

### 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

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## ASSIGNMENTS

### GREETERS

October, 2023 - Don Powers  
November, 2023 - Denise May

### REGISTRATION

October, 2023 - Barry Dunaway  
November, 2023 - To Be Announced

### INVOCATION

October, 2023 - Kim Straniak  
November, 2023 - Diane Sauer

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

October, 2023 - Andy Bednar  
November, 2023 - Kim Straniak

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

October, 2023 - Terra O'Brien  
November, 2023 - Shawn Littell

## SPEAKERS

10/18/23 - DG Richard Tirpak  
10/25/23 - Sarah Everly,  
Warren-Trumbull County Public Library Bookmobile Anniversary  
11/1/23 - NOAS  
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*

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Nearly 800 million people in the world live on less than \$1.90 a day.

Rotarians help people in their own communities and in other countries with projects that provide sustainable, ongoing development. They help improve access to financial services, allowing 190 million people to build their businesses through microfinance. They teach farmers the skills they need to improve soil fertility, combat erosion, and market their produce. They provide equipment to increase production and sales in local markets. They expand vocational training opportunities and mentorships, empowering entrepreneurs and leaders, especially women. All of these efforts provide sustainable solutions to poverty.

Last year, the Rotary Foundation spent \$9.2 million to grow local economies. That's what Rotary is all about - members investing in people and communities. This month, consider getting involved to help economies grow locally and abroad. Make a gift to The Rotary Foundation or find a project to support. Now is the time to take action!



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*Judy Masaki*



**MAGAZINE REPORT**

**By  
Andy Bednar**

"As usual, I took a look at three articles...

**TO ERADICATE,  
CIRCUMNAVIGATE**

Piloted by two bold Rotarians, the Flight to End Polio took the route less traveled.

- Two Iowa Rotarians, John Ockenfels and Peter Teahen, took a single-engine Cessna 210 around the world in a flight to end Polio.
- Their trip took three months to complete and four years to plan.
- The scheduling was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- The invasion caused them to make a major overhaul to their flight plan.
- Ockenfels and Teahen funded the trip themselves. The trip cost them about \$100,000.
- Before they took off, they had already raised \$1 million.
- The men made 37 stops in 19 countries and travelled about 26,000 miles.



And their welcome home celebration? A pancake breakfast... after all, they ARE Rotarians!

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

## WHY MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

- Prioritizing mental health is one of President Gordon McNally's initiatives this year.
- He hopes to erase the stigma associated with mental health.
- As we have heard before, in the wake of COVID-19, mental health has become a silent crisis.
- Mental health affects our physical health as well as how we relate to our family, friends, and community.
- One in eight or 970 million people worldwide live with significant mental health conditions.
- The World Health Organization has compiled research showing that people with mental health issues are more likely to have other health issues such as diabetes and heart conditions.
- Poverty, violence, disability, and inequality put people at a higher risk of mental health issues.
- By treating others with care, respect, and dignity, we can all improve the mental health of our community.

## GOING GREENLAND

An adventure guide shows off his adoptive land.

- Mads Nordlund of Denmark first visited Greenland in 1987 when he was a teen.
- Even though he lives in the middle of the capital city, nature is very close to him.
- For him, nature is his therapist.
- Often he will hike in the mountains for four or five hours to visit the fjord system, coming back feeling totally refreshed.

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- Residents can see whales, ice caves, and glaciers by boat, dog-sled, snowmobile, and plane.
- But one of his favorite sights is the Northern Lights, visible there in the winter.

So in summary, today I briefly reviewed THREE ARTICLES:

- First, a story of two men and their PLANE.
- Second, ways we can help our community in mental health GAIN.
- And finally, a land that is roughly 3,619 miles northeast of MAINE!

(Sorry... I needed a word that rhymed!)"



**Best wishes to  
Lorilyn Shandor and Mark Senkowitz  
who are celebrating October birthdays!**



# 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 "like" us at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090246039722&mibextid=LQJ4d> If you can't make it to our meeting 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!!

**TNP PARK DONATIONS:** You can adopt a tree for \$75, or adopt a bench with a personalized plaque for \$750. There are six benches available on a first come, first served basis. For more information about adopting a tree or bench for Warren's new park, contact Lydia at: (330) 647-6301, extension 8 or [lydia@tnpwarren.org](mailto:lydia@tnpwarren.org)

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR RICHARD TIRPAK** will be visiting our club this coming Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. As a courtesy, please stand when he is introduced, and remember to wear your Paul Harris Fellow pins!!

