

### 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

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## ASSIGNMENTS

### GREETERS

December, 2023 - Denise May  
January, 2024 - Patti Augustine

### REGISTRATION

December, 2023 - To Be Announced  
January, 2024 - To Be Announced

### INVOCATION

December, 2023 - Ted Stazak  
January, 2024 - Terra O'Brien

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

December, 2023 - Joni Gawne  
January, 2024 - Ray Sinchak (Fellowship)  
January, 2024 - Lauren Kramer (Magazine Report)

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

December, 2023 - Richard Fallon  
January, 2024 - Alicia Adams - Angelo

## SPEAKERS

11/29/23 - Service Project (NO meeting at TCC)  
12/6/23 - Warren G. Harding Madrigal Singers  
12/13/23 - Cheryl Knowlton, South Africa Lydia's Mission  
12/20/23 - Santa Claus & Christmas Gift Exchange  
12/27/23 - No Meeting  
12/31/23 - Opening Night

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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Julia Wetstein*

*invocation*



PRAYER OF THANKS

Written by Abigail van Buren

Delivered by Diane Sauer

O, heavenly Father:

We thank thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service,

That thy gifts to us may be used for others.

Amen.

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suggestions  
about our  
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you would like  
to become a  
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*Judy Masaki*



**AWARENESS**

Ben Kulper is a 1971 graduate of St. Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark, New Jersey. He later attended Rutgers Newark College of Arts and Sciences. Ben was then enrolled in New Jersey's 5<sup>th</sup> Pathway Program for U.S. foreign medical students which includes one year of supervised clinical training in an educational center approved by the American Medical Association. He completed didactic medical education in Guadalajara, Mexico, followed by a supervised rotating internship via The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.



After earning his medical degree, Ben was employed at Akron General Medical Center and also had his own Internal Medicine practice with Trumbull Mahoning Medical Group. During the last 10 years of his practice, Ben worked at the Wound Care Center of Trumbull Memorial Hospital. He retired from his medical career 5 years ago.

Ben also entered the Army Reserves in 1986, serving for 34 years. He stated that he met so many outstanding men and women in uniform, both in the United States and abroad, during his years of service. Ben retired from the Army Reserves in 2013 but was recalled in 2020, at which time he spent 6 months in Alaska.

Ben had a long, decorated career in both the field of medicine and the Armed Forces. Congratulations, Ben, on your accomplishments, and thank you for your service!

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

## PROGRAM:

JENNY SMITH,  
CLOVER RECYCLING



Clover Recycling has a documented history since 1972, with a few different names over the years. Beginning in 1987, it was owned by Robert Smith, who retired after more than 30 years of making the center a family-friendly establishment.

Today, Clover Recycling is a woman-owned, veteran-owned 501 (c) (3) small business. Bob's oldest daughter Jenny Smith, a Veteran of the U.S. Army, took over the reins of the family-owned business upon Bob's

retirement.

Incidentally, Clover Recycling is the oldest and only privately owned recycling center in the nation! Earlier this year, they cut the ribbon on a new 80,000 square foot facility on W. Market Street in Warren. They are open to the public Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Individuals simply have to fill the center's wagons with recyclables and bring them into the center, where volunteers help to sort the materials. People of all ability levels are able to get in and out of the center. Within the large building, besides the recycling center, there is also an office building with classrooms and a lab, a light manufacturing business, and open space where plans are being made to put a distillery and event center.

In addition to recycling, Clover Recycling makes a difference in the community by offering: community outreach, recycling education, business sustainability, job skills training, community service outlets, flexible daily employment hours for 1099 workers (the underemployed), increased traffic and business in Western Warren, and community beautification.



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

Since opening their new location in July or 2023, Clover has recycled: 52,000 lbs of Cardboard; 5,300 lbs of plastics; 15,000 lbs of books; 6,000 lbs of paper; 600 lbs of aluminum; and 24,000 lbs of scrap steel. They look for buyers on a monthly basis, watching daily changes in values, similar to the stock market.

If it can be recycled, Clover takes it - glass; plastic; metal and wire; newspaper; junk mail; books; magazines; cardboard; batteries; reusable Styrofoam and packing material; reusable office and household items, appliances, supplies and décor; electronics and TVs; and toys, with all screws and metals removed from plastic toys. When in doubt, call/text (1-877-737-4286) or message Clover Recycling on Facebook. Plastic bags are not able to be taken, as Clover does not have the necessary equipment to handle them.

