

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

June 17, 2026

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GREETERS & REGISTRATION

June through August, 2026 - Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

June, 2026 - Janet Schweitzer

July, 2026 - Denise May

August, 2026 - Andy Bednar

FELLOWSHIP (1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays)

July 15, & 22, 2026 - Denise May

August 5, 19, & 26, 2026 - Andy Bednar

WHEEL GAME (5th Wednesday)

July 29, 2026 - Denise May

MAGAZINE REPORT (2nd Wednesday)

June 24, 2026 - Lauren Kramer

July 8, 2026 - Denise May

August 12, 2026 - Andy Bednar

SPEAKERS

6/24/26 - River Duck Festival Overview @ Perkins Park Amphitheatre

7/1/2026 - Presidents' Night at CharBenay's beginning at 6:00 p.m.

No Noon Club Meeting

7/8/2026 - Meeting will be held at The Salvation Army/Speaker to be Announced

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
Tony Iannucci

President-Elect
Alicia Adams-Angelo

Vice-President
Meghan Reed

Secretary
Judy Masaki

Treasurer
Cheryl Oblinger

Past-President
Cindy Matheson

Board Members

Mike Bollas
Eric Knoth
Lauren Kramer
Robin Martorana
Marilyn Pape
John Perdue
Ray Thomas



THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, June 24th, at the Amphitheatre in Perkins Park immediately following our weekly club meeting. All Directors should plan to attend as there are several items that need to be voted on.

PRESIDENTS' NIGHT will be held on Wednesday, July 1st, at CharBenay's Wine on the River, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendars! Please see Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger for a Sponsorship Form, Reservation Form, and payment. Cost is \$35 per person. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, June 24th.

WOLVES NATIONAL is holding "Touchdowns for Tution", a ticket raffle for Scholarships for Trumbull County students. Only 1,000 tickets are being sold, and the winner will get two club seats to two Cleveland Browns pre-season and eight season games. The winner will be determined by The Ohio Lottery Pick 3 Drawing on Monday, July 27th. See Alicia Adams-Angelo for more information.

THE UNITED STATES OF KINDNESS: Rotary is partnering with the United States of Kindness, a national campaign encouraging citizens to complete 250 acts of kindness across the country, celebrating America's 250th anniversary. Club members are being asked to track their daily compassion, take photos, and report their daily acts of kindness at <https://www.usofkindness.org/>. List Rotary District 6650 as the organization you are associated with. You can also post pictures on Facebook and tag Rotary District 6650 so the district sees all the impactful things we do. Think about it - this initiative mirrors Rotary's core motto, "Service Above Self" and our "Unite for Good" theme!

Rotary Club of Warren
Foundation Board

*President
Ted Stazak*

*Vice-President
Meghan Reed*

*Secretary
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*Treasurer
Cheryl Oblinger*

*Andy Bednar
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www.warrenrotary.org

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

Judy Masaki

LUNCHES FOR OUR JUNE 24th CLUB MEETING AT THE AMPHITHEATRE IN PERKINS PARK will once again be ordered from Mocha House. Hot or cold lunches are available. If you have not already ordered a lunch and would like to do so, please contact Alicia Adams-Angelo before Tuesday, June 23rd at 1-(740) 627-0431. Be sure to attend the meeting to get an overview of the River Duck Festival layout and to help sort pre-ordered ducks!!

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



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WARREN ROTARY'S
250th BIRTHDAY BASH
FOR AMERICA

The Rotary Club of Warren is celebrating America's 250th birthday this year with a two-day community event that will benefit local charities in Warren. First, the second annual River Duck festival will be held on Sunday, June 28th, in the Warren Amphitheatre area in Perkin's Park from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Just a few days later on Saturday, July 4th, A Scrappers Event will be held at the 7/17 Credit Union Field at the Eastwood Mall. Gates open at 6:00 p.m., and the baseball game begins at 7:05 p.m.

The revised River Duck Festival's schedule is as follows:

Noon - Gates open

12:45 p.m. - The festivities begin with Mayor Doug Franklin floating down the river in a boat and welcoming guests.

