

### 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

A publication of the Rotary Club of Warren

March 13, 2024

## ASSIGNMENTS

### GREETERS

March, 2024 - Dallas Woodall

April, 2024 - Chris Shape

### REGISTRATION

March, 2024 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak

### INVOCATION

March, 2024 - Janet Schweitzer

April, 2024 - Ted Stazak

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

March, 2024 - Judy Masaki

April 3<sup>rd</sup> & April 17<sup>th</sup> - Ray Sinchak (Fellowship)

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Lauren Kramer (Magazine Report)

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

March 27, 2024 - Erica Royster

April 24, 2024 - Robin Martorana

## SPEAKERS

3/20/24 - Rob Berk & Bill Beinecke, Slice of the Valley

3/27/24 - Shepherd of the Valley

4/3/24 - Max Hoover, Cockeye Creamery Factory

4/10/24 - Mike Wilson as Rodney Dangerfield

4/17/24 - Tony Iannucci & RYLA Students

4/24/24 - Mark Miller, Magician

### 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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# MARCH



**TAKE ACTION:** Join Rotary, Be a People of Action



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Clean water, sanitation and hygiene are basic necessities for a healthy, productive life. Yet, millions of people die from preventable waterborne diseases caused by unsafe water. At least 3,000 children die daily from diarrheal diseases, which is a grim reminder of the importance for Rotary members to make providing clean water and sanitation a priority.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> is World Water Day, but Rotarians lead clean water initiatives on an ongoing basis, especially in underdeveloped countries. They spearhead projects to install latrines and washing stations, lay water pipelines and maintain other new infrastructure to harvest clean water, and organize educational programs to promote handwashing and other good hygiene habits.

\$24 is all it takes to provide one person with safe water. Today, over 23 million people have access to sanitation and hygiene thanks to Rotary projects.

During March, encourage your family and associates to join Rotary and get involved in creating healthier communities!

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about our  
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to become a  
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*Judy Masaki*



**MAGAZINE REPORT**

**By  
Judy Masaki**

This month's edition of Rotary has so many interesting articles, covering topics including a dog-friendly service project in Korea, high tech polio mapping in Africa, extreme isolation among young adults in Japan, and the world's nuclear dilemma. However, I picked just three stories that highlight how people, from the youngest to the oldest, can make changes in the world through Rotary.

"The Business of Caring" on page 18 is the story of a six year old boy in Japan. After Typhoon Haiyan ravaged the Philippines in 2013, this child visited the Philippine Embassy in Tokyo and donated the money in his piggy bank to help victims, including those in his own city of Tacloban, which was decimated. After that act of love, Johnny and Veronica Yu of the Philippines were so inspired that they became members of the Arch Klumph Society Chairs Circle by contributing more than \$500,000 to the Rotary Foundation. They had been involved in Rotary for decades but boosted their giving because of a six year old! They support PolioPlus because it started in their country, and they said they support the Foundation because they believe in hope, love, blessings, answered prayers, God and the Magic of Rotary. They encourage all of us to leave that same legacy behind in the work we do, the people we help and the lives we change.

Let's travel over to Washington State now, where it is estimated that 1 in 11 residents, and 1 in 8 children, face hunger. Food insecurity increased dramatically after the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic and remain high today, especially among people of color and households with children. Now, with their apple industry, the state's agricultural sector turns out an abundance of produce. Yet, in 2022, about 1/3 of the United States' food supply - more than 12 million tons - was left unharvested. This feature article in this month's edition of everyone's favorite magazine details how Harvest Against Hunger and other non-profits, like Rotary, are linking farms to food banks and reducing food waste. Be sure to check out "From Farm to Pantry" on page 24.

# W A R R E N N R O T A R Y

Finally, in "Responsible Voluntourism", we're given some tips from a veteran volunteer on how to truly make a positive impact in communities that we visit. Susan Gibson loves to travel, and when she turned 30, she flew to Haiti to volunteer. She thought she could roll up her sleeves, jump in and do whatever needed to be done, and everyone would be happy. However, it turned out to be a lot more complicated. The non-profit that she connected with didn't align with her values.

So, she came home, went back to school to study overseas service and development, and landed an internship with a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, where she learned about microfinance in Bangladesh. She watched and learned, and went on to a career in international development, working and volunteering in 70 countries. And here are the lessons she learned:

1. Start local. Before you go to another country, find out what you can do at home and build upon your experience.
2. Be prepared. Do your research and really think about what you want out of an experience.
3. Spend time in the field. If you're going to go through the trouble of putting yourself on a plane to a foreign country, interact with the people, clarify what their needs are, and don't just talk about helping - actually do it.
4. Respect people. Adhere to their community's culture.
5. Listen to what people are saying and don't make assumptions. Resist the temptation to say, "All you need to do is . . ."
6. Learn by doing. You won't know all the answers to problems until you have firsthand knowledge.
7. Work in partnership with the residents of the community. Be a catalyst, cheerleader, facilitator, and connector. Do WITH others, not FOR others.
8. Park your ego! As a volunteer, everything is your job, even the mundane tasks. Don't look for pats on the back because it's not all about you!
9. Be adaptable, empathetic, compassionate and understanding - not judgmental. When things don't go the way you want, take a deep breath and stay calm.
10. Follow up. When you make promises and commitments, keep them. Thank everyone who has helped you, without expecting anything in return. Sounds a lot like "Service above Self"!



