



ROTARY NOTES

A publication of the Rotary Club of Warren

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



This month, Rotary focuses on the development of young people up to the age of 30. Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange and the New Generations Service Exchange Programs invest in the development of young professionals by improving their life skills to ensure a better future, while recognizing the diversity of their needs. Please support the fundamental needs of our youth who are the next generation of Rotarians!

May 13, 2020

ASSIGNMENTS

This month, we will be incorporating Fellowship and Magazine Reports into our virtual Club meetings via Zoom. Assignments, as previously scheduled, are as follows:

FELLOWSHIP

May, 2020 - Ted Stazak
June, 2020 - Lauren Kramer

MAGAZINE REPORT

May, 2020 - Diane Sauer
June, 2020 - Volunteer Needed

Areas of Focus

Promoting Peace

Fighting Disease

Providing Clean Water

Saving Mothers & Children

Supporting Education

Growing Local Economies

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FELLOWSHIP

This week, Ted Stazak continued his stint for Fellowship with a look at "Today in History". On May 13, 1846, the United States under President Polk declared war on Mexico. The Mexican-American War lasted until February, 1848.

It all started in 1844 when President James K. Polk ran on a Democratic platform that supported manifest destiny, the idea that Americans were predestined to occupy the entire North American continent. The last act of Polk's predecessor, John Tyler, had been to annex the Republic of Texas in 1845. Polk wanted to lay claim to California, New Mexico and land near the disputed southern border of Texas. The Mexican claim was Texas ended at the Nueces River; the U.S. claim was the Rio Grande. Mexico, however, was not so eager to let go of these territories.

Polk started out by trying to buy the land. He sent an American diplomat, John Sidell, to Mexico City to offer \$30 million (\$998 million in today's dollars) for it. However, the Mexican government refused to even meet with Sidell. Polk grew frustrated. Determined to acquire the land, he sent American troops to Texas in January, 1846 to provoke the Mexicans into war. When the Mexicans fired on American troops on April 25, 1846, Polk had the excuse he needed. He declared, "(Mexico) has invaded our territory and shed American blood upon American soil," and he sent the order for war to Congress on May 11th.

The act was a questionable one. Many Northerners believed that Polk, a Southerner, was trying to gain land for the slaveholding South. Other Americans simply thought it was wrong to use war to take land from Mexico. Among those was Second Lieutenant Ulysses S. Grant. Although during the war he expressed no reservations about it, he would later call the war "one of the most unjust ever waged by a stronger against a weaker nation. It was an instance of a republic following the bad example of European monarchies, in not considering justice in their desire to acquire additional territory."

Despite arguments over whether the war was right, Americans had tremendous success on the battlefield. Young officers like Grant and Robert E. Lee, who would later lead armies against one another in the Civil War, had their first combat experiences in Mexico. Generals Zachary Taylor and Winfield Scott won a series of remarkable victories against the Mexican armies. This success was in spite of the fact that

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Mexican troops outnumbered the Americans in most cases. In September of 1847, after a masterful overland campaign, American troops under Scott captured Mexico's capital, Mexico City, and the fighting ended.

The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo sealed the American victory in 1848. In return for \$15 million and the assumption of Mexican debts to Americans, Mexico gave up its hold over New Mexico and California. The enormous territory included present-day California, Nevada, Utah, and parts of Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado and Wyoming. Mexico also agreed to finally relinquish all of Texas, including the disputed area along the border. The U.S. Congress approved the treaty on March 10th.

Although the Mexican War had been won, the conflict over what to do with the vast amounts of territory gained from the war sparked further controversy in the U.S. The question over whether slavery would spread to these new territories would drive the North and South even farther apart. Ironically, much of the land won reverted back to Mexico eventually due to shifts in the Rio Grande and borderline.



*Best wishes to the following Warren Rotarians who are
celebrating May birthdays:*

Rob Berk Tom Baker Kim Straniak

Julia Wetstein Pat Miller Dave Taylor

**(All Rotarians present for today's Zoom Meeting practiced singing
"Happy Birthday" in their favorite face masks!)**

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JOIN US on Wednesday, May 20th at Noon for a Rotary Club of Warren virtual meeting via Zoom! Stay tuned for log-in information. We will be continuing our virtual meetings through the end of this Rotary year.

ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN SERVICE PROJECT - More volunteer drivers are needed for our service project!! 20 Meals are picked up from the restaurants on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and delivered to the hospital around 11:00 a.m. It only takes about 30 minutes of your time, and the recipients have been very appreciative! If you can help out once or twice a week, contact Patti Augustine at (330) 727 - 7484. You can reach Patti via email at: patti.augustine@gmail.com. You can also help by making a monetary donation on the GoFundMe page for this project. We currently have enough funding to sustain the project for about 5 weeks.

AN ADDED TREAT - "Just Pizzelle's" made our Rotary Pizzelles and they were included in the meals for our service project this past week!

SAVE THE DATE - Mark your calendars for the June 20th to 26th first ever on-line Rotary International Virtual Convention! You can join Rotary participants from around the world during this time of unprecedented challenges and be inspired by innovation, celebrate resilience, and explore how clubs are addressing COVID-19. A Flag Ceremony, inspirational global speakers, and much more will be offered to participants free of charge! More information will be available later this month.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will hold a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, May 20th, at 1:00 p.m., immediately following our weekly Club meeting.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY: Toastmasters, a non-profit educational organization, promotes skills in communication, public speaking and leadership. Rotary International has formed an alliance with Toastmasters to offer new communication courses to assist you in growing networks, improving your skills, and increasing your impact in the community. Simply visit Rotary.org and click on the link to Rotary's Learning Center to access two new courses on Developing and

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Delivering a Speech. (Please note: Courses cannot be accessed on a mobile device.)



PROGRAM



Bret Barnhizer is President and CEO at NanoLogix BioTechnology Incorporated, a small company in Ohio with some of the most rapid and sensitive bacteria and virus identification capabilities available. Bret has been with NanoLogix for over 13 years. He attended Youngstown State University, the University of Colorado, and UC Santa Barbara.

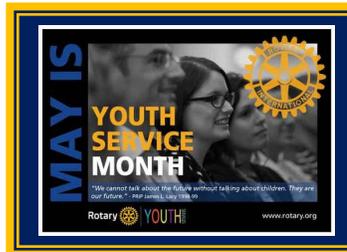
It was the Ebola Virus wave of 2014 that caused NanoLogix to consider reconfiguring testing now available for COVID-19. Barnhizer indicated that current testing results in a lot of false positive and negative results. His company has developed a prototype for a rapid virus test to help detect Novel Coronavirus, reducing the time it takes to get results from three to five days to less than one hour. Minimal false positives are expected with this test, and it is versatile in its ability to work with any virus and determine the efficacy of medication. NanoLogix is also developing a test to detect antibodies and assist in determining progress of the virus. Plans are for the viral detection test to be brought to market within the next two months. The patent was due to be filed this past week, and a larger company will then manufacture the product. At this time, it is unclear whether the test will be covered by insurance.

In addition to these test prototypes, NanoLogix is one of the biggest sellers of petri dishes on Amazon, with schools being their main market. In these ways, Barnhizer stated, NanoLogix is a small shop doing big work.

HAPPY BUCKS



- *** **Darlene Mink-Crouse** was happy to see the sunshine! Her grandson also graduated from JFK!
- *** **Rob Berk** offered a Happy Buck for Andy Bednar's new background - His new scene on the Zoom Meeting was his office!
- *** **Andy Bednar** was happy that Lauren Kramer shared her daughter with us!
- *** **Julia Wetstein** got Rotary mail - Invoices are in the mail and Rotary dues are due!!
- *** **Julia Wike's** son graduated Magna Cum Laude at YSU!
- *** **Cindy Matheson** is excited that her swimming pool water has been delivered!
- *** **Denise May's** grandson also graduated from YSU! Congrats to all of this year's graduates!!



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*Without community service,
we would not have a strong quality of life.
It's important to the person who serves
as well as the recipient.
It's the way in which we ourselves
grow and develop.*

- Dorothy Height