

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 21, 2026

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GREETERS & REGISTRATION

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

INVOCATION

October, 2026 - Judy Masaki

November, 2026 - Janet Schweitzer

December, 2026 - Andy Bednar

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

October 28, 2026 - Judy Masaki

November 4 & 18, 2026 - Ray Sinchak

December 2, 16, & 23, 2026 - Christine Cope

MAGAZINE REPORT (typically 2nd Wednesday of the month)

November 11, 2026 - Lauren Kramer

December 9, 2026 - Christine Cope

SPEAKERS

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 - Christine Young, River Gate High School

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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*O Creator and Sustainer of all life,
as the leaves turn and the autumn harvest is gathered,
we give thanks for the physical and spiritual abundance in our lives.
Bless our fellowship today
and knit our hearts together in the spirit of Service Above Self.
As we look toward the needs of our local community and the wider world
-
including our ongoing global quest for a polio-free future -
grant us the wisdom, the will, and the energy
to do good deeds where help is needed.
Bless this food to our use
and us to Your loving service.
Amen.*

(Offered by Judy Masaki)

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Judy Masaki



On October 24th, we celebrate World Polio Day, and Judy Masaki paid tribute to the work of Rotary in fighting the polio virus.

If you look back to the 1950s, the phrase "Infantile Paralysis" struck terror in families worldwide.. You or perhaps family members might remember the haunting sight of iron lungs filling hospital wards. No child is safe anywhere until the virus is eradicated everywhere. However, Rotary International made a promise to the children of the world that we would eradicate polio from the face of the earth.

Rotary's fight started with a single project to immunize six million children in the Philippines in 1979. In 1985, the flagship program, PolioPlus, was born. Since then, Rotarians have contributed over \$2.9 billion and millions of volunteer hours, reducing global polio cases by 99.9%. More than three billion children across 122 countries have been protected because of us.

The wild polio virus remains endemic in only two countries - Pakistan and Afghanistan. So some may say, "Why worry about that with less than 1% of cases remaining?" Because with only a few cases out there, polio could rapidly rebound and paralyze up to 200,000 children every year within a decade.

Here's Rotary's challenge for you today:

1. Become a PolioPlus Society Member. Pledge a recurring donation of \$100 annually until eradication is certified. Don't forget that every dollar gets matched two-to-one by the Gates Foundation!
2. Organize and participate in fundraisers like Pints for Polio or The Purple Pinkie Donut Fundraiser.
3. Spread public awareness through flyers and social media, or by just talking to others.

Help Rotary keep its promise to the children of the world!

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Now, on a more fun note, October 21st was National Apple Day, a holiday dedicated to everything apple and to growers around the world. The holiday was created in the United Kingdom to reconnect people with the land and its fruits. There are over 7,000 apple varieties globally, and new apples are continuously being developed. Apple celebrations include apple tastings, orchard tours, apple-related crafts and activities, farmers' markets, community gatherings for sharing recipes, and orchard preservation and planting.

October 21st was also National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day, a day to grab a fork and get ready for a slice of heaven! But beware - there are 320 calories in just a four ounce serving!

Our love for cheesecake dates back to ancient Greece and the physician Aegimus who wrote an entire book on the art of making cheesecake. Fun ways to celebrate the day are as follows:

1. Make a cheesecake and fill your home with the incredible aroma of autumn baking.
2. Visit a local bakery and treat yourself to a slice, while supporting a small business at the same time.
3. Host a cheesecake tasting event.
4. Elevate your slice of pumpkin cheesecake with a drizzle of caramel, candied pecans, or a dollop of whipped cream.
5. Bake an extra to share with a friend.
6. Share photos of your creations on social media.

Just a heads up: remember these autumn holiday tidbits. You just might hear some of them again, because we will be having a fall trivia contest next week for Fellowship, and there will be prizes involved! Julia Wetstein and Ray Sinchak will be our team leaders.

Have a great rest of the day!!

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PROGRAM: CATHY HURA, THE SILVER LINING CANCER FUND



Cathy Hura is the President of the Silver Lining Cancer Fund, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization established in 1975 by local oncologist Dr. Lawrence Pass. The all-volunteer organization is dedicated to providing financial assistance to patients with malignant diseases.

Dr. Pass really believed that in any bad situation, there is a silver lining out of which something good could develop. One of his patients was a young child with leukemia. After several visits to his office, the child wasn't improving. He learned that the child's family could not afford the treatments. Dr. Pass reached out to his family and friends and asked for donations to help this particular patient, and then he realized that this need extended beyond just one patient to the entire Mahoning Valley. So, he contacted colleagues, and they formed a social group to raise money - the Silver Lining Cancer Fund.

