

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
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*International
Service*

Youth Service

ROTARY NOTES

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ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS

July, 2022 - Kim Straniak
August, 2022 - To Be Announced

REGISTRATION

July, 2022 - Ray Sinchak
August, 2022 - Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

July, 2022 - Patti Augustine
August, 2022 - Diane Sauer

FELLOWSHIP

July, 2022 - Ken LaPolla
August, 2022 - John Campolito

MAGAZINE REPORT

August, 2022 - Denise May
September, 2022 - Diane Sauer

SPEAKERS

7/20/22 - District Governor Michelle Charles
7/27/22 - Seva Tripolis, Warren Farmer's Market

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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Ken LaPolla accompanied his Scouts to camp last week. He shared the following campfire story, complete with sound effects!

"A chicken crossed the road and walked into a library. She walked right up to the librarian and said, 'Book, book, book!' The librarian, at a loss for what exactly to do, hands the chicken a book. It leaves the library.

The next day, the chicken comes in again and returns the book. 'Book, book, book!' it crows. The librarian, confused, hands the chicken another book, and the fowl leaves.

The third day, the chicken returns again. After placing the book on the counter, it crows, 'Book, book, book!' The librarian hands it over.

With her curiosity risen, the librarian follows the chicken at a distance this time. Across the road, over the bridge, and into the swamp, the librarian follows the chicken. Finally, the chicken stops at a pond where a little green frog is waiting. The chicken hands the book to the frog who looks at the bird expectantly. The frog croaks, 'Read it, read it, read it!'"

* You need to really own the animal sounds to get this joke across, and Ken nailed it!

Joining us for fellowship this week were: Judy Masaki's son, Maxamum (Mum); and Scott Lewis' son, Leonardo. In addition, we met two prospective new members: Rob Berk's guest, Ellwood Jones III, an Assistant Postmaster and bass musician; and Julia Wetstein's guest, Terra O'Brien, a Real Estate Agent who is a native of Warren.



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Judy Masaki



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

This year, RI President Jennifer Jones is asking Rotarians to dream big and take action. "We all have dreams but acting on them is a choice. Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference," she said when she revealed her Presidential Theme in January.

She also stated that you don't imagine yesterday, you imagine tomorrow. She invited us to imagine a world free of polio and disease, a world full of kindness, hope and love, and a world where every child learns to read.

So, imagine Rotary, and at the end of each week ask yourself if you were able to make a difference in the world, the environment, or someone else's life.

A MESSAGE OF THANKS

Elizabeth Cole Clark was the recipient of our club's 2021 - 2022 Les Stauffer Community Service Award. Kim Straniak shared the touching letter that she recently received from Liz:

"My Dear Kim,

What a complete surprise for me when you presented me with an invitation to Rotary's President's Night 2022!

My husband Bob was a Rotarian many years ago and always enjoyed the time he spent with these men, who always were planning good things for the community.

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As I looked over the list, I counted 34 of the “Past Presidents”, I go all the way back to O. M. Richards, who was the father of my sister-in-law. These were all important men who contributed their time and treasure to Rotary’s projects.

I appreciated the support and contribution Rotary gave to my project, the railings at the Packard Music Hall. It was a difficult project but with the generosity of citizens of Warren, it was completed with no debt.

Thank you for your lovely introduction, where did you get all the nice things to say? You have a great voice, clear and easily understood and I do appreciate all of the time it took for you to prepare.

Again, my ‘thank you’ for a wonderful evening.”



MAGAZINE REPORT

BY
ANDY BEDNAR

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

LISTEN UP

It’s the most important communication skill you were probably never taught

- To ‘listen with your voice’, make sounds like “ahh” and “mmm”. They are ‘following’ sounds. They express interest and encourage people to continue.
- To “listen with your body’, lean in or nod in agreement. Those actions, once again, express interest.

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- You can also ask clarifying questions. Make sure your questions show that you're listening and DO NOT ask questions to interrupt or be argumentative.
- Another idea is to clarify and repeat back. You can periodically repeat what was said, maintaining eye contact. Begin with saying things like "I am hearing you say...". You can also let the speaker know how hearing what they're saying affects YOU.
- Doing each of these items will certainly sharpen your listening skills.

WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

The health benefits of a circular economy.

- Bonnie Mbithi from the Rotary Club of Syokimau, Kenya is an e-waste recycler.
- His company has safely disposed of 10,000 tons of e-waste, creating 2,000 jobs.
- E-waste is anything that uses batteries or electricity such as mobile phones, computers, and microwaves.
- Their efforts include removing heavy metals such as zinc, copper, gold, mercury, and lead which can cause kidney disorders, reproductive complications, brain damage, and cancer through inhalation, contaminated water, and the food chain.
- * Mbithi suggests that we need to rethink our consumer behaviors, pressuring manufacturers to reproduce repairable, durable, and recyclable products; and WE must take responsibility for our own waste.
- Their work focuses on teaching children, cleaning the environment, creating green jobs, and developing awareness programs.

