

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

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ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS & REGISTRATION

June, 2025 - Ray Sinchak

July, 2025 - Volunteers Needed

INVOCATION

June, 2025 - Denise May

July 9, 2025 - Denise May

FELLOWSHIP (1st & 3rd Wed of the Month)

6/18/25 - Denise May

7/9/25 - Denise May

SPEAKERS

6/18/25 - Mike Keys, Director of Warren Community Development Dept.

6/25/25 - Presidents' Night (No Noon Meeting)

7/2/2025 - No Meeting



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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Julia Wetstein*



Loving God,

As we come together on this special day, we thank You for the gift of fathers. We recognize the importance of their presence in our lives and the profound impact they have on our families and communities. We pledge to love and nurture the fathers among us, so they may continue to manifest Your love in all that they do. We ask for Your blessings upon all fathers:

- * May they be filled with strength and wisdom as they guide their children.
- * May they find joy in their roles and be reminded of the love that surrounds them.
- * May they be supported and encouraged in their journey of fatherhood.

In Your name, we pray. Amen.

(Offered by Denise May)

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Judy Masaki



Christine Cope based this month's Environmental Talk on excerpts from the book, *Great Migrations*. In this book, National Geographic covers the monarch butterfly's remarkable migration across North America, which is considered one of Earth's greatest natural events.

Christine explained that the monarch butterflies' journey begins in Mexico, with the female monarchs leading the butterflies north. Their parents do not lead them, as they die soon after they lay eggs. The butterflies know where to go by instinct. Sunlight signals them to migrate and helps guide them.

Migrating monarchs fly 30 miles per hour and typically fly 50 to 100 miles a day, although the farthest recorded distance is 265 miles in one day. Each year, three or four generations complete the trip north, but only one generation makes the return trip back to Mexico. One generation starts the migration and their great, great grandchildren finish it! Adult butterflies live two to six weeks. During

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the spring, the first generation hatches in the south, flies north as far as it can and later dies. The second generation continues the journey, lays eggs and dies. The third and fourth generations hatch through the spring and summer and finish the journey north. At the end of summer, a special super generation hatches and lives six to nine months. They fly back to Mexico over the winter, from October to March. It's amazing that although butterflies weigh less than a paper clip, they are strong enough to fly 2,000 miles, flocking to the trees for shelter during high winds and rain! When they return to Mexico, they are regarded as the souls of loved ones who have passed on.

There are four stages in a butterfly's life: the egg, the caterpillar, the chrysalis and the butterfly. A mother butterfly places her eggs on milkweed leaves over a period of four days. These are hard-working mamas! The female can carry up to 400 eggs and places only one or two eggs on each leaf.

A caterpillar hatches from the egg and eats milkweed all day long. In two weeks, it grows to be two inches long. The caterpillar creates a hard, protective coating around itself called a chrysalis. Approximately 10 days later, when the chrysalis opens, a butterfly is born.

Adult monarchs eat the nectar from flowering plants, including milkweed. The nectar gives them energy to fly.

Christine explained that butterflies and all pollinators are crucial for food security, biodiversity, healthy ecosystems and more. Without them, our survival, as well as that of many plants and animals, is at risk. For this reason, Christine encouraged everyone to plant milkweed and other flowering plants that attract pollinators and watch these miracles in our own backyards.

She ended with this quote from Mario Quintana, a Brazilian writer and translator:

"Don't waste your time chasing butterflies.
Mend your garden, and the butterflies will come."

To buy milkweed seeds on sale, you can visit:

https://www.saveourmonarchs.org/store/p34/Milkweed_Seeds_%28Bulk%29.html

In addition, view the amazing migration of monarchs on this 60 minutes link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hrXzY4DP-c8>

Finally, during the next Rotary Year, we can look forward to Christine and Elayne Bozick co-chairing the District 6650 Environmental Committee!

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SAVE THE DATES:

*** The Rotary Club of Warren Foundation Board of Administrators will hold its next meeting at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18th, at Trumbull Country Club.

*** The Rotary International Convention will be held in Calgary, Canada, June 21st through 25th. Come discover the "Magic All Around". Register at convention.rotary.org

*** Friends of the Mahoning River will be presenting their 2025 Riverfest on June 21st from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Packard Park. Join them in celebrating the revitalization of the Mahoning River. The event will include vendors, exhibits, live music, food trucks, a kayak race and more. Entry to the event is free!

OPERATION POLLINATION CHALLENGE: Three upcoming environmental educational opportunities are eligible for "points" towards the District 6650 Operation Pollination Environmental Challenge. Please take advantage of these opportunities which offer something for all ages! And if you participate, be sure to report back to Christine Cope so we get credit.

*** A Bees in Your Backyard Workshop will be presented by Dr. Olivia Carril on Sunday, June 22nd from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. There is a workshop fee of \$65, including lunch and refreshments, and the workshop is limited to 20 adults. You will learn hands-on instruction for ID and collection practices. On Monday, June 23rd, a free Public Lecture and Meet & Greet will be held from 6 - 9 p.m. This lecture will be limited to 60 people of all ages. Snacks and a campfire will be provided. Both of these events will be hosted at the Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center located at 16146 Daniel St.NE, Minerva, OH 44657. Register at (330) 823-7487 or naturecenter@mountunion.edu/nature-center To reserve Olivia's books or posters for purchase, please indicate this on your registration.

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THE NILES ROTARY CLUB'S STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL was rescheduled due to inclement weather. It will now be held on July 3rd in front of the McKinley Memorial. Guys without Ties will provide entertainment.

