## Rotary Motto

*Service Above Self*

## 4-Way Test

*Of the things we think, say or do:*

*Is it the truth?*

*Isi it fair to all concerned?*

*Will it build goodwill and better friendships?*

*Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

## Avenues of Service

*Club Service*

*Vocational Service*

*Community Service*

*International Service*

*Youth Service*

# ROTARY NOTES
# November 11, 2026
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## GREETERS & REGISTRATION
November, 2026 & December, 2026 - Ray Sinchak & Barry Dunaway

## INVOCATION
November, 2026 - Janet Schweitzer
December, 2026 - Andy Bednar

## FELLOWSHIP (typically 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays of the month)
November 18, 2026 - Ray Sinchak
December 2, 16 & 23, 2026 - Christine Cope

## MAGAZINE REPORT (typically 2nd Wednesday of the month)
December 9, 2026 - Christine Cope
January 13, 2027 - Diane Sauer

## SPEAKERS
11/18/2026 - Herm Breuer, The Cover Down Fund
11/25/2026 - No Club Meeting due to Thanksgiving Holiday
12/2/2026 - To Be Determined
12/9/2026 - To Be Determined
12/16/2026 - Adopt a Senior Gift Wrapping & Caroling
12/23/26 & 12/30/2026 - No Club Meetings
Enjoy Your Holidays with Family and Friends!!

Areas of Focus

*Peace & Conflict Prevention/ Resolution*

*Disease Prevention & Treatment*

*Water & Sanitation*

*Maternal & Child Health*

*Basic Education & Literacy*

*Eceonomic & Community Development*

*The Environment*

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# A PRAYER FOR VETERANS

PROUD OF OUR NATION,
THEY ANSWERED HER CALL -
DEFENDING THE FREEDOM
AND SAFETY OF ALL.
ON LAND OR ON SEA
OR IN JETS HIGH ABOVE,
THEY WENT OUT OF DUTY
AND HONOR AND LOVE.
BUT HOWEVER THEY SERVED, LORD,
WHEREVER THEY WENT,
PLEASE BLESS THEM
AND HELP THEM
TO KNOW WHAT IT MEANT!
AND HELP US TO THANK THEM
ON VETERANS DAY -
FOR WE OWE THEM FAR MORE
THAN WE EVER COULD SAY.

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Judy Masaki

# MAGAZINE REPORT
# By
# Lauren Kramer




The Rotary Club of Warren was pleased to welcome two guests to this week's meeting - Michael Psznick, a Vietnam Veteran and Head of Operations and Strategy at Squire Patton Boggs, and Alicia Adams-Angelo's husband, Tom.

Following greetings, Lauren Kramer summarized the cover story from the November issue of Rotary, "For Love of Water".

"In attempting to row the Pacific, endurance athlete Katie Spotz takes on her toughest challenges yet - the world's largest ocean and the global water crisis.

Katie Spotz, from Cleveland, Ohio, will be rowing across the Pacific Ocean starting this December to raise money for a great cause. On a solo trip that will last about 8 months, she will row 10,000 miles in an attempt to set a record for the longest nonstop solo ocean row by a woman. She's also hoping to raise $1 million to bring clean water access to 100,000 people in Fiji.

This is not her first rowing journey. 17 years ago, when she was only 22, she rowed more than 1,000 nautical miles in the Atlantic Ocean. Even though she is an endurance athlete now, she was not always that committed. Growing up in Mentor, Ohio, she played some sports but didn;t take them seriously. The last gym class

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she had before graduating was a walking and jogging class where she ran a mile. Her athleticism expanded from there. Six months after that first mile, she ran a marathon. By the time she was 21, she had biked across the U.S., swum all 315 miles of the Allegheny River, and run an ultramarathon of 100 kilometers in Australia. It was during her college exchange program in Australia where she learned about the global water crisis. She also learned about rowing and joined her college rowing team when she returned home. She practiced on Lake Erie before her first major rowing journey.

For this trip, Katie has connected with Darrel Larson, the founder and director of Give Clean Water, the nonprofit organization. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Oceanside, California. He and Katie visited Fiji together this past spring, traveling to one island to distribute water filters and to another to check on filters that had been previously distributed. They hope that, with the money raised, they can provide clean water access to everyone in the island nation. Only 42% of Fiji's population and just 27% in rural areas have access to safely managed drinking water. Katie's goal with the money is o distribute water filters to 20,000 homes, expanding access to clean drinking water for 100,000 people.