1:10 p.m. - Opening Ceremony with the Disco Dancing Ducks. Raffle Basket tickets will be sold at the tent, and Duck adoption and 50/50 tickets will be on sale until 3:30 p.m.

1:15 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. - Entertainment by Speed Limit.

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Voting Ducks will be on sale at Cheryl's tent at the top of the hill near the jeeps.

2:00 p.m. - Entertainment by James Dance Studio

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2:30 p.m. - Jeep Parade

2:45 - 3:30 p.m. - Entertainment by Speed Limit

3:30 p.m. - Children's Hula Hoop Contest

3:40 p.m. - Jeep Winner will be announced. Afterwards, head to the Mahoning River for the Duck Race!!

4:00 p.m. - River Duck Race, followed by announcement of Basket Raffle, 50/50, and Duck winners.

4:45 p.m. - Speed Limit's Final Set

6:00 p.m. - Gates close

It's all hands on deck for this event if we want to make it a success!!

Volunteers are needed for both the River Duck festival and the Scrappers Day.

Volunteer forms will be available for sign-up at our weekly club meetings and you can also contact Cindy Matheson if you are able to help out. For the River Duck Festival, volunteers are needed for: helping to shop, put together, and organize the basket raffle; parking/roping off the area for the Jeep Meet; setting up table and tents; assisting with setting up vendors; hanging banners; selling ducks for the jeeps and counting votes for the Jeep Meet; helping to run the duck race (with waders); and assisting with the children's activities. All volunteers assisting with setup should arrive no later than 11:00 a.m.; the Jeep Meet volunteers need to be there by 11:30 a.m. Tables are still needed. Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger will be on hand to take payments and run credit cards.

A large portion of our profits for the River Duck Festival come from our basket raffle. **Basket raffle items, preferably valued at \$50 minimum, and baskets are needed.** Our goal is to have approximately 40 baskets. Baskets are needed no later than June 26th. They can be brought to our club meetings or dropped off at Howland Alarm.

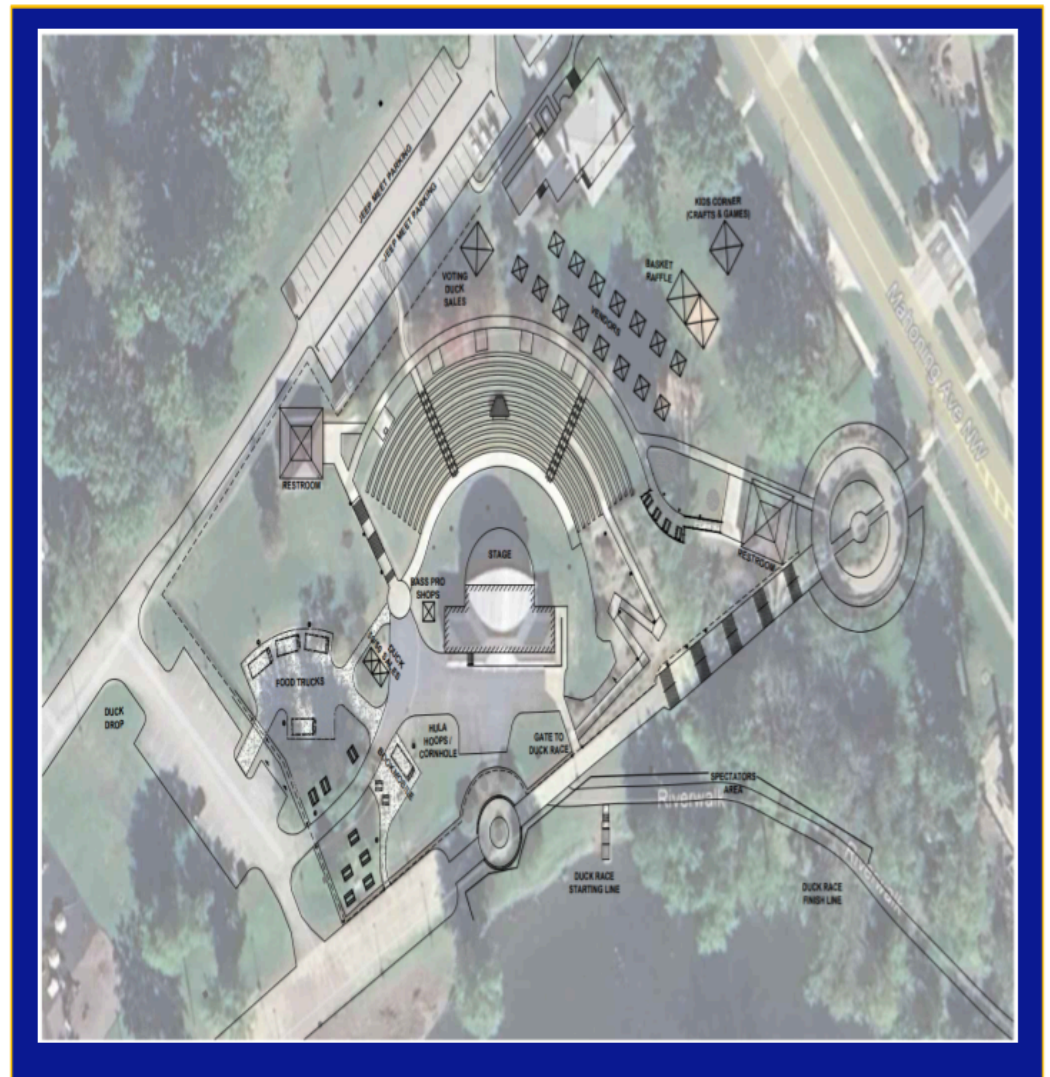
Volunteers for the Scrappers Event are needed to assist with educating others about Rotary, selling Basket Raffle tickets, and assisting with children's

