

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

July, 2025 - Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

July, 2025 - Denise May

FELLOWSHIP

July, 2025 - Denise May

SPEAKERS

7/2/2025 - No Meeting

7/9/25 - Courtney Townsend, National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP)

7/16/25 - The Hub Nutrition

7/23/25 - Julia Wetstein, Rotary International Convention

7/30/25 - No meeting at Trumbull Country Club/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
Cindy Matheson*

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Tony Iannucci*

*Vice-President
Alicia Adams-
Angelo*

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Judy Masaki*

*Treasurer
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Lauren Kramer
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Marilyn Pape
John Perdue
Julia Wetstein*

PRESIDENTS' NIGHT

President Cindy Matheson's "Enchanted Evening" was held on June 25th at the Von Isley Estate, an historic mansion in Niles, Ohio. The mansion was originally built in 1918 for Margaretta Thomas Clingan, a well-known philanthropist, and Thomas Omar Clingan. After Margaretta's death in 1952, her children and grandchildren donated the mansion to the Niles YMCA. In 1984, the building became Southview Manor, a group home for the mentally challenged, which served 147 residents for nearly 40 years. Finally, in December 2021, the Von Isley family (Joshua and Gerna) purchased the estate and transformed it into the event venue that it is today. As Cindy searched for a possible venue for Presidents' Night, she thought the Von Isley was "magical" - a perfect place to celebrate "The Magic of Rotary" that we experienced over the past year.

The evening began with a cocktail hour and music by Mike G. Guests then moved into the dining hall, where table-side entertainment was provided by David Garza and Sergio Castro. A buffet dinner was catered by Ciminero's, and music by a Sax Quartet was provided throughout the meal.



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Judy Masaki



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Following dinner, gifts of appreciation were presented to the club's Board of Directors and the Foundation Board of Administrators for their service this past year. In addition, Warren Rotary Past-Presidents who were present at the event were recognized for their service and inspiration to those who followed in their footsteps.



District Governor Elayne Bozick congratulated our club on receiving the Rotary Club Excellence Award. This award recognizes Rotary clubs for achievements in strengthening Rotary and their communities. This year, clubs were evaluated based on goals achieved within Rotary Club Central, with a focus on membership growth, service projects, donations to the Rotary Foundation, community awareness, and strategic planning.



Our club also received awards for achievements in the Environment/Operation Pollination Challenge and for becoming a PeaceBuilder Club. These awards were accepted by Christine Cope and Father Ray Thomas on behalf of their respective committees.

Each year, The Rotary Club of Warren Board of Directors chooses a non-board member to be the Club's "Distinguished Rotarian", based upon their contributions to Rotary, whether it be The Rotary Club of Warren, District 6650, or Rotary International. Following a nomination by Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger, the Board of Directors unanimously

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chose Paul Pal as our 2025 Distinguished Rotarian. Paul selflessly stepped up during our weekly meetings to assist with Cheryl's duties while she recovered from surgery this past year.



During his or her year as president of the Rotary Club of Warren, a president often 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. President Cindy Matheson had the honor of presenting this year's Rotarian of the Year Award to Ray Sinchak. Each week, Ray humbly assists with tasks that keep our meetings running smoothly, including set-up and tear-down, registration, fellowship, and Triple Jackpot, and Ray also always helps out at fundraisers throughout the year.

As the evening drew to a close, Cindy was presented with her President's lapel pin and gifts from our club and Board of Directors. She also shared this message:

"As my year as President for the Warren Rotary Club comes to an end, I am both sad and overwhelmed with joy. I have enjoyed my year as President. And I hope all the members enjoyed the year too. I



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set out with a goal to make Rotary meetings fun and to work together to do good things for our community. We accomplished both those goals thanks to everyone helping when needed.

From the first fun event of the Rotary Family Picnic at the Shelter House in Warren, I knew it was going to be a great year. Other events that I will cherish is the Hometown Holidays, and of course the River Duck Festival at Perkins Park. A project that I will forever be so proud of is the Peace Pole, and thankful to the committee that worked so hard to accomplish that. I am so excited to see what Tony has in store for us as he begins his Presidency on July 1st. I am sure he will work hard and make us all proud to call him our President.

Thanks to the club for your trust in me, I appreciate all of you."



Teardrop Art Glass

And yes, a crystal duck!



President's Gavel



Presidents' Night not only gave our club a chance to honor Cindy Matheson and all past presidents but also to welcome Tony Iannucci to his term as President of The Rotary Club of Warren. Effective July 1st, Tony

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will lead our club under the 2025 - 2026 Rotary International Presidential Theme, "Unite for Good". This means good work with members and being united with other organizations.

Tony thanked members for the opportunity to serve during the upcoming Rotary Year. His goals will focus on developing service groups, supporting the youth in our community, growing membership (potentially with a satellite club), continuing the River Duck Festival, and expanding our participation in Hometown Holidays by leading the lighting of Courthouse Square.



*"The Rotary way is to light a candle.
I light one, you light one, 1.2 million
Rotarians light one.
Together, we light up the world."*

2014 - 2015 RI President Gary C.K. Huang

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS: There will be no club meeting at Noon on Wednesday, July 2nd. Have a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July! Weekly Club meetings will resume on July 9th.

THE NILES ROTARY CLUB'S STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL was rescheduled due to inclement weather. It will now be held on July 3rd at 5:30 p.m. in front of the McKinley Memorial. Guys without Ties will provide entertainment.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will hold their first meeting of Rotary Year 2025 - 2026 on Thursday, July 10th at Café 422. Fellowship, hosted by John Perdue, will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m. All Board members should plan to attend.

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.

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.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY: In a gesture that exemplifies Rotary's concern for those in need, extra food from Presidents' Night was donated to the Salvation Army.