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN FOUNDATION BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS** will meet next Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, immediately following our weekly club meeting at Trumbull Country Club.

**THE 2023 INTERACT CONFERENCE** will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Salem Community Center.

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

**THE PURPLE PINKIE PROJECT:** In countries where the threat of Polio remains high, children under the age of five years receive the polio vaccine by mouth twice a year during National Immunization Days. In order to document which children have received the vaccine, every child vaccinated has the little finger (pinkie) nail of their left hand painted with an indelible purple marker. On Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, in recognition of World Polio Day, District 6650 is hosting a fundraiser event for the End Polio Now campaign. For every \$20 donated, you will receive a dozen Purple Pinkie Donuts, glazed donut sticks topped with a dab of purple icing. Each box provides vaccines to help eradicate polio. A donation has been made in our club's name.

UNITED WAY OF TRUMBULL COUNTY  
PRESENTS

# DUELING PIANOS

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS  
THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

TODD CUTSHAW  
& THE PIANO MANIACS

*Art auction | Cash Bar | Dinner and Dessert | Dressy Casual  
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND AT THE GRAND  
RESORT. DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

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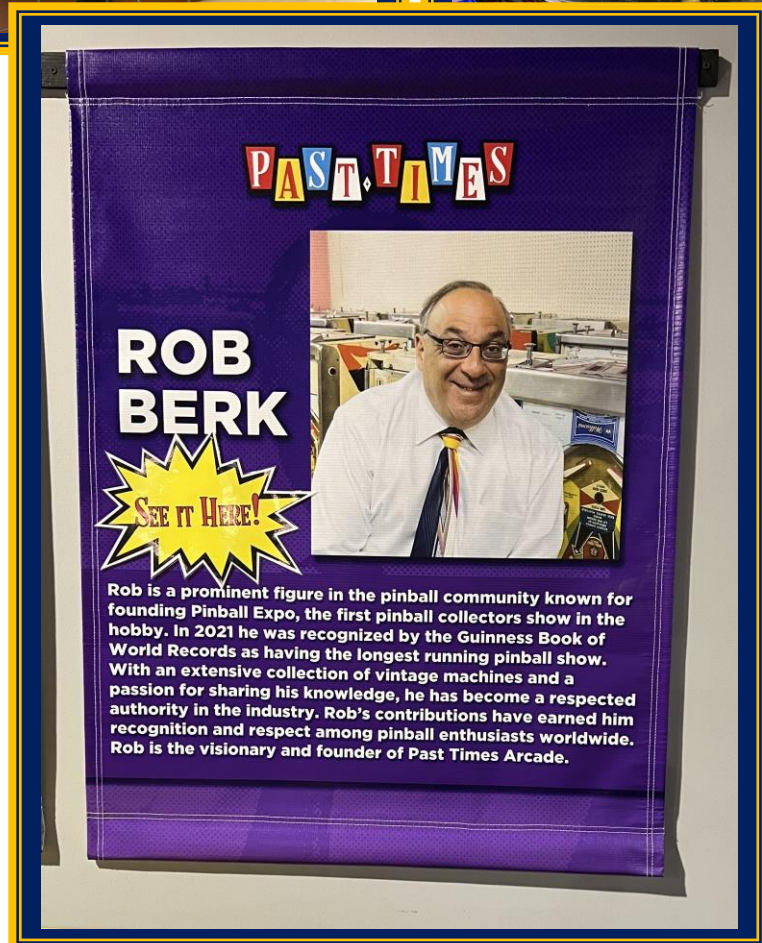
**THE TNP SERVICE PROJECT** held on October 7<sup>th</sup> in Warren's Riverside Park was a success. Warren Rotarians, along with many other civic groups, did a lot of work in a few short hours. Lunch was provided by Cockeye BBQ.





# WARREN ROTARY

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN'S FIRST SOCIAL EVENT OF THIS ROTARY YEAR was held at Past Times Pinball Arcade. All who attended had a really enjoyable evening. Many thanks to the Berk family for being so hospitable.



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## PROGRAM:

### ERIC THOMPSON'S TRIP TO INDIA

Eric Thompson is a graduate of the 1980 Class of Howland High School. He attended both Kent State and Youngstown State Universities. Eric has held political office and has been to 32 countries. He has raised money to buy thousands of chickens for oppressed people around the world. He truly has a heart of gold. Eric was recently inducted into the Howland Schools Achievement Hall of Fame.

