfill the purpose You have for us. May our discussions be fruitful, our decisions wise, and our actions reflect Your love and truth. Fill us with Your peace that we may work with wisdom and love, bringing glory to Your name.

Amen.

(Offered by Diane Sauer)

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As Warren Rotarians bid farewell to the old year and gathered together for the first time in 2026, Julia Wetstein led us in the singing of the traditional Scottish tune, *Auld Lang Syne*, with text that originated from a poem written by Robert Burns in 1788.

Best wishes were extended to the following Warren Rotarians who are celebrating January birthdays: John Esker, Bob Hoy, Judy Masaki, Mike Wilson, and Erica Royster.

Diane Sauer then entertained us with the following announcements which have appeared in church bulletins:

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I will not pass this way again", giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth with Joy."

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

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Potluck supper Sunday at 5 pm - prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment, and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be, "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 pm. Please use the back door.

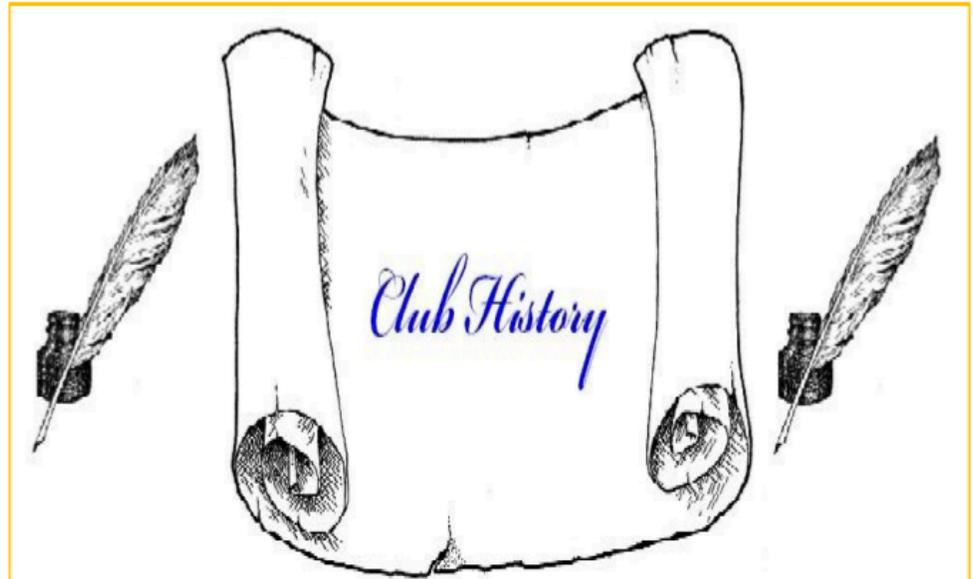
The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I upped My Pledge - Up Yours."

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

(Compiled by Max Bowen)

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During this week's meeting, Barry Dunaway paid tribute to three members from years gone by:



Fred H. Loomis joined Rotary in the early 1920s and was the seventh President of our club from 1924 to 1925. I have no knowledge of his classification. He was Assistant Sales Manager of Republic Steel Corporation of Cleveland. He previously was with Trumbull Steel Company. His family was originally from just north of Cortland, and they were considered pioneers of this area. He graduated from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts and was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity. He was very active in the Warren community and was a Mason.

William C. Burbank joined Rotary in 1944 with the classification of Long Distance Moving. He was our President during the 1947 - 1948 Rotary Year. He was the founder of Burbank Van & Storage Company where several of our members, over the years, have worked, and those members

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later became owners of the company. Bill was a World War One veteran and was one of the first to land in France with the 15th Combat Engineers. After returning home, he ran his company and later became the first four-term Mayor of Warren. He was known to have cracked down on crime in Warren and helped Warren become an All-American City in 1954. The W. D. Packard Music Hall was built during his term as Mayor.

Robert Sauer joined Warren Rotary in 1962 with his classification of Industrial Engineering. He was our President during the 1971 - 1972 Rotary Year. Bob was with the Warren Engineering Company which his father, Harry L. Sauer, founded. Harry was a Rotarian as well. He was President of Forest Atlantic Corporation, an affiliate of Warren Engineering. Bob was a very proud Buckeye, having graduated from The Ohio State University in only 3 ½ years with his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. Bob was very active with our club and always willing to help wherever needed. He was very honored to be the uncle of Diane and Kurt Sauer. Bob passed away at the ripe old age of 101.



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.

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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.

THE RIVER DUCK FESTIVAL COMMITTEE will meet at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, January 14th, immediately following our weekly club meeting.

