

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

October 14, 2026

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GREETERS & REGISTRATION

October, 2026 & November, 2026 - Ray Sinchak & Barry Dunaway

INVOCATION

October, 2026 - Judy Masaki

November, 2026 - Janet Schweitzer

FELLOWSHIP (typically 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays of the month)

October 21 & 28, 2026 - Judy Masaki

November 4 & 18, 2026 - Ray Sinchak

MAGAZINE REPORT (typically 2nd Wednesday of the month)

November 11, 2026 - Lauren Kramer

SPEAKERS

10/21/2026 - Cathy Hura, Silver Linings (Cancer patient support)

Meeting to be held at Salvation Army

10/28/2026 - Ashley Handrych, Lakeview Local School District

11/4/2026 - Andrew Smith from Champion Rotary

11/11/2026 - Veterans Day Program: Jacob Baur

11/18/2026 - To Be Determined

11/25/2026 - No Club Meeting due to Thanksgiving Holiday

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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*Lord, as we celebrate Community Economic Development Month,
we thank You for Your constant provision and sustaining grace.
We lift up our local community and our broader economy into Your hands.*

*Grant wisdom, integrity, and creative vision
to our business owners, civic leaders, and financial planners.
Bless the work of our hands and let local enterprises flourish
so that jobs are created, debts are lifted, and families are provided for
with abundance and fairness.*

*Unite our neighborhoods in mutual love and respect.
Break down cycles of poverty and division,
and let our community stand as a beacon of hope, cooperation, and shared
prosperity.
Amen.*

(Offered by Judy Masaki)

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suggestions about our
newsletter, or if you
would like to become a
sponsor, please
contact:*

Judy Masaki

MAGAZINE REPORT

While our magazine reports typically include a recap of a few specific articles, Judy Masaki put together a presentation on the overall theme that resounds throughout many articles in the October issue of Rotary - vaccinations and health.

As most of us know, one of Rotary's main areas of focus is the eradication of polio. Polio is an intestinal virus typically spread from person to person through contaminated water. The virus can attack the nervous system, causing poliomyelitis, a disease that leads to paralysis. There are three wild or naturally occurring strains of the polio virus and also variant polio viruses which occur in under-immunized regions. There is no cure for the disease, but a vaccine was developed and approved for use in 1955. Since 1988, over 3 billion children have been immunized, thanks to Rotary and its partners. There are articles in the magazine that tell the stories of polio survivors, which you are encouraged to read.

However, did you know that Rotary also advocates for vaccines for other diseases? During visits to countries where polio immunization campaigns are taking place, Rotarians have branched out to assist with educating about the importance of Vitamin A, which boosts the immune system, and in providing other routine immunizations for measles, rubella, and meningitis. These diseases are recurring due to a decline in routine vaccinations. According to the CDC, the United States is experiencing its highest levels of measles infections in 35 years!

So, why the decline in immunizations? The magazine indicates that the power of vaccines was proven way back in the 1920s by smallpox. Smallpox was the first disease to be totally eradicated through immunization campaigns. However, once that crisis was over, a mindset developed which is referred to as "cultural amnesia". People have forgotten critical stories about the sad, long-term impact that smallpox, measles, and other infectious diseases can have. And regrettably, that, along with

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distrust and misinformation, has contributed to a diminished interest in preventing them. The magazine also refers to the spread of polio as the litmus test for the failure of our health systems. Right now, while there are only a handful of polio cases in Pakistan and Afghanistan, millions of children in our country are not immunized against polio and could contract the disease if it ever returns here.

Now for the good news. Rotary is doing SO much more in the health field than the eradication of polio. The work of Rotarians includes:

1. Establishment of transportation systems to improve access to healthcare;
2. Creation of clean water stations;
3. Education about exercise which improve heart health (see the article about tennis in this month's magazine);
4. Forming organizations and committees such as "Grandparents for Vaccines" whose members collect powerful stories to help younger people learn about the effects of diseases that medical advances can now prevent, so that today's children don't suffer the diseases of the past;
5. And let's not forget climate change! Rotarians study and educate about the effects of pollution, air circulation, weather patterns, and more on our health.

