

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

A publication of the Rotary Club of Warren

MAY 8, 2024

ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS

May, 2024 - Patti Augustine

June, 2024 - Kim Straniak

REGISTRATION

May, 2024 - Barry Dunaway & Ray Sinchak

June, 2024 - To Be Announced

INVOCATION

May, 2024 & June, 2024 - Terra O'Brien

FELLOWSHIP (1st & 3rd Wed.) & MAGAZINE REPORT (2nd Wed.)

May, 2024 - Kim Straniak

June, 2024 - Denise May

CAREER AWARENESS (4th Wed. of the Month)

May, 2024 - To Be Announced

June, 2024 - Erica Royster

SPEAKERS

5/15/24 - Mike Wilson, Game

5/22/24 - Jason Gray, TCTC

5/29/24 - Brendan Byers, Oakland Center for the Arts

6/5/24 - Texas Roadhouse

6/12/24 - Nicole Fonacier Laroco, Former Rotary GSE member

6/19/24 - Presidents' Night/No Noon Club Meeting

6/26/24 - Compass Family & Community Services

7/3/24 - No 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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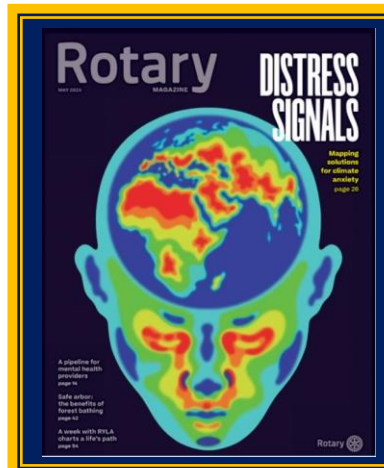
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MAGAZINE REPORT

**By
Kim Straniak**

The theme for May's Rotary Magazine cover centers around experiences with weather events. You've seen the weather reports - intense storms, wildfires, floods, extreme heat and other phenomena. The article describing these weather events goes on to explain people's deepened anxiety about climate change.

Natural disasters can directly affect one's well-being. Rising sea levels and coastal erosion have displaced so many families. Just this past week or so, many Americans were displaced because of floods and tornado damage. Entire neighborhoods were wiped out.

World-wide, people have had to leave their communities, leading to food and water insecurity. That stress can lead to more anxiety, depression, PTSD, substance abuse and death by suicide, says Emma Lawrence, who leads the Climate Cares Centre at the Institute of Global Health Innovation, Imperial College of London.

The Center has linked a rise in temperature - the average rise in temperature of even one degree Celsius - to increased suicides in the U.S. and Mexico. The study estimates that by 2050, rising temperatures could lead to between 9,000 and 40,000 additional suicides in the two countries.

Think about our beautiful spring season, but also think about how your vehicles are constantly dusted with pollen right now. Over recent decades, climate change has resulted in longer pollen allergy seasons. People with chronic lung conditions are having trouble breathing. If you've ever experienced trouble breathing, you know it's scary. And it's a scary thing to know that you are vulnerable to this kind of situation - something that most of us just view as a nuisance - pollen season. This leads not only the patient, but also their families to feel anxiety and stress.

In a study that surveyed 10,000 young people in 10 different countries, 45 percent said this feeling about climate change "negatively affected their daily life and functioning." In general, environmental

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Judy Masaki

changes can create eco-anxiety or climate distress.

In this article, you can also learn what some Rotary Clubs are doing to address weather-related problems. A Rotary Club in Orleans, Ontario launched a project with high school students to plant 1,000 trees. Part of the goal was to create an opportunity to address feelings of eco-anxiety. Other health initiatives are being undertaken to reduce distress among survivors of disasters, including earthquakes, hurricanes and floods.

Finally, this issue has a message from R. Gordon McInally, our Rotary International President, who is ecstatic about the enthusiasm he has witnessed across the world this past year to better support the mental health needs of each other and the people we serve.

It's a great issue of *Rotary* this month. I hope you get a chance to read it.



THE DICTIONARY PROJECT: On Wednesday, May 15th, dictionaries will be distributed to Warren City Schools - 9:30 a.m. at Lincoln; 11:00 a.m. at McGuffey. We are awaiting confirmation from two other schools. Contact Marilyn Pape or Tony Iannucci if you are able to participate.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE PROJECT- Join the AMVETS Post 290 in Vienna as they place flags on veterans' graves at Crown Hill Burial Park (Warren-Sharon Road in Vienna) on Saturday, May 18th. Meet at the first parking lot by the pond at 9:45 a.m. The AMVETS will provide lunch at their post (290 Youngstown-Kingsville Rd., Vienna, OH 44473) for all of those assisting with the service project at Noon.