WARREN COUNTY ROTARY

Advertising for the two-day event is underway. Flyers are available for posting. Cindy Matheson will participate in a TV interview the week of the events. An article will be published in the newspaper. And Lamar has donated two billboards, one on Route 422 next to the Eastwood Mall and another on Robbins Avenue west of Route 46.

The Book Mobile from the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library will be on site for the River Duck Festival from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. with books and information for families.

Many thanks to Cindy Matheson, Alicia Adams-Angelo, all committee members, Rotarians and friends who are working to make this event a success!



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AMERICA'S
250TH

2-DAY BIRTHDAY BASH FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY & GIVE BACK TO THE LOCAL CHARITIES THAT MAKE TRUMBULL COUNTY SO GREAT!!

**SUNDAY
JUNE 28TH**

WARREN AMPHITHEATER |
PERKINS PARK



SCAN QR
FOR DUCKS,
TICKETS & 50/50



OR GO TO:

WARRENROTARY.ORG

**ADOPT DUCKS (NOW) TO
WIN \$500 - 1ST PLACE
(\$1200 IN PRIZES)**

DUCK RACE, LIVE MUSIC
FOOD & GOODS VENDORS
50/50 & BASKET RAFFLES
AND JEEP MEET

**DOORS OPEN @ 12 PM
FREE ADMISSION**

**\$10-DUCK | 2 FOR \$17.76
LOTS OF KID ACTIVITIES!**

**SATURDAY
JULY 4TH**

7/17 CREDIT UNION FIELD
AT EASTWOOD



**\$10 UPPER BOX
TICKET**

SCRAPPERS BASEBALL,
KID ACTIVITIES
BASKET RAFFLE,
AUTOGRAPHED JERSEY AUCTION &
FIREWORKS

**DOORS OPEN 6 PM
GAME STARTS @ 7:05PM**

Event Proceeds Support:



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ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN
2026 - 2027 SLATE OF
OFFICERS

Congratulations to the following slate of officers for Rotary Year 2026 - 2027 which has been endorsed by the current Rotary Club of Warren's Board of Directors and approved by membership at our June 17th club meeting:

2026 - 2027 Rotary Club of Warren Board of Directors

Alicia Adams-Angelo - President
Meghan Reed - President-Elect
John Esker - Vice-President
Anthony Iannucci - Past-President
Cheryl Oblinger - Treasurer
Judy Masaki - Secretary
Robin Martorana
Ray Thomas
Lauren Kramer
Marilyn Pape
John Perdue
Mike Bollas
Eric Knoth

2026 - 2027 Rotary Club of Warren Foundation Board of Administrators

Cheryl Oblinger - Treasurer
Judy Masaki - Secretary
Ted Stazak
Kim Straniak
Alicia Adams - Angelo - Club Board President (2026 - 2027 only)
John Esker - Club Board Vice-President (2026 - 2027 only)

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Darlene Jones
Denise May

(The Foundation Board of Administrators' President and Vice-President will be elected at the first Foundation meeting of Rotary Year 2026 - 2027.)

