

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 9, 2026

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GREETERS & REGISTRATION

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

INVOCATION

September, 2026 - Diane Sauer

October 7, 2026 - Diane Sauer

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

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

September 16 & 23, 2026 - Diane Sauer

October 7, 2026 - Diane Sauer

October 21 & 28, 2026 - Judy Masaki

MAGAZINE REPORT (typically 2nd Wednesday of the month)

October 14, 2026 - Judy Masaki

November 11, 2026 - Lauren Kramer

SPEAKERS

9/16/2026 - Savannah Moss, TCHS, The Warren Downtown Vet Banner

9/23/2026 - Kimberly Garrett, Executive Director, & Jo Phillips, Deputy Director/
Warren-Trumbull County Public Library

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

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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For Our Community and Nation

*Almighty God,
as we step into September,
we pray not just for personal concerns but also for our community and nation.*

*Many places around the world consider this month
a time for national remembrance or significant observances.*

Guide the leaders of our land to act with wisdom and integrity.

In a world that often seems chaotic and troubled,

let Your peace reign

May our communities be places of safety, inclusivity, and justice.

*In addition, we pray for the vulnerable among us - the elderly, the children going back to school,
those struggling with health issues, and those facing financial uncertainty.*

*Extend Your hand of grace, healing, and provision over each one,
and inspire us to be agents of Your compassion in their lives.*

(Offered by Diane Sauer)

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Judy Masaki

MAGAZINE REPORT BY DIANE SAUER

Diane Sauer took a new approach in presenting this month's Magazine Report. Instead of focusing on one or two articles, she reviewed many articles and summarized each with a little information.

The cover story of the September issue of Rotary, "Beguiled in Barcelona", allows us to discover the host city of the 2027 Rotary International Convention, including the architecture and the food scene known for Tapas.

In the Rotary International President's message on page 1, the goal of reaching 1.25 million Rotarians and 125,000 Rotaractors by our 125th anniversary in 2030 is presented. More people will help carry our work forward and "Create Lasting Impact" for generations to come!

On page 3, we're welcomed to Hope, British Columbia, where the Othello Tunnels were part of a railway line built in the early 1900s. Other tunnels near the Coquihalla stations are named after Shakespearean characters, such as Othello, Lear, Romeo, and Juliet. These are all now biking and hiking trails.

The "Our World" section of the magazine speaks about a plant called Arundo Donax or the giant reed. It's an invasive plant, not indigenous to California, that soaks up much water and is extremely flammable. Several Rotary clubs are working together to remove this plant with a fiery nature in an attempt to protect the environment.

Meanwhile, "The sea's siren song" describes how a British Rotarian traveled around the world in 381 days, completing a Mini Globe Race from Antigua, through



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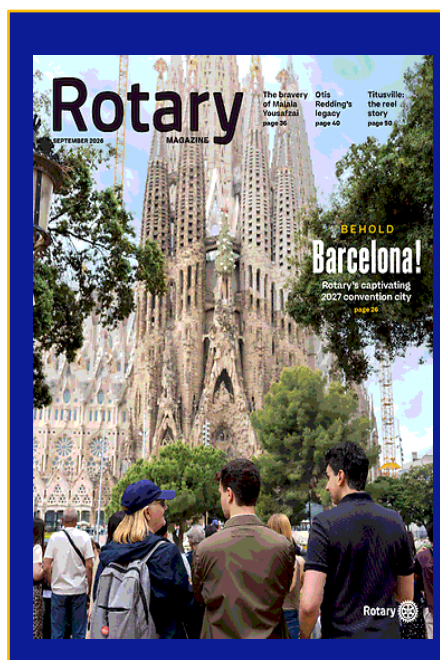
Panama, into the Pacific, then on to Marquesas, Tahiti, Fugi, and Australia, across the Indian Ocean to Mauritius, around the tip of Africa, across the Atlantic to Brazil, and finally back to Antigua. In every port, she was welcomed by Rotarians.

"The Brave and the Bold" is a question and answer interview with Malala Yousafzai, the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and speaker at the Rotary International Convention in Taipei.

"From the Soul" tells how "Otis Redding's family is fulfilling the singer's legacy by lifting up today's young musicians." His daughter Karla is Executive Director of the Otis Redding Foundation and also a Rotarian. The Foundation supports the Otis Redding Center for the Arts in Macon, Georgia.

Finally, "September Events" advertises two different Rotary Oktoberfest festivals, one in Edmunds, Washington, and one in New Bern, North Carolina. What's not to love? Bratwurst, chicken schnitzel, giant Bavarian pretzels, and beer!

Diane hopes that these tidbits entice you to read more of this month's magazine!



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AN UPDATE ON THE END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN

Since 1985, Rotary International has led the global End Polio Now campaign to eradicate polio worldwide. Afghanistan and Pakistan are currently the only two countries that still have cases of the live polio virus.

Strong Rotary clubs in Pakistan were able to orchestrate meetings with the governments of both countries, and an agreement was reached to allow Rotary to bring in funding and supplies to complete an immunization campaign in April, 2026. 57 million children were immunized, putting the world in the best position against the fight to end polio since 1985!

Surveillance will be continued for the next year. If no new cases of polio are reported, the World health organization (WHO) will step in, and if no new cases are found within two years, they will certify the world as polio-free.

Larry Lunsford, who will serve as RI President during Rotary Year 2027 - 2028, has been a leader in the fundraising efforts for polio eradication through the sale of Purple Pinkie Donuts. Please support these efforts! However, Larry's contributions to Rotary amount to so much more. He has been a friend of our own Julia Wetstein for 25 years. Before relocating to Warren, Julia was working on a project to re-establish Rotary clubs in Cuba. A meeting was set up for the Cuban Ambassador to meet with Rotary International, and Larry Lunsford was present for that meeting.

During Hurricane Sandy, Shelter Box wanted to take supplies to Santiago. Julia made connections to make that happen.

What a fierce pair these two friends will be next year - Larry as RI President and Julia as District Governor for Rotary District 6650!

WARREN E N R O T A R Y

DOWNTOWN DAZZLE

Last year, the Rotary Club of Warren took over the project of lighting up Courthouse Square for the holiday season. Edison Landscaping wired up the live trees on the square, and our club purchased four string trees, with the goal of adding other lighted displays each year.

Due to problems with the electricity, the city has been asked to make improvements, including running a designated line to two locations on Courthouse Square. This year's plan is to group our four string trees together in one location and to add another display. TCTC will be asked to cut out snowmen and/or toy soldier silhouettes, which Warren G. Harding art students will paint. Businesses around the square will also be asked to decorate their establishments.

Last year, the cost included \$11,000 to light the trees, \$4,000 for purchase of the string trees, and \$3,00 - \$4,000 for garland. Sponsorships were received from 40 donors, along with a one-time donation from the city.

Downtown Dazzle (the lighting of the square for the holiday season) will be kicked off on November 7th. A hot chocolate station will be provided by the Salvation Army. Tom Angelo will present a light show on the Courthouse free of charge. Luminary lights will be sold to form a perimeter around the lighting equipment. Participation by area high school bands is also being explored.

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in Downtown Dazzle. It's a great way to kick off the holiday season. Also stay tuned for more information regarding set-up times; volunteers will be needed.

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September Birthdays



Best wishes to the following Warren Rotarians who are celebrating September birthdays:

Marilyn Pape

Cindy Matheson

Cheryl Bush

TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled \$23.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Cindy Matheson!

HAPPY BUCKS



*** **Cindy Matheson** had her hair and make-up done as a pre-wedding trial by her niece. Cindy's dad will be undergoing surgery on his carotid to insert a stent. Please keep him in your prayers.

*** **Mike Bollas** is heading to Myrtle Beach to drink margaritas and listen to Jimmy Buffet!

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



THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet on Wednesday, September 16th, at 1:00 p.m.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN FOUNDATION BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, September 23rd, at 1:00 p.m.

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. Register by mail or online by 9/11/26 to secure your t-shirt size. Contact Lindy Hilton at 234-223-2933, ext. 106 or by email at mhiltonsvdpneodistrict.org for more information.

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 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.

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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.

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. 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 be held on 11/7/26. A sponsorship packet is being developed, including opportunities to sponsor all of our club's events for this Rotary year.

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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

THE YOUNGSTOWN PHANTOMS are looking for host families for this school year. If you are interested in obtaining more information, contact Alicia Adams-Angelo.

CLUB DUES NEWS: For many years, \$15 of each member's club dues have gone to The Rotary Club of Warren Foundation. This was originally meant to jump-start and sustain the Foundation. With the Foundation currently having a healthy balance, the Board of Directors has voted to retain this \$15 per member for club use at this time.

DICTIONARY PROJECT: Our club received \$900 for this year's project. Area schools are currently being contacted for numbers of students.

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

THE WARREN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA'S SCHEDULE IS OUT! Be sure to check it out on their website.

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O sweet September, thy first breezes bring
The dry leaf's rustle and the
squirrel's laughter,
The cool fresh air whence health
and vigor spring
And promise of exceeding joy hereafter.

GEORGE ARNOLD

Southern Living