ROTARY NOTES
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Rotary Motto

Service Above Self

4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the truth?

Isi it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Avenues of Service

Club Service

Vocational Service

Community Service

International Service

Youth Service

GREETERS & REGISTRATION

November, 2026 - Ray Sinchak & Barry Dunaway

INVOCATION

November, 2026 - Janet Schweitzer
December, 2026 - Andy Bednar

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

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

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

Eceonomic & Community Development

The Environment

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Lord of all creation,
we thank You for the crisp days of October,
the beauty of the changing seasons,
and the warmth of friends and family.
As we gather in Rotary fellowship,
warm our hearts with the spirit of cooperation and shared purpose.
Help us to translate our gratitude into action,
serving our neighbors
and lifting up those who are lonely or in need.
Guide our thoughts and our deeds today,
and grant us the wisdom to build a stronger, kinder community together.
Amen.

(Offered by Judy Masaki)

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Judy Masaki

Fellowship

Dressed in appropriate costume. Julia Wetstein kicked off fellowship by leading Warren Rotarians in singing *Home on the Range*. Then Judy Masaki hosted a Fall Trivia Contest, with Team Julia (Julia Wetstein, Rob Green and Rich McCafferty) and Team Ray (Ray Sinchak, Andy Bednar, and Bob Hoy) going head to head! Diane Sauer pitched in as scorekeeper.







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With bragging rights at stake, here is the cornucopia of trivia questions that challenged the two teams:

1. How many pounds of pumpkins does the United States produce each year? (1.5 billion pounds)
2. What state produces the most pumpkins? (Illinois)
3. How many calories are in a 4 oz serving of pumpkin cheesecake? (approximately 320 calories)
4. How many recognized apple varieties exist globally? (7,000)
5. Since the late 1800s, extracts from what Halloween-themed plant have been formulated into many of the world's most recognized cosmetic and over-the-counter pharmaceutical products? (Witch Hazel)
6. Who played Frankenstein's monster in the 1931 classic *Frankenstein*, as well as *Bride of Frankenstein* and *Son of Frankenstein?* (Boris Karloff)
7. What classic horror actor turned down the part of Frankenstein's monster because it had no spoken dialogue? (Bela Lugosi)
8. In the classic movie *Hocus Pocus*, how many Sanderson sisters are there, and what are their names? (three - Winifred, Sarah, and Mary)
9. What famous Starbucks drink was launched in 2003? (Pumpkin Spice Latte)
10. What is the actual biological purpose of a deer's antlers falling off in late autumn? (Mating season is over and they no longer need them to fight other males for mates.)
11. What stately home in Warren is believed to be haunted by a woman and her three children who passed away in infancy - and visitors and caretakers report a specter looking down from the main staircase, furniture moving, and the sound of crying babies? (The Kinsman House or Warren Heritage Center)
12. What do you call a male turkey? (a Gobbler)
13. What are the four traditional ingredients of a hot toddy? (whiskey, lemon juice, honey, and hot water)
14. Is a pumpkin a fruit or a vegetable? (fruit)

Congratulations to Team Julia for winning the Trivia Contest, and many thanks to all of our contestants for being good sports!

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PROGRAM: ASHLEY HANDRYCH, SUPERINTENDENT OF LAKEVIEW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Ashley Handrych is a proud graduate of Lakeview High School in Cortland, Ohio as well as Bethany College. She has been in the education field for 21 years, serving her entire career in Lakeview Local School District. Her positions have included: special education teacher, elementary school counselor, Director of Federal Programs, Director of Food Services, and Principal at Lakeview Middle School. She earned her School Superintendent Licensure from Ashland University in 2020 and currently serves as Superintendent in Lakeview. She is pleased that our exchange student, Lotten, is enrolled in Lakeview High School.

According to Cleveland.com, Lakeview is among the top 100 districts in the State of Ohio. Despite their students having a higher level of poverty than some schools, they have exceeded state standards across core performance components in Ohio's accountability system, earning a five star report card.

Ashley is a fierce advocate for public education and is committed to lifelong

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learning and serving the needs of students and families. Her dedication was evident during her recent visit with the Rotary Club of Warren when she described the weekly duties in the life of a school superintendent.

Superintendents need to have meaningful conversations. There was a Friday night football game and the weather was atrocious - it was pouring down rain. Ashley looked at the band members who wore uniforms which cost $800 a piece and carried expensive instruments. She spoke with the band director and made an administrative decision to send the band home early after the halftime show. The next day, the communications director blasted the band director for making what was thought to be a bad decision. Ashley had a discussion with the communications director, explaining that the decision was hers and her reasoning. The post was taken down.

Superintendents need to support their teachers and make difficult decisions. A parent wanted to have an impromptu meeting with her child's teacher. However, there was a student in the teacher's class who was a runner and an adult was needed to supervise and keep the child safe. Ashley stepped in and played kickball with the student in order to de-escalate the child's mood and activity level. In addition, she advocated for the child to be placed in special education, despite this placement costing the district $15,000 more per year in funding plus transportation costs. Why? Because that was the best placement for the child's needs.

Superintendents have to navigate through misperceptions and negative assumptions. At a recent school board meeting, it was stated that buses were leaking fuel and questions were raised about a clean-up plan. The superintendent investigated and determined, in collaboration with the busing director, that the buses were not leaking.

Superintendents have to set priorities for operational funding. One might not think that a clogged drain in the kitchen is a priority. However, when the staff in that kitchen not only serve hundreds of children every day, but then go above and beyond to pick special snacks for children's field trips and hand-write personal notes to individual students, you bet that drain got fixed!