Eric has been the proud owner of Satali Carpet for 31 years. He has been married for 36 years and has three children and seven grandchildren.

Eric recently spent three weeks in Asia and performed magic shows in India for two weeks this past February. He told us all about his trip at our last club meeting.

The flight from New York's Kennedy Airport to New Dehli lasted 16 hours. Eric stayed in a Sheraton in New Dehli, and he could see a sign outside the window saying, "Don't make direct eye contact with the monkeys". Apparently, the monkeys are quite hostile and aggressive.

While in New Dehli, India surpassed China as the most populated nation. The people were very proud and celebrated in the streets.

Eric's tour guide arranged for him to spend Holi, the celebration of color, with a local family.



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Eric reported that everywhere he went, half of the vehicles were motorcycles, and the streets were packed with people. Cows and garbage were also in the streets. There is no garbage pick-up in New Dehli, so people throw the garbage in the streets and burn it at night.

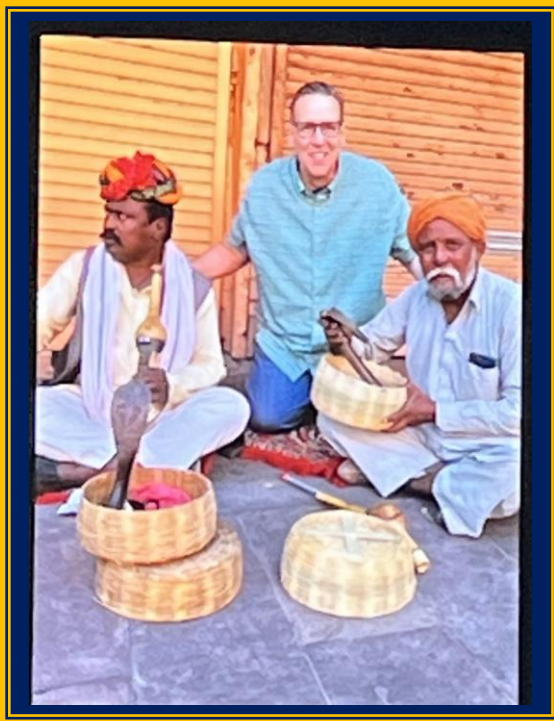
Cows are revered in India, because when a mother is not able to provide milk for her child, the cows do so. Thus, they're revered like a mother. Cows wander the streets all day but go home at night to be milked.

Children walk to school and wear uniforms.

There are also flower markets everywhere. The people wrap the flowers into chains and adorn the cows with them.

Elephants are also revered in India, although Eric was not sure why.

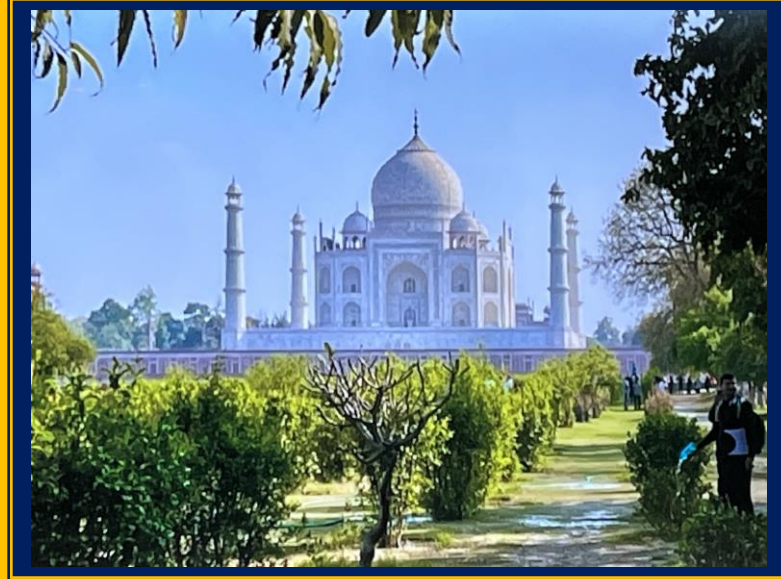
Snake charmers can also be found in India.



