



# ROTARY NOTES

A publication of the Rotary Club of Warren

## 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?*

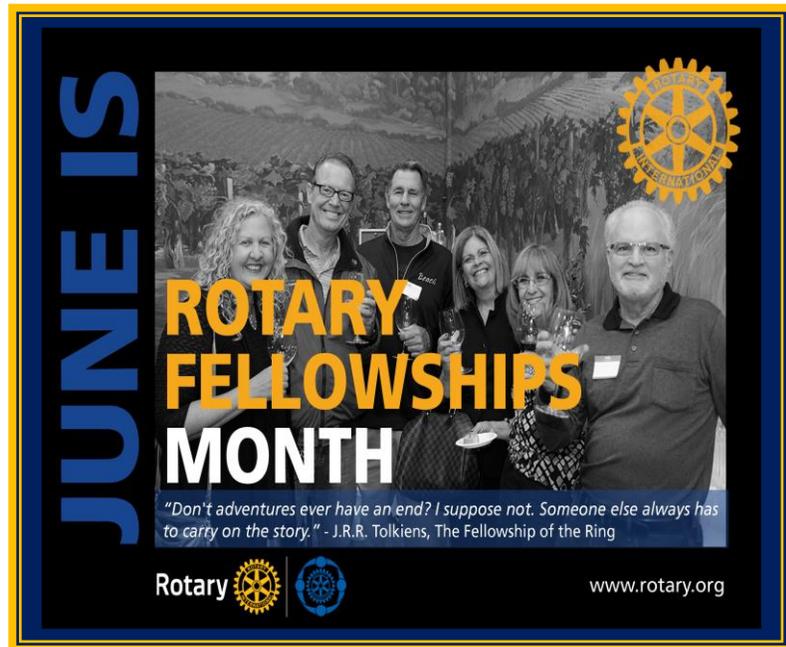
*Will it be  
beneficial to all  
concerned?*

## Avenues of Service

*Club Service*

*Vocational  
Service*

*Community  
Service*



JUNE 9, 2021

## GREETERS

6/16/2021 - Barry Dunaway

## INVOCATION

June, 2021 - Denise May

## FELLOWSHIP

June, 2021 - Ted Stazak

## MAGAZINE REPORT

June, 2021 - Denise May

## SPEAKERS

6/16/2021 - To Be Announced

Areas of Focus

*Promoting Peace*

*Fighting Disease*

*Providing Clean Water*

*Saving Mothers & Children*

*Supporting Education*

*Growing Local Economies*

Club Officers

*President*

*Dominic Mararri*

*President Elect*

*Christine Cope*

*Vice-President*

*Ted Stazak*

*Secretary*

*Judy Masaki*

*Treasurer*

*Cheryl Oblinger*

*Past President*

*Teri Surin*

Board Members

*Bill Beinecke*

*Lauren Kramer*

*Scott Lewis*

*Marilyn Pape*

*Kim Straniak*

*Lisa Taddei*

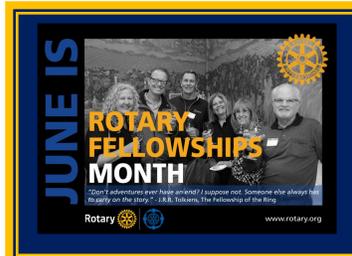
*Julia Wetstein*

*This month, we recognize the importance of international fellowship & good will among Rotarians with similar recreational, vocational, & health and medical-oriented interests. Fellowships began in 1928 when a group of Rotarians with an interest in Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of boating enthusiasts became the Yachting Fellowship. These types of groups gained attention over the years & operated as World Fellowship Activities, International Vocational Contact Groups, Rotary Recreational & Vocational Fellowships, and, finally, Rotary Fellowships. Rotary International promotes increased participation in fellowships & urges Rotarians to increase their understanding of this program.*

**OPENING MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE:**

**“Fellowship isn’t just what we do for each other. Fellowship is what we do together for the world.”**

**- Eric Bryant**



During our 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Rotary Year, Pastor Todd Jonson from Second Baptist Church in Warren joined in fellowship with our Club.

