

### 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 20, 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.)

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

3/27/24 - Shepherd of the Valley

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

4/10/24 - Mike Wilson as Rodney Dangerfield

4/17/24 -

4/24/24 - Mark Miller, Magician

5/1/24 - RYLA Students

5/8/24 - To Be Announced

5/15/24 - Mike Wilson, Music

5/22/24 - Jason Gray, TCTC

5/29/24 - Brendan Byers, Oakland Center for the Arts

### 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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Well, this past Wednesday was the first full day of spring, even though the weather isn't very warm! But what else is March 20<sup>th</sup> known for?

- \* For those of you who are ready to say goodbye to winter, March 20<sup>th</sup> was National Snowman Burning Day!
- \* It was also International Day of Happiness, a time to find joy in life's little moments and simple pleasures.
- \* It was Kiss Your Fiance Day!
- \* And we celebrated Fred Rogers with Won't You Be My Neighbor Day.
- \* Finally, for all you foodies out there, March 20<sup>th</sup> was National Ravioli Day & National Macaron Day.

The month of March is set aside to increase awareness of epilepsy, colon cancer, developmental disabilities, multiple sclerosis, nutrition, and yes - umbrellas.

March is also National Women's History Month. Way back in 1848, 300 females and males signed the Declaration of Sentiments as a plea to end discrimination. From that point on, there was at least a 13 decade long battle to end women's suffrage, allow women to vote, provide equal pay to men and women, and end sex discrimination in education. In 1973, we had Row vs. Wade.

As far back as 1916, the first woman was elected to the House of Representatives - Jeanette Rankin. In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor became the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court. And in 1984, Geraldine Ferraro was the first woman nominated as Vice-President on a majority party ticket.

Five years later, in 1989, a significant moment in women's history centered around Rotary. In that year, the Council on Legislation voted to admit women into Rotary Clubs worldwide. It was Frank Devlyn who

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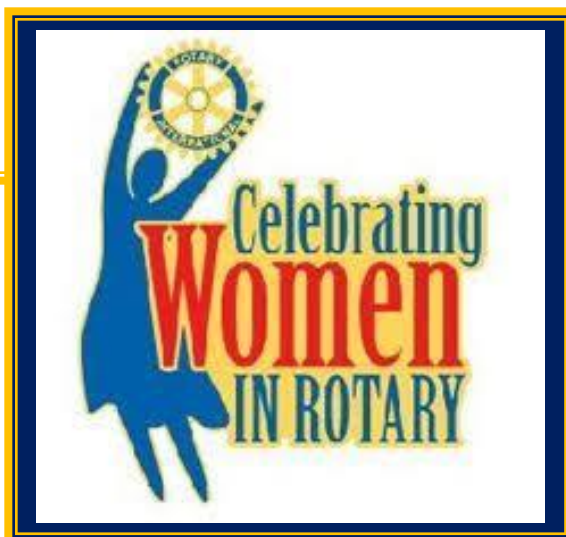
*Judy Masaki*

reminded people that Rotary had to adapt to a changing world - a world that was much different from 1905 when Rotary was founded by a group of gentlemen. Mr. Devlyn later went on to become RI President in the year 2000.

That vote followed decades-long efforts of both men and women to allow admission of women into clubs. As far back as 1950, there was an enactment to delete the word "male" from the Rotary Constitution. In the 60s and 70s, several proposals to admit women into Rotary in India, Sri Lanka, and Brazil were dismissed. In 1977, the charter Rotary Club of Duarte, California violated the Rotary Constitution by admitting women as members, and the club's membership in RI was terminated. The Duarte club filed a lawsuit, followed by two appeals. Finally, on May 4, 1987, the Supreme Court ruled that Rotary Clubs could not exclude women from membership based on gender. The club of Marin Sunrise, California became the first club to have women as legal charter members. In 1988, clubs in Canada began to admit women, and in 1989, it became a worldwide movement.

By 1990, there were 20,200 female Rotarians worldwide. Five years later, there were eight female District Governors. In 2005, the first woman was appointed as a trustee of the RI Foundation. And in 2022, Jennifer Jones began her term as the first female President of RI.

This year's theme for National Women's History month is "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion". What a great time to celebrate the women who are active participants in Rotary, serving their communities in increasing numbers, and serving in leadership positions. And this week was even more special, as we inducted three new female members into the Rotary Club of Warren!



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

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN INDUCTS THREE NEW MEMBERS

President Ken LaPolla had the honor of inducting three new female members into the Rotary Club of Warren on March 20<sup>th</sup>, bringing our membership total to 56! Pictured below with Ken are: Joni Gawne who sponsored Amy Phillips; Jennifer Dagati and her sponsor Mike Wilson; and Meghan Reed with her sponsor Christine Cope.