SCOPE is holding their Sweet Surrender Bake Off on May 21st beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Warren Senior Center (375 N. Park Ave.). Local Senior-friendly businesses will compete for the best dessert in town! Bring your sweet tooth! You can also participate in a 50-50 raffle and basket raffle.

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MITCH & CINDY'S BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL is scheduled for May 24th through May 26th at the Trumbull County fairgrounds. Be sure to go out and support this family-friendly event. Cindy Matheson would also like to have a Rotary table set up to get the word out about our club. If you are able to help set up and man the table, contact Cindy Matheson.

THE 2024 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION will be held 5/25/24 through 5/29/24 in Singapore, "the Garden City". You can attend inspiring breakout sessions, exchange ideas about service projects, and make meaningful connections with global individuals. Register today @ convention.rotary.org. This year's theme is "Sharing Hope with the World".

FLAG PLACEMENT will also take place at Oakwood Cemetery on May 25th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Warren Rotarians and the Boy Scouts will be participating in this service project.

THE 2nd ANNUAL CATALINA WINE MIXER will be hosted by the Girard-Liberty Rotary Club on Thursday, June 13th from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Giant Eagle on Belmont Avenue (4700 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, OH). The event will include wine, beer, all you can eat food, basket auctions and music.

TRUMBULL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY is organizing a block party for Saturday, June 1st, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in front of the Warren Trumbull County Public Library on Mahoning Avenue. A few hundred children and their families will be visiting the event. Consider having your organization/business set up a table with give-a-ways and info for the community!

THE ANNUAL ROTARY DISTRICT 6650 CONFERENCE will kick off with an evening social event at Royal Docks Brewing in Oakwood Square from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 14th. The conference will be held on June 15th at Kent Stark Conference Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Attendees will be able to meet new people, hear new ideas, and have some fun! Registration will be open from now until midnight on May 31st. Early registration is \$25 through midnight on May 24th and will increase to \$40 from May 24th to May 31st. Sign up today at: tinyurl.com/Rotary6650Conference

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN'S PRESIDENTS' NIGHT will be held on Wednesday, June 19th at Trumbull Country Club beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be no noon club meeting that day. There will be cash bar, and a plated meal will be served, including your choice of beef, chicken or fish. Entertainment will be provided during the social hour.

FREE EVENT: Sunshine Golden Acres Farm Market & Soap Company will host a Classic Car Cruise-In on Saturday, July 20th, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. (3335 Mahoning Ave., NW, Warren, OH). There is no

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registration fee! The free event will feature music, coffee, donuts and other food, as well as a 50/50 raffle. Contact Rotarian Amy Phillips for more information.

CLUB & DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT: If you know of any contact people at Senior Assisted Living facilities or Funeral Homes, please ask if they have gently used hearing aides that they would like to donate to a good cause. Hearing aides can be refurbished or used for parts. We can collect them and give them to The Hearing Mission Foundation.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP
PROPOSAL**

At its May 9th meeting, The Rotary Club of Warren Board of Directors endorsed the following membership proposal:

**Rachel Ellis
Admissions & Marketing Coordinator
Shepherd of the Valley Howland
4100 N. River Rd., NE
Warren, OH 44484
(Sponsored by Cindy Matheson)**

If any Warren Rotarian has concerns about inducting this individual into our club, they should be put in writing to President Ken LaPolla no later than Monday, May 20th.

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SULPHUR & MARIETTA,
OKLAHOMA
TORNADO RECOVERY EFFORTS

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- * Bottled Water
- * Gatorade
- * Non-perishable food items
- * Snack foods
- * Cleaning Supplies
- * Hygiene Items (soap, toilet paper, paper towels)
- * Baby wipes and baby food
- * Canned goods
- * Please - no clothing at this time!!

POINT OF DISTRIBUTION FOR SULPHUR, OKLAHOMA:

- * Expo Center/Murray County Fairgrounds
2490 West Hwy 7
Sulphur, OK
580-745-2877

- * Crossway First Baptist Church
2108 West Broadway Ave.
Sulphur, OK
580-622-255

POINT OF DISTRIBUTION FOR MARIETTA, OKLAHOMA:

- * Love County Fairgrounds
502 N. 2nd St.
Marietta, OK
Love County Sheriff's Office - 580-276-3150

MONETARY DONATIONS can be made to The Rotary Foundation for Oklahoma Rotary, Inc. Send Checks to: Steve Wood, RI District 5770 Treasurer, P.O. Box 867, Norman, OK 73070

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Michael Ridgeway via email at ridgeway@sbcglobal.net or by calling 405-818-4135.