With Ted Stazak sunning himself on a beach, Julia Wetstein filled in as our Fellowship hostess. As we all know, organizations need a lot of volunteers in order to run smoothly and complete service projects and fundraisers. Yet,



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*Judy Masaki*

we often hear a million excuses about why people can't help out. In order to demonstrate how powerful the right motivation can be, Julia shared a video clip from the movie, *Kung Fu Panda*. For those of you who haven't seen the show, Po, the lead character who happens to be a Panda, is training to be a hero and learning Kung Fu. However, he is overweight and lazy. Just as he's about to give up, food becomes a great motivator. Po is able to balance on his tippy toes, do a full split, jump up high and punch through a cabinet, all in order to get a cookie. Suddenly, what seemed impossible became a reality.

Like Po, with the right motivation, we too can move heaven and earth! So, when we or others say "No", maybe we need to figure out what's motivating.

Julia offered another example in this story: An older gentleman was sitting by a lake in a park. A young man sat down next to him and said, "I want to be just like you. What's the secret to your success?" The old man throws the youngster into the lake and holds him under water. Just as he was about to run out of air, the old man brings the young man to the surface. The moral of the story: "When you want success like you want a breath, you will have it." Look inward and work for what you want and need!



*Best wishes to the following Warren Rotarians  
who are celebrating June birthdays:*

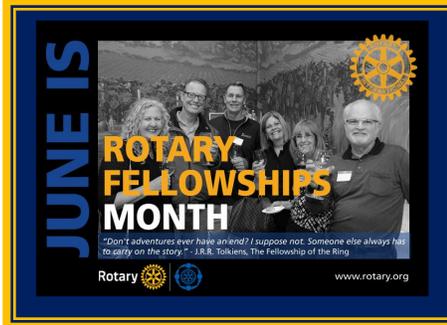
*Cheryl Oblinger Scott Lewis Dallas Woodall*

*Lauren Kramer Barry Dunaway Diane Sauer*

*Don Powers Reggie Rooks Keno Hills*

*Nigel Newman*

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**PRESIDENTS' NIGHT** will be held on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Eastwood Event Centre. The theme will be "Viva La Rotary", Vegas style. We will not have our regularly scheduled Noon meeting that day. DJ Jeff Dunn with Tune Weavers will provide entertainment at the evening event. A plated meal will be served, and there will be door prizes. Dinner will be open to Rotarians and their guests, as well as non-Rotarians. Many thanks to Berk Enterprises for helping with this year's flier. Tickets are on sale now!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** On Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, the Cafaro Company has offered the Rotary Club of Warren use of its lounge at the Scrapper's Game. This is an adult only event. Game time is 7:00 p.m., but you may arrive at 6:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at Club meetings, or you may contact Dominic Mararri.

**CLUB ATTENDANCE:** The Rotary Club of Warren Board of Directors would like to express their gratitude to all of our members for their patience in response to the restrictions placed on our Club during the pandemic, especially those that those that impacted our regular Club meetings and gatherings. Your enthusiasm to remain connected through the use of technology has been inspirational. Yet, more and more members are becoming more comfortable with returning to in-person meetings. At its most recent meeting, the Rotary Club of Warren Board of Directors made the decision to resume attendance requirements effective July 1, 2021. Members will receive credit for attending a meeting either in-person at Café 422 or virtually via Zoom. If you are unable to participate in a meeting in-person or via Zoom, you must submit a make-up to Secretary Judy Masaki in order to receive attendance credit.

**SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS:** There will be no Noon Club meetings on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, and July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS** will meet in-person at Leo's Restaurant on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Fellowship, hosted by Dominic Mararri, will begin at 5:00 p.m., with the business meeting to follow at 5:30 p.m. All current and incoming Board members are encouraged to attend.

**A PLANNING MEETING** for the upcoming Rotary Year will be held for

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Board of Directors on Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at Noon at Café 422.

**AN IN-PERSON DISTRICT CONFERENCE** will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn South in Boardman, Ohio. The registration price of \$60 covers two meals. Mike Parkes and Daniel Caron are this year's speakers. In addition, Clubs and Rotarians will be honored, and incoming District Governor, Steve Wilder, will be inaugurated. All Rotarians and spouse are invited.

**DO GOOD IN THE WORLD** by donating to the Rotary Foundation. Through your generous support, you can make a positive impact in communities that need our help the most.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2022 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION!!** The event will be held in Houston, Texas from June 4<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Register and pay by 6/16/2021 in order to take advantage of the promotional rate of \$425. Don't miss your chance to "Discover New Horizons" in Rotary, in Houston, and in yourself!