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ROTARY RESPONDS

Showing Support for Ukraine

- Soon after Russia invaded Ukraine, Iryna Bushming fled Kyiv, journeying to Vienna. And along her journey, she stayed with Rotarians.

Now she works with Rotaract Europe to find shelter for thousands of refugees through a website called United for Peace.

- Olena Bondarnko's father is Ukrainian and her mother is Russian however Olena moved to Hiroshima at age 21 where she met her husband.

Because of her ties to the conflict, she convinced her club to assist in conflict relief work.

- And finally, Pat Mulvihill from northeastern Florida, who had tremendous experience as a disaster relief coordinator here in the U.S., is using his networking skills to assist in finding housing for those affected by the conflict.

His district's Rotary Clubs have raised more than \$95,000 for Ukraine relief efforts.

- As always, Rotarians around the globe come to the aid of those in need.

So in summary, today I briefly reviewed THREE ARTICLES:

- First, focusing on what you HEAR.
- Second, making sure the environment stays CLEAR.
- And finally, helping those both far and NEAR!

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet on Wednesday, July 20th at Café 422 immediately following our weekly club meeting.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN FOUNDATION BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, July 27th at Café 422 immediately following our weekly club meeting.

SAVE THE DATE: Join fellow club members for a Scrapper's game at Eastwood Field on Thursday, August 4th. Seating is limited to 35 people, , so sign up at our next meeting if you'd like to attend.

JOIN US ON AUGUST 17th when we tour the Packard Museum.

There is a \$10 admission fee, and lunch is available for \$12. A maximum of 30 people are permitted in the museum. Sign up at our next meeting if you haven't yet reserved your spot.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MICHELLE CHARLES will be visiting with us during our July 20th club meeting and we'd love all members to join us! If you are a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award, please wear your pin. In addition, when DG Charles is introduced, it is customary for members to stand and applaud.

IT'S A NEW ROTARY YEAR and a great time to work towards perfect attendance! Things come up from time to time which might prevent us from attending club meetings in person or via Zoom. However, it's easy to earn a make-up. Visiting another Rotary Club is a great way to earn a make-up and meet and share ideas with others in the community. Here is a list of local clubs and their meeting times, which are different from ours:

- * Champion - Tuesdays at Noon, Wayside Restaurant (825 State Rd., NW in Warren, OH)
- * Cortland - Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., Lake Vista Clubhouse (303 North Mecca ST. in Cortland, OH)
- * Girard/Liberty - Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Amen Corner (20 W. Main in Girard, OH)

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- * Howland - Mondays at Noon, Howland Bean (8024 E. Market St, in Howland, OH)
- * Hubbard - Mondays at Noon, Elmwood Assisted Living (871 Elmwood Dr. in Hubbard, OH)
- * Youngstown - Wednesdays at Noon, Wick Park in Youngstown OH
- * Canfield - Fridays at 11:55 a.m., Rotary Community Bldg at Fair Park (318 Oak St. in Canfield, OH)

You can also earn make-ups via Rotary eClub One. Simply visit their website and spend 30 minutes reviewing content you find on their "Programs and Make-Up Programs" page. Then make sure to request a Make-Up Confirmation. Rotary eClub One is an internet based Rotary Club. If you make a donation to Rotary eClub One equal to the price of attending our own club's weekly meeting, the funds support service projects around the globe.

Finally, earn a make-up by attending one of our own club's committee meetings or working at a club event! Put "Service Above Self" into practice!

*** Please note: In order to earn a make-up, you must present documented confirmation from another Rotary club or from Rotary eClub One to Secretary, Judy Masaki. Committee Chairs should keep an attendance list for meetings and events and provide a copy to Judy so members can be credited for a make-up.

**PRESENTATION OF PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARD
TO
MAXAMUM UKIYO MASAKI**

"Another way of endowing a Paul Harris Fellow Award is to name your child as Paul Harris Fellow. To non-Rotarians, this award may be a little bit mysterious, but when I say that this donation could fund more than 1,000 polio vaccines to people in third-world countries, it becomes relevant and impressive.

Our talented club secretary/newsletter editor, pianist, etc., was awarded her Paul Harris Fellow last October, October 6, 2021. The Paul Harris Fellow is nothing new to Judy. Despite her having earned her Paul Harris Fellow less than a year ago, she kept up with her regular contributions and has now funded a second Paul Harris Fellow, this to her son, Maxamum Ukiyo Masaki.

The Masakis were somewhat lucky to have Maxamum at this point. He was born 7 ½ weeks early, spent 5 weeks in an incubator and you see now the results of this young man's maturation. He was graduated from

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Poland Seminary High School in 2019. He is currently a senior at Youngstown State University studying engineering and a member of the Honors College.

Also close to my heart is the fact that he is in the YSU marching band. I was once in the YSU concert band and, as you know, my grandson, Alex, was in The Ohio State University marching band. The bands are full of engineering students as I learned years ago that mathematics and music go hand in hand.