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PROGRAM:

LAUREN WEBB,
AXESSPOINTE/FAMILY & COMMUNITY
SERVICES



Lauren Webb is the Director of Domestic Violence Services for Trumbull and Portage Counties with AxessPointe/Family and Community Services. She works with victims and survivors in our community to provide them safety, security, healing and to place them on their path from surviving to once again thriving.

Lauren's purpose is to educate and advocate against violence. She passionately works towards establishing the right for one and all to have a safe place to call home.

Lauren has worked in the non-profit arena for 20+ years and hopes to inspire others to find their purpose helping those who are vulnerable and/or in need. She started her work as an advocate for survivors at an emergency shelter for domestic violence in 2014. Since then she has had roles as the Shelter Manager, Assistant Director, and now finds herself in her current role. Lauren knows that she is a true advocate at heart and enjoys the level of opportunity for assistance that any residential work can provide for those served.

Lauren is happily married and lives in Warren with her very hairy Husky/Malamute and two black cats.

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Someplace Safe has been Trumbull County's Domestic Violence Shelter since 1979. As the exclusive provider of comprehensive services, Someplace safe offers shelter and advocacy for anyone experiencing or having experienced domestic violence or human trafficking. They serve women, men, LGBTQ, children, and pets. More children than adults have been served in the last year. 20 individuals per minute, or more than 10 million per year, are physically abused in the U.S.A. More than 20,000 calls are made to hotlines nationwide. Trained advocates provide judgement-free advocacy at no cost via Someplace Safe's hotline, Safe Chat, 24/7 at rc.chat/sps.

The shelter has six units for entire families who may stay anywhere from six months to two years. Two fulltime case managers assist with obtaining supplies, games for children, and food. They facilitate activities for the children, and help adults with self-sufficiency planning. Community partners provide seminars, relocation funding, and safety planning. Legal advocacy is provided to assist in filing civil protection orders that last up to five years. Youth and family programming at Someplace Safe includes facilitation of schooling and meeting family needs. The highest number of cases fall in the 18 to 24 year age range.

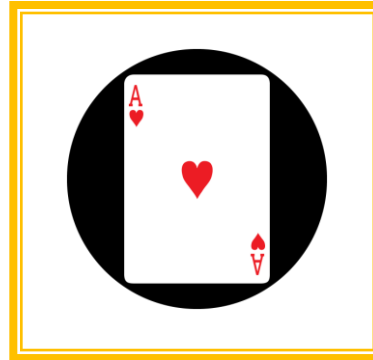
Lauren reported that sexual assaults are among the most underreported cases. Only 20% of perpetrators are convicted. The goal of the Trumbull County SAAVE Coalition is to provide advocacy, awareness, and victim empowerment for survivors of sexual assault.

A landmark case of sexual assault in Italy garnered worldwide attention in 1992. An 18 year old girl was raped by her driving instructor, and the driver's conviction was overturned by the Italian Supreme Court in 1999. They argued that the encounter must have been consensual because the victim wore tight jeans and had to have helped the driver remove them during the encounter. Outraged, women in the Italian Parliament wore jeans in solidarity with the victim, leading to the inception of Denim Day, a movement against victim blame. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the campaign against victim blaming and destructive myths that surround sexual violence.

The Solace Center is Trumbull County's Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program for families who experience abuse or trauma. Referrals are received via the Family Court, and services are provided at no cost to the families. The goal of the child-focused services are to provide education in hopes that it will prevent future generations from repeating the cycle of abuse, neglect, and violence, so that they can experience healthy and productive relationships.

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TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$377.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Cheryl Oblinger!



*** **Ben Kulper** asked that we remember those who protected our country against the enemy. May 8th was the anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe).

*** **Patti Augustine** went on a fabric buying trip to New York and her box of fabric arrived this week. In addition, her swans had seven babies!

*** **Cindy Matheson** offered a Happy Buck for Amy Phillips' Farmers Market. She asked that we keep Marilyn Pape and her Mom in our prayers. Cindy enjoyed our speaker. And she's looking forward to a great summer.

*** **Joni Gawne** will be leaving us at the end of this month. Her husband got a wonderful job opportunity in Florida, and they will be moving to Cape Canaveral. They found a condo by the beach, and their house here in Ohio has sold. She plans to find a Rotary Club to be involved in near her new home!

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*** **Andy Bednar** is happy for Joni's new adventure but will miss her.
*** **Cheryl Oblinger** was a happy winner!
*** **Judy Masaki's** bathroom got a face lift, and her hairdo is getting a face lift this weekend! Her son is returning to England for work at the end of July, and she and Mark are looking forward to visiting!
*** **Ken LaPolla** wished Joni well. He thanked Bob Hoy for providing more tickets for Triple Jackpot. Ken's son started a consulting firm, and Ken's daughter (Dr. LaPolla) graduated last weekend! His Mom spent a nice weekend with them.

