

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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ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS

April, 2022 - Denise May
May, 2022 - Marilyn Pape

REGISTRATION

April, 2022 - Teri Surin
May, 2022 - Patti Augustine

INVOCATION

April, 2022 - Andy Bednar
May, 2022 - Lisa Taddei

FELLOWSHIP

April, 2022 - Diane Sauer
Ryan Fraelich

MAGAZINE REPORT

April, 2022 - Denise May
May, 2022 - Diane Sauer

SPEAKERS

4/6/22 - Amil Dinsio, Master Bank Robber
4/13/22 - Matt Kresic, CEO of Cadence Care Network

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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**May today there be peace within.
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are
meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born
of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass
on the love that has been given to you.
May you be content knowing you are a child of God.
Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your
soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.
It is there for each and every one of us.**



A special guest from Prague, the Capital of the Czech Republic, joined us in fellowship this week via Zoom. George Hays II was Rotary District 6650's first exchange student to Slovakia. His father is a member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Salem, as well as a Past District Governor. George II is married to Jana from Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia,

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Judy Masaki

and they live in Prague with their son, George III.

Since 2016, George II has been Chair of International Relations and Permanent Lecturer at Anglo American University in the Czech Republic. He teaches courses in American Foreign Policy in Film, East Central European Politics, War Studies, and Introduction to International Relations. He is the organizer of the monthly discussion event, Professors in the Pub. He is also an adjunct lecturer of war at Citadel Military Academy in South Carolina. He shared his insights on the crisis between Russia and Ukraine with the Rotary Club of Warren this past Wednesday.

Professor Hays reported that on February 24, 2022, during a session of Professors in the Pub, the restaurant where they met was overflowing with people who exhibited tremendous fear, shock and devastation over the war between Russia and Ukraine. He stated that the Czech Republic's response to the war has been very active. Within hours of the start of the war, they organized caravans of food and supplies to assist the refugees. The attitude was, "These are our fellow Slavs." This is the war they have been fearing since the end of the Cold War. More than 300,000 refugees have been welcomed into the Czech Republic. They have applied for funding and remain in talks to receive emergency camps to serve the increased flow of refugees from Ukraine. In addition, there are approximately 1,000 school-aged children in Prague that need to get into schools. As a result, the Czech Republic is helping to fund teachers and supplies for these children.

George's own family provides 40 to 50 kilos of food to assist with the refugees weekly. The Salem Rotary Club has been taking up monetary donations and giving them to George to assist in supplying the food. He has also signed up to house Ukrainians who have fled their country. He helps them find apartments of their own and helps subsidize relief that they receive from the State.

Professor Hays has tried to help his Russian students who are attending the Anglo American University as well. They have no direct access to their funds or families in Russia, and they feel threatened by their own government as well as those individuals who blame them because they are Russian. He stated that getting true information to the Russian Nationals about the war isn't a problem, but getting some to believe the cause of the devastation is not so easy.

George indicated that the fact that he can take some control in helping those in need is the only thing that lets him stand the devastation that he sees.

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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.

THE SLICE OF THE VALLEY COMMITTEE will meet this coming Wednesday, April 6th, at 1:00 p.m., immediately following our weekly club meeting at Café 422. All committee members should plan to attend.

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

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR when plans begin to be made for Presidents' Night and our club's annual awards. The Lester R. Stauffer Community Service Award recognizes a non-Rotarian for his or her outstanding volunteer service (not vocational success or prominence) rendered to our community. If you know of anyone deserving of this award, forward your nomination to Christine Cope or Judy Masaki no later than Friday, April 22nd. Please include a narrative explaining why you are nominating the individual and describing their volunteer work.

THIS WEEK, THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN WELCOMED Cindy Matheson's son, Mitchell, and Visiting Rotarian Steve DeBolt. Steve has belonged to many Rotary Clubs, including the Reynoldsburg-Pickerington Rotary Club most recently.

PROGRAM:

ELAYNE BOZICK AND SUE SEXTON,
OPERATION POLLINATION



Sue Sexton (pictured on the right above) is a former Trumpet instructor at Youngstown State University. She also taught at Kent State University, Grove City College, and Westminster College. She is now a massage therapist. When she is not working, she rescues cats and dogs and sits on the Board of the Animal Welfare League.

About five years ago, on Facebook, Sue saw information about collecting Monarch caterpillars on milkweed. While milkweed is toxic to just about every other creature, Monarch butterflies lay eggs on the underside of milkweed leaves. After four days, the eggs hatch and the caterpillars grow quickly in five stages. After two weeks, they are 3,000 times their original size. When they are done eating and growing, the caterpillars will crawl up to a mile away to find a horizontal surface where they can form their chrysalis. Within 24 hours, they shed their skin one last time and a pupa, or young butterfly, forms. This smooth chrysalis stays around for 10 to 14 days. Once the chrysalis turns black, colors start to form and the butterfly is visible. Four hours later, the soft wings harden enough for the butterfly to fly away.