Clover Recycling works with numerous sustainability partners, including FoxConn, Amazon, TransGlobal, and Color 3 Embroidery, to name a few. As a non-profit, they also need volunteers to assist with driving, warehouse work, office duties, buyer searches, greeting customers, and skilled labor.

The Rotary Club of Warren is exploring the possibility of working with Clover Recycling to obtain an extruder to turn HDPE plastic into lumber or polywood in order to make benches for local parks. This would keep plastic local and turn it into something useful. Stay tuned for more information on this potential project!

Jenny Smith is a graduate of Austintown Fitch High School. She served in the U.S. Army for 10 years until 2000. She also contracted with the NSA and CIA. In 2021, she went back to basic training and became a Staff Sergeant in the National Guard in Virginia. Jenny has served in numerous countries.

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



**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=LQQJ4d>

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

**OPENING NIGHT** is slated for Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>! This year is exceptionally exciting as Warren celebrates its 225<sup>th</sup> birthday!! The birthday bash will begin with a Dancing Light Show on Courthouse Square at 6 p.m., and entertainment will follow at 6:15 p.m. in various venues around Downtown Warren. Wristbands are required to enter all of the venues and can be purchased online from now through December 28<sup>th</sup> by visiting:

[www.warrenrotary.org/tickets](http://www.warrenrotary.org/tickets) . Everyone who purchases a wristband in advance will be mailed a coupon that will need to be turned in at the Log Cabin directly across from the Courthouse Square Fountain in exchange for a wristband. Wristbands WILL NOT be mailed in advance. Coupons will be mailed out until December 21<sup>st</sup>. After that, simply go to the Log Cabin the night of the event and give a volunteer your name and you will be given the proper number of tickets as indicated on our master list of guests. After December 28<sup>th</sup>, when online sales shut down, wristbands will need to be purchased the night of the event at the Log Cabin. Adult wristbands for those 10 years of age and older are \$10. Children, ages 3 through 9 years of age, will pay \$5 per wristband. Children under three are free. Any Warren Rotarians who sell tickets should keep a list of who bought tickets from them and give it to a committee member.

**OPENING NIGHT SPONSORSHIPS:** Those wishing to sponsor this year's event can visit: [www.warrenrotary.org/sponsor](http://www.warrenrotary.org/sponsor). Select the sponsor level that is right for you. The deadline for sponsorships is December 10, 2023.

**NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH.** Please contribute!!

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

THE 2024 RYLA CONFERENCE will be held February 9<sup>th</sup> through February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Waypoint Marriott at Westford Place in Canfield, Ohio.

THE TRUMBULL COUNTY DOG POUND NEEDS YOUR HELP!! Donations of towels, blankets, sheets, pet food or any other supplies for dogs can be brought to Warren Rotary meetings and given to Robin Martorana.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING AT TCC ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>.

A NEW ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BANNER IS ON THE WAY!! Our current banner has been well-loved and well-worn. Plans are being made to donate it to the Trumbull County Historical Society, where there is a Warren Rotary display.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN WAS PLEASED TO WELCOME

MEMBERS OF THE WARREN KIWANIS to our November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting!

It's always great to join in fellowship with our friends who share a similar mission - serving the community.



ADDITIONAL GUEST THIS WEEK INCLUDED: Potential member, Robin Martorana; and Ludia and Matt from TNP.

HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS and the lighting of Warren's Christmas Tree on Courthouse Square will take place on December 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4 p.m. A parade will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by the tree lighting at 5:45. Warren Rotarians are encouraged to gather around the clock on the Square!!

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TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$76.  
Congratulations to Daily Winner Cindy Matheson!!  
(Cindy pulled the Joker and won double the daily amount!)

HAPPY BUCKS



- \*\*\* Ben Kulper offered Remembrance Bucks for JFK on the anniversary of his passing, as well as for his own wife.
- \*\*\* Julia Wetstein offered a Happy Buck for our friends from the Kiwanis, for our speaker, and for Opening Night.
- \*\*\* Cindy Matheson enjoyed our speaker. She also offered a Happy Buck for Ben Kulper's amazing life, and for Opening Night. Cindy reported that her Mom is recovering at home.
- \*\*\* Patti Augustine was glad that the Kiwanians could join us.
- \*\*\* Randy Beard thanked our Rotarians for welcoming the Kiwanis members to our meeting.
- \*\*\* Kurt Sauer offered a Happy Buck for the Kiwanis Turkey Trot!