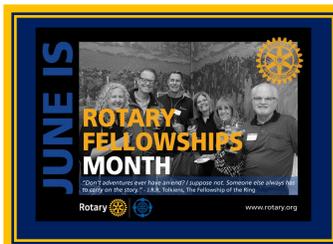
**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!!** If you have not already done so, please submit your Club dues to Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you do not want to mail them in, you can pay in person at a Club meeting, and Cheryl can also take your payment over the phone by credit card. We've made it through a rough couple of years - please continue supporting our Club! Don't run the risk of letting your membership lapse.



**ROTARY YEAR 2021 - 2022**

The start of a new Rotary year is right around the corner! Planning is underway, and we need your help. President-Elect Christine Cope has distributed a list of committees, both in-person at Club meetings and via email. Please complete the form she distributed by putting a check mark next to the committee that you are interested in serving on and returning it to her as soon as possible. Some of the new committees that you have an opportunity to participate in are: Membership Retention; Young Professionals; Social Media; Planning & Review of the By-Laws; and History & Memorabilia, to name a few. Help is also needed with: planning a variety of programs, service projects and fundraisers; setting up tours; and securing corporate memberships. In addition, Rotarians are being encouraged to make presentations on a topic of interest at Club meetings. Remember, this is your Club, so don't miss the opportunity to provide input! Stay tuned for more details at upcoming meetings!

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IT'S ALL ABOUT PERSPECTIVE  
By Judy Masaki

Over the past few months, I've been participating in an on-line continuing education class on leadership. This month's session dealt with creating a great work environment and the dimensions of an organization that shape the quality of work life for staff. We spent a lot of time discussing how an individual's perception and perspective shape one's sense of reality.

One of the tools that was used to bring this point home was a 20 minute film titled *Everyday Creativity* shot by American Photographer, Dewitt Jones, for National Geographic. It's a best-selling business training video filled with wonderful shots of nature, and believe me, after seeing it, I believe everyone should have a copy for their own personal library. It is phenomenal!

Unfortunately, I tried Googling it - it's currently available for the sale price of \$795. A little steep, so, I figured I'd share some of the take-away thoughts that rang true for me:

- \* Everyone has creativity. We simply need to learn to access it.
- \* Life is all about perspective. We need to look at the ordinary, see the extraordinary, and fall in love with the world.
- \* The lens through which we choose to view a problem is critical.
- \* There is always more than one right answer, always another perspective. Don't always settle for the first one.
- \* You can reframe a problem into an opportunity. However, you can't do this if you're afraid to make mistakes.
- \* Breaking a pattern is the first step in learning to fly.
- \* Life presents us with windows of opportunity. Be ready to take advantage of them.
- \* Life is a banquet of endless possibilities filled with light and beauty. We just have to be open to see it.
- \* Turn around - you might not be looking in the right direction.

If all of that doesn't get you thinking, consider this quote:

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy.  
I awoke and found that life was duty.  
I went to work and discovered that duty and work can be joy."  
- Tagore, Bengali Poet

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HAPPY BUCKS



\*\*\* **Dominic Mararri** offered Happy Bucks for everyone who helped out at this week's meeting, for Pastor Todd Johnson, for the upcoming Presidents' Night, and for his successful real estate work.

\*\*\* **Dallas Woodall** offered a Happy Buck in honor of Past-President Dick Mahaffey and his wife, Greta, who recently celebrated their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Dallas and Thelma are only one year behind! And a belated Happy 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Dallas!!

\*\*\* **Lauren Kramer** offered a Happy Buck for Dominic's year as Club President.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It was once said by Arthur Sapp, "It is not enough to say that we have arrived until we answer the question, 'Where and to what purpose?'"

As we approach the close of this Rotary Year, and in efforts to get ready for where we are heading next year, I find it important to reflect on where we have been as a club. As many can recall, we began our meetings virtually with the sole purpose of doing our best as a club to embody our motto, "Service Above Self", to the best of our ability.

It has also been said, "Rotary's strength lies in the sincerity of purpose of its members." (Estes Snedecor, Rotary Club of Portland, OR, 1921 Rotary Convention)

Now, here on our 49<sup>th</sup> meeting, I stand proud of our perseverance and our strength. As we continue to meet in person, we will soon be back to the fundamentals of Rotary with President-Elect Christine Cope's leadership. We have achieved this purpose despite all the adversity.

- Dominic Mararri, President  
The Rotary Club of Warren