The Warren County
Reveille
October 31, 2026

Rotary Club of Warren County
Rotary International District 7570 Club 68656



Fall Clean-Up

On October 24th, we held our semiannual Kendrick Lane roadside cleanup day! The crew of Interact students and Rotarians collected an impressive 12 full bags. This was a collective community effort, with participants from Reaching Out Now, our Community Based Interact club, E. Wilson Morrison Elementary School Early Act Club, Skyline Middle School Interact Club and The Rotary Club of Warren County, part of Rotary District 7570. Thank you to Michael Williams for organizing the event, and to everyone who participated.





Pours for Polio

The community showed up on October 24th at On Cue Sports Bar & Grill and supported us in our efforts to raise $750 for the End Polio Now efforts! Thank you to On Cue for hosting us, organizing karaoke, and giving back through the drink specials during our event! In addition to a 50/50 run by Michael Williams, we had several raffle items that helped raise funds as well--thank you to Jean's Jewelers, Debbie Grove, Donahoe's Whimsical Flowers, and the Ron & Kathy Napier. Special appreciation goes to Kathy Napier for organizing the event, and Michael for assisting! Thank you to all of the Rotarians that attended/volunteered and helped make it a success.

Use **this link** to sign up for the Discover Rotary Friendsgiving on Nov 16th!

Please sign up for an item in Column B noting what you are bringing. In Column C, put your name with a total guest count in Column D (include yourself). When done, click the X to close out of the sheet from a desktop OR the green check mark if updating from your phone. If you skip this step, your information may not be saved!

We will also have paper and pen sign-up opportunities at upcoming meetings. Please remember to sign-up by Nov 11th.



Brazil's Projeto Uerê Receives Library of Congress Literacy Award

Brazilian nonprofit recognized for its innovative approach to literacy and learning among children affected by violence and poverty

This story is from https://brazilcham.com/news/posts/brazils-projeto-uere-receives-library-of-congress-literacy-award
Brazil-US News

Rotary Club of Warren County has supported this project since 2010, including two very successful Rotary International Grants as well as a club check each year.

Projeto Uerê, a Brazilian nonprofit based in Rio de Janeiro, has been named the recipient of the 2026 David M. Rubenstein Prize, the top honor in the Library of Congress Literacy Awards. The organization will be honored in Washington, D.C., on November 5, 2026.

The recognition highlights the organization's Uerê-Mello pedagogy, an educational approach that addresses how trauma, poverty, and violence affect children's ability to learn. Rather than treating learning difficulties as individual shortcomings, the methodology works to restore attention, memory, and confidence through structured activities, including lessons divided into short blocks.

Founded in 1998 by Yvonne Bezerra de Mello, Projeto Uerê grew out of her work educating children living on Rio's streets. Today, it serves approximately 300 students in the Complexo da Maré, providing complementary education and support for children and adolescents facing social vulnerability.

"Education is not just about imparting knowledge. It is about understanding what prevents a child from learning and creating the conditions for them to develop their intelligence, autonomy, and future," said Bezerra de Mello.

Established in 2013, the Library of Congress Literacy Awards recognize organizations whose innovative and replicable approaches advance literacy. Supported by David M. Rubenstein and, since 2023, the Kislak Family Foundation, the program recognized 21 organizations in 2026.

The David M. Rubenstein Prize honors exceptional and sustained contributions to literacy. Projeto Uerê was selected for its measurable impact on literacy and its work restoring learning capacity among vulnerable young people. Its methodology has also been adapted to support refugee children in Europe.

"The 2026 Literacy Awards winners and honorees have successfully demonstrated thoughtful responses to their learners' unique circumstances in their approach to literacy education," said Acting Librarian of Congress Robert R. Newlen.

The award marks an important milestone for Projeto Uerê and brings international visibility to a Brazilian educational approach with relevance beyond its original community. It underscores the importance of addressing children's emotional and cognitive needs as part of building lasting pathways to literacy and opportunity.

‘Tis the Season…to Serve!

It's the time of year when we have many opportunities to serve our community through meeting specific needs they have. We have four collections coming up. Choose one that resonates with you or help with all if resources allow.

