

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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SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS

September, 2023 - Alicia Adams-Angelo  
October, 2023 - Don Powers

REGISTRATION

September, 2023 - Ray Sinchak  
October, 2023 - To Be Announced

INVOCATION

September, 2023 - Denise May  
October, 2023 - Kim Straniak

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

September 20 & 27, 2023 - Diane Sauer  
October, 2023 - Andy Bednar

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

September, 2023 - Lynanne Woodling  
October, 2023 - Terra O'Brien

SPEAKERS

9/20/23 - John Moss, Honey Bees  
9/27/23 - Jen Dagati, SCOPE Talent Show  
10/4/23 - No Noon Meeting - Evening Social @ Past Times Arcade  
10/11/23 - Eric Thompson  
10/18/23 - DG Richard Tirpak

## 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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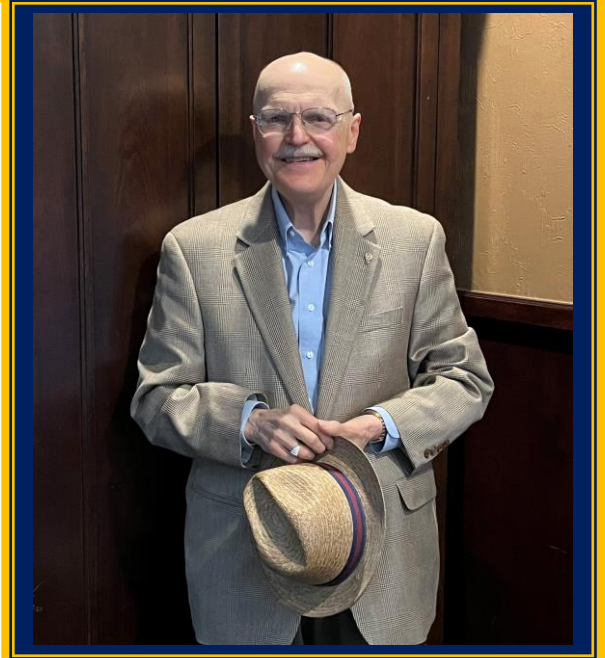
Ray Sinchak has shared some great stories with our club members, and this week was no exception! Did you know that September 13<sup>th</sup> was National Peanut Day!? Yes, Ray indicated that peanuts are part of the classic PB & J sandwich, and they're also a healthy snack. So, "have a handful and go nuts!"

Ray also took us back to Hollywood this week. On September 13<sup>th</sup> in 1955, a well-known actor passed away

at the young age of 22 years following a meteoric rise to stardom. It all started in New York City, where this gentleman worked small jobs and ate spaghetti all the time. The young man eventually made his way to California, where he ran into director and screenwriter Nicholas Ray. Ray was about to make a movie about teens, *Rebel Without a Cause*. Who was the young man cast in a starring role? None other than James Dean. He also went on the star in *East of Eden* and *Giant*. However, he never finished *Giant*.

James Dean one day was eating at The Brown Derby. Alec Guinness, renowned character actor who played Obi-Wan Kenobi, walked into the restaurant but couldn't get seated. So, James Dean invited Guinness to his table. Dean wanted to show Guinness what he bought with his first decent pay - a Porsche 550 Spyder Racing Edition.

Alec Guinness apparently had supernatural visions, and when he saw Dean's car, he warned him not to drive it. One week later, while driving the Porsche near Los Angeles, James Dean was in an accident and died. Following his death, Dean's good friend, Nick Adams, stood in for him to finish the filming of *Giant*.



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**If you have any suggestions about our newsletter, or if you would like to become a sponsor, please**

**contact:**

*Judy Masaki*



**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=LQQJ4d> In addition, starting at our next meeting, people will be able to

join or club meetings via Facebook Live.

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN FOUNDATION BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS** will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, immediately following our weekly club meeting at Café 422.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

1. **Struthers Rotary will hold its Lucky Duck Race** on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Yellow Creek Park.
2. **Boardman Rotary's 47<sup>th</sup> annual Oktoberfest** will be held Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Boardman Township Park.

**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!!

**GREAT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!!** Volunteers are needed for The Riverside Park Community Tree Planting event on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1307 Tod Avenue, NW in Warren. Parking will be available across the street at Warren Primary Care (1296 Tod Place). 100 trees are to be planted. You can also 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 the tree planting event or to adopt a tree or bench contact Lydia at: (330) 647-6301, extension 8 or [lydia@tnpwarren.org](mailto:lydia@tnpwarren.org)

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PROGRAM:

KELLI DENMAN,  
THE GRAND RESORT



Warren Rotarians had the opportunity to have lunch at and visit The Grand Resort, a premier destination resort right in our back yard! During our visit, Kelli Denman, General Manager of the resort, told us about the amenities available at this hidden gem in Trumbull County.

The Grand Resort has 132 guest rooms and suites, and those enjoying the hotel accommodations have full

access to the services available at Avalon's five locations, including free shuttle service. Guests typically include individuals from Canada, the domestic United States and around the world. In addition to hotel services, the resort offers golf packages and a med spa, and hosts weddings, corporate meetings, and other events.

Three membership packages are offered, resulting in 5500 members currently. Junior Membership and Grandparents Membership packages are also going to be added. Dining includes a wine cellar, The Atrium, Gatsby's Fine Dining, and the outdoor pool patio. There are three different restaurants at each of the other locations.

The resort's success is evident in an increase in occupancy from 53% to 68%, 400 to 500 guests taking advantage of outdoor amenities daily, an increase in their average daily rate by \$25 over last year, and their AAA rating as a three diamond resort. They achieved this rating by updating their guest rooms, purchasing new furniture, and signing with Spectrum to showcase Browns and Steelers games. Kelli indicated that she is confident the resort can become a four diamond destination within

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the next year. Plans are in place to upgrade the HVAC system, renovate the elevator so that it can travel to all floors, install illuminating lights, begin communicating with guests via the television, and add accent pillows and other furnishings. An additional goal is to make customer service the best it can be. Kelli is passionate about her staff and offers a lot of employee training. All in all, the resort's success has also helped to increase rates in other local hotels.

HAPPY BUCKS



\*\*\* **Ken LaPolla** was happy to see Denise May back with us. Phil is on the road to recovery. He was also glad that Kelli Denman shared her connection to Rotary.

\*\*\* **Ted Stazak** enjoys Ray Sinchak's Hollywood stories.

\*\*\* **Cindy Matheson** offered Happy Bucks for Ray Sinchak's fellowship presentation and for Kelli Denman.

\*\*\* **Terra O'Brien** was happy to be back at Rotary.

\*\*\* **Joni Gawne enjoyed** Kelli's presentation. She's also looking forward to going to the Philippines this Christmas.

\*\*\* **Judy Masaki** offered a Happy Buck for Kelli Denman. Her little ones are missed at Kids Garden Daycare! Judy also reported that she will be an empty nester soon; her son is moving into his own apartment this weekend.