Katie joined the Rotary Club of Cleveland in 2025. Her club will hold events ahead of her launch and when she gets back. Her Pacific journey will start in Lima, Peru in December and end in Cairns Australia. Follow her on social media, and you can keep up to date on her mission."



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# WARREN ROTARY VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

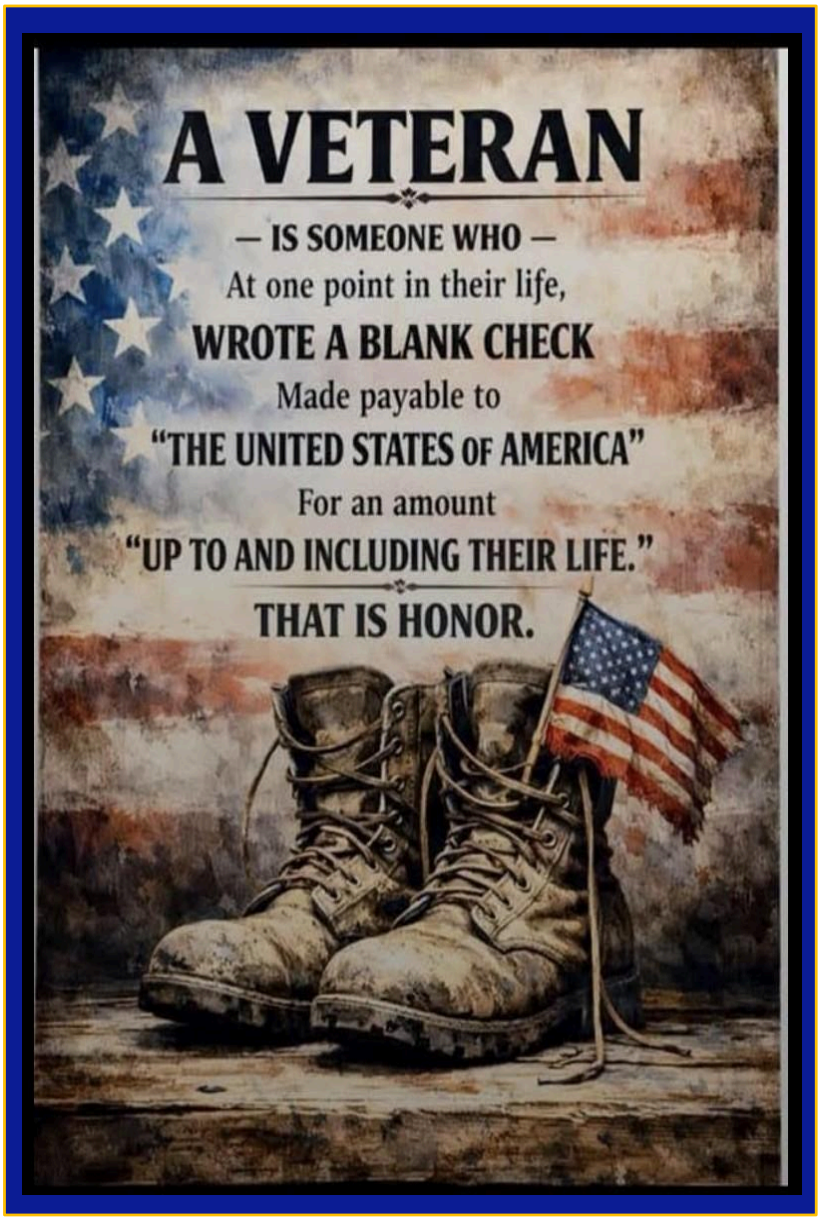


Warren Rotarian and Vietnam Veteran Mike Bollas once again organized a tribute to veterans of today and generations past, including those in active duty, discharged, retired, or in the reserves.

A small percentage of the population actually serves in the armed forces, often cited as less than 1% of the nation. Unfortunately, as a result, not everyone fully understands the sacrifices of veterans, as public perception often creates a disconnect between civilian life and military reality. Superficial appreciation can sometimes gloss over the hidden, harsh realities of service, such as physical, mental and emotional trauma. Histories of family and friends can help to build genuine comprehension. The true weight of missed family milestones, deployment stress, and service-connected burdens is something only those who

have worn the uniform, or those who have stood closely beside them, can truly grasp.

So, Mike started out by explaining the definition of a veteran.




