

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

July 1, 2026

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GREETERS & REGISTRATION

July through August, 2026 - Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

July, 2026 - Andy Bednar

August, 2026 - Denise May

FELLOWSHIP (typically 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays of the month)

July 8 & 22, 2026 - Andy Bednar

August 5, 19, & 26, 2026 - Denise May

MAGAZINE REPORT (typically 2nd Wednesday of the month)

July 15, 2026 - Lauren Kramer

August 12, 2026 - Denise May

SPEAKERS

7/8/2026 - Club Forum (at The Salvation Army)

7/15/2026 - To Be Announced

7/22/2026 - To Be Announced

7/29/2026 - No Club Meeting/Visit Another Rotary Club

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

Alicia Adams-Angelo

President-Elect

Meghan Reed

Vice-President

John Esker

Secretary

Judy Masaki

Treasurer

Cheryl Oblinger

Past-President

Anthony Iannucci

Board Members

Mike Bollas

Eric Knoth

Lauren Kramer

Robin Martorana

Marilyn Pape

John Perdue

Ray Thomas



Effective July 1, 2026, Olayinka Hakeem Babalola began the task of advancing Rotary International's global initiatives as RI President for the 2026 - 2027 Rotary year. President Babalola was born in the city of Ibadan, and he and his wife, Preba, reside in Port Harcourt. He is a member of The Rotary Club of Trans Amadi in Nigeria.

President Babalola began his affiliation with Rotary as a Rotaractor in 1984 and joined his current club 10 years later. He has served as District Governor, RI Vice-President, and a member of the RI Board. He has been an active leader in the End Polio Now and National Polio Plus committees.

President Bobalola earned a degree in Engineering in 1988 and was employed for 25 years with Shell PLC. He also founded a company in the oil and gas industry, Riviera Technical Services Ltd, as well as Lead and Change Consulting, a coaching and organizational performance advisory group.

This year, Rotarians, as people of action, are being challenged to look beyond immediate, temporary service projects and focus instead on sustainable, life-altering results. Our 2026-2027 RI Presidential Theme, "Create Lasting Impact", encourages us to: make meaningful differences in communities and around the world; and build on the ways we strengthen connections to each other and our communities in order to continue to

Rotary Club of Warren
Foundation Board

*President
To Be Elected*

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*Secretary
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would like to become a
sponsor, please
contact:*

Judy Masaki

unite for good. These two components of this year's message are meant to inspire members and the public to take collective action that leads to sustainable differences globally, locally, and personally.

In order to learn more, be sure to visit the RI website and watch "Personal Perspectives: The Value of Rotary", a video including short testimonials highlighting how Rotary creates positive change.



Maternal and Child Health Month worldwide focuses on improving the health and wellbeing of mothers and young children.

Every day, mothers risk their lives giving birth, and millions of children die yearly from preventable and treatable causes. However, Rotarians work to find solutions that lower mortality rates by:

- Expanding access to pre- and post-natal care;
- Providing life-saving immunizations and antibiotics;
- Supporting trained community health workers in educating families about safe motherhood, nutrition, and disease prevention; and
- Improving sanitation infrastructure to protect vulnerable infants from waterborne diseases.

Learn more and donate to Rotary projects by visiting the Rotary International Maternal and Child Health page.

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN OHIO now has a YouTube Channel!! Streaming has begun next and meetings will be posted immediately. If you watch the meeting on YouTube, let Secretary Judy Masaki know so you get attendance credit.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will hold its first meeting of Rotary Year 2026 - 2027 on Wednesday, July 15th, at 1:00 p.m., immediately following our weekly club meeting at The Salvation Army. All Directors should plan to attend.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN FOUNDATION BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS will meet on Wednesday, July 22nd, at 1:00 p.m., immediately following our weekly club meeting at The Salvation Army. All Foundation members should plan to attend.

ATTENDANCE MAKE-UPS: With the start of the new Rotary Year on July 1st, all previously submitted make-ups have expired. Members can earn make-ups by: attending club committee meetings, and district and RI conferences; participating in socials and service projects; attending another Rotary Club's meetings; or visiting Rotary eClub One Make-Up Center, browsing their library of articles and videos, and submitting the confirmation form to Secretary Judy Masaki. You can also complete various training modules on Rotary International's official Learning Center and email Judy proof of completion. According to The Standard Rotary Club Constitution, a member can be counted as attending a regular club meeting if he or she makes up an absence within the same Rotary year.

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PRESIDENT'S NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS



Warren Rotarians and their families came together on the evening of July 1st at CharBenay's Wine on the River to celebrate Anthony Iannucci's Presidential Year (2025 - 2026).

As guests arrived and dinner was served, beautiful musical entertainment provided by the Mariano Longo Trio featuring Janis Jones was enjoyed by all in

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attendance.



Following dinner and dessert, including delicious Rotary Pizzelles made by Tony's sister Marlene, our club's accomplishments over the past year were reviewed. Tony stated that we "returned to our roots" and rotated our meetings at a variety of venues due to renovations at Trumbull Country Club. Tony thanked all Rotarians and their families who supported the Rotary Club of Warren and its projects.

Youth Leadership was emphasized this past year when we sponsored four RYLA students and two Interact Clubs, completed another successful Dictionary Project, and held Career Day at John F. Kennedy High School.

