

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  
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*Community  
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*International  
Service*

*Youth Service*

# ROTARY NOTES

A publication of the Rotary Club of Warren

June 5, 2024

ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS

June 5<sup>th</sup> & June 12<sup>th</sup> - Don Powers  
June 19<sup>th</sup> & June 26<sup>th</sup> - Patti Augustine

REGISTRATION

June, 2024 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

June, 2024 - Terra O'Brien

FELLOWSHIP (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.) & MAGAZINE REPORT (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed.)

June, 2024 - Denise May

CAREER AWARENESS (4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the Month)

June, 2024 - Erica Royster

SPEAKERS

6/12/24 - Nicole Fonacier Laroco, Former Rotary GSE member  
6/19/24 - Presidents' Night/No Noon Club Meeting  
6/26/24 - Compass Family & Community Services  
7/3/24 - No Club Meeting

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  
Ken LaPolla*

*President Elect  
Cindy Matheson*

*Vice-President  
Tony Iannucci*

*Secretary  
Judy Masaki*

*Treasurer  
Cheryl Oblinger*

*Assistant Treasurer  
Mike Bollas*

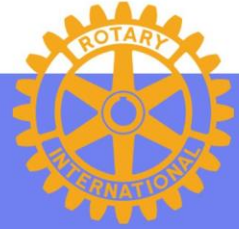
*Past President  
Ted Stazak*

Board Members

*Bill Beinecke  
Lauren Kramer  
Marilyn Pape  
John Perdue  
Lorilyn Shandor  
Julia Wetstein*



**JUNE IS**



**ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH**

June is designated Rotary Fellowship Month in order to: recognize the importance of international fellowship and goodwill among Rotarians with similar recreational interests, vocations, and health and medical issue-oriented interests; promote increased participation in fellowships; and increase understanding of this program.

Rotary Fellowships are international groups whose members share a common passion, and they are a fun way to make friends around the world. These groups help expand skills, foster vocational development, and enhance your Rotary experience by exploring interests while developing global connections.

In this month's District newsletter, DG Richard Tirpak reminds us that there are numerous other opportunities for friends and fellowship in Rotary. Besides attending meetings regularly, helping at fundraisers and service projects, joining in meetings and events of other clubs, and participating in District, Zone and International Conventions can also generate camaraderie, bring us closer together, and expand our knowledge of Rotary.

The following statement from DG Tirpak sums up, not only this month's theme, but also the spirit of Rotary:

**"There are no strangers at Rotary functions; just friends waiting to be made."**

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

**contact:**

*Judy Masaki*



Diane Sauer kicked off Rotary Fellowship Month by welcoming Father Ray Thomas to our meeting. Father Ray is a former member of both the Ashtabula and Conneaut Rotary Clubs.

Best wishes also went out to the following Warren Rotarians who are celebrating June birthdays: Cheryl Oblinger, Scott Lewis, Jane MacPherson, Dallas Woodall, Lauren Kramer, Barry Dunaway, Nigel Newman, Diane Sauer, and Don Powers.

Finally, Diane closed out this week's Fellowship with the following bit of humor:

"I'm at the age where if you text me at 10:46 p.m., I text you back at 5:12 a.m."



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**JOIN US FOR OUR CLUB MEETING ON JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>** when a special guest from the Philippines will share her story. The chef at Trumbull Country Club will be preparing Filipino-style food for lunch, and District Governor Elaine will be joining us as well. Come and see how Rotary spans our world!

**THE 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CATALINA WINE MIXER** will be hosted by the Girard-Liberty Rotary Club on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Giant Eagle on Belmont Avenue (4700 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, OH). The event will include wine, beer, all you can eat food, basket auctions and music.

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS** will hold their June meeting on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at Leo's Restaurant. Fellowship, hosted by Bill Beinecke, will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.

**THE ANNUAL ROTARY DISTRICT 6650 CONFERENCE** will kick off with an evening social event at Royal Docks Brewing in Oakwood Square from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The conference will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Kent Stark Conference Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Attendees will be able to meet new people, hear new ideas, and have some fun.

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**PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FORM** to Cindy Matheson as soon as possible in order to help us plan for the next Rotary Year!

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN'S PRESIDENTS' NIGHT** will be held on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at Trumbull Country Club beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be no noon club meeting that day. There will be a cash bar, and a plated meal will be served, including your choice of a chicken, fish,

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or vegetarian dinner. An acoustic guitarist will provide entertainment during the social hour.

**FREE EVENT:** Sunshine Golden Acres Farm Market & Soap Company will host a Classic Car Cruise-In on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. (3335 Mahoning Ave., NW, Warren, OH). There is no registration fee! The free event will feature music, coffee, donuts and other food, as well as a 50/50 raffle. Contact Rotarian Amy Phillips for more information.

