

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 27, 2024

ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS

April 3, 2024 - Patti Augustine
April 10th, 17th * 24th, 2024 - Volunteers Needed
May, 2024 - Patti Augustine

REGISTRATION

April, 2024 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak
May, 2024 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

April, 2024 - Ted Stazak
May, 2024 - Terra O'Brien

FELLOWSHIP (1st & 3rd Wed.) & MAGAZINE REPORT (2nd Wed.)

April 3rd & April 17th - Ray Sinchak (Fellowship)
April 10th - Lauren Kramer (Magazine Report)

CAREER AWARENESS (4th Wed. of the Month)

April 24, 2024 - Robin Martorana

SPEAKERS

4/3/24 - Max Hoover, Cockeye Creamery Factory
4/10/24 - Amy Phillips, Sunshine Golden Acres
4/17/24 - Mike Wilson, Rodney Dangerfield
4/24/24 - Mark Miller, Magician
5/1/24 - RYLA Students
5/8/24 - Denim Day Presentation
5/15/24 - Mike Wilson, Game
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

Club Officers

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Ken LaPolla*

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Cindy Matheson*

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Tony Iannucci*

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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*



As a child, Ben Kulper enjoyed playing "army and medic". As he entered adulthood, his career spanned both fields and more!

In high school and college, Ben followed a pre-med course of studies. In 1980, he graduated from Autonoma De Guadalajara Facultad De Medicina, and completed his residency in Akron. He served as a Primary Care Internal Medicine physician with Trumbull Mahoning Medical Group for over 37 years, doing rounds at both St. Joseph's Hospital and Trumbull

Memorial.

Following a letter of invitation, in January, 1986, Ben began a long application process to join the Army Reserves. By May 15th of that year, he was sworn into the Army and served at field hospitals in Canton, Ohio, as well as Erie and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He stayed in the Reserves until the age of 60. Ben later got involved in the Civil Air Patrol. He had what he described as "a worthwhile career" doing emergency search and rescue and hyperbaric wound care.

Following his retirement, Ben received the first ever retiree recall due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and went back on active duty in Alaska, where he was stationed for 179 days.

Back in retirement from active duty, Colonel Kulper now spends his days acting as the Rotary Club of Warren's Sgt. of Arms.

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If you have any suggestions about our newsletter, or if you would like to become a sponsor, please

contact:

Judy Masaki



SLICE OF THE VALLEY tickets (in packets of ten) are still available to sell! If you can help out, see Bill Beinecke. The event is only one week away!! Be sure to support our biggest fundraiser of the year by volunteering and/or attending. Cindy Matheson is also still taking donations for the wagon raffle.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet on Thursday, April 11th, at Stoneyard Grill & Tavern (41 S. Main Street in Niles, next to Farmers National Bank). Fellowship will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m. Our hostesses for the evening will be Cheryl Oblinger and Judy Masaki.

SERVICE PROJECT - Mike Bollas is organizing a club service project at Washington Square Health Care, a Medicare- and Medicaid-certified facility and the only VA-approved skilled nursing center in Trumbull County (202 Washington ST., NW, Warren, OH). Warren Rotarians will be painting the facility's dining area. Proposed dates are either April 13th or May 11th. Sign-up sheets will be available at our next meeting. The date with the most volunteers wins!

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. This year's theme is "Sharing Hope with the World".

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 14th. The conference will be held on June 15th 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! Stay tuned for further details.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN'S PRESIDENTS' NIGHT will be held on Wednesday, June 19th at Trumbull Country Club beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be no noon club meeting that day.

PROGRAM:

LAUREN FLAUTO & RACHEL ELLIS,
SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY

Lauren Flauto is the Director of Marketing, Sales and Communications at Shepherd of the Valley. Lauren has been at Shepherd for almost seven years and truly has a passion for helping local seniors and families in the community. Lauren is a mom of two boys, ages four and two, and is married to her husband, Gary. Lauren and Gary reside in Boardman and will be celebrating their 10 year anniversary this coming October.

Rachel Ellis is a graduate of Hiram College. She currently serves as Admissions Coordinator at Shepherd of the Valley - Howland.

Lauren - aka Beyonce - and her back-up singer, Rachel, visited with The Rotary Club of Warren this past week to update members on Shepherd of the Valley's services.

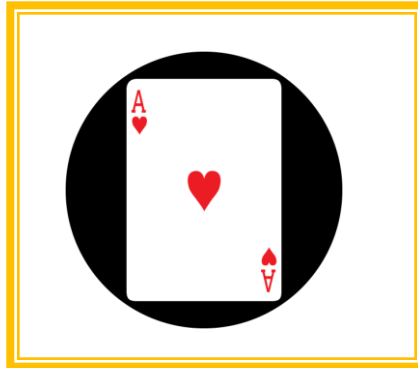
Shepherd of the Valley is a Christian non-profit corporation that has been in existence for going on 52 years. They offer a full continuum of care, including independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing and rehabilitation, memory care, ventilator care, and inpatient dialysis. Regardless of the living options seniors choose, residents have access to a variety of fun social activities, recreational opportunities, wellness programming and dining options at each of Shepherd of the Valley's four facilities. Community outreach programs include: a list of local resources available to seniors in our area; an upcoming free resource fair at their Liberty location on April 10th; and presentations such as "30 Days of Downsizing for Seniors".

Shepherd of the Valley's presence and patient-centered care in the community will soon be expanding to include a new location in Salem.



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TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$300.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Diane Sauer!



*** **Diane Sauer** was a happy winner!

*** **Patti Augustine** reported that her mother was in Shepherd of the Valley in the early 90s until she passed away. Patti also sat on their Board.

*** **Cindy Matheson** offered a Happy Buck for: our speakers; McDonald's donation of 52 Happy Meals and 52 Value Meals to SOV; Rob Berk and all of his hard work organizing SOV; and seeing Diane Sauer back with us.

*** **Ted Stazak** enjoyed our speakers and was thankful for Erica Royster's back scratchers!

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*** **Andy Bednar** also liked the back scratcher. He enjoyed our speakers. His firm has done work at Shepherd of the Valley since 1988.

*** **Lorilyn Shandor** recently moved, and she and her wife have accepted an offer on their old house!

*** **Julia Wetstein** said Erica's back scratcher makes her happy!

*** **Ken LaPolla** and Lauren Flauto have had in depth conversations about a favorite TV show - "The Last of Us". He offered a Happy Buck for all of the SOV preparations. However, Ken is most happy because he left town yesterday for a one week vacation in Aruba!

Happy Easter
To You All.

May this joyful season of **Easter**
fill your heart with renewed hope,
love, and peace.