The experiences of veterans are not universally bad. Military service encompasses a wide range of positive, challenging, and transformative outcomes. Mike shared his personal story to demonstrate this. He spent 13 months in Vietnam, which he described as the worst experience of his life. Three days before he was due to come home, he was released early. On convoy duty, he

experienced a hit and run attack by the Vietcong. He was asked to return the next day and refused. Two days later, he was on a plane headed home.

Mike then spent 2 ½ years in Germany, the best experience of his life. He worked five days a week in an intelligence unit, travelling in a group for safety, and had every weekend off. One weekend, he and his buddies drove in a VW to a winery up in the mountains. Despite running out of gears, they made it to the top. Another adventure included skiing in the Alps. As Mike was coming down the slope, he got distracted looking at a gorgeous girl, hit a mogul, and crashed and burned. And the girl didn't even stop to help!

Other Warren Rotarians were also honored for their service in the military. They included:

- Anthony Cafaro
- Ken LaPolla
- Chris O'Rourke
- Bob Hoy, who goes to the Alps a lot and believes he saw a sign saying, "Mike Bollas was here!
- Ben Kulper who "earned a ton of tin" serving in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and more. Ben said that taking care of soldiers, being a commander, and going to medical school abroad made 34 years in the service worth it, and he would do it all again.
- Rich McCafferty , a U.S. Army Veteran, reported that his time in the military gave him the opportunity to get outside of Ohio, meet and learn about others, and grow up quickly. He served as a medic and dental specialist in Alaska for almost all of his assignment and earned an expert medical badge. 30 years later, when someone fell through a glass table at a friend's house and severed an artery, Rich used his training to save a life.
- Ted Stazak was an army combat medic in the Calvary. He received basic training at Ft. Jackson, entering the service as an 18 year old sporting a classic mullet hairstyle. Once on base, the authority of the drill sergeant kicked in.
- Finally, Ray Sinchak's guest, Mike Psznick, was also recognized for his service in the 1st Air Cavalry. He was wounded twice and survived.

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Lastly, here are some ways that our members pay tribute to veterans:

1. Wearing a grunt style t-shirt;
2. Wearing red on Fridays in honor of everyone who gets deployed; and
3. Wearing a poppy as a visual remembrance and respect to honor military service members and civilians who have died of suffered during wars, conflicts, and acts of terrorism. This tradition was inspired by the following 1915 poem by Canadian Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae.

## In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
Thaty mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet on Wednesday, November 18th at 1:00 p.m., immediately following our weekly club meeting at Trumbull Country Club.

ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN T-SHIRTS: Since individuals seem to like different kinds of shirts, you can bring in a new t-shirt, button-down shirt, sweater or jacket, and Demise May will have the Roary Logo embroidered on it. There will be opportunities to do this once a month or once a quarter. The first drop-off date is November 18th.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAMS are being organized by The Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, and NOAS. Please consider purchasing gifts for a child in need this holiday season.

THE SALVATION ARMY KETTLE RINGING CONTEST: The Rotary Club of Warren will once again be assisting in ringing the kettle bells this holiday season in December. If you haven't already signed up to help out, please see Alicia Adams-Angelo or Cindy Matheson. A friendly competition will take place to see what Warren Rotary team will collect the most money and what team will ring those bells in the worst weather! We will also be challenging other area Rotary Clubs.

HELP RAISE FUNDS AND AWARENESS FOR THE ROTARY FONDATION ON GIVING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st. This global day of generosity is an opportunity for all Rotarians to make a big impact with a gift of any size. Donations to The Annual Fund - SHARE support projects in our community and around the world. Gifts to the PolioPlus Fund help transport vaccines and immunize children to keep the, safe.The Rotary Foundation will recognize the top three clubs in fundraising, donor participation, and online giving. Help Rotary create positive change in the world!

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN FOUNDATION BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS will meet on Wednesday, December 2nd at 1:00 p.m., immediately following our weekly club meeting at Trumbull Country Club.

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WARREN'S HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS PARADE is scheduled for Saturday, December 5th.