Holidays for Heroes: Collection at 11/11 Club meeting. The Central Appalachia Region of the American Red Cross is collecting items to support Veterans in our area VA Medical Centers and local long-term care facilities. (See the flyer on the next page for details.)

C-CAP of Warren County (Camping for Hunger): Collection at 11/18 Club meeting. C-CAP provides fresh foods as well as long-shelf life canned goods and related food products for those in our community who need food, clothing, limited financial assistance. We also need a few volunteers to drop the food off at the Rural King parking lot following the meeting.

RYLA Shoe Drive: Collection at 12/2 Club meeting. New shoes are being collected for youth in need. (See the graphic on upper right for more information.)

Middle School Stockings - Collection at 12/9 Club meeting. We will be making gift bags for some disadvantaged (as identified by guidance) students from Skyline Middle School. Shopping list coming soon!



Can you ring the bell for one hour?



Our Club is signed up to ring the bell for the Front Royal Salvation Army’s annual Kettle Campaign!

10 am-9 pm
Saturday, November 28, 2026
Wal-Mart Pharmacy Entrance

Sign up by November 23rd!

See Michael Williams’ email for the latest openings, or contact him directly.



Donations are needed by November 20th!

To arrange drop off or pick up, please contact the American Red Cross of the Greater Shenandoah Valley
Ellen.Agosta@redcross.org





Holiday for Heroes

Supporting our area's Veteran Communities

The Central Appalachia Region of the American Red Cross is collecting items to support Veterans in our area VA Medical Centers and local long term care facilities.

Operation Holiday Gift Bag

Needed items for male and female Veterans:

- ☐ Antiperspirant deodorant
- ☐ Shampoo, regular or 2 in 1 (small size)
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Body wash (small size)
- ☐ Comb/Brush
- ☐ Razors
- ☐ Shaving cream (small)
- ☐ Lip balm
- ☐ Nail files
- ☐ Nail clippers
- ☐ Decks of playing cards
- ☐ Puzzle books/word search (small- 6X8)
- ☐ Pens
- ☐ Mechanical pencils
- ☐ Gift bags, any solid color, 10x12 or larger

American Red Cross
Central Appalachia Region

Therapeutic Service to Start the Day

On October 14th, we had an in-meeting service project: coloring placemats that would be laminated and donated to local assisted living/nursing home facilities! As you can see from the intense looks of concentration, our members took this task very seriously. It was a great way to start the day!















Seniors First

It was a busy meeting on October 21st, as we not only had Club Assembly, but we were treated to a presentation by Greg Stockton from Seniors First, formerly known as Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging. They provide services throughout the northern Shenandoah Valley, including:

- Senior Medicare Patrol
- Assistance with understanding insurance
- Education to avoid scams
- Home delivered meals, formerly known as Meals on Wheels
- Well checks
- Assistance with the logistics of shopping
- Six senior centers throughout the northern Shenandoah Valley
- Transportation to medica appointments within the service area (Well Trans)

They also have an ombudsman who checks on long-term care facilities once a quarter, or whenever someone logs a concern.

While the physical facilities could serve more individuals, Greg noted, financially the Warren County Senior Center is maxed out.

SAVE THE DATE

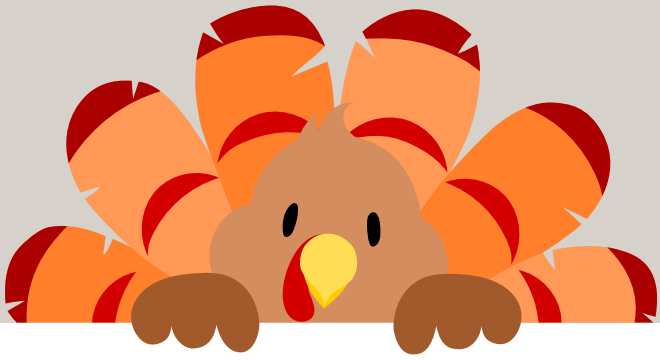
November 4th at 7 am
Regular Meeting
Rotary Foundation Information & Updates

November 11th at 7 am
Regular Meeting
Presentation from C-CAP.
Bring your items for veterans. See list on page 5.

November 16th at 6 pm
Discover Rotary Friendsgiving
Bring a dish and a friