

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

September 23, 2026

A publication of the Rotary Club of Warren

GREETERS & REGISTRATION

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

INVOCATION

October 7, 2026 - Diane Sauer

October 14, 21, & 28, 2026 - Judy Masaki

November, 2026 - Janet Schweitzer

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

October 7, 2026 - Diane Sauer

October 21 & 28, 2026 - Judy Masaki

November 4, 18, & 25, 2026 - Ray Sinchak

MAGAZINE REPORT (typically 2nd Wednesday of the month)

October 14, 2026 - Judy Masaki

November 11, 2026 - Lauren Kramer

SPEAKERS

9/30/2026 - No Noon Meeting/Visit Another Rotary Club

10/7/2026 - Bri Ventimiglia, Marketing Director/Eastwood Mall

10/14/2026 - Working meeting for Downtown Dazzle

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

10/28/2026 - To Be Determined

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 Divine God,

*We give You praise for the wonders of this summer that now draws to a close.
We are thankful for such wonders as the sunshine, the rain, the song of birds, the garden produce,
the family gatherings and the sweet smell of flowers.*

*Now a new season is coming,
one that causes us to move indoors and that changes to green, to red, brown and harvest gold.
But change is difficult for Your people.
It makes us feel awkward and anxious.*

Help us to learn from all of nature how life must change.

*Bless this change that is occurring in the land around us.
Bless the passages and the transitions that happen in our lives.
And when these changes in life cause us pain and anguish,
guide us to healing and deeper understanding.*

May we let go with courage and allow You to lead us another step.

In Your name we pray.

Amen.

(Offered by Diane Sauer)

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

Judy Masaki



This week, Diane Sauer shared some holiday eating tips to enjoy this season, with a disclaimer that while she doesn't necessarily agree with all of them, they are darn funny.

1. Avoid carrot sticks. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Holiday spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they're serving rum balls.
2. Drink as much eggnog as you can. And quickly, it's rare. You cannot find it any other time of year but now. So drink up! Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip? It's not as if you're going to turn into an eggnog-alcoholic or something. It's a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It's later than you think. It's Christmas!
3. If something comes with gravy, use it. That's the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.
4. As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk. If it's skim, pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.

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5. Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating/ The whole point of going to a Holiday party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it. Hello?
6. Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10-pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.
7. If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa, position yourself near them and don't budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you're never going to see them again.
8. Same for pies. Apple, Pumpkin, Mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or if you don't like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert, Labor Day?
9. Did someone mention fruitcake? Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards.
10. One final tip: If you don't feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven't been paying attention. Re-read tips; start over, but hurry, January is just around the corner.



PROGRAM:
KIMBERLY GARRETT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
WARREN-TRUMBULL COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Kimberly Garrett holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Professional Writing and Editing from Youngstown State University and a Masters of Library and Information Science from Kent State University. She served as Youth Services Manager at McKinley Memorial Library for six years and Director of the Kinsman Free Public Library for five years. Garrett joined the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library (W-TCPL) as Deputy Director in 2021. She stepped into the Executive Director's position at the end Of 2025 upon Jim Wilkins' retirement.

In addition to being an integral part of the library's leadership team, Kimberly is Active in community and professional organizations. She is a former Kinsman Rotarian and was selected to participate in Library Leadership Ohio 2024, a statewide library leadership program.

Kimberly closed out Basic Education and Literacy Month by providing a very informative presentation on library services. Many people know that the W-TCPL system includes libraries in Brookfield, Cortland, Eastwood Mall, Howland, Liberty and Warren. However, Kimberly reported on the following **programs that you might not be aware of:**

1. What do tickets to the Akron Zoo, a manual laser odometer, and a portable



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DVD player all have in common? You can borrow all three at the library! That's right, the library does not just have traditional books. You can also find a "library of things", including driver's education cones, birdwatching kits, bocce sets, and experience passes - all of which are free to borrow with your library card.

2. The W-TCPL has a cutting edge **Maker Studio** in partnership with business incubators and entrepreneurs. The studio's equipment includes a 3D printer, a Cricket, a button maker, recording booths for musicians and podcasters, and sewing machines. Staff are available to train others how to use these items.

3. Each library location offers **group classes and events for children, teens, adults and families** on a variety of topics. Pick up a copy of *Connections*, the quarterly library newsletter, or visit www.wtcpl.org/events to check them out and register.

4. The library is no longer a place where you merely go to check out a book and then leave. **Meeting and study rooms with AV equipment** are available to accommodate both small groups and crowds of up to 100 people.

5. There are **two mobile library units**. The Bookmobile visits the northern part of Trumbull County, rural schools, and Amish communities. The Pop-Up Library is a set of depository collections/carts that rotate through schools, and students are assigned to assist others with checking out books. This introduces students to librarianship professions.