Superintendents have to listen to and engage with the community. Booster Clubs and PTOs are not typically the responsibility of the superintendent. However, when these two amazing community-led organizations weren't seeing eye

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to eye, Ashley stepped in to help settle disagreements.

Superintendents need to be hands-on during emergencies. One day there was a bus accident and Ashley went to the scene. After all, due to a bus driver shortage, the transportation supervisor was out driving a bus, as was the bus mechanic. The driver involved in the accident had to undergo a drug test. So, Ashley took that employee to get it done. In the process, she got to know her staff even better.

Superintendents sometimes just need to pitch in and say, "How can I help?" There was a volleyball game at the school as well as a band concert. When events are double booked like this, parking becomes a nightmare. Even though Ashley wanted to make time to go to both events, there was grumbling in the parking lot. An attendee who had difficulty walking couldn't find a parking spot close by. So, Ashley parked the person's car after letting him off at the door.

And of course, there is still the business of actually running the district! Despite, all of the above mentioned emergencies and unavoidable distractions, Lakeview School District is a fine-tuned machine that is meeting the needs of its students. The district is operating on a balanced budget. Since 2010, the district has not received any new operating funds. $8,000 in expenditures have been trimmed, with 30% less funding per pupil being spent. Yet, new opportunities are being offered to students. These include:

- a pro bono wrestling coach;
- a partnership with Cadence Care Network to have three social workers serving students;
- A literacy specialist via partnership with United Way; and
- "Real Life Wednesdays", when students are partnered with professionals in the community to learn about various careers.

While understanding the challenges facing our schools, as noted above, Ashley has built upon the district's academic excellence, empowered educators to create an enriching learning environment, and fostered communication and involvement with her local community.

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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 rom 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! 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.

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 Demise May will have the Roary 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.

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THE SALVATION ARMY KETTLE RINGING CONTEST: The Rotary Club of Warren will once again be assisting in ringing the kettle bells this holiday season, beginning 11/14/26. If you haven't already signed up to help out, please see Alicia Adams-Angelo. A friendly competition will take place to see what Warren Rotary team will collect the most money!

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 Warren Rotary River Duck Festival is slated for the last Sunday in June (6/27/2027)! "Save the Date" flyers are already being distributed. Stay tuned for more 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!!



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Rotary | Intercountry Committees

DO YOU LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT OTHER CULTURES?
DO YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL?

…then The Rotary Inter-Country Committee USA/Portugal is just for you.

What is Rotary Inter-Country Committee?
Rotary Inter-country Committees (ICCs) promote relationships between two or more international districts or countries to increase the fellowship and intercultural understanding among the people of the various nations; foster stronger ties between the members, clubs, and districts from different countries; and establish networks across borders, continents, and oceans.

Today, more than 800 ICC sections from all over the world provide significant support to all programs of Rotary and its Foundation. They help increase the effectiveness of the international service in our seven areas of focus.

Rotary Districts 7430 in Pennsylvania, 5500 in Arizona, 5010 in Alaska, 6650 in Ohio,5240 in California, and 7950 in Rhode Island are partnering together with Districts in Portugal.This is our first ICC exchange.

ANNOUNCING NEW OUTGOING CULTURE EXCHANGE WITH Portugal

Two Opportunities:

April 21- April 28 2027 Lisbon region
April 28- May 3, 2027 Azores

- Rotarians and spouses/partners may participate. Costs are paid for by the individuals. Lodging will be in a variety of hotels. There will be tours, meals, attending Rotary meetings and participation in Rotary Service projects.
- You may sign up for both weeks or just one week. Individual Rotarians and/ or couples may apply.
- Cost week one Lisbon(6- 7 nights) approximately $3500 per person (excluding airfare)
- Cost week two Azores approximately $2700 per person (excluding airfare)
- Detailed itinerary will be provided once application received and still working out Rotary Visits and projects.

Applications are being accepted now on a first come first served basis. There is limited space.

Include your name and partner name, District number and e-mail and telephone number.

Come join the adventure and meet fellow Rotarians from Portugal and the USA

Please contact PDG Cindy Hornaman, D7430
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THANKS FOR HELPING GET OUR DUCKS IN A ROW! Our River Duck Festival ducks are all sorted and packed in preparation for the next event. Many thanks to all who helped out and also attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the pedestrian bridge at Perkins Park.

THE SALVATION ARMY TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT was a huge success! Close to 400 kids came through to receive treats. Thanks to all the Warren Rotarians who attended the event and helped to man our duck-themed and Halloween Scaries trunks.









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TRIPLE JACKPOT



This week, the Grand Jackpot totaled $72.
Congratulations to Daily Winner Bob Hoy!

HAPPY BUCKS



*** Bob Hoy was a happy winner! He enjoyed our speaker - two of his grandsons attend Lakeview Schools.
*** Julia Wetstein offered a Happy Buck for our speaker.
*** Cindy Matheson thanked our speaker and couldn't say enough good about Lakeview School District. She's happy to have Meghan Reed back with us. And she enjoyed the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Trunk or Treat.
*** Ashley Handrych offered a Happy Buck for our club's singing tradition!!
*** Meghan Reed enjoyed our speaker.
*** ALicia Adams-Angelo enjoyed our speaker and is looking forward to Downtown Dazzle.
*** Judy Masaki praised our speaker for her dedication and commitment to local students and thanked all of our Fall Trivia contestants.