

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 15, 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 22, 2026 - Andy Bednar

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

MAGAZINE REPORT (typically 2nd Wednesday of the month)

August 12, 2026 - Denise May

SPEAKERS

7/22/2026 - Mary Ann Porinchak, Executive Director/National Packard Museum

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

8/5/2026 - Melissa Poland, Owner/Sweet Melissa's Good Eats

8/12/2026 - To Be Announced

8/19/2026 - Kimberly Garrett, Executive Director, & Jo Phillips, Deputy Director/
Warren-Trumbull County Public Library

8/26/2026 - Lynn Wallace-Smith, Manager/ Trumbull County Archives

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

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Judy Masaki

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Lauren Kramer

Robin Martorana

Marilyn Pape

John Perdue

Ray Thomas



Let Us Pray ,

As we begin this meeting, let us reflect on the responsibility and privilege of leadership. May we be guided by honesty, fairness, and respect in all that we do. Help us to see challenges as opportunities to grow, serve, and inspire others. May our decisions be rooted in wisdom, our actions driven by compassion, and our efforts focused on creating positive change. Let us leave this gathering renewed in our commitment to service, fellowship, and the common good.

Amen.

(Offered by Andy Bednar)

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To Be Elected*

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suggestions about our
newsletter, or if you
would like to become a
sponsor, please
contact:*

Judy Masaki

MAGAZINE REPORT

**By
Lauren Kramer**



Lauren Kramer reported that the June 2026 issue of *Rotary* contains many pictures from the annual Photo Contest which are well worth taking a look at. However, for this week's meeting, she chose to focus on an article about the birth of Route 66. Here's what Lauren had to say:

"100 years ago, the most famous route was officially named, and one of the people responsible was a Rotarian. Cyrus Avery was born in Pennsylvania in 1871. He traveled west with his father by covered wagon when he was 13. He eventually made Oklahoma his permanent home. He held many jobs, as a school teacher, county commissioner, farmer, and more. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Tulsa. He served as president of Oklahoma Good Roads Federation and chairman of the state highway commission and in 1925 was chosen to represent Oklahoma on the newly created Joint Board on Interstate Highways.

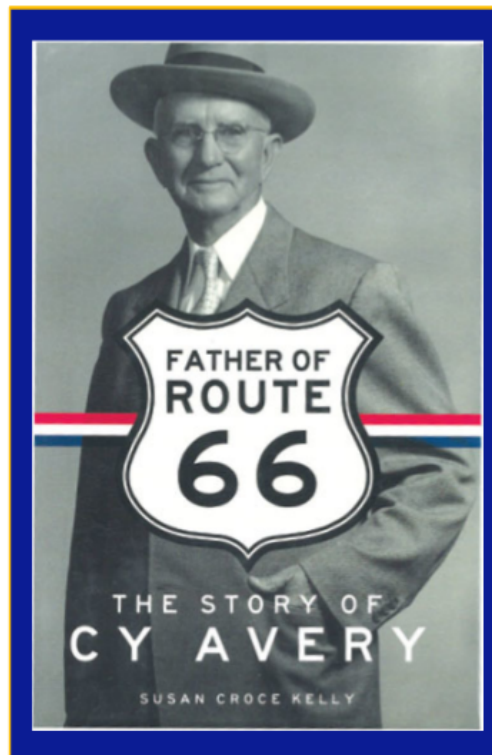
One of the greatest challenges of the interstate system was determining how they would be named. In August 1925, during a meeting in Washington of the Joint Board on Interstate Highways, it was decided to have shield-shaped signs serve as the highways' emblems and not to include the names of states. Also approved was to have the highways numbered rather than named.

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The Committee of Five, of which Avery was a member, established an elaborate interconnecting pattern of even-numbered east-west and odd-numbered north-south highways. Multiple states wanted to use the number 60. Following the logic of the committee's established pattern, Route 60 should have gone east from Virginia through Kentucky and on to points farther west. Avery insisted on keeping 60 for the Chicago-LA route. Following a meeting in Chicago in early 1926, the Joint Board's chairman and secretary, without consulting the Committee of Five, assigned 62 to Chicago-LA. Avery was appalled, his anger compounded by the fact that Oklahoma had already printed maps and manufactured road signs with the number 60.

As fate has it, during that year's Rotary District Conference in Springfield, Missouri, Cy Avery met with John Page, Oklahoma's chief highway engineer. They went through the list of highway numbers and 66 jumped out at him. They sent the famous telegram to the Joint Board's chairman, Chief MacDonald, at the Bureau of Roads. It concluded, 'We prefer 66 to 62.' The following November, the new U.S. numbered highway system was approved."

Be sure to check out the article for other facts!



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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.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN WILL NOT HOLD A MEETING ON JULY 29th.

Instead, visit another area Rotary Club that day. Be sure to give Secretary Judy Masaki a make-up slip in order to get credit for attendance.

UPDATE ON CLUB MEETING VENUE: President Alicia-Adams Angelo has been informed that we will be able to return to Trumbull Country Club for our club meetings beginning August 5th!! Mark your calendars.

THE CHARITABLE PROJECTS COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, August 5th, at 11:30 a.m., prior to our weekly club meeting at Trumbull Country Club.

