

### 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

NOVEMBER 1, 2023

## ASSIGNMENTS

### GREETERS

November, 2023 - Denise May

December, 2023 - Denise May

### REGISTRATION

November, 2023 - To Be Announced

December, 2023 - To Be Announced

### INVOCATION

November, 2023 - Diane Sauer

December, 2023 - Ted Stazak

## FELLOWSHIP (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.) & MAGAZINE REPORT (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed.)

November, 2023 - Kim Straniak

December, 2023 - Joni Gawne

## CAREER AWARENESS (4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the Month)

November, 2023 - Shawn Littell

December, 2023 - Richard Fallon

## SPEAKERS

11/8/23 - Veterans Day Speaker

11/15/23 - Cheryl Knowlton, South Africa Lydia's Mission

11/22/23 - Santa Clause

11/29/23 - Service Project (NO meeting at TCC)

### Areas of Focus

*Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution*

*Disease Prevention & Treatment*

*Water & Sanitation*

*Maternal & Child Health*

*Basic Education & Literacy*

*Economic & Community Development*

*The Environment*

### Club Officers

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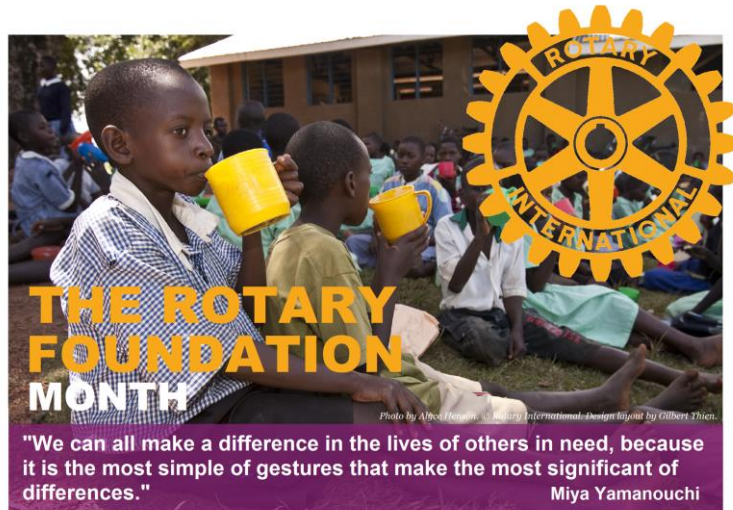
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Mike Bolas*

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Ted Stazak*

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Lauren Kramer  
Marilyn Pape  
John Perdue  
Lorilyn Shandor  
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**NOVEMBER IS**



The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation

EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

TAKE ACTION: [www.rotary.org/give](http://www.rotary.org/give)

The importance of and need for Rotarian support of the Rotary Foundation is highlighted during the month of November. The Foundation's motto is very simple: "Doing Good in the World". The voluntary donations made to the Foundation by the public and Rotarians fund service projects that change the lives of thousands of people globally.

Founded in 1917 by Past-President Arthur C. Klumph as an endowment fund for Rotary, The Rotary Foundation has grown from an initial contribution of \$26.50 to more than \$1 billion. This has been made possible through the generosity of donors and strong financial oversight. These dollars fund projects that provide clean water, fight disease, promote peace, provide basic education, grow local economies, and protect the environment. And the Foundation has been a leader in the fight to eradicate polio.

The unique funding model allows the Rotary Foundation to make the most of your contributions, and the far-reaching impact of the Foundation has earned it a stellar charity rating.

Give today and become a part of the Rotary Foundation's life-changing work!

The  
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Foundation



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

**contact:**

*Judy Masaki*

One of the many reasons the [Rotary Foundation](#) is one of our charities of choice! [Charity Navigator](#) is a great resource to ensure your donations are being used responsibly. Learn more at [rotary.org/donate](https://www.rotary.org/donate) and be part of doing good in the world

The  
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Foundation



*has been awarded*



**Charity Navigator**

100%



Four-Star Charity

*for 15 Consecutive Years*



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

**John Gibson**

**Dominic Mararri**

**Andy Bednar**

**Bill Beinecke**

**Tony Torisk**

**Reilly Berk**

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



Denise May kicked off November with a Google search to find out the true origin of some old but popular idioms. Some of the stories behind the funny sayings are quite entertaining.

## **#1 Cat Got Your Tongue**

Although usually said to someone who remains silent when they are expected to speak, there is a much different story on how this saying came into being. In ancient Egypt, liars' tongues were actually cut out

as punishment and fed to the cats!

## **#2 Big Wig**

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the most important political figures wore the biggest wigs. Thus, today, influential people are called big wigs.

## **#3 Raining Cats and Dogs**

In England, houses had thatched roofs, which were one of the few places animals could get warm. Sometimes, when it rained very hard, roofs would get slippery and cats and dogs would fall off, making it look like it was raining cats and dogs.

## **#4 One For the Road**

During the Middle Ages, condemned individuals were taken through Oxford Street to their execution. During this final trip, they would be allowed to stop and have one final drink before their death.

## **#5 Honeymoon**

According to tradition, a newly-wed couple would have to drink a beverage with honey for a whole month for fertility and good luck.



