

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 6, 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)

May 13, 2026 - Eric Knoth

June 10, 2026 - Meghan Reed

MAGAZINE REPORT (4th Wednesday)

May 27, 2026 - Denise May

June 24, 2026 - Lauren Kramer

SPEAKERS

- 5/13/2026 - Marilyn Pape, CSB & Mike Bollas, Photo Contest (at Charbenay's)
- 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 - Speaker to be Announced (at The Salvation Army)
- 6/17/26 - Tour at St. Vincent de Paul
- 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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The poster features a black and white photograph of a young woman with glasses speaking into a microphone. To the left, the text 'MAY IS' is written vertically in large blue letters. In the center, 'YOUTH SERVICE MONTH' is written in large yellow and white letters. A yellow Rotary International gear logo is in the top right corner. Below the photo, a quote reads: "We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future." - PRIP James L. Lacy 1998-99. At the bottom, the Rotary logo and 'YOUTH SERVICES' are on the left, and 'www.rotary.org' is on the right.

May is Rotary Youth Service Month, a special time in Rotary when clubs focus on and celebrate programs that empower the next generation by strengthening community connections, providing opportunities to develop leadership skills, and promoting youth participation in Rotary's mission through mentorship and partnerships which highlight the core value of "Service Above Self". Over 350,000 young participants are impacted by Rotary's four branches of youth services annually:

- **Interact Clubs** for 14 to 18 year olds focus on fun and meaningful volunteer service projects, both in their communities and internationally. Along the way, Interactors develop their leadership skills and meet new friends.
- **Rotaract Clubs** for young adults, ages 18 to 30, augment their knowledge and skill, address physical and social needs of their communities, and promote international understanding and peace through friendship and service. These clubs are usually community or university-based and are sponsored by a local Rotary club. This is one of the fastest growing programs of Rotary service with more than 9,500 Rotaract clubs in 177 countries.
- **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)** provides an intensive and interactive training program for young people to learn leadership skills

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Judy Masaki

through practice. It started in Queensland, Australia in 1959 and was adopted by Rotary International in 1971. The RYLA program enables participants to debate issues of human relations, improve leadership and communication skills, learn about businesses, explore pertinent topics with peers and elders, and meet Rotarians, all while having fun and making friends. Likewise, Rotarians are offered the chance to help develop leaders, share expertise, and bridge the gap between generations.

- **Rotary Youth Exchange** is an excellent way for high school students to travel and study abroad. It gives the participant the opportunity to improve their language skills and learn about the culture of their host country. They also act as ambassadors for their home country. Each year Rotary Districts send approximately 300 young people to other countries and accept an equal amount of young people in return. Accepting a youth exchange student into your club, community and household can be a very rewarding experience. The overall goal of the program is to promote the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

In addition to these programs, Rotary clubs offer activities such as:

- hosting special meetings with young leaders to create opportunities for collaboration;
- launching joint service projects, such as community clean-up days, garden development, or painting local community centers;
- recognizing and rewarding local students who exemplify "Service Above Self".
- holding "Reverse Mentorship Days" and having young leaders teach Rotarians about new technology, social media trends, or current youth perspectives on global issues;
- creating phone chains or video messages to offer encouragement to isolated seniors or medical patients;
- hosting a Youth Service Fair where youth organizations can showcase their work and also connect with Rotary resources;
- sponsoring a Career Day or Job Shadowing Day to help youth prepare for their futures;

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- hosting a resume workshop where Rotarians help Interact and Rotaract members build resumes and practice interview skills; and
- organizing a fundraiser to support youth projects.

When Rotarians partner with young leaders in ways that value and emphasize their unique skills, young people can develop a lifelong relationship with Rotary. It's a win-win experience! This month, how will you join Rotary in celebrating and supporting our community's youth?



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*As we enter Youth Service Month,
we reflect on our commitment to the next generation.
Lord, grant us the wisdom to mentor with patience
and the energy to serve alongside young people.
May we foster in them the ideals of "Service Above Self",
empowering them to become compassionate, capable leaders
in our community and the world.*

*In addition, look kindly upon animals in need today,
especially those who are suffering, overworked, underfed, and cruelly treated.
Help them to find their forever homes
with families who have a heart of compassion, gentle hands, and kind words.
Amen.*

Offered by Judy Masaki)

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PROGRAM:

JANE MACMURCHY,
ANIMAL RESOURCE
CENTER (ARC)

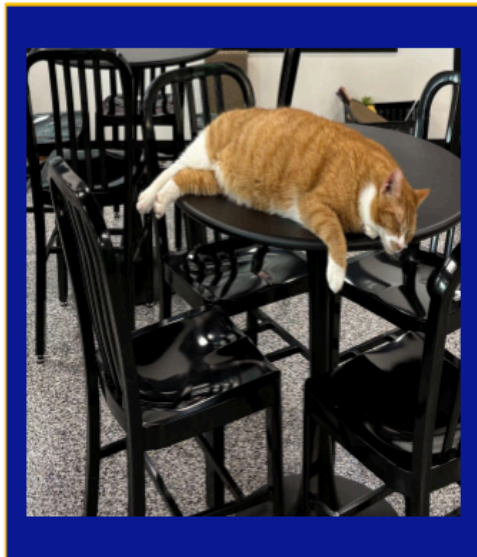
Jane MacMurphy is the manager of the Animal Resource Center (ARC) in Cortland, Ohio. She previously served for nine years as the executive director of Animal Charity of Ohio in Mahoning County before resigning in 2025. She is also a U.S. Marine Corp veteran.

ARC is a facility focused on early intervention to keep pets out of shelters and reduce abuse. They provide services to Trumbull County, Mercer County and surrounding areas. The center opened to the public last month, and according to MacMurphy, there is no other facility like this within 200 miles. The Harnett Foundation, a private charitable foundation which provides gifts for animal welfare projects, is a sister organization of ARC.

The bulk of ARC's services are extended to individuals who want to keep their pets but simply can't due to medical, mental health, substance abuse, and financial concerns, and other unforeseen circumstances. Most of these cases are from the City of Warren. ARC will pay for the cost of neutering/spaying, vaccinations, and veterinary bills. They also provide education to the family, flea and tick prevention, and food six times per year for as long as it is needed. There is a standard income requirement for these services, but no one is truly ever turned away. By removing financial barriers, offering support, and connecting families with veterinary partners, families are empowered to be responsible pet owners and the root cause of pet overpopulation is addressed. If pets are not able to safely remain in their homes, adoptions are facilitated. ARC will accept surrenders as well.

A total of 700 animals have been served to date this year by ARC's staff of four. Their operations are assisted through grants from the Harnett Foundation, fundraisers, and private donations.

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THE CHARITABLE PROJECTS COMMITTEE will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, May 13th, at 11:30 a.m., prior to our weekly club meeting at Charbenay's.

THE WARREN ROTARY PHOTO CONTEST IS BACK!! The contest will take place during our May 13th weekly club meeting. You can enter up to three 5" X 7" photographs, which you yourself have taken, in each category (animals, scenic, and kids). Four winners will be chosen in each category. Bring your photos to the meeting that day.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet on Thursday, May 14th, at Enzo's banquet room on Elm Road. Fellowship, hosted by Ray Thomas, will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.

THE 2026 DISTRICT 6650 CONFERENCE will be held on Saturday, May 16th, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Great Trail Golf Course, 10154 Great Trail Drive, Minerva, OH 44657. Cost is \$25 per person. Park at Minerva Middle School and a shuttle will take you to the event. Celebrate DG Kim Weiss' successful year, meet incoming DG Ryan Boyce, and hear amazing keynote speakers.

A SPECIAL OFFER FROM OPERATION POLLINATION: All Rotarians are encouraged to visit www.MyHomePark.com and pre-order native Ohio plants for your home garden. You can sign up on the website to get 10% off of your first order.

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.

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THE 2nd ANNUAL LEMONADE STAND in support of Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (<https://www.alexislemonade.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.alexislemonade.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.

PRESIDENTS' NIGHT is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1st. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information regarding the venue.

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.

NEWSLETTER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: This newsletter is designed using Google Docs, which does not allow hyperlinks to be opened from the newsletter. To make the links functional and view the information, please retype them in your web browser. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CLUB MEETING VENUES: Our 12:00 Noon Wednesday club meetings will take place as follows:

5/13/26 and 5/20/26 - Charbenay's

5/27/26 through 6/10/26 and 6/24/26 - The Salvation Army

6/17/26 - Tour at St. Vincent de Paul