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE BEING CIRCULATED AT OUR CLUB MEETINGS for Service Project Committee (Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Senior Christmas Gifts, etc.), Club Socials, Downtown Dazzle, and Night at the Races. Every club member is encouraged to be actively involved in one or more committees. Be sure to get your name on the list of your choice.

ORDERS ARE BEING TAKEN for Rotary t-shirts and River Duck Festival shirts. An order form will be available at our upcoming club meeting.

PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO RENT A STORAGE UNIT FOR OUR CLUB. If you are currently housing any Rotary memorabilia, equipment, etc., let Alicia Adams-Angelo know so arrangements can be made for storage at a central location.

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM UPDATE: As many of you know, our club is

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interested in hosting an exchange student. The Angelos, Eskers, and Knoths have offered to share host responsibilities for a 16 year old female student. The possibility of open enrollment in Howland Local School District is being explored. MANY THANKS to Dave Dewitt for providing lunch from City Subs at our July 15th club meeting!

ON JULY 15th, THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN WAS PLEASED TO WELCOME JIM MCFARLAND, former Warren Rotarian who currently resides in Florida. He shared this photo as a tribute to when Rotary began welcoming female members.



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PROGRAM:

CARI DELGADO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TRUMBULL COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION



There are 88 Veterans Service Commission offices in Ohio, each offering county-specific services. Cari Delgado began working at The Veterans Service Commission in Trumbull County in 2007. She visited with Warren Rotarians on July 15th to educate us on programs offered to military veterans and their families.

The Commission's budget is built on revenue from property taxes set up by the Ohio Revised Code. A board of five commissioners is appointed by the Trumbull County Family Court, each representing different organizations which currently include the VFW, DAV, American Legion, AMVETS, and either Vietnam, Korean or Purple Heart Veterans. Commissioners serve for five years, and the board meets weekly to set policies, hire office staff, and make decisions regarding funding.

The following programs and services are offered:

1. Financial Assistance is provided to veterans who have a disability incurred

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during their service to their country. Previously called The Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund, financial assistance funds loss of job, car repairs, and more. Income, expenses and need are determining factors.

2. School clothing is provided to children of Trumbull County veterans who have been residents for at least 90 days. \$750 per child is awarded each school year, and receipts must be turned in to show that the money has been well-spent.
3. America 250 was recently organized by the Commission with the help of a lot of donations from the community.
4. The Trumbull Memorial Park Foundation, a 501 (C) (3) charitable organization, was started last year to fund upkeep, repairs, and landscaping of the Veterans Memorial. Plans are being made for the concrete to be redone, and two new walls will also be built out of memorial bricks.
5. A County Burial Benefit of \$500 per family was put in place during 2025. Nearly \$16,000 was awarded.
6. Spousal Support/Widow's Pension (if the individual has limited income). This may include housebound benefits to assist in taking individuals to appointments, as well as in-home care by an aide or attendant.

Cari indicated that the biggest challenge that the Commission faces is getting word out about their services. However, they are overcoming these challenges in several ways. The Commission will now have a cabin at The Trumbull County Fair to meet veterans and provide educational information to them and the community. An Outreach Coordinator visits nursing homes and posts videos on YouTube and other social media outlets. Finally, two new service officers have been hired, making five total, to assist in reaching those in need in Trumbull County.

Many thanks to The Trumbull County Veterans Service Commission for honoring the experiences and sacrifices of those who served our country and assisting them in accessing the benefits they have earned.

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TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$123.

Congratulations to Daily Winner Ray Sinchak!

HAPPY BUCKS



*** Ray Sinchak thanked our speaker for the Veterans Service Commissions generosity in supporting Rotary events in the past.

*** Cindy Matheson enjoyed our speaker and our Magazine Report. She is looking forward to a vacation in the North Carolina Mountains near Cherokee. And she said watching the Trumbull County Fairground's Weiner Dog Race was the most fun she's had in a long time.

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*** **Julia Wetstein** enjoyed lunch courtesy of Dave Dewitt. She is thrilled about the refurbishment of the Veterans Memorial downtown. She reported that our guest last week, Andrew Smith, is sold on Rotary! Julia said, "We need young people like that!" Julia is headed to Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois where she'll spend time with people "that bleed Rotary." Next year, when she is District Governor, Julia's plan is to have a Rotary booth at The Trumbull County Fair, with each area Rotary Club having a day to man the booth and get the word out about their accomplishments and events!

*** **Ken LaPolla** offered a Happy Buck in honor of our speaker and The Veterans Commission's helpful benefits. He thought our City Subs were fantastic. And he said it was a pleasure to see Jim McFarland.

*** **Meghan Reed** enjoyed our speaker. Meghan's husband is a veteran. She is thankful for our Speakers Committee! And she is being induced this weekend! She'll be back with us in a few months.

*** **Alicia Adams-Angelo** said the subs were delicious. She enjoyed our speaker. Two more of her Scrappers players got picked up by the majors! She's looking forward to returning to Trumbull Country Club and is excited about an upcoming vacation. And she feels like she's getting into the groove with Rotary meetings!

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IMPACT**