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## **#6 Give the Cold Shoulder**

This saying, that is currently used to describe someone rude, was actually considered an act of politeness. During medieval times in England, after everyone finished feasting, the host would give guests a cold piece of pork or beef from the shoulder of an animal as a way of showing that it was time for everyone to leave.

## **#7 Close But No Cigar**

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, carnival games were targeted to adults, not children. Winners would get a cigar as a prize instead of stuffed animals. If the person was close to winning but not quite successful, they'd say it was "close but no cigar".

## **#8 Son of a Gun**

Long ago, sailors would sometimes take their wives on long ocean voyages. If the woman gave birth on a ship, it was believed that it should take place between the cannons on the ship's gun deck, since it was the most secluded place. As a result, a child born on a ship would be called a "son of a gun".

## **#9 Rule of Thumb**

This comes from 17<sup>th</sup> century England, where Judge Sir Francis Buller ruled that husbands could beat their wives with a stick if it was no wider than his thumb.

## **#10 Minding Your Ps and Qs**

A favorite theory about the origin of this one refers to the practice of chalking up a "tab" of drinks for later payment. The P refers to pints, and the Q to quarts.

## **#11 Show a Leg**

Just before ships left port, sailors would try to sneak in a lady and hide her in their hammock. Before leaving, officers would ask anyone in a hammock to "show a leg". If it was hairless, the woman was asked to leave the ship quickly.

## **#12 Don't Throw the Baby Out With the Bathwater**

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, most people would bathe once a year. Even when they did that, the entire family would bathe in the same water. - first the men, then females and finally babies. The water would be so dirty and cloudy that mothers had to be careful not to throw their infants out with the water.

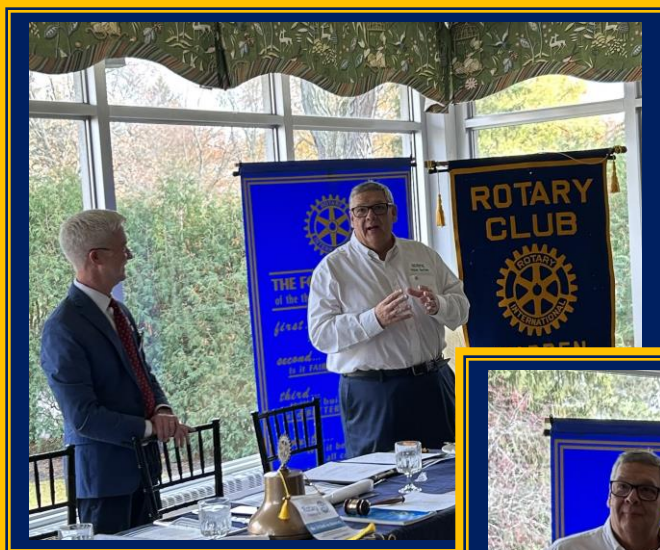
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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN INDUCTS ITS NEWEST MEMBER -

### MIKE WILSON

Mike Wilson has been an administrator of non-profit organizations for over 35 years. He currently serves as the Executive Director of SCOPE Senior Services. Mike has also coached youth and high school level sports for over 30 years. He serves as Commissioner of the NE Ohio Youth Football League. He is an historical actor, portraying President William McKinley, and he is a Rodney Dangerfield impersonator. You'll soon be able to see him perform with the SCOPE Senior Showcase.

Mike was inducted into the Rotary Club of Warren on November 1<sup>st</sup> as part of the corporate membership for Family and Community Services, Inc. In addition to SCOPE, individuals from other affiliated organizations such as SomePlace Safe, Big Brothers/Big Sister, and the Solace Center to name a few, will join Mike in supporting Warren Rotary's projects.



Mike indicated that it's great to be a part of Rotary, and he is excited about being involved. His sponsor is Julia Wetstein.

Please join us in  
extending a warm welcome to  
Mike!



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**MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT:** Invite a friend or colleague to Rotary! Any current member who brings a new member into the club will receive a Rotary license plate frame for their car!

**WE HAVE A NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!!** Be sure to share and "like" us at: [https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090246039722&mibextid=LQQJ4](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090246039722&mibextid=LQQJ4d)

d If you can't make it to our meetings at Trumbull Country Club in person, join us via Facebook Live!

**OPENING NIGHT SPONSORSHIP FORMS** were recently distributed. Please approach businesses for their support! More copies can be obtained by contacting Patti Augustine. The historic event is slated for Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 9 p.m. on Courthouse Square and the surrounding downtown venues. This year is exceptionally exciting as Warren celebrates its 225<sup>th</sup> birthday!! Hard copies of fliers are also available for posting, and you can also share the posting on our Facebook page. Please help get the word out!

**BRING A VETERAN TO OUR NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> MEETING!!** Be sure to let Mike Bollas know the names of your military guests, and if you are a veteran, wear your mini metals.

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS** will meet at Downtown 124 Kitchen & Cocktails (124 N. Park Ave., Warren, OH 44481) on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Fellowship will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting to follow at 6:00p.m. Our host for the evening will be Tony Iannucci.