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 the week of January 19th to begin planning a spring mixer in hopes of organizing a Satellite Club in Downtown Warren. Stay tuned for more details.

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

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should be allocated to. Please contact Christine Cope with any questions.

PLEASE JOIN US IN EXTENDING HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES to Tony Iannucci, whose brother passed away at the end of December.

TO ALL THE SANTAS FOR SENIORS: Many thanks for helping to bring Christmas joy to individuals who reside in Gillette Nursing Home. The program was very successful, and Warren Rotary has committed to participating in this worthwhile service project again next year.

RESULTS FROM OUR ROTARY RED KETTLE BELL RINGING CHALLENGE ARE IN!

12/1/25 @ Firebirds

Cindy Matheson & Tony Iannucci 30 degree temps \$93.64 collected

12/5/25 @ Bass Pro Shop

Julia Wetstein & Rob Green 27 degree temps \$110.63 collected

12/6/25 @ Firebirds

Lish & Tom Angelo 31 degree temps \$133.44 collected

12/11/25 @ Firebirds

Ray Sinchak & Marilyn Pape 24 degree temps \$146.53 collected

Free drinks for Ray & Marilyn!!

SENIOR SHOWCASE RECAP: Seniors 55 and older, including our own Julia Wetstein and Mike Wilson, entertained a packed house at Robin's Theatre on January 3rd. If you weren't able to attend, you missed a great show, but fear not - you can catch the next performance on April 18th! Here are some favorite scenes:

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PROGRAM:

CARRIE BIERY & ALYSE ROBINSON.

LOGAN'S LANDING



Carrie Biery has a background in hospitality management. She currently manages Residence Inn at the Eastwood Mall. She has two sons, one who is six years old and is diagnosed with autism. After experiencing first hand how many everyday places are not built with sensory needs in mind and how difficult traveling can be, in June 2025 she founded Logan's Landing, a non-profit organization focused on inclusive travel, play and everyday experiences. Their mission is to ensure that all children have "a safe and welcoming place to play, connect, and belong."

Logan's Landing had a successful fundraiser in October 2025, grossing more than \$25,000 to date. Funds have been used to make Trumbull County more accessible for all. They have enhanced Howland Community Park's playground, Tiger Town, with sensory-friendly features, such as quiet zones, shade, textures, fencing, and equipment. They have partnered with local and statewide hotels and event centres to provide training and sensory bags, including items like fidgets, visual aides, headphones and more, to support visitors with sensory needs during outings and vacations.. They have also provided resources and grant opportunities to local families and partnered with businesses and schools to promote understanding of autism and neurodiversity.

Additional upcoming fundraisers included a Sip 'n' Paint at Charbenay's Wine on the River on February 4th and a bocce tournament at the ITM on Route 422. Tickets can be purchased on the Logan's Landing website. You can also help by making donations for sensory bags and/or by participating in partnerships/sponsorship opportunities. For more information, contact Carrie at: info@loganslandingproject.org.

TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$53.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Marilyn Pape!

HAPPY BUCKS



*** **Julia Wetstein** enjoyed our speaker. She wished everyone a Happy New Year. And she offered a Happy Buck for The Senior Showcase!

*** **Cindy Matheson** had a few Sad Bucks for illness in her family over Christmas and travel delays during our New year's Eve storm. However, she offered a Happy Buck for the Senior Showcase.

*** **Soraeya Loveland** wished everyone a Happy New Year and best wishes for a successful year for their businesses.

*** **Scott Lewis** was happy that we had a microphone at our meeting. He's looking forward to next week's program because "Medicare rocks!" Scott also reminded us that he portrayed William Burbank during Fellowship 2.0. He added that Bill was born in New Mexico and drove a team of horses for deliveries at the age of 12, which was the beginning of the trucking industry.

*** **Robin Martorana** is looking forward to a better year ahead. She offered a Happy Buck for her Holiday Parade on 11/14 in Bristolville, for the opening of the SCOPE Center on 1/20/26, and for her husband!

*** **Bob Hoy** had safe travels and a wonderful time in Switzerland. And on Monday, he'll be receiving a new shoulder. Wishing you a speedy recovery, Bob!

*** **Erica Royster** thanked our speakers and all they're doing for the county. And of course, she's just happy!

*** **Marilyn Pape** offered Happy Bucks for our speakers and the new year.

*** **Andy Bednar's** family has welcomed a 4th grandchild! And Andy was impressed that Scott remembered everything he did for Fellowship 2.0.

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

*** **Tony Iannucci** was happy that we had so many people at our meeting that we needed extra chairs!