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

Monarchs are facing habitat loss due to climate change, ill effects of pesticides, etc. The Monarch population in the United States, Canada and Mexico is declining. For this reason, Sue began to collect and raise Monarch caterpillars. The first summer, she produced 22 Monarch butterflies. Since that time, she has raised 237. The moral of the story - plant milkweed and they will come! An added benefit is that the perfume from the milkweed plant is quite powerful and beautiful, and it's deer resistant.

Once she starting seeing the Monarchs, Sue wanted to know what else she could do to support their habitats, and she joined the efforts of Operation Pollination. Operation Pollination is a collaborative Rotary project that recruits a diverse array of partners to engage in pollinator habitat restoration and education activities. Any organization can get involved in the project, and it doesn't cost anything to join the cause.

In 2020, the Rotary International Board of Directors and the Rotary Foundation Trustees added "supporting the environment" as their 7th Area of Focus. The Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) provided both the documentation and the leadership in this effort, becoming a partner in Operation Pollination. Elayne Bozick, former president of the Rotary Club of Youngstown, leads the Operation Pollination initiative.

Elayne earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from Youngstown State University and later obtained her Life and Health Insurance and Real Estate licenses. However, when she is not working, she prefers to be outside gardening. She wanted to find an organization whose objective was to make a positive difference, and she found that in Rotary. Elayne is now District Governor-Elect for Rotary Year 2024-2025.

Elayne told the Rotary Club of Warren that due to the 6,000 mile round trip journey that monarch butterflies make, they are known as a bio phenomenon. They are a keystone species, meaning that their service is considered a hallmark of the environment.

Operation Pollination has tracked Monarch butterflies for two years, and this work has become a leading environmental indicator. Here is what was learned:

- All wildlife populations are declining and disappearing.
- The Monarch butterfly's migration is an endangered natural phenomenon.
- They cannot survive without milkweed.
- Alien plants are destroying habitats.

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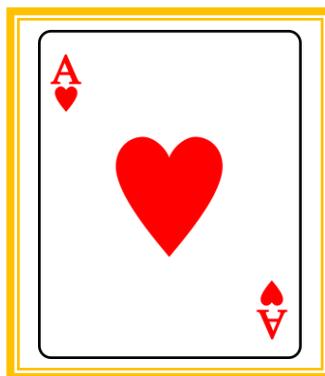
So, what has caused this loss of habitat, and what are the effects? Development, deforestation, pesticides, invasive plant species and climate change are causing loss of pollinator habitats, resulting in an estimated \$34 to \$50 billion deficit in the economy per year. Why? 100 food crops depend on pollinators.

If all gears are in sink within our ecosystem, soil is stabilized, the watershed is managed, carbon is removed from the soil and other nutrients are stored in the Earth, and oxygen is produced. This supports life on Earth. Without pollinators, our survival is at stake. Thus, Rotary has responded by focusing on protecting our environment.

Elayne indicated that Rotarians have an opportunity to build a model of conservation worldwide. Restoration of pollinator habitats must happen everywhere. The mission of the Operation Pollination initiative, therefore, is to: conserve natural resources like pollinators and plants; preserve the environment from harmful human behavior; and educate about the need for biodiversity and interconnectivity of all life.

Our journey on this planet is successful only if our great grandchildren can find food, shelter, and a secure home. Rotarians, what do we want our legacy to be?

TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week our Grand Jackpot totaled \$111.
Congratulations to Daily Winner, Chris Shape!

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HAPPY BUCKS



*** **Dallas Woodall** offered a Happy Buck for Tony Cafaro and all he has done for our club.

*** **Chris Shape** thanked Tony Cafaro for his beer and book. (Tony gave all members present a copy of a biography written about his father, William M. Cafaro, and bought everyone a drink!) Chris was also happy about his recent trip to Arizona - great weather and the perfect vacation!

*** **Julia Wetstein** also offered a Happy Buck for Tony Cafaro - "A shot in the arm for this club".

*** **Andy Bednar** offered a Happy Buck in honor of Christine Cope and her passion. He congratulated Christine on her nomination for the Athena Award.

*** **Diane Sauer** also congratulated Christine on her nomination.

*** **Cindy Matheson** enjoyed our speakers, thanked Tony for the book, and reminded everyone about her Bluegrass Festival coming up on Memorial Day weekend.

*** **Ted Stazak** congratulated Christine, thanked Tony for his book and his support of our club, and thanked our speakers for "Round Two of Operation Pollination". He also had a great trip to Ireland, stating that it is a beautiful country but that it's good to be back in the USA.

*** **Steve DeBolt** said he picked the right club to visit this week. He had a great time at our meeting!

*** **Christine Cope** offered a Happy Buck for our speakers. She was glad to see John Gibson back with us. And she's thankful to be on the same list Diane Sauer was on - Athena Award Nominees.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Man does not simply exist but always decides what his existence will be, what he will become the next moment. By the same token, every human being has the freedom to change at any instant."

- Viktor Emil Frankl