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO JULIA AND TOM WIKE ON THE RECENT LOSS OF THEIR SON.** Please keep Julia, Tom and their entire family in your thoughts and prayers.

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## PROGRAM:

CHERYL TARANTINO,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF  
NOAS



Cheryl Tarantino is a longtime resident of Boardman, Ohio. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Finance from Mount Union College in 1986 and has 37 years of experience in management and marketing. Cheryl currently serves as Executive Director of Northeast Ohio Adoption Services (NOAS), where she is responsible for managing the day to day operations and administrative functions of the private non-profit foster care and adoption agency.

In 1975, an adoption project for children with handicaps was funded by federal dollars. Then in 1978, NOAS emerged as an independent, specialized adoption agency in Warren, Ohio. NOAS was founded by a social worker who believed that all children are adoptable and deserve a loving family. NOAS was licensed by The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in the placement of children for adoption or in foster care. They also provided parent education, advocacy, and professional training. They currently serve families in 30 counties in Northeast Ohio and beyond.



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NOAS does not charge fees to adoptive families. Services are funded through public service agencies, grants, donations and fundraising.

Ohio is currently facing a foster care crisis. There are 16,000 children in foster care in Ohio, and 4,000 are available for adoption. 12,000 of these children have a reunification plan in place, but foster parents are still needed. NOAS works with 7,000 licensed foster homes outside of Ohio, in Arkansas, Alabama, Michigan, Florida and Illinois. However, Tarantino indicated that sending kids out of state can be highly traumatic, and this trauma can take a lifetime to repair. Instead, Children need permanency. They deserve to grow up in a community they're familiar with, where they can visit siblings and have play dates with their friends.

November is National Adoption Month, a time when the nation tries to raise awareness about the urgent need for adoptive families for children and youth in foster care. 85% of foster families will adopt a child in their care if the opportunity is made available to them. Tarantino indicated that if you can provide a temporary, stable and loving home and embrace working with the biological parents, then you can be a foster parent and remain "auntie" to the children for years to come. There are classes to take, as well as an assessment and licensing process, but a social worker holds the family's hand every step of the way.

Tarantino also dispelled several myths about becoming a foster parent:

1. You don't have to be rich - there are no fees!
2. You don't have to own your own home or be married. There are foster parents who are single, married, or residing with a partner, and living in a trailer, an apartment, a condo or a house that is leased or owned.
3. You're not too young or too old. Ohio recently lowered the minimum required age to 18 years. So, if siblings can prove that they can provide stability and a safe home, they can foster. Furthermore, there is no upper age limit. A note from a doctor is simply required, stating that there is no physical reason preventing the individual from caring for a child.

A Bridges program is provided for those children who have aged out of foster care and are living on their own. This program provides assistance with housing and utilities to these young adults as long as they are going to school or working 20 hours per week.


There are several other programs that individuals can become involved with at NOAS. A new mentoring program has been

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established, and individuals are needed to be "trusted guides" to children. Volunteers are asked to make a one year commitment to spend six hours per month with the assigned child, teaching them a hobby, sharing wisdom, etc. 350 youth are involved in this program.

NOAS also has a wishlist of items that are needed for children year round. They provide birthday gifts to children in their care. A Holiday Angel Tree program is done each year. This year, \$50 gift cards are being requested to WalMart, Target or VISA, and NOAS' workers will take the children shopping. 290 gift cards are needed.

Since its inception, NOAS has helped over 1,400 children find their forever family. If you are interested in being a part of something special, you can learn more about the services NOAS offers by visiting [www.noas.com](http://www.noas.com).

A photograph of a person's arm and hand holding a young child's hand. The person is wearing a light-colored sweater and blue jeans. The child is wearing a blue denim jacket and jeans. They are standing against a plain, light-colored background.

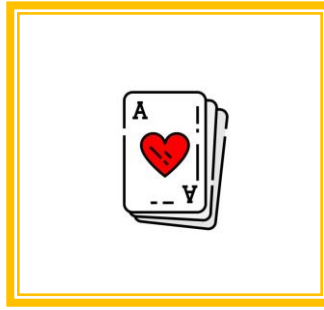
"THEY MAY NOT  
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BUT THEY HAVE  
ALL MY HEART."

-Unknown

#NationalAdoptionMonth

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## TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$46.  
Congratulations to Daily Winner Jim Ditch!

## HAPPY BUCKS



\*\*\* **Julia Wetstein** is happy to have Mike Wilson in the club!

\*\*\* **Erica Royster** offered a Happy Buck for NOAS.

\*\*\* **Mike Wilson** is excited about becoming a Rotarian.

\*\*\* **Ken LaPolla** was glad he got to spend time with his daughter last week. He also offered a Happy Buck for our speaker. Finally, he reported that Cindy Matheson's Mom was not doing well and asked that we keep Cindy and her family in our thoughts and prayers. (We've since learned that Mom is doing much better! She's getting transferred to Hillside for rehab. In her email, Cindy said, "Today is a new day and gives us hope!")

\*\*\* **Lorilyn Shandor** was happy to have her wife join her for our meeting this week. And while she is sad that she's no longer with AWL, she is enjoying her downtime.