Amy is the owner of Sunshine Golden Acres, a farm market soap making business. She was previously employed by GM and also served as a landlord.

Jen is the Director/Producer of the Senior Showcase, a platform for those 55 and older to present their talents to the community.

Finally, Meghan Reed is the Executive Director of the Trumbull County Historical Society. She also serves as President of the W.D. Packard Foundation and is on the Board of the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley.

Please join us in welcoming Amy, Jen, and Meghan to our Rotary family!



# WARREN ROTARY



**THE WARREN FAMILY MISSION** will be serving their 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Dinner to those in need in the community on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 p.m. The Easter Bunny will be in attendance! If you would like to volunteer, contact Terra O'Brien for more details.

**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".

**P.E.T.S.** Warren Rotary's President-Elect Cindy Matheson, Vice-President Tony Iannucci, and Assistant District Governor Julia Wetstein enjoyed "The Magic of Rotary" at last weekend's All-Ohio Presidents-Elect Training Seminar. They described it as an inspirational event with great speakers and desserts! They were able to brainstorm with members of other clubs and learn about how they serve their communities. One of the biggest takeaways was discovering that Rotary is a family and that we need to boost each other up and network with other clubs. Pictures were shared in last week's newsletter, and here are a few more!



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Julia served as a trainer.



Richard Tirpack, District Governor 2023-24,  
with Asst. DG Julia Wetstein

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

## ALL ABOUT THE SLICE

Bill Beinecke and Andy Bednar did a great job of updating members this week on the latest news about our upcoming Slice of the Valley Pizza and Beer Challenge! The event is slated for Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Eastwood Event Centre.

As in years past, 10 pizza vendors, six to seven beer vendors, wine sales, extra pizza slices, desserts from Mocha House, soda and water will be the mainstay of SOV. However, an addition to this year's event is King of the Wings. Patrons will have the opportunity to buy chicken wings from seven vendors.

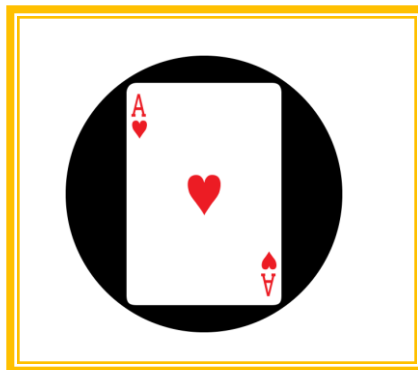
Cindy Matheson is organizing several roaming wagons to raffle off. She is still accepting donations (\$50 value) for a family-themed wagon and an adult-themed wagon.

To date, \$68,200 in sponsorships have been secured. Proceeds from the event will benefit the following charitable organizations in our community: Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America; Game Changers; Special Olympics; Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership Riverside Parks; and other charities as determined by the Rotary Club's Board of Directors.

In order to make this major fundraiser a success, all Rotarians are encouraged to come out and support the event by attending and/or volunteering assistance.

Many thanks to the SOV Committee and all of the Rotarians who have put so much time and effort into planning and organizing the evening!

## TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$283.  
Congratulations to Daily Winner Cheryl Oblinger!



\*\*\* Cheryl Oblinger was a happy winner!

\*\*\* Bob Hoy is one week into using his spinal cord stimulator and doing well.

\*\*\* Cindy Matheson offered Happy Bucks in honor of: our new members; PETS; Rob Berk and his talent for pulling in money; her son's band; and seeing Dallas Woodall back with us.

\*\*\* Christine Cope congratulated our new members on their induction and Ken and Cindy for their leadership. She was pleased to announce that Lorilyn Shandor is her new Deputy CEO at United Way. Christine also congratulated Shari Harrell on her retirement.



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

\*\*\* **Chris Shape** was happy to be with us this week, along with his wife, Shari. He was also happy to see Dallas Woodall with us. He offered a Happy Buck in honor of our new members

\*\*\* **Joni Gawne** congratulated our new members. She enjoyed Cindy's red shoes. And she offered a Happy Buck for the SOV team.

\*\*\* **Julia Wetstein** was pleased to see us induct three new members. She thanked the SOV team for all of their hard work. And she was happy to have attended PETS and to be a part of "The Magic of Rotary".

\*\*\* **Ted Stazak** congratulated Shari Harrell for the great job she did at Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley. He was glad to see Dallas Woodall back at Rotary this week. And he welcomed our new members to the club.

\*\*\* **Patti Augustine** remembers her time at PETS fondly. She was able to hear Bill Gates speak during her year at PETS.

\*\*\* **Ken LaPolla** was glad to see Dallas looking so good. He's excited about our new members. He announced that his daughter submitted her dissertation and will defend it on April 7<sup>th</sup>! Best of luck to her!

