

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

May 13, 2026

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GREETERS & REGISTRATION

May, 2026 through June, 2026 - Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

May, 2026 - Denise May

June, 2026 - Janet Schweitzer

FELLOWSHIP (1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

May 20, 2026 - Ray Sinchak

June 3, 2026 - Ray Sinchak

June 17, 2026 - Denise May

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT (2nd Wednesday)

June 10, 2026 - Meghan Reed

MAGAZINE REPORT (4th Wednesday)

May 27, 2026 - Denise May

June 24, 2026 - Lauren Kramer

SPEAKERS

5/20/2026 - Brent Rice, District 6650 Youth Exchange Chairperson (at Charbenay's)

5/27/2026 - Jeff Butts, Chess is Life (at The Salvation Army)

6/3/26 - Scott Pooch, AI For the Rest of Us (at Salvation Army)

6/10/26 - Planning for The River Duck Festival (at The Salvation Army)

6/17/26 - Tour at St. Vincent de Paul (2415 Niles Rd., SE (Rte 169), Warren, OH 44484)

6/24/26 - Speaker to be Announced (at The Salvation Army)

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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*Heavenly Father,*

*We gather today with hearts full of gratitude.*

*We thank You for the privilege of being a part of Rotary,  
a global organization dedicated to service.*

*Remind us of the hope we bring to those we serve  
and the hope that sustains us in our mission to make a positive impact in our community  
and around the world.*

*As we come together,  
may we strengthen our bonds of friendship, unity and shared purpose,  
and inspire us to continue to serve with love and peace. Amen.*

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*If you have any  
suggestions about our  
newsletter, or if you  
would like to come a  
sponsor, please  
contact:*

*Judy Masaki*



In Hollywood, there are a number of very powerful people. However, this week, Ray Sinchak told us a story about a man who didn't own a studio or star solely in movies. He was a comedian.

He started his career in Vaudeville, a dominant form of American variety entertainment. He had a hit show on radio, played in some funny movies, and then transitioned to television where his variety show drew the most audiences. He was none other than American Entertainer Jack Benny.

Back in those days, you didn't say "No" to Jack. When he wanted something, he got it! In fact, he got stars to appear on his variety show who never appeared on television - people like Clark Gable and Humphrey Bogart. How did he do it? He simply knew people who knew people.

In the late 1950s, the most in-demand star in the world was Marilyn Monroe. And Jack Benny wanted her on his show. As the legendary head of 20th Century Fox, Darryl F. Zanuck had a personal contract with Marilyn Monroe and told her not to agree to any appearances without his approval. However, guess what? Jack Benny negotiated with Zanuck. The ground rules were laid: Marilyn Monroe was

Not permitted to sing or participate in any skits. She just had to laugh at Jack Benny's jokes! This was the only time she ever appeared on TV.



**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN FOUNDATION BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS**

will meet on Wednesday, May 27th, at 1:00 p.m., immediately following our weekly club meeting at The Salvation Army.

**THE 2nd ANNUAL LEMONADE STAND** in support of Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (<https://www.alexlemonade.org>) will be held on June 12th from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at 1554 Thomas Road, SE, Warren, OH 44484. The event will be hosted by Berk Enterprises. For more information, visit their Facebook event and donation page: <https://www.facebook.com/share/14WU4btbSPq/>  
<https://www.alexlemonade.org/2026/berks-lemonade-stand>

**THE 2026 RIVER DUCK FESTIVAL** is scheduled for Sunday, June 28th! If you know of anyone who might be interested in sponsoring the event, see Cindy Matheson for a sponsorship form. Advertising plans are underway. Lamar has donated two digital billboards, WKBN will be interviewing Cindy Matheson, and *The Tribune* will be running a story. Tickets and ducks are on sale online for those wishing to purchase by credit card. If you would like to pay by cash or check, see Cindy Matheson for a slip to fill out indicating how your money should be allocated. The link for tickets for the July 4th Scrappers Game is also available on our website.

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**PRESIDENTS' NIGHT** will be held on Wednesday, July 1st, at CharBenay's Wine on the River, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information.

**WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE OUR ROTARY BELONGINGS?** Perhaps some items have found their way to your home. If you know the whereabouts of any Rotary items or equipment, please contact President Tony Iannucci.

**CALLING ALL TRIPLE JACKPOT AND HAPPY BUCKS PARTICIPANTS!** Share in the fun by buying Triple Jackpot tickets. Remember, you have to buy in order to win and in order for the jackpot to grow!! In addition, be sure to support our club, engage in fellowship with our members and share the good times going on in your life by offering a Happy Buck.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CLUB MEETING VENUES:** Our 12:00 Noon

Wednesday club meetings will take place as follows:

- 5/20/26 - Charbenay's
- 5/27/26 through 6/10/26 - The Salvation Army
- 6/17/26 - Tour at St. Vincent de Paul
- 6/24/26 - The Salvation Army

At CharBenay's, lunch may be ordered and purchased directly off of the following limited menu:

- Dub Town Toasted Cheese \$15  
Toasted Ciabatta with 3 different cheeses and Rosemary Parmesan Fries
- CharBenay Steak Burger \$17  
American Cheese, tomatoes, candied walnuts, lettuce, red onions, pickles, garlic aioli, and Rosemary Parmesan Fries
- Cranberry Walnut Salad \$14  
Cranberries, Greens, candied walnuts, Cherry Tomatoes, cheese cucumber with House Dar's Vinaigrette dressing
- Grilled Margherita Flatbread \$18  
Garlic Olive Oil, Fresh buffalo Mozzarella Cheese, tomatoes, and fresh Basil

Lunches at The Salvation Army will be catered and members will pay Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger.