Maxamum, The Rotary Foundation is one of the most efficient foundations in the entire world. It collects its contributions, holds them for three years and uses that income to pay the expenses of the Foundation. The, at the end of the three years, the Foundation pays out the entire gift (and sometimes more depending upon the economy) for its charitable purposes. The donation made in our name by your parents will be put to very wise uses, including, as I mentioned earlier, the eradication of polio. Rotary has just about wiped out polio in the entire world. Perhaps when polio is totally eradicated, Rotary can focus on providing clean drinking water. Many don't have the luxury that we do of clean water. We use drinking water to wash our SUV's and flush our toilets. In many countries, people have to walk for miles just to obtain questionable water and tote it home for their families. What we take for granted, they consider extraordinary and perhaps a luxury.

This is a certificate and pin showing that you are named a Paul Harris Fellow as designated by The Rotary International Foundation. The Foundation thanks your family and you for their generosity. And, our club continuously thanks you and your family for your mother's talents and contributions to our club. Thank you very much and good luck in your endeavors. I'm sure in addition to making your family proud, you will also make us proud during your lifetime.

And, for Judy, we have a "+ 1" Paul Harris Fellow pin which includes a blue stone showing your family's generosity for these two Paul Harris fellowships." - Dallas Woodall



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PROGRAM:

ALYSSA YAPLE,
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES
STORYBOOK TRAILS

Alyssa Yaple, a native of Trumbull County, is a graduate of the University of Akron where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. She worked at the Ohio House of Representatives for eight years as a Legislative Aide, Engrossing Clerk, Scheduler to the Speaker, and Director of the Speaker's Office before joining the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) as the Director of Special Projects. She now serves as the Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives.



The ODNR's mission is to balance wise use and protection of natural resources. In October, 2019, ODNR started a storybook trail in Alum Creek State Park. The Storybook Trail program was launched to promote the importance of literacy, a healthy lifestyle, and connecting with nature. Since that time, 18 more storybook trails have been added in Ohio, including one locally in Mosquito Lake State Park.

Storybook Trails let families walk their way through some of Ohio's most picturesque trails while learning about different aspects of nature from authors who were inspired by it. Ohio's storybook trails bring books to life for children and families. The trails are lined with child-height panels featuring pages from a children's book, blending the fun of outdoor exploration with reading. They are typically $\frac{1}{2}$ mile loops. The program has partnered with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to rotate books seasonally from park to park.

Storybook Trails can be based in forests or wetland areas with dirt, grass or paved trails. Each one offers a unique experience.

ODNR offers a grant program to smaller communities that can't afford to put in long trails like the one's in state parks. The grants may total \$5,000 - \$10,000 and will cover the costs of trailhead construction,

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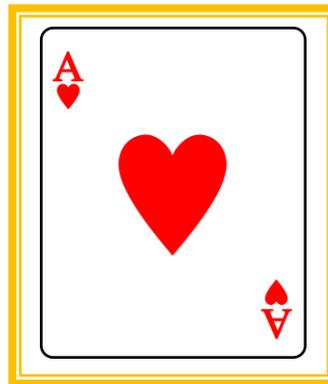
maintenance, and interpretive signage. Little Libraries have also been erected in some of the parks near the trails.

If you would like to see a complete list of Storybook Trail locations, visit OHDNR.gov or utilize the Detour Ohio app.

If you would like to donate books to the Little Library located in Mosquito Lake State Park, you can drop them off at the park office during business hours or contact Josie McKenna, Park Manager to arrange a drop-off. The address for Mosquito Lake is 1439 State Route 305, Cortland, OH 44410 and the park office phone number is (330) 637-2856.



TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$18.
Congratulations to Daily Winner, Diane Sauer!

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HAPPY BUCKS



*** **Judy Masaki** offered Happy Bucks for Diane Sauer being back on the keyboard, for Dallas Woodall's great Paul Harris Fellow presentation, and for her son Mum. She's a proud Mama Bear and can't wait to see what the next chapter of his life brings.

*** **Diane Sauer** was happy to be the Triple Jackpot Daily Winner and enjoyed Ken LaPolla's chicken impressions!

*** **Christine Cope** offered a Happy Buck for our speaker. The Imagination Library in Trumbull County is sponsored by united Way.

*** **Andy Bednar** offered a Happy Buck for Judy and Mum and their Paul Harris Fellow awards.

*** **Rob Berk** offered a Happy Buck for our speaker. He would like our "transportation committee" to bring back our piano. He also told Diane Sauer that his son loves her "perfect hair".

*** **Diane** said her hair doesn't always look perfect and that Rob can confirm that with Kurt!

*** **Dallas Woodall** offered a Happy Buck for the Masaki family's generosity. He also offered a Happy Buck for the late John Robertson whose Fellowship presentations were always a learning experience.

*** **Patti Augustine's** great grandson will be four years old next month. He was born 2 ½ months premature and is now doing great.

*** **Julia Wetstein** was apologetic for stepping on Ken LaPolla's toes - she tried to kick off fellowship for him! She also brought back greetings from Rotarians in Scotland.

*** **Ted Stazak** was happy to conquer technology this week! He also offered congratulations to Judy and Mum.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**IT'S AMAZING WHAT YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH
IF YOU DON'T CARE WHO GETS THE CREDIT!**