In closing, Judy stated, "I'm proud to be a Rotarian because of all this work that Rotary does. And I'm happy to be a part of the committee that provides these magazine reports. It's made me read the magazine more frequently and in depth, and it's allowed me to gain a whole different perspective about how all of Rotary's areas of focus - the environment, child and maternal health, clean water and sanitation, economic development, education, disease prevention, peacebuilding and conflict resolution - all work together for good in the world and for our wellbeing.

Pick up and read this month's issue of Rotary today!

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PROGRAM: KEN DAVID & FRANK GILLESPIE, DAV CHAPTER 11



Kenneth J. David is a native of Girard, Ohio where he graduated in 1968 and entered the United States Army in August of 1969. He received Basic Infantry Training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and went on the Advanced Infantry and Mortar Training at Fort Polk, Louisiana. He was sent to The Republic of South Vietnam in January of 1970. After being wounded from combat after his platoon was overrun by the North Vietnamese, Ken was moved to Valley Forge General Hospital in Pennsylvania. Ken was presented with the nation's second highest award for extraordinary heroism, called the Distinguished Services Cross, while serving as a radio telephone operator with Company "D" 101st Airborne Division. On January 3, 2025, he was presented with The Medal of Honor by President Joe Biden At the White House. After the service, Ken worked at York Mahoning Mechanical from where he retired.

Ken has been inducted into several military halls of fame and has received numerous medals, honors and citations from clubs, organizations, and government dignitaries.

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Frank Gillespie is a graduate of Chalker High School and later attended Warren Business College. He has been a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and has served as the Commander of The DAV Chapter 11 in Warren, Ohio for the past two and a half years. He and his family reside in Fowler, Ohio. Ken and Frank visited with Warren Rotarians this week, and Ken presented an emotional testimonial about veterans.

Ken commented that it's safe to say most of us know a veteran. Veterans aren't just historical individuals that we honor on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. They are neighbors, friends, family members, and co-workers. They belong to our club, and they live in our communities. Their military uniforms are a sign of their commitment, discipline, teamwork, sense of responsibility, and sacrifice. Men and women from all over came together and answered a call to service. They raised their hands to take an oath to serve on the front lines, in hospitals, and behind the scenes, in our great nation and overseas. And behind every uniform, there is a husband, wife, daughter, son, or parent. Just like Rotarians, the motto "Service Above Self" exemplifies veterans who sacrificed for others. That commitment deserves respect.

We speak about and celebrate freedom, but freedom comes with responsibility. Generations of Americans accepted that responsibility. Some never came home, and many others who did come home suffered wounds, disabilities, grief, and anxiety. While in the military, soldiers work as a team to problem solve, look out for each other, and have a clear mission and a sense of belonging. Once they come home, those they depended on are scattered. Yet, veterans are expected to figure out how to go on. Some are fortunate enough to find work and have families. Many, however, struggle with the challenges of employment, navigation of benefits, healthcare, and trauma. In these ways, the effects of military service don't just disappear upon discharge.

So, how can we help? Ken encouraged us to let our gratitude be seen through actions. Serve those who served our country in these ways:

1. Help veterans navigate education, housing, counseling, health services and employment by hooking them up with community resources;
2. Review resumes and hold practice interviews;
3. Build relationships by visiting and getting to know veterans as people, learning about their interests, and being a listening ear;

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4. Invite veterans to speak to our club or other organizations that you belong to;
5. Assist their families by providing meals or helping them care for loved ones with injuries;
6. Partner with veterans service organizations to raise funds or provide volunteers;
7. Preserve and pass along stories of veterans to help future generations learn the meaning of service;
8. Remember the fallen;
9. Choose one of these ways to make a difference in the life of a veteran. Start small, make a commitment, follow through, and then ask someone else to do the same.

Ken ended his presentation with this quote: "A grateful nation does more than thank its veterans. A grateful nation stands beside them." When young Americans put on uniforms, they serve a cause greater than themselves. We can't repay every sacrifice, but we can make a choice to listen, help, and make sure no veteran feels forgotten. Do your part to make our community a place where veterans are welcomed, respected, and loved.