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"Downtown Dazzle" lit up Courthouse Square during the winter holidays. This was a community service project which was previously headed up by the Economos sisters in Warren, and our club was asked to take it over this year. Tony thanked Mayor Doug Franklin for designating a large donation from Trumbull Energy Center to Downtown Dazzle.

Rob Green, George Kirby, and Rich McCafferty were added to our active **Membership** list this year. And our Membership Committee will continue to work on organizing a Satellite Club during the new Rotary year.

Our club's **Maintenance Group** painted four classrooms in Children's Rehabilitation Center's Kids Garden Daycare. It was a lot of work but everyone who participated had a lot of fun.

Warren Rotary's Charitable Projects Committee and Foundation Board approved many grants resulting in substantial funds being donated to area non-profit organizations.

Tony expressed thanks to Andy Bednar for helping to organize our **Club Administration** components, such as Invocation, Fellowship, and Magazine Reports, as well as Barry Dunaway who did a great job researching and presenting on notable individuals in our **club's history** and Ray Sinchak for his **super storytelling** skills.

The River Duck Festival is a testament to the fact that it takes everyone to make fundraising and community events a success. Tony thanked all who assisted with the event, especially Cindy Matheson, Alicia Adams-Angelo, and Julia Wetstein who took the lead in organizing the festivities. (Stay tuned for a total recap of America's 250th Birthday Bash in next week's newsletter!)

Finally, Tony congratulated Julia Wetstein for being chosen as District 6650's DG Nominee this past year and thanked her for her dedication to Rotary.

Awards and Recognition went out to many Warren Rotarians, beginning with our 2025 - 2026 and 2026 - 2027 **Rotary Club of Warren Board of Directors and Foundation Board of Administrators**. This included two new members of our Boards - John Esker (2026 - 2027 Board Vice-President) and Darlene Jones (2026 - 2027 Foundation Board of Administrators member).

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Board Members from left to right: Cheryl Oblinger, Treasurer; Darlene Jones; Meghan Reed, 2026 - 2027 President-Elect; Kim Straniak; Denise May; Marilyn Pape; Alicia Adams-Angelo, 2026 - 2027 President; Cindy Matheson; Lauren Kramer; John Perdue; Anthony Iannucci, 2025 -2026 President; Eric Knoth; Mike Bollas; Judy Masaki, Secretary; and John Esker, incoming Board Vice-President. Missing from the picture are: Andy Bednar; Robin Martorana; Ray Thomas; and Ted Stazak, 2025 - 2026 Foundation Board President.

Finally, Tony expressed gratitude to all who sponsored this year's President's night.

Each year, the President of our club designates a **Rotarian of the Year**. This award is bestowed upon members who epitomize Rotary and whose efforts contribute to the success of the club. This year's award was presented jointly to Secretary Judy Masaki and Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger. Each were presented with a gift of virgin olive oil imported from Italy!

The Board of Directors chooses a non-Board member to be the club's **Distinguished Rotarian**, based upon his or her contributions to Rotary, whether it be the Rotary Club of Warren, District 6650, or Rotary International. For her singing, knowledge and leadership, participation in the River Duck Festival, and dedication to all things Rotary, Julia Wetstein was named this year's Distinguished Rotarian. She was presented with a beautiful gift of art.

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The final award for the evening - **The Golden Duck Award** - was presented to Julia, Alicia Adams-Angelo, and Cindy Matheson for all of their work on the River Duck Festival.



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As the evening drew to a close, Tony was presented with gifts from the club - a Rosewood President's Gavel Plaque, a gift card, and a travel bag embossed with the Rotary logo.



The ceremonial "changing of the guards" took place, with Tony presenting Alicia Adams-Angelo with the club's President's Pin. In addition, Tony presented the club with a new gavel for club meetings.

Alicia then gave us a sneak peek of her upcoming year as President. She announced that, in an effort to offer more transparency regarding club operations, Board Meetings are being moved to the third Wednesday of each month immediately following our club meeting. This will allow other members to attend if they so choose. Surveys indicated members would like to see more social events offered, and Lish indicated that this is a goal for this year. A Presidents Board is going to be formed to allow for continuity in Leadership and education for upcoming presidents. Finally, Lish would like to pursue



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more collaboration with other local Rotary clubs.

In addition to a new club President, Julia Wetstein announced that since she is taking on a new role within the District, she can no longer serve as an Assistant Governor for District 6650. Cindy Matheson will be taking her place as Assistant Governor. Julia had the pleasure of presenting Cindy with her pin and a new scarf.



As the festivities ended, and the Mariano Longo Trio performed their last set, one happy couple took time to squeeze in a dance to a quiet, romantic song - a fitting close to a lovely evening!



On behalf of the entire Rotary Club of Warren and Board of Directors, congratulations and thank you, Tony, for a wonderful year!

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A festive graphic for the 4th of July. The text "HAPPY 4th of JULY" is written in a playful, bubbly font. "HAPPY" is in blue with a red outline, "4th" is in red with a blue outline, "of" is in white with a red outline, and "JULY" is in blue with a red outline. The graphic is decorated with various patriotic symbols: two Uncle Sam hats, two American flags, and several bursts of fireworks in red, white, and blue. Small stars are scattered throughout the design.

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May you be grateful for
the freedom with which
God has blessed America.
Have a safe and blessed
fourth of July.



As you celebrate our great nation's 250th Birthday with family and friends, please remember to take a moment to honor our Founding Fathers and the patriots who fought for the ideals of liberty and equality for all Americans. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!