**STRIKE OUT POLIO NIOGHT AT PNC PARK:** We have been invited to join an Ohio-Pittsburgh version of Strike Out Polio! On Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Rotary District 7305 is hosting Ohio Rotary Districts for fellowship, fun and fundraising for Polio at the Pirates vs. Cardinals game. You will sit near other Rotarians, and credit for the concession stands and a donation to PolioPlus is included in the ticket price for a night at the ballpark! RI Governor-Elect Stephanie Urchick will throw out the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch, and tailgating options will be available! Tickets will be delivered electronically to you and can be purchased at:

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Rotarydistrict5>

**A ROTARY CAR-CRUISE DISTRICT SOCIAL** is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Salem, Ohio on Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Gervasi Vineyard (1700 55<sup>th</sup> St., NE, Canton, OH 44721). Admission is FREE.

**IN OUR NATURE**, a District 6650 Rotary Foundation Event, will be held on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more information!

**THE WARREN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA** expresses their deep appreciation for a recent grant from The Rotary Club of Warren in support of their Strings of Joy program. This program, which was initiated by Warren Rotarian Frank Bodor, puts violins in the hands of students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

**GREETING FROM JONI GAWNE:** "Hi there Fellow Rotarians! My husband and I have officially reached Florida for our final move. We left Ohio on Monday and I experienced the first long drive of my life as each of us drove our own cars. It's an exciting new adventure indeed. I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to be a part of Rotary. Service outside of ourselves is one thing I aspire to do and Rotary has been doing that for generations all over the world. What an honor to be called a Rotarian! I will seek out Rotary in my new home and hopefully continue what we started. Most of all, I thank each of you for the lifelong friendship. Please do message me if you are ever in Florida. I would love to see you. We live 15 minutes away from Kennedy Space Center. We'll have mimosas by the beach! This is not goodbye but see you later. May God continue to bless each of you. More power to

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Rotary.” Joni can be contacted at: 816 Mystic Drive #A402, Cape Canaveral, Florida 32920.

**CONDOLENCES:** The Rotary Club of Warren would like to extend its deepest sympathies to Lorilyn Shandor on the passing of her mother. Please keep Lorilyn and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN WISHES A SPEEDY RECOVERY** to Cheryl Oblinger who is currently facing some health issues. We hope to see her back with us soon!

**PROGRAM:**

**TEXAS ROADHOUSE**

Brittnee Bryan has been with Texas Roadhouse for four years in total but has been the Store Marketer for the Niles location for one year. She is extremely passionate about working with the local community, especially by being involved with local schools and non-profit organizations. Brittnee is also considering becoming a Rotarian! Her Marketing Coach, Ashley, has worked with Texas Roadhouse for 8 ½ years, mainly in the Boardman location. The



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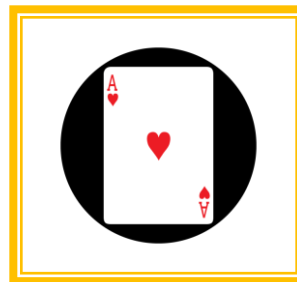
two women visited with The Rotary Club of Warren this week to tell our members about how Texas Roadhouse gives back to the community.

Texas Roadhouse offers fundraising opportunities for non-profit organizations. They also build partnerships in the community by working at golf outings, helping local food banks, and hosting luncheons for partners in education. However one of their most exciting community outreach programs involves co-branded gift cards. Gift cards, which included logos of a community organization as well as Texas Roadhouse, can range from \$5 to \$100. If \$1,000 in gift cards are purchased, a 10% discount is offered (i.e. an organization pays \$900 for \$1,000 in gift cards). These gift cards can be used for employee appreciation, as give-a-ways at business meetings, and more. They are a great way to highlight a business. A sign can also be posted at Texas Roadhouse, advertising sale of the gift cards, for a period of three months, and will be visible to 8,000 customers a week. The sign is also shared on Texas Roadhouse's Facebook page.

Brittnee loves to participate in community events and meetings, where a table can be set up with give-a-ways from the Roadhouse, food can be donated, and "enter to wins" can be advertised. Steak, chicken, pulled pork and desserts are also available for catered events. Andy Armadillo, the Roadhouse's mascot, often accompanies Brittnee to community events.

In these ways, Texas Roadhouse's use of an in-house Marketer, rather than using a national advertising agency, allows for savings that are, in turn, used to give back to and feed the community. Many thanks to Brittnee, Ashley, and their restaurant for the treats they brought to our club and for their community service.

TRIPLE JACKPOT



**This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$411.  
Congratulations to Daily & Grand Jackpot Winner, Alicia Adams Angelo!!**

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HAPPY BUCKS

\*\*\* **Alicia Adams Angelo** was a happy winner!!

\*\*\* **Cindy Matheson** enjoyed our speakers (and the bread they brought!!). She offered a Happy Buck for our upcoming Presidents' Night and encouraged everyone to attend and support Ken!

\*\*\* **Ken LaPolla**, in response to Texas Roadhouse's mascot, reported that his daughter lives in Alabama and saw a live armadillo! He thanked Father Ray for visiting with us. Ken is happy that his wife had the opportunity to go to Puerto Rico for a week. And he wishes Cheryl Oblinger well and hopes to see her back with us soon!