Following our program, Julia Wetstein presented Ken with Rotary's Friendship Pin, bearing the Rotary and American flags. And in turn, Ken offered Julia his challenge coin, encouraging commitment to helping veterans.

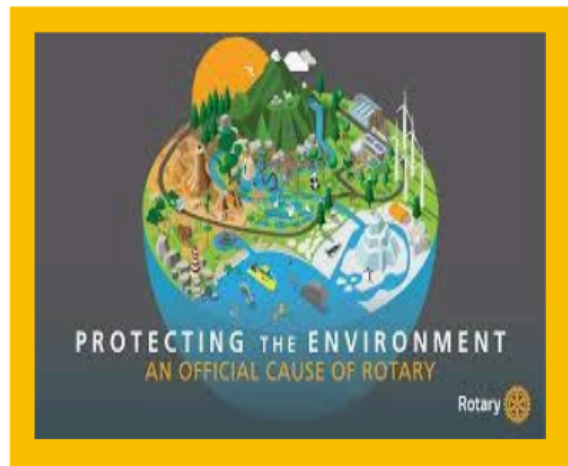


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One of Rotary District 6650's primary environmental initiatives is the Operation Pollination Challenge, a community collaborative program focused on the education and restoration of local biodiversity and pollinator habitats. By working to restore healthy ecosystems and support pollinators through community projects, we can protect our environment and also have fun earning points and possibly qualifying for a matching mini-grant of up to \$100. The club that earns the most points receives a year-end award. Guidelines, information about the point system, and Operation Pollination Challenge resources, such as names of native plant suppliers and adult and children's book titles, can be found via the Rotary District 6650 Environmental Impact Page of the district website. In addition, here are some activities that you can participate in to help our club earn points:

1. Invite a topical speaker or district environmental committee member to our club;
2. Read a book or article and share takeaways with our club;
3. Participate in/attend another club's environmental event;
4. Promote Operation Pollination on social media;
5. Purchase an Operation Pollination t-shirt with other club members and take a group picture;
6. Include an Operation Pollination article in our newsletter or on our website at least quarterly;
7. Plant a pollinator garden in your backyard or in the community;
8. Provide seeds and 8- or 10-inch pots to club members or at a community event/presentation;
9. Create, print and distribute flyers at various events or to club members;

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10. Host an event in the community or for Rotary members;
11. Provide Operation Pollination related books to kids;
12. Provide 5 photos of Operation Pollination-related activities, other than the t-shirt group photo mentioned above;
13. Help to maintain our club's environmental committee by joining;

Questions and photos can be sent to Christine Cope at:
ccope@unitedwaytrumbull.org



THE PURPLE PINKIE FUNDRAISER: Our club's donut delivery day will be Wednesday, October 21st. Warren Rotarians can pick up their donut orders from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. in The Salvation Army's parking lot. If you cannot pick them up in the morning, Julia will bring them to the Rotary meeting that day.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE PROGRAM FOR CHRISTMAS 2026 will continue accepting family registrations October 21st - 23rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2431 Niles Rd., SE., Warren, OH. To register, individuals must be a Trumbull County resident, have children 17 or under in the home, have a photo ID for adults in the home, bring birth certificates/medical cards for the children in the home, proof of income, and lease or current utility bill proving residency. Families registering with SVdP for this program are NOT eligible to register with any other organization for holiday assistance. For questions, contact the SVdP administration office at (234) 223-2933.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, October 21st, at 1:00 p.m., immediately following our weekly club meeting. All Board members should plan to attend.

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THE SALVATION ARMY'S FREE COMMUNITY TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT will be held on Monday, October 26th from 5 to 7 p.m. at 270 Franklin St, SE. in Warren, Ohio. There will be a designated Rotary duck-themed trunk. If you would like to donate candy, it would be very much appreciated. We need enough candy for at least 500 families. Fun for the whole family will include candy and prizes. Wear a costume and bring your smile! Volunteers are also needed for handing out the candy and for canteens. A social event will be held afterwards.