PROGRAM:

DARLENE JONES,
ST. VINCENT de PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Northeast Ohio District Council has served Trumbull, Portage and Ashtabula Counties since 1930. Originating in Girard, the organization has expanded since then and offers robust charitable programs and services to those in need.



Conferences at local churches are the community-based arms of SVDP. Each parish has a different name, and volunteers provide rent and utility assistance, gas cards, food boxes and more to individual communities. These conferences each consist of an average of 15 people. However, most of SVDP's programs are run from

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the District Council level. In addition to the above-named services, 450 daily, home-cooked meals have been provided to the community for more than 40 years. A thrift store provides foundational revenue for SVDP.

There are two fundamental principles that drive SVDP: 1. It's never just a handout. Rather, the organization's goal is to stabilize families so that they can become self-sufficient. Home visits are the bedrock of this goal. Two volunteers visit families in order to get to know them and their stories, assess their needs more fully, and have a greater impact. 2. Every single person that comes into contact with SVDP, including staff, volunteers, and neighbors in need, will leave feeling like they have been treated with dignity and respect.

Warren Rotarian and SVDP NE Ohio District Council's CEO Darlene Jones reported that over the last seven years, the organization has grown from 1.25 staff members to 21 employees, 10 of whom work in the thrift store on Main Avenue. They are desperately in need of larger facilities. Warren Rotary's President and 1st Vice-President of SVDP Northeast Ohio's Executive Board of Directors, Anthony Iannucci, commented that this is "the quietest large organization there is."

According to SVDP Northeast Ohio District Council's 2025 Regional Impact Statement:

- 26,743 individuals received critical assistance
- 157,579 nutritious meals were provided
- \$1,167,303 worth of total services were provided
- 3,083 home and personal visits to neighbors in need were conducted
- 40,300+ volunteer service hours were donated
- 26 individuals were placed in jobs through the SVDP Ready2Work Program
- 135+ home evictions were prevented
- \$549,567 worth of new beds, furniture, clothing and emergency assistance were provided
- 32,081 customers were served at the thrift store
- 74 sleeping bag coats were distributed to our homeless neighbors in need.

The Rotary Club of Warren would like to thank Darlene and Sean Keating, Community Outreach Coordinator, for their impactful work in the community, hospitality and tour of their administrative offices, dining hall, and thrift store.

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THE HISTORY OF FATHER'S DAY

Each year, Father's Day is celebrated on the third Sunday in June. As accustomed as we are to gearing up for a festive weekend full of backyard barbecues, baseball games, and plenty of relaxation on this annual holiday, many are not aware of the history behind it.

The first Father's Day was held in Spokane, Washington in 1910 - two years after the first Mother's Day sermon, which occurred on May 10, 1908 - thanks to the efforts of Sonora Smart Dodd, a Civil War veteran's daughter who wanted to honor her father and the sacrifices he made.

William Jackson Smart single-handedly raised Sonora and her five younger brothers after their mother passed away in 1898. After listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909, Sonora took it upon herself to establish a Father's Day celebration. Working tirelessly for a year with local clergy and civic groups like the YWCA to spread the word, in June 1910, the first Father's Day took place. It wasn't until 1972 that Father's Day caught on as a nationwide celebration. At that time, when Sonora was 90 years old, President Richard Nixon declared that the third Sunday in June would be known as Father's Day, a national holiday.

Sonora passed away in 1978 and her great-granddaughter, Betsy Roddy, now lives on with her family's history in tow. As a child, Betsy took Father's Day for granted. However, as the last direct descendant of the woman who created Father's Day, she now embraces her great-grandmother's legacy.

Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers who raised, provided for and made sacrifices for their families, and to all men who have cared for and acted as role models for the youth of our communities!