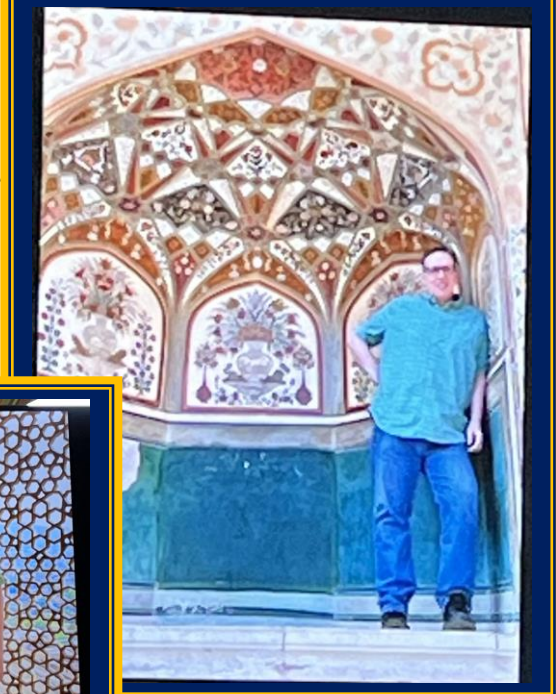
Eric said that the architecture in India is stunning. There are marble buildings that are hundreds of years old, inlaid with precious stones, such as Mother of Pearl, Garnet, and Amethyst. Yet, right next door, one can find abject poverty. Eric also saw very colorful Buddhist temples.



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Women in India wear traditional garb, such as a Sari, which is a dress made of eight yards of material. Men wear jeans except at weddings when both individuals wear traditional clothing. The wedding celebration lasts for days.



Eric indicated that the best way to experience the culture of an area is to attend weddings and funerals.

Eric also loves to get haircuts in foreign countries. In India, a haircut cost him \$20 with a tip. He was treated very differently than he is in an Ohio salon. In India, he felt like the "king of the world".

The people of India work until Noon and then take a siesta. There are vendors everywhere selling fruit, vegetables, and wares. They make their own rugs, by hand, which takes hundreds of hours.

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

There is a lot of building going on in India, and hence, many brick factories. They also burn cow manure patties for fuel.

While in India, Eric had the privilege of visiting an orphanage started by Mother Teresa.

And one final tidbit - every family in India gets a mating pair of chickens. If they do not eat this original pair of birds, the family will have food for life.

Eric had many more pictures than I could show here, and he told the story of his trip with interesting facts and humor. Many thanks to Eric for sharing. Can't wait to see where he goes next!

## **MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS**

At its last meeting, the Rotary Club of Warren Board of Directors endorsed the following membership proposals:

### **MIKE WILSON**

(Sponsored by Cindy Matheson & Julia Wetstein)

Director of SCOPE

c/o Family & Community Services

705 Oakwood, Suite 221

Ravenna, OH 44481

Mike is applying for a Corporate Membership

### **ERICA ROYSTER**

(Sponsored by Ted Stazak)

Insurance Broker

1817 Ferndale Ave., SW

Warren, OH 44485

**If any Warren Rotarians object to approving these memberships, they should put their concerns in writing to President Ken LaPolla no later than October 24<sup>th</sup>.**

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TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$13.  
Congratulations to Daily Winner Andy Bednar!  
(Andy was hunting for the Joker, because that card wins you  
double the amount.)

HAPPY BUCKS



\*\*\* **Terra Obrien** recently took a trip to Switzerland, where she got engaged. Congratulations, Terra!!

\*\*\* **Cindy Matheson** enjoyed our speaker. She was glad to have a guest and friend of many years with her this week - Robin Martorana from Howland Builders and Altobelli Real Estate. She is also appreciative of all of the work that Alicia Adams-Angelo has been doing for Opening Night. Patti Augustine had their last committee meeting at her home and served delicious quiche! Finally, Cindy thanked Ken LaPolla for running home to get his laptop for use during this week's program.

\*\*\* Andy Bednar was a happy winner!

\*\*\* **Tony Iannucci** offered a Happy Buck in honor of Rob Berk opening up Past Times for our social event.

\*\*\* **Judy Masaki** was sorry she couldn't tailgate with Julia Wetstein for the recent Southern Illinois vs YSU game - but how about those 'Guins!!

\*\*\* **Ken LaPolla** thanked all who helped move our stuff to TCC. He's happy to be at our new venue. And he enjoyed our speaker!