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF  
WARREN  
WELCOMES  
ITS NEWEST MEMBER



Rich McCafferty is no stranger to our club. He's been attending meetings over the past few months and has been a personal trainer and wellness coach for several Warren Rotarians! This past Wednesday, he officially transferred his membership from Cortland Rotary to the Rotary Club of Warren.

Rich was born at Trumbull Memorial Hospital and grew up in Bazetta. He graduated from Lakeview High School. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Alaska for three years, where he received training in dentistry. He then transferred to San Antonio, Texas.

Rich passed up the chance to go to dental school when he was approached by Lou Rios to enter a bodybuilding contest. That's where he found his passion and built his career. He worked at Bali Health Clubs in Dallas, Texas and in 1992, he started BodyTech Fitness and Wellness Coaching in Tulsa. Rich moved to Ohio in 2004. After living and working in different locations, he found his home in Warren, where he and his company provide personal training, using the gym at Global Fitness.

Rich has been a member of Rotary International for a little over 33 years. He was attracted to our club by our weekly meetings and our service to the community. We're happy to have him as part of our Warren Rotary family!

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PROGRAM:  
TRUMBULL COUNTY  
CHILDREN SERVICES'  
FOSTER CARE



Under the direction of Executive Director Marilyn Pape, Trumbull County Children Services investigates reports of child abuse and neglect and provides services which protect and advocate for children in crisis and strengthen and maintain family life.

With May being National Foster Care Month, Marilyn, Janessa Keifer and Allesha Ciminero spoke with Warren Rotarians on May 13th regarding Children Services' foster caregivers. Their goals in doing presentations like this are to raise awareness, honor their foster families, and educate others about the resources their agency provides.

There are more than 368,000 children in agency custody across the nation. In Trumbull County alone, 184 children are in custody, but only 53 foster homes.

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

If placement in a foster home in Trumbull County is not available, children may be sent out of county for foster care or placed in group homes or residential facilities. Residential facilities provide a higher level of care for those children who have experienced more trauma or exhibit behavior concerns. The challenges faced as a result of family disruption include instability, educational disruption, and difficulties with transition into adulthood.

There are several myths surrounding the qualifications required to become a foster parent. These myths include:

1. You need to own your own home.
2. You have to be married.
3. No pets allowed.
4. You can't work while you're a foster caregiver.
5. You need previous experience.

However, the truth of the matter is that anyone can be a foster parent, regardless of age, income, or employment status. Foster caregivers can be married, divorced, single, or involved in a same-sex relationship. You may own your home or rent, and well taken care of pets are allowed.

There is about a six month process for becoming a foster parent. BCI, FBI, and other background checks need to be completed, as well as a psychiatric evaluation and drug screen. While you don't need to be rich, you do need to have enough income to meet the needs of your own household. CPR and First Aide certification, references, a home screening, a medical screening, and pre-service trainings are also required.

Once an individual becomes a foster parent, there are many supports that are provided:

1. Foster caregivers go through 30 hours of paid training every two years on a variety of topics to strengthen their knowledge and confidence.
2. There is a foster and adoptive parent association that meets once a month to provide networking and mentoring for caregivers.
3. A resource caseworker and agency staff are available to provide support and answer questions.
4. Foster parents are able to choose certain characteristics that they would like children to have if they are placed in their home.
5. All foster children ages birth to three are referred to Help Me Grow, and those four years of age and above receive services from Cadence Care

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6. All children ages birth to five receive WIC services.
7. CSB will cover the cost of daycare if foster parents work.
8. Clothing vouchers, reimbursement for mileage, extracurricular activities, and pictures, Christmas gift cards, and respite services are also provided.

Besides becoming a foster parent, there are other ways that you can assist children in foster care. Residential facilities house around 50 children, and they need mentors approximately four hours per week. Donations of clothing, books, diapers and wipes are always appreciated. Finally, you can spread the message about the need for foster homes.

Children in crisis need loving individuals who are willing to take on the challenges of nurturing them as the goal of working towards reunification is explored or for as long as they are needed. Please help in whatever way you can.



**Best wishes to the following Warren Rotarians who are celebrating May birthdays: Rob Berk, Tom Baker, Kim Straniak, Julia Wetstein, and Rob Green.**

THE 2026 WARREN ROTARY  
PHOTO CONTEST

This week, original photographs shot and submitted by Warren Rotarians were judged by Michelle Ascano of The Gallery 360. Michelle has 15 years of experience in photography and was a former speaker for our club.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

PETS

Cheryl Oblinger  
Cindy Matheson  
Mike Bollas

SCENIC

Mike Bollas  
Cindy Matheson

KIDS

Cindy Matheson



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TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled 68.  
Congratulations to Daily Winner Cindy Matheson!

HAPPY BUCKS



- \*\*\* **Cindy Matheson** was a happy winner and she enjoyed the photo contest.
- \*\*\* **Marilyn Pape** is appreciative of her staff and her foster families.
- \*\*\* **Patti Augustine** was happy to be back with us. Her sewing guild donated stuffed animals to CSB.
- \*\*\* **Bob Hoy** offered a Happy Buck for his recovery, and Patti's, from shoulder surgery.