THE 2025 ZONE INSTITUTE will be held in Columbus, Ohio September 4th through 7th. You will be able to network, innovate, collaborate and celebrate the outstanding work of Rotary. Follow Rotary Zones 30 & 31 Institute on Facebook for updates and current information. It's the closest thing to a RI Convention!

PREPARATION FOR ROTARY YEAR 2025 - 2026: Plans are underway for securing speakers for the upcoming Rotary Year. If you know of anyone who could present on a topic of interest, please email Alicia Adams-Angelo at Lish.Angelo@gmail.com or catch her at a club meeting.

ROTARY EXCHANGE BANNERS: If anyone is in possession of or aware of the storage location of the Rotary Exchange Banners that we have received from other clubs, please contact Julia Wetstein. We would like to make a collective display of the banners.

PLACE YOUR ORDER FOR CALENDAR! The top 12 photos from our recent Photo Contest have been made into a July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 calendar which is being printed at Walgreen's. A photo from our Peace Pole installation ceremony is featured on the cover. Cost is \$25. If you are interested in ordering calendars, please see Julia Wetstein.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Don't forget to introduce some friends or colleagues to Rotary! Bring new people to a club meeting and earn the chance to win \$100 each month.

PRESIDENTS' NIGHT is right around the corner! The event will be held on Wednesday, June 25th from 5 to 9 p.m. at The Von Isley Estate (547 S. Main St., Niles, OH 44446). Cocktails will be followed by dinner from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., rewards and recognitions, and entertainment throughout the evening. Warren Rotarians are asked to wear their Paul Harris Fellow Medals to the event. President Cindy Matheson would like to thank all those who are sponsoring and attending the event!

A STAR IS BORN! Julia Wetstein performed her audition piece for the next Senior Showcase at this week's club meeting. Her rendition of the song, 9 to 5, which was made famous in the classic comedy and office satire starring Dolly Parton, Lily Tomlin & Jane Fonda, was fabulous. With Mike Wilson likely playing the sexist boss, the Showcase promises to be another hit! Stay tuned for more info.



PROGRAM:

SEAN McBANE, GENERAL MANAGER
ROBINS THEATRE



Sean McBane, pictured above with Warren Rotary's President - Elect Tony Iannucci, is a graduate of Warren G. Harding High School and later studied Business Management, Marketing and Related Support Services at Youngstown State University. He worked for 18 years as Finance Manager and Salesman at a car dealership, and has served as General Manager of Robins Theatre since April of 2022. He visited with club members this week and presented the history of the theatre.

Robins Theatre is an historic theatre and live music venue that presents a wide array of entertainment in Downtown Warren, Ohio. The theatre was commissioned by Daniel Robins, an early partner of Abraham Warner of the Warner Brothers. Built in 1922, the building is designed in the Italian Renaissance style. It opened to a full house on January 9, 1923. The theatre was originally used for vaudeville productions and screening motion pictures. In its early years, the theatre had a smaller stage, with

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separate seating and entrances for minorities (a sign of the times), and portholes for projection. It remained in operation until 1974.

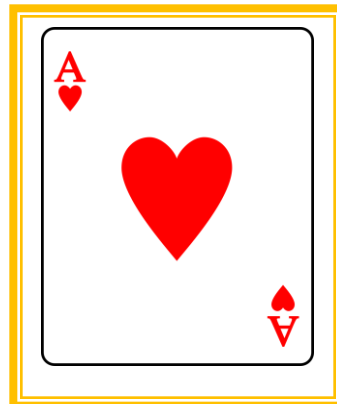
In 2017, the Robins Theatre was purchased by Downtown Development Group. Mark Marvin wanted to help revitalize Downtown Warren. He brought condominiums, restaurants and bars to the area. While the theatre was close to being unrecoverable and torn down, Mark was asked to tackle its restoration. The original seats were re-upholstered, the stage was enlarged, and in 2024, a loge was created.

Robins Theatre re-opened on January 9, 2020, and for the first three months, shows were sold out. Then the COVID-19 Pandemic hit, putting a stop to live shows. The theatre continued to show movies with social distancing.

Today, Robins Theatre is equipped to accommodate concerts, stage shows and film screenings. The theatre seats 1,406 and hosts 55 to 60 shows per year. Its Summer Movie Series begins tonight. There are two promoters for the theatre - Kenny Haidaras, who presents national acts, and Tom Simpson, who presents tribute acts.

To buy tickets to events and read more information, visit:
www.robinstheatre.com

TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$119.
Congratulations to Daily & Grand Jackpot Winner Scott Lewis!!

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HAPPY BUCKS

*** **Scott Lewis** was a happy winner, even though he knows Cheryl will give him a 1099!

*** **Christine Cope** offered a Happy Buck for Julia's song and the next Senior Showcase, and for Presidents' Night and Cindy Matheson's great year.

*** **Reilly Berk** was happy to be back with us and introduce her husband, John McDermott. She was also happy that Berk Enterprises was partnering with Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation in fighting childhood cancer.

*** **Ted Stazak** enjoyed our speaker.

*** **Julia Wetstein** thanked club members for being kind enough to let her practice her audition song. She also offered a Happy buck for Sean McBane and the Robins Theatre. She said that there were probably original club members who frequented the theatre!

*** **Mike Wilson** said it was great working behind the scenes on the Senior Showcase with Sean McBane. He also announced Kenny Haidaras' commitment to joining Rotary!

*** **Bob Hoy** was happy about winning the Outback Raffle Basket.

*** **Cindy Matheson** offered Happy Bucks for the amazing Robins Theatre and Speed Limit's performance at a political fundraiser there, for our recent fun Board Meeting (her last one to host!), and for all who have helped her out this year.



"Don't **CRY** because it's over. **SMILE** because it happened."

- Dr. Seuss