So, what's new and upcoming in our local library system?

1. **Howland Library Renovation Project** - 1,400 square feet will be added, including a dedicated children's room, teen space, and meeting rooms more conducive to the modern library user. This new space is set to open in March 2027.
2. **The Family Place Library Designation** is being pursued. This will make the library a community hub for early childhood learning. Books and play items for ages birth to 3 years, parent/child workshops offered by trained professionals, and monthly workshops focusing on community resources that assist with early literacy efforts will be featured.
3. **Trumbull County Reads 2026** - This annual initiative is a shared journey of conversation and discovery. Featured books will include: *To Slip the Bonds of Earth* by Amanda Flower, an historical mystery about the Wright Brothers' real-life sister who is inventive when it comes to solving crimes;

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and *The Wright Brothers* by David McCollough, a companion nonfiction selection that tells the story-behind-the-story of Wilbur and Orville Wright. Copies of these books in paper format, eBook, or eAudiobook can be borrowed from the library. In addition, a series of special events, expert speakers, and other activities centered around the featured books are planned throughout the fall, including: "History, Mystery, and Inspiration with Author Amanda Flower" on Tuesday, October 20th at 6 p.m. at the Warren Library (Live Streamed to the Cortland Library and Liberty Library); and "Amanda Flower Meet and Greet" for Friends of the Library groups on Tuesday, October 20th at 4:30 p.m. at the Warren Library. Memberships to the Warren Library Friends group will be available for purchase at the door.

4. **The Mcfarland Speaker Series**, in partnership with the Trumbull County Historical Society, is a series of lectures by famous authors coming this fall. The first lecture, "From Conflict to Connection: Insights from a Lifetime of Advancing Peace and Reconciliation" by Harold Good is slated for Thursday, November 12th, at 6 p.m. at the Warren Library. Registration is required for this free event. Good wrote the book, *In Good Time, A Memoir*.
5. **The Cup of Ambition** is a Dolly Parton Day, inspired by her big heart and even bigger dreams, starting September 25th and continuing for the next Month at the Wired Rooster Coffee Shop inside Urban Tap in Warren, Ohio. \$1 from every Cup of Ambition (Honey, Vanilla, and Brown Sugar Latte) will be donated to support W-TCPL and United Way's Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

All of these services are offered through support of the community and Friends of the Library. **What can you do to help?**

1. **Use the library** - see what's offered, use meeting spaces, and attend programs.
2. **Talk about the library** with others.
3. **Think about your library**, how legislation is affecting it, and vote accordingly.
4. **Become a "Friend of the Library"**. Share posts and advocate for libraries.

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5. Partner with the library to do good in the community.

6. Card Connect - to to the library website and find businesses that offer a percentage off if you show them your library card.



THE 5th ANNUAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STEPS OF HOPEWALK/RUN will be held on Saturday, September 26th, from 10 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Perkins Park. Registration is \$25 for adults/\$10 for students (6 to 17 years of age). Registration fee includes t-shirt, lunch, SVdP gift, 50/50 and basket raffles, kids activities, and music provided by The Music Man. Contact Lindy Hilton at 234-223-2933, ext. 106 or by email at mhiltonsvdpneodistrict.org for more information or register in-person at the door.

THE TRUMBULL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OKTOBERFEST will take place on Saturday, September 26th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the 717 Credit Union Field at Eastwood Mall in Niles (home of the Mahoning Valley Scrappers). The event will feature German-style food, snacks, and both alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks, face painting and bubble making. Cost is \$30 per person for adults 21+ (includes meal and two drink tickets), \$15 for those 20 years old and younger (includes meal), and free for children 12 and under.

AN EVENING SOCIAL FOR AREA ROTARY CLUBS is being hosted by Cindy Matheson and Andrew Smith (from Champion Rotary) on Thursday, October 1st from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at The 1547 Project (3290 State Rte 5, Cortland, OH 44410). Anyone interested in attending should contact Cindy Matheson.

OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT'S BIRTHDAY is October 6th. If you would like to help plan a party for her, contact Alicia Adams-Angelo.

