

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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March, 2022 - Dominic Mararri
April, 2022 - Denise May

REGISTRATION

March, 2022 - Don Powers
April, 2022 - Teri Surin

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March, 2022 - Diane Sauer
April, 2022 - Andy Bednar

FELLOWSHIP

March 23, 2022 - Ken LaPolla
March 30, 2022 - Ted Stazak

MAGAZINE REPORT

March, 2022 - Nigel Newman
April, 2022 - Denise May

SPEAKERS

3/23/22 - Dennis Watkins, Trumbull County Prosecutor
3/30/22 - Sue Sexton & Elayne Bozick, Operation Pollination

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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AN IRISH BLESSING
(Presented by Diane Sauer)

May your days be many and your troubles be few.

May all God's blessings descend upon you.

May peace be within you, may your heart be strong.

May you find what you're seeking wherever you roam.

**May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of
God instruct us.**

**May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God
direct us.**

**May Thy Salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and
for evermore.**

Amen.



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Judy Masaki



This week, the Rotary Club of Warren welcomed the following visiting Rotarians: Howland Rotarian Bob Tucker and his wife LeeAnn; and former Warren Rotarian Tracey Timko. It's always good to spend some time with old friends and those from neighboring clubs!

As I watched the news last night, I noted that even though St. Patrick's Day was Thursday, people in the Valley are continuing to celebrate their Irish heritage well into the weekend. So, I decided to exercise my newsletter editor's privilege, and offer a substitute Fellowship lesson (sorry Chris!).

Many people are fascinated with the history, culture and folklore of Ireland, the Emerald Isle. Here are some fun, educational shamrock facts that will tell you more about this amazing plant:

1. **Shamrocks have only three leaves.** Lots of people confuse the shamrock with the so-called lucky four-leafed clover, but these plants aren't quite the same thing. Both come from the white clover plant, but the shamrock has only three leaves than come off from each stem. The four-leaf version is a mutation of clover and much harder to find. It is said that you may find just one four-leaf clover in a patch of 10,000 normal three-leaf clovers.
2. **The shamrock is not the official symbol of Ireland.** The official symbol is actually the Irish harp. However, the shamrock is referred to as the national plant of Ireland and is normally worn with much pride as a symbol on St. Patrick's Day.
3. **Shamrock means "summer plant".** The name for the shamrock originates from the Irish word, "seamrog", translating to summer plant. This makes sense because white clover is prevalent in the summer months. You often see bees all over it.

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

- 4. Saint Patrick used the shamrock to teach about the Holy Trinity.** When Saint Patrick traveled to Ireland in the fifth century and began preaching the word of God, he showed the Irish people that while the parts of the Holy Trinity were each separate entities, they were also all connected together as well. It's the same with the shamrock because it has three separate leaves which grow and branch out from one single stem.
- 5. St. Patrick made the shamrock famous.** Eventually the plant became regarded as something holy. It came to represent the teaching of the man turned saint who came to preach the word of God to all people. It's also widely believed that St. Patrick suggested that the shamrock would offer a bit of luck.
- 6. The shamrock was a symbol of rebellion.** The meaning of symbols often changes throughout history, and so it was with the shamrock! In the early 1900s, the shamrock became a symbol of rebellion of the Irish people against the English. Patriots wore it to display their support of nationalism. As a result, openly displaying this three-leaf clover was made illegal and punishable by death!
- 7. Shamrocks were important to ancient Druids.** Druids are said to have thought the plant was actually a lucky charm to ward off any evil spirits. They also thought it was holy because the three leaves form a triad which was important to their beliefs. The triad symbol is derived from the Pagan belief that earth and water are representative of a goddess. This goddess encompasses every stage of a woman's life: the Maiden, the Mother, and the Crone.
- 8. Three is a symbolic and special number.** The concept of threes is vastly important in Celtic symbolism. Most Pagan religions regard the number three as being holy because of numerous philosophies and states of being which can be applied to it: positive, neutral and negative; masculine, neutral and feminine; and maiden mother and crone. Three is also representative of luck in so many religions, specifically in Celtic Druidism.
- 9. The shamrock is still used in weddings today.** Shamrocks are often placed in the wedding bouquet of Irish brides as a lucky emblem and motif.
- 10. You can grow your own shamrocks.** It's a fairly easy plant to grow, and you can get them as seeds or bulbs. If you plant them indoors in early January, then you could get a nice little growth by the time St. Patrick's Day comes around. But beware: Shamrocks have a creeping design and can cover ground quickly. In an uncontrolled environment, shamrocks are considered to be weeds!

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May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks
that grow.
And may trouble avoid you wherever you go.
- An Irish Toast



THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION will be an in-person event June 4th through June 8th in Houston, Texas. All participants must be either fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or provide a negative result from a COVID-19 test taken no more than 72 hours prior to arrival at the convention.

MEMBERSHIP - If you haven't seen a particular member at our meetings lately, please reach out to them. In addition, invite a new prospective member to a meeting. A luncheon will be arranged in the future for all individuals interested in joining our club.

ROTARY RESPONDS TO UKRAINE - In response to the deepening humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, an official channel has been created for contributions to support the relief efforts underway by Rotary districts. You can learn more by visiting:

<https://on.rotary.org/3KiyhFT> or #RotaryResponds

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, March 23rd, immediately following our weekly club meeting at Café 422.

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PROGRAM:

CAROLYN ANDREWS,
TALES OF UKRAINE



Carolyn Andrews earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Kent State University and a Master's Degree in Management and Supervision from Central Michigan. She subsequently worked for Trumbull Memorial Hospital for 36 years, retiring as Director of Educational Services in 1996.

Carolyn became a widow at the age of 47. Her children were eventually married and living out of state. She read a book by Lillian Carter about her experience as an older Peace Corps volunteer and decided to investigate this further. She completed the registration process, traveled to Chicago for an interview, received medical clearance, and was accepted into the Peace Corps. Following orientation, she was assigned to Ukraine in 2000. She was one of 32 volunteers. While the average age of the volunteers was 28, Carolyn was in her 60s.

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The volunteers flew from Chicago to Kyiv. At the welcome center, Carolyn noted that they were greeted with salt and bread, symbols of health and wealth. From there, Carolyn went to Cherkasy with her host family. The mother in the family was an attorney; the father was an engineer. They had two children. The son slept in his parents' closet. The family taught Carolyn how to wash clothes in a tub and hang them on the balcony to dry. The father taught her Ukrainian vocabulary for kitchenware, the weather, etc. She also learned about money, the transportation system, how to buy groceries at the flea market, and how to cook dishes such as Borscht.

Carolyn was next sent to Donetsk, where she was to live. Her initial room, which she shared with three men, had two sets of bunk beds. Their host family in this city included a father who was a surgeon. He made \$30 a month. Carolyn explained that even professionals in the city were quite poor. His wife was a stay-at-home mother to their three children, one of which had a learning disability.

While shadowing the surgeon at the hospital, Carolyn learned that the families of those hospitalized were required to provide the patients with their own food. He started a charity foundation to assist these families which he called "Kindness".

Carolyn eventually found her own apartment on the third floor of a 100 apartment building. She stated that she could sit in the kitchen and reach all of the appliances without getting up. There was a rack for drying dishes and a distiller, because the water was contaminated. Her apartment also included a single bed, a living room table and chair, which doubled as her office, and a black and white "snowy" TV.

In Donetsk, Carolyn went to work as a Business Facilitator at a charity foundation. She visited a prison, and learned that when women were incarcerated, they took their children with them. She also visited an orphanage which housed 312 children, some who had illnesses like diabetes or who were partially sighted, and there were not enough beds for them. So, Carolyn bought beds for them. The orphanage had only a four burner stove to cook for all of these children. Carolyn got a larger industrial size stove donated. She also had friends from Ohio who sent toothbrushes for the children.

When she wasn't working in the field, Carolyn built databases on the charity's donors, wrote job descriptions, and did public relations work. She started three soup kitchens. She also started a Rotary Club in Donetsk, which became a sister club to Howland Rotary.

In her spare time, Carolyn enjoyed the opera, ballet, and symphonic orchestra. Tickets cost 83 cents! She had the opportunity to visit Austria, Poland, and Hungary. She was able to see the Vienna Boys Choir, the

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Lipizzan horses, Moscow, and St. Petersburg.

Carolyn returned to the United States in 2002. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Howland, having served as its President from 2004 to 2005. She was active in their Spaghetti Dinners. Carolyn also volunteered and later worked for six years as a Domestic Violence Victim Advocate for the local court system. She taught GED, Life Skills, and Career Success classes at Hannah's House.

Carolyn remains in touch with her second host family in Ukraine. She encourages everyone to assist the Ukrainian people through Rotary.

TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$84.
Congratulations to Daily Winner, Chris Shape!

HAPPY BUCKS



*** **Chris Shape** was happy about winning the Daily Jackpot. He was glad to see Tracey Timko at our meeting. Their boys went to Cub Scouts together. Finally, Chris is excited about going on vacation for 2 ½ weeks where it's warmer!

*** **Dallas Woodall** offered a Happy Buck for Carolyn Andrews and all she has done for Rotary.

*** **Cindy Matheson** was appreciative of Carolyn's very inspiring

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presentation. She was happy that Don Powers bid on the silent auction basket and won! And her Bluegrass Festival is slated for May 27th through 29th at Trumbull County Fairgrounds. It will feature Gibson Guitars, Gospel Music, and a Classic Rock Concert with Speed Limit.

*** **Andy Bednar** offered a Happy Buck in honor of Carolyn Andrews. In 1988, he was the architect for Trumbull Memorial Hospital, where he worked with Carolyn on several different projects. He said her humor is still the same.

*** **Patti Augustine** is in awe of all Carolyn has done.

*** **Janet Schweitzer** offered a Happy Buck for Carolyn Andrews. She also enjoyed a recent vacation in warm weather.

*** **Judy Masaki** encouraged others to pray for the people of Ukraine, as well as those in Poland. Judy is also selling Gorant's candy as a fundraiser for Children's Rehabilitation Center and Kids Garden Daycare. See her if you are interested in purchasing some treats for Easter baskets. All money and orders are due on 3/31/22.

*** **Carolyn Andrews** proclaimed, "God Bless America"!

*** **Christine Cope** thanked Patti Augustine for arranging for Carolyn to speak, and Carolyn for all she has done.

*** **Dallas Woodall** wanted to add that he toured Ireland and Scotland once. He said they tried to auction him off, but the only bid came from Velma!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*"No moral value is greater
than
humanity"*

- Kurt Vonnegut