THE WARREN CIVIC CHORUS will perform Frideric Handel's *Messiah* on Sunday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Blessed Sacrament Church (3020 Reeves Rd., NE, Warren, OH 44483). The Chorus will be accompanied by members of the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra and local professional soloists. Several of our Warren Rotarians are members of this nearly 100 voice strong chorus which is celebrating over 60 years of inspirational musical performances. Be sure to begin your holiday season by attending and enjoying this lovely musical presentation. Admission is free but goodwill offerings would be much appreciated.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE SALVATION ARMY: Help bring joy and hope to children and families in our community this Christmas by assisting with toy packing and sorting December 7th - 12th or December 14th - 16th at 270 Franklin St., SE., in Warren, Ohio. Distribution days will be December 17th and 18th. If you are able to help, email Captain Kate at: kate.esker@use.salvationarmy.org

THE ALL-OHIO PRESIDENT-ELECT LEARNING SEMINAR (PELS) will be held March 12th & 13th, 2027 at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel (50 N. Third St., Columbus, OH). Registration opens on 12/1/2026 at: https://allohiopels.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The 2027 Warren Rotary River Duck Festival is slated for the last Sunday in June (6/27/2027)! "Save the Date" flyers are already being distributed. Stay tuned for more details.

DON'T FORGET OUR DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN!! The goal is to reach 1.25 million members worldwide by the year 2030, when Rotary will be 125 years old. Our #1 job right now is to attract new members. If you know someone who wants to make a difference and would feel a sense of accomplishment in serving the community, invite them to our meetings and introduce them to Rotary. The power of Rotary lies within its active membership!!

WATCH EPISODE 4 OF OUR DISTRICT 6650 PODCAST: Attorney Geoff Goll, Past District 6650 Governor and District Polio Chair shares his personal testimony about why Rotary continues the fight to eradicate polio. You can find the podcast at: Rotarydistrict6650.org or on YouTube.

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The Rotary Club of Warren kicked off the holiday season on Courthouse Square in Downtown Warren this week with stunning light displays, a dynamic musically synced light show, refreshments and family fun! Nearly 200 people were in attendance.

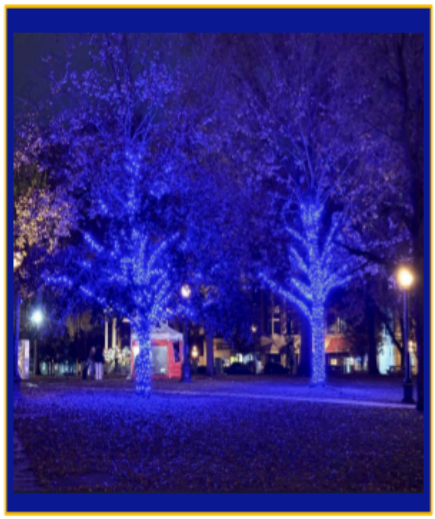
16 nutcrackers cut by TCTC students and painted by the Warren G. Harding art students adorn the light posts. Many thanks to these young people for assisting with our project.





Much appreciation also goes out to Tom Angelo for producing the light show and for all club members and family who helped with set-up and lighting of the trees. Our string trees will be hung in the near future, so be sure to visit the display again!

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Surrounded by historic aircraft and wartime memorabilia, District 6650 Rotarians, family and friends came together on November 11, 2026 at the MAPS Air Museum for a special evening dedicated to honoring the men and women who served our country. Veterans' meals were sponsored by Rotarians.

Attendees were able to take a self-guided tour of the museum and enjoy an evening of history, fellowship, and dining. Keynote speakers included U.S. Veterans and District Governor Ryan Boyce. Proceeds from the event will be donated to a 501 (c) (3) veterans organization.



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# TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled $102.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Ted Stazak!

## HAPPY BUCKS



*** Ted Stazak was a Happy Winner! He offered a Happy Buck in honor of all veterans.

*** Cindy Matheson expressed thanks to our veterans. She enjoyed Downtown Dazzle, and is looking forward to seeing Ricky Skaggs perform.

*** Denise May offered a Happy Buck for our veterans. Many of her family members and friends served in the Armed Forces.

*** Tony Iannucci offered a Happy Buck in honor of our veterans. He thanked all who participated in Downtown Dazzle and recognized the TCTC and Warren G. Harding students who made our nutcrackers.

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*** Rich McCafferty offered a Happy Buck for his brother who is a Colonel in the Air Force and just became the chaplain at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

*** Ray Thomas' father was in the Air Force. He thanksed all of our veterans who shared their stories with us.

*** Ray Sinchak offered a Happy Buck for our veterans. He was also thankful for the hot chocolate provided by the Salvation Army at Downtown Dazzle.

*** Alicia Adams-Angelo thanked our veterans for their service and for sharing their stories. She enjoyed Downtown Dazzle. And she thanked everyone for all of our hard work this year.