THE PURPLE PINKIE FUNDRAISER: World Polio Day is October 24th - every year until polio is eradicated for good. As Rotarians, it's our duty and privilege to support this global effort through Rotary International's END POLIO NOW campaign. Once again, District 6650 will coordinate the district-wide "Purple Pinkie Donuts to End Polio" fundraiser. Three scratch bakeries will each prepare the delectable donuts: Nemenz IGA in Struthers, Kishman's IGA in Minerva, and

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Buehlers Market. Each donut will be topped with a dab of purple icing, representing the purple paint used to mark children's fingers after polio vaccinations. Please consider buying at least a dozen donuts to eat, resell or donate to local heroes. Each box of 12 Purple Pinkie Donuts requires a \$22 prepaid donation. For every dozen sold, \$10 goes directly to Rotary's END POLIO NOW campaign. Thanks to a 2-for-1 match by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, your donation triples in impact! If you want to simply make a contribution but not take donuts, makes checks payable to Rotary District 6650. Final pre-orders and payments are due October 6th. Orders and funds can be given to Treasurer Cheryl Oblinger. Our club's delivery day will be 10/21/26. This year, we will join in competition with all of Ohio! There are 45 clubs in District 6650. If all of our district clubs participate in the fundraiser, District 6650 could be #1 in Ohio.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE PROGRAM FOR CHRISTMAS 2026 is accepting family registrations October 7th - 9th, 14th - 16th, and 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 CHARITABLE PROJECTS COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, October 7th at 11:30 a.m.

ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN PAST-PRESIDENTS are asked to meet with President Alicia Adams-Angelo on Wednesday, October 7th at 11:30 a.m. prior to our weekly club meeting at Trumbull Country Club.

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.

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. They are hoping for 20 cars to fill their parking lot. 6 slots are still available but are expected to fill up by the beginning of October. It is

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recommended that participants bring enough candy for at least 500 families. Fun for the whole family will include candy and prizes. Wear a costume and bring your smile! To sign up your car, email Captain Kate at: kate.esker@use.salvationarmy.org.

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.

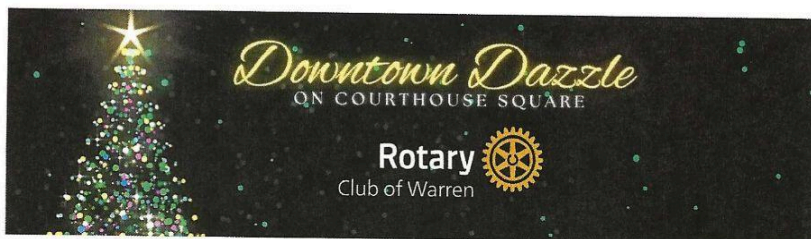
PLANNING FOR DOWNTOWN DAZZLE IS UNDERWAY! The lighting on the Downtown Warren Courthouse Square will tentatively be held at 6:30 p.m. on 11/7/26. A sponsorship packet has been sent out to local businesses. The sponsorship form is available for members' use on the following page of this newsletter. Please help with following up with any businesses or individual sponsors that you may know.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The 2027 River Duck Festival will be held on Sunday, June 27th. A 5K race will be added to the event.



Support Downtown Dazzle on Courthouse Square

Presented by the Rotary Club of Warren

The Warren Rotary Club is proud to continue the tradition of holiday lights and decorations in Courthouse Square. Exciting new holiday events will be added this season to make our downtown a true holiday destination. Your contribution helps keep downtown Warren festive, welcoming, and thriving during the holiday season!

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship Level	Gift	Recognition
Shining Star Sponsor	\$1,000+	Recognition in press releases, banner & yard signage on Courthouse Square, and social media
Holiday Spirit Sponsor	\$500	Recognition on banner, yard signage, and social media
Community Cheer Sponsor	\$250	Recognition on social media
Twinkling Lights Donor	\$100	Thank-you acknowledgment from the Rotary Club of Warren
Friend of Lights Donor	\$50	Thank-you acknowledgment from the Rotary Club of Warren

Every gift makes a difference!

Yes! I want to support Downtown Dazzle on Courthouse Square!

Business/Organization Name:

Contact Person:

Address:

Phone & Email:

Donation Amount: \$

☐ Check enclosed (payable to Warren Rotary Club Foundation)

Mail to: Rotary Club of Warren, P.O. Box 68, Warren, OH 44482

☐ Please contact me for sponsorship recognition details, logo, etc. at my cell number: _____

Thank you for making downtown Warren the place where hometown holiday magic comes to life!

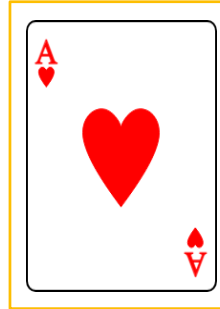


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TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$38.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Tony Iannucci!

HAPPY BUCKS



*** **Tony Iannucci** was a happy winner!

*** **Lauren Kramer** delivered a Happy Buck from Andy Bednar: he has been excited to work with our speaker on library projects.

*** **Ray Sinchak** often goes to the library without knowing exactly what books he will check out. He recently found a book that proved Shakespeare was not always right. And Ray promised to tell us all about it soon!

*** **Alicia Adams-Angelo** learned a lot about the library from our speaker.