# W A R R E N R O T A R Y



**OHIO P.E.T. PROJECT** - The five RI Ohio District Governors are partnering with and fundraising for "On Our Sleeves", a non-profit organization committed to breaking stigmas and helping families talk about mental health issues with their children. On Our Sleeves designed a custom made kindness kit for teachers to use in their classrooms, and they are free to teachers who request them. For a gift of \$25, you can provide resources for one classroom to encourage children to build a kinder world together. You can donate at: [www.onoursleeves.org](http://www.onoursleeves.org)

**SAVE THE DATE:** Join the Sugarcreek Rotary Club for their Annual Pancake Meal Fundraiser and Health Screening on March 22, 2024 at Garaway Belden Community Center (221 Dover Road, NW, Sugarcreek, OH). More details will be available soon.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our 2024 Slice of the Valley Pizza Challenge is only five weeks away!! The fundraiser is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Eastwood Event Centre! We'll need as many Rotarians as possible to volunteer at the event in order to make it a success. Online ticket sales are now up and running at: [www.warrenrotary.org/tickets](http://www.warrenrotary.org/tickets) Sponsorship packets have been sent out, and they can also be found on the last two pages of this newsletter. In addition, Cindy Matheson is requesting donations for the wagon raffle (\$50 items, gift cards or cash/checks). She will be organizing wagons with the following themes: Adult (wine, adult outings, etc.); Family (games, movies, etc.); and Pets (dogs and cats). There's a new addition to this year's SOV menu! Michael Ingram from Game Changers will be bringing "King of the Wings" to the event. SO, in addition to 11 or 12 pizza vendors, wine from L'uva Bella Winery, and desserts from Mocha House, six restaurants with wings will each be serving 250 chicken wings. (A special ticket must be purchased in order to enjoy the wings.) Entertainment will be provided by DJ Tom Angelo and the SCOPE Seniors.

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**THE HEARING MISSION:** District 6650 has partnered with The Rotary Club of Boardman, Dr. Sheryl Figliano, & The Hearing Mission Foundation (a local non-profit) to give the gift of hearing to hearing impaired children. A team of professionals and volunteers will be going to Guatemala City, Guatemala from April 7<sup>th</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup> in order to test, fit, and supply hearing aids and batteries to 150 children with severe to profound hearing loss at a cost of \$300 per child. Clubs and individual Rotarians may choose to "adopt" a child. Your entire gift will be used for the benefit of the child. None of the funds will be used for travel, accommodations, or meals for the professionals or volunteers. Checks can be made payable to: The Hearing Missions Foundation. Please put the name of our Club on the memo line. Please mail your check to: The Hearing Missions Foundation

126 York Avenue

Youngstown, Ohio 44512

If you are interested in accompanying the team as a volunteer, contact Dr. Figliano ([drfigliano@centersforhearingcare.com](mailto:drfigliano@centersforhearingcare.com)) or DG Rich Tirpak ([RSTIRPAK@NEO.RR.COM](mailto:RSTIRPAK@NEO.RR.COM)) for details.

**A ROTAPLAST MISSION TRIP** is being planned to Bangladesh April 13<sup>th</sup> through April 27<sup>th</sup>, and two Rotarians from District 6650 are being sought as nonmedical volunteers. Non-medical volunteers may serve as the Quartermaster, Medical Records Keeper, Patient Transporter, Ward Coordinator, Sterilizer, or in other capacities. Training will be provided. Meals and hotels are paid for by Rotaplast, but the volunteers have to pay their own airfare. If you are interested in volunteering and having an experience of a lifetime in caring for children with cleft lips and palates, visit the following site to complete an application:

<https://rotaplast.org/non-medical-volunteer-application/>

**THE 2024 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** will be held 5/25/24 through 5/29/24 in Singapore, "the Garden City". You can attend inspiring breakout sessions, exchange ideas about service projects, and make meaningful connections with global individuals. Register today @ [convention.rotary.org](https://convention.rotary.org). This year's theme is "Sharing Hope with the World".

**CAREER AWARENESS DAY** - Our Club's Career Awareness Day was held at Harding High School on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Nine Warren Rotarians plus city officials provided a nice representation of careers to the students. May thanks to all who helped out!

**OAKLAND CENTER FOAR THE ARTS** - is moving to Warren!! Among other youth opportunities, the center will be holding a summer camp for 4 to 18 year olds. President Brendan Byers attended our March 13th

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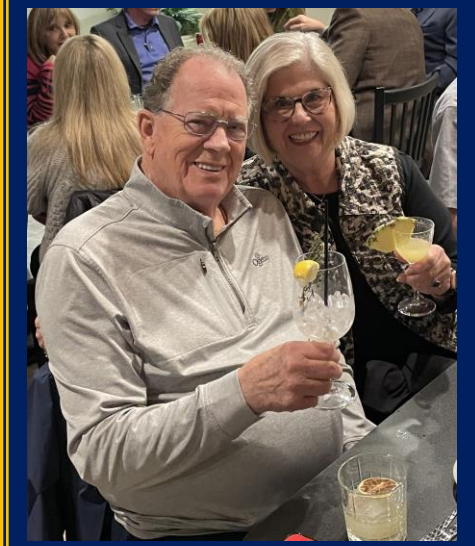
meeting as Julia Wetstein's guest and a prospective member of our club. Stay tuned for more information, as he'll be speaking to our club in the near future.

LAST WEEK'S SOCIAL & COCKTAIL TASTING was enjoyed by all!





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**FLASHBACK MINIS: THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN** - The March 6, 2024 edition of *Business Journal Daily* featured a video about the history of The Rotary Club of Warren and our lasting impact on the community. You can view the video on our Facebook page.

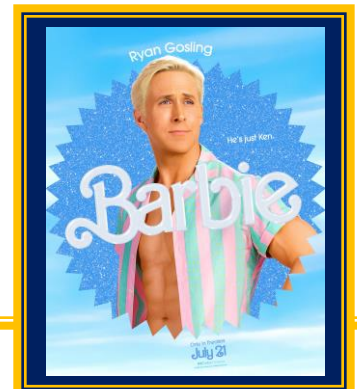
**PETS** - Julia Wetstein, Cindy Matheson and Tony Iannucci experienced the "Magic of Rotary" at the PETS conference this weekend. In addition to social events, educational trainings, and tips on preparing for the next Rotary Year, they were able to meet RI President-Elect Stephanie Urchick. We'll be hearing more details of their weekend at an upcoming club meeting. Here are a few pictures that they shared:



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**A TRIBUTE TO KEN** - If you didn't make it to this week's meeting, you missed out on an impromptu and unique tribute to President Ken LaPolla! Julia Wetstein sat Ken front and center to view the Barbie movie video, "I'm Just Ken". Thank you, Julia, for the entertainment! And many thanks to Ken for being a good sport! Gotta have fun at Rotary!



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**MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER!** President Ken LaPolla had the honor of inducting Cheryl Bush as the newest member of the Rotary Club of Warren on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl is Marketing & PR Manager of the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library. She has attended club meetings over the past few months and is happy to be an official member. Cheryl stated that she looks forward to getting to know everyone better and learning about all aspects of our club. Andy Bednar, standing in for Cheryl's sponsor Joni Gawne, presented Cheryl with her membership badge and Rotary pin.



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MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, membership applications from the following individuals were endorsed by the Rotary Club of Warren Board of Directors:

**BRENDAN BYERS**

(Sponsored by Julia Wetstein)

President of Oakland Center for the Arts  
40 Vermont Ave.  
Youngstown, OH 44512  
(412) 512 - 4420

**JENNIFER DAGATI**

(Corporate Membership)

(Sponsored by Mike Wilson)

President of Senior Showcase  
3016 Southwind Tr.  
Poland, OH 44514  
(330) 219 - 9958

**AMY PHILLIPS**

(Sponsored by Joni Gawne)

Owner of Sunshine Golden Acres  
4111 Kincaid East Rd., NW  
Warren, OH 44481  
(330) 240 - 8807

Any member who has concerns about these individuals being inducted into the Rotary Club of Warren should put them in writing to President Ken LaPolla no later than Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.



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## PROGRAM:

### NATE MAZUR, ALL ABOUT THE PAWZ DOG RESCUE

Nate Mazur is a Quality Manager for Xaloy, a supplier of plastic manufacturing equipment based in Austintown, Ohio. He lives in Cortland with his wife of 24 years, his two daughters, and his AATP rescue dogs, Luna and Sadie.

Nate has volunteered a few times a week at AATP for the past 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  years, where he helps take care of the dogs, assists with building maintenance, and organizes fundraisers for the organization.

AATP is an all volunteer-run dog shelter and foster based dog rescue located in Youngstown, Ohio. There are currently 10 to 12 animals in shelter care and 30+ dogs in foster care. Many of the dogs that come to the shelter also require veterinary care. AATP is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, funded by private donations and community fundraising. All funds go directly to pay for care of the animals, including food and veterinary care expenses, as well as shelter operating expenses.

AATP's mission is to find loving, forever homes for all of their dogs, with people who understand that a pet is a family member. The majority of their shelter animals come from Mahoning and Trumbull County pounds and other local dog rescues. However, they have also received animals from crisis areas as far away as Tennessee and Mississippi. These dogs need to be rescued due to being abandoned, abused or neglected. In some cases, owners surrender the dogs due to life changing events.

The shelter requires volunteers to feed, walk, play, and spend time



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with the dogs, as well as complete chores like sweeping, mopping, doing dishes and laundry, and taking out trash. Volunteers also help to plan fundraisers, such as basket raffles, concerts, online raffles, dinners and bake sales, and t-shirt sales.

In addition to volunteering, you can help AATP by adopting or fostering a rescue dog, supporting animal charity group fundraisers, liking/sharing animal rescue social media pages and posts, and spaying and neutering your own pets.



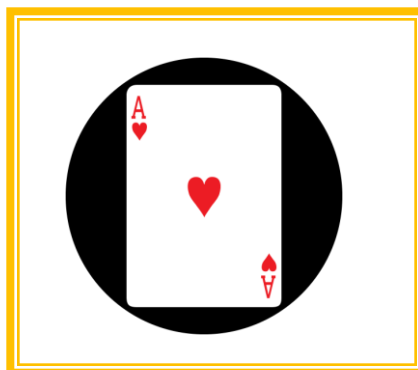
*BEST WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING  
WARREN ROTARIANS WHO ARE CELEBRATING  
MARCH BIRTHDAYS:*

*PAUL PAL    MEGHAN REED    JOHN PERDUE*

*ALICIA ADAMS-ANGELO*

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TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$267.  
Congratulations to Daily Winner Judy Masaki!



- \*\*\* **Cindy Matheson** - for the Slice of the Valley team, the upcoming PETS training, our newest member, & our speaker.
- \*\*\* **Judy Masaki** - for winning the daily jackpot and for her son's homecoming in two weeks!
- \*\*\* **Tony Iannucci** - for all who participated in the Cocktail Tasting Social and Career Awareness Day.
- \*\*\* **Julia Wetstein** - for her guest, Brendan Byers, our speaker, & Ken LaPolla who will never be just Ken.
- \*\*\* **Erica Royster** - for turning 41 in January, recovering from back pain, and being extremely happy all the time!



**AREA PIZZA SHOPS & BREWERIES ARE COMPETING!**

# **SLICE** of the valley

Annual Valley Pizza & Beer Challenge  
[www.SliceOfTheValley.com](http://www.SliceOfTheValley.com)

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**Purchase Tickets Online at:**  
**SLICEOFTHEVALLEY.COM**

**For More Info Call: (330) 716-3139**

**\$15 per adult** (includes 3 slices of pizza)

**\$5 per child** (6 and under) includes 2 slices of pizza

**NEW 4 pcs. of chicken - \$5. Extra pizza slices - \$2**

**Pop and Beer available for purchase. Water - \$1**



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Annual Valley Pizza Challenge  
www.SliceOfTheValley.com

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH, 2024**  
**4:00 - 7:00PM**

**EASTWOOD EVENT CENTRE**  
5577 Youngstown Warren Rd • Niles, OH



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*I will sponsor at the following level (please check):*

\_\_\_ \$5000 Sponsor 

*Includes:* Exclusive seating for 8 at premium location near stage, distinctive table in roped-off section including tablecloth, and cloth napkins, Personal Waiter to procure pizza, desserts, and drinks. 8 tickets to event, designated VIP entrance, full page company ad in event program, exclusive sponsorship signage, and special announcement by the Master of Ceremonies during the event.


\_\_\_ \$2500 Sponsor 

*Includes:* 8 tickets to event, full page company ad in event program, exclusive sponsorship signage, and special announcement by the Master of Ceremonies during the event.


**THIS FORM IS DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd, 2024.**

\_\_\_ \$1000 Sponsor 

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*Includes:* 4 tickets to event and full page company ad in event program.

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*Includes:* 2 tickets to event and full page company ad in event program.

\_\_\_ \$250 Sponsor 

*Includes:* 2 tickets to event and ½ page company ad in event program.

Please send all company logos in vector (.ai) or PDF format to [Design@BerkBrands.com](mailto:Design@BerkBrands.com)

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For more information call Rob: [330-716-3139](tel:330-716-3139) or Ken: [330-716-3838](tel:330-716-3838)  [Facebook.com/SliceOfTheValley](https://www.facebook.com/SliceOfTheValley)

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