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Any resident receiving active treatment for cancer who lives in the Tri-County Region (Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties) is eligible for financial assistance through Silver Lining. An application must be completed, listing the treatment facility. Applications are available at hospitals and treatment centers throughout the region and in Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Disbursement of funds are determined by the organization's Board of Trustees. \$500 is awarded to those receiving chemotherapy and \$200 for individuals receiving radiation. Individuals may reapply every three months if needed.

The Fund consists of a group of concerned healthcare professionals and volunteers who work diligently to raise funds to help cancer patients. 100% of the funds raised stay in our Tri-County Region. Historically, 48% of checks written have been to patients in Mahoning County, 42% in Trumbull County, and 10% in Columbiana County. To date, \$66,400 has been paid out this year.

The Silver Lining Cancer Fund is looking for sponsorships for their fundraisers, as well as the names of businesses, corporations and organizations that they can contact and speak with. For more information, to donate funds, or to apply for assistance, contact Cathy Hura at (330) 519-3407 or visit the Fund's website at: www.silverliningfund.org



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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.

A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AT THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE IN PERKINS PARK will be held on Monday, October 26th at 1:00 p.m. Our Quackers are planning to attend and hand out save-the-date flyers for our 2027 River Duck Festival. Anyone interested in attending is asked to meet early (12:00 Noon) at the gazebo by the amphitheatre to help sort and pack up our rubber ducks in preparation for them being stored.

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.

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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 a dinner for a veteran by donating \$15 per dinner. Donations can be given to Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Cindy Matheson no later than Wednesday, October 28th.

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.

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.

CHECK PRESENTATION: The Rotary Club of Warren was pleased to present a check to Sharon DeFrances, former Board President and current Director of The Animal Resource Center (ARC), from the proceeds of our River Duck Festival. ARC provides assistance with the overpopulation of cats and kittens in our community, as well as help with family pets. Funds may be used for their Giving Tuesday Project when they will be offering heated houses, pet food and spay/neuter services. They also offer a pet food pantry. ARC currently has 98 cats looking for their forever home and 78 in foster care.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN INDUCTS ITS NEWEST MEMBER: President Alicia Adams-Angelo had the honor of inducting Chris O'Rourke into our club, as part of a Corporate Membership, on October 21st. Chris is a Commissioner with the Trumbull County Veterans Service Commission. Please join us in welcoming

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Chris into our Rotary family and get to know him over the weeks ahead.



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

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.

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.

TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$65.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Cheryl Oblinger!

HAPPY BUCKS



*** Cheryl Oblinger was a happy winner!

*** Cindy Matheson was glad to see Meghan Reed back with us. Cindy enjoyed our speaker. She is glad her son is feeling better but now his new wife has been sick since the wedding! Cindy is also happy that her dad is doing great!

*** Alicia Adams-Angelo is looking forward to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Monday.

*** Julia Wetstein offered a Happy Buck for our speaker. She welcomed Meghan back. And she thanked all who participated in The Purple Pinkie Donut Fundraiser. Our club ordered 47 dozen donuts!

*** John Esker thanked our speaker. He enjoyed the opportunity to host our meeting again this week. He is looking forward to The Salvation Army's Volunteer Appreciation event this Saturday, as well as Trunk or Treat on Monday. And his

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daughter will be playing in the Volleyball All-Star game! Congratulations!!
 *** **Meghan Reed** is thankful that she had a safe and healthy delivery. He appreciated her Trumbull County Historical Society work team that pitched in during her maternity leave. She thanked Julia Wetstein for dropping off Purple Pinkie Donuts at the Historical Society this morning, as well as everyone who filled in for her in Rotary. She enjoyed our speaker. She also thanked Cindy Matheson for allowing her family to use her cottage after a tree fell on their house.

AUTUMN GRATITUDE IDEAS

Give experiences that teach compassion and gratitude
 Go apple picking and learn who produces the food we eat
 Go on a scavenger hunt then paint rocks to paint and hide
 Teach the value of money

Visit a petting zoo. Help your child care for an animal
 Visit a pumpkin patch then deliver pumpkins to shut-ins

Make and donate a blanket or two

Volunteer at a soup kitchen, food bank, or other organization

Express your gratitude with a thankful tree

Donate a gift box to a cause

Donate a meal or desserts at the homeless shelter

Make a scarecrow while discussing the Wizard of Oz cast

Go to a corn maze - appreciate each other's talents

Take a drive and gather items for a centerpiece

Purchase or make a gratitude journal

Gobble your neighbor - drop off treats

Watch movies about gratitude

Read books about gratitude

Visit the elderly or shut-ins

Host a cookie decorating party

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