

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 27, 2026

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GREETERS & REGISTRATION

June, 2026 - Ray Sinchak

INVOCATION

June, 2026 - Janet Schweitzer

FELLOWSHIP (1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

June 3, 2026 - Ray Sinchak

June 17, 2026 - Denise May

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT (2nd Wednesday)

June 10, 2026 - Meghan Reed

MAGAZINE REPORT (4th Wednesday)

June 24, 2026 - Lauren Kramer

SPEAKERS

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)

7/1/2026 - Presidents' Night at CharBenay's beginning at 6:00 p.m.

No Noon Club Meeting

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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Dear Lord,

*As we gather in this Rotary meeting,
we are reminded of the strength that lies in unity.
We come from different backgrounds, professions, and beliefs,
but we stand together in our commitment to serve.
Bless us with the wisdom to work harmoniously
and the empathy to understand one another.
In unity, we find the power to make a difference.
Amen.*

(Offered by Denise May)

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suggestions about our
newsletter, or if you
would like to become a
sponsor, please
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Judy Masaki

PROGRAM:

JEFF BUTTS,
CHESS IS LIFE



Jeff Butts is a 1988 graduate of Warren Western Reserve High School, and he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Systems from Youngstown State University. He was employed as a Software Engineer, doing contract work for approximately 12 years. In 2011, Coach Jeff and Coach Myles Jay co-founded Chess is Life and have been transforming young children's lives ever since by teaching them the game of chess.

"Chess is Life" stands for **cognitive high-level enhancement of successful strategies inspiring students in long-term intrinsic focus on the end game.** It is Coach Jeff's belief that a young prince (the pawn in the game of chess), even if it is seen as the weakest link in the game of life, can be promoted to a king by teaching the young mind to have confidence. As Jeff stated, "Everything we do in life is driven by confidence."

W A R R E N C I T Y L I B R A R Y

The game of chess is 99% tactical. In the game, one must accomplish little tiny goals in order to reach the ultimate goal of winning. When one truly sees the chess board, he or she has to look at all the angles or the big picture and learn to make the best choices and decisions. In order to win or reach the end game, you can't just look at things through your own lens. As a result, in addition to gaining confidence while they play chess, students learn life skills such as critical thinking, strategic planning, perspective, focus/attention and patience.

Moreover, chess is a game of war and a game of options. The more options you have, the more victorious you become. Coach Jeff was raised by a military father and a loving mother. Growing up, he learned that, just like in the military, as you go through life, you give your word, stay committed, and don't back down. And this dedication helps you to stay in shape mentally and leads to peace.

Coach Jeff and Coach Myles work with students in Warren City Schools, STEAM Academy and John F. Kennedy High School, some who are disadvantaged or have been in community-based correctional programs. They have found that when young people are armed with strategic wisdom, like that which is taught through chess, they later become contributing citizens in their communities. Rather than being troublemakers, they become problem solvers and competitors in our global economy. In these ways, Chess is Life is a powerful vehicle where children find mentors, have fun, and acquire invaluable life skills that they can rely on throughout their lives.



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will hold its next meeting on Thursday, June 18th, at Saratoga Restaurant. Fellowship, hosted by Meghan Reed, will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m. 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. 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 Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger 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. And look at some of the fun you don't want to miss!!



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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! If you would like to sponsor the event, please see Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger for a Sponsorship Form and payment. Reservation forms and meal choices will be available at our next club meeting.

THE UNITED STATES OF KINDNESS: Rotary is partnering with the United States of Kindness, a national campaign encouraging citizens to complete 250 acts of kindness across the country, celebrating America's 250th anniversary. Club members are being asked to track their daily compassion, take photos, and report their daily acts of kindness at www.usokindness.org. List Rotary District 6650 as the organization you are associated with. You can also post pictures on Facebook and tag Rotary District 6650 so the district sees all the impactful things we do. Think about it - this initiative mirrors Rotary's core motto, "Service Above Self" and our "Unite for Good" theme!



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AMERICA'S
250TH

2-DAY BIRTHDAY BASH FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY & GIVE BACK TO THE LOCAL CHARITIES THAT MAKE TRUMBULL COUNTY SO GREAT!!

**SUNDAY
JUNE 28TH**

WARREN AMPHITHEATER |
PERKINS PARK



SCAN QR
FOR DUCKS,
TICKETS & 50/50



OR GO TO:

WARRENROTARY.ORG

**ADOPT DUCKS (NOW) TO
WIN \$500 - 1ST PLACE
(\$1200 IN PRIZES)**

DUCK RACE, LIVE MUSIC
FOOD & GOODS VENDORS
50/50 & BASKET RAFFLES
AND JEEP MEET

DOORS OPEN @ 12 PM

FREE ADMISSION

\$10-DUCK | 2 FOR \$17.76

LOTS OF KID ACTIVITIES!

**SATURDAY
JULY 4TH**

7/17 CREDIT UNION FIELD
AT EASTWOOD



**\$10 UPPER BOX
TICKET**

SCRAPPERS BASEBALL,
KID ACTIVITIES
BASKET RAFFLE,
AUTOGRAPHED JERSEY AUCTION &
FIREWORKS

**DOORS OPEN 6 PM
GAME STARTS @7:05PM**

Event Proceeds Support:



A CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF DISTRICT 6650 ROTARY CLUBS

Rotary THROUGH THE YEARS

District 6650 Celebrating leadership, fellowship, and community impact

Rotary International Founded February 23, 1905



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TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$89.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Cheryl Oblinger!

HAPPY BUCKS



*** Cheryl Oblinger as a Happy Winner!

*** Julia Wetstein enjoyed our speaker. She was headed to Hubbard Rotary Wednesday evening as a guest of Bob Hoy's son, Rob. Hubbard Rotary was named third in District 6650 for contributions to the Rotary Foundation per capita. Julia also encouraged everyone to start wearing their River Duck Festival t-shirts to promote this year's event in the community!

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*** **Ray Thomas** enjoyed our inspirational program. And he is celebrating 54 years of ordination to the priesthood! God bless you, Fr. Ray!!

*** **Cindy Matheson** was happy that her Bluegrass Festival was a success, despite the weekend weather. Her second cousin from North Carolina came to Ohio for the weekend to spend time with her family at the festival. She is 84 years old.

*** **Tony Iannucci** is thrilled to be leaving on a two week vacation in Italy!! Safe travels, Tony!

*** **Marilyn Pape** is happy that it's sunny. And she's proud of her daughter who graduated as valedictorian from Thiel College with a degree in Accounting. Congratulations!!

YOUR MIND IS A GARDEN. YOUR
THOUGHTS ARE THE SEEDS.
YOU CAN GROW FLOWERS OR YOU
CAN GROW WEEDS.



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