THE 70th ANNUAL HUBBARD ROTARY AUCTION will be held on Thursday, November 5th at the Roosevelt Student Wellness Center (110 Orchard Ave., Hubbard, OH). Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the auction starts at 6:00 p.m. Featured auction items include: a 2 night suite at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs; an overnight stay at the Peter Allen Inn, including dinner and breakfast; seating room Gasser Chair; and Cavs tickets from Edward Jones. Other auction items include: gift certificates for dining, golf, get-aways, and services; new and gently used household items, jewelry, designer purses, collectibles, and more! There will be a bake sale, basket raffle, and bourbon raffle for your enjoyment, and food donated by Eagle Grille & Tavern will be available for purchase. To donate to the event or for more information, email HubbardRotary@gmail.com

DOWNTOWN DAZZLE will light up Courthouse Square with a light show and holiday decorations on November 7th! Please keep assisting with securing sponsorships. In addition, our string trees will be hung on Wednesday, November 4th immediately following our weekly Club meeting. Volunteers are needed.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6650 WILL BE PRESENTING "VENERATING OUR VETERANS" on Wednesday, November 11th at the MAPS Air Museum (2260 International Parkway, North Canton, OH). Self-tours of the museum and a cash bar will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by a complimentary dinner at 6:00 p.m. and U.S. Veteran keynote speakers. Tables will also be set up by organizations providing services to Veterans. Please consider sponsoring dinner for veterans by donating \$15 per dinner. Donations can be given to Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger.

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 Denise May will have the Rotary 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.

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

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

YOU CAN ADOPT A SENIOR AGAIN THIS CHRISTMAS! Our club will once again be participating in this holiday service project. Stay tuned for more details.

N.O.A.S. IS HOLDING AN ANGEL TREE PROGRAM for ages 6 to 21 years. See Alicia Adams-Angelo for 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!!

DID YOU KNOW OUR DISTRICT HAS A PODCAST!? Rotary District 6650 produces a monthly video/audio podcast series hosted by District leadership to highlight club projects, membership growth, and community services across Northeast Ohio. Find recent episodes on the Rotary District 6650 website and announced on the District Facebook Page.

CHECK PRESENTATIONS: The Rotary Club of Warren and Foundation were pleased to present a check from the proceeds of our River Duck Festival to The DAV Chapter 11. Commander Frank Gillespie accepted the funds with much gratitude for the assistance this will allow them to give to local veterans and their Families. They also do a monthly coffee and Donuts social event for veterans residing at Washington Square Healthcare in Warren.



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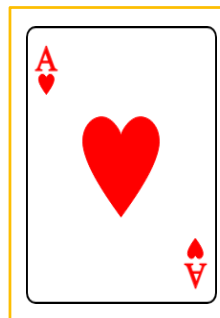
Theresa Craiger also accepted a check on behalf of Friends of Mosquito Lake State Park for a grant which will be used to create displays for the park's new Nature Center. Since its opening, the Nature Center has put on programs that have been very well attended, with standing room only. A walking and bike trail and a roof over their amphitheater are also in the works.

THERE IS AN OPEN POSITION ON THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS. If you have questions about Board members' duties or are interested in serving on our club's Board, please speak with one of our current club officers listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Due to renovations that will be taking place at Trumbull Country Club, The Rotary Club of Warren will meet at The Salvation Army at Noon on Wednesday, October 21st.

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TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$55.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Cheryl Oblinger!

HAPPY BUCKS



*** Cheryl Oblinger was a happy winner!

*** Julia Wetstein offered a Happy Buck for our upcoming Purple Pinkie Donut Fundraiser. Donuts will be available for pick-up on October 21st!!

*** Soraeya Loveland thanked our speakers for their touching presentation and for their service.

*** Mike Bolas offered a Happy buck in honor of Ken David who served in Vietnam after Mike.

*** Alicia Adams-Angelo enjoyed our speaker and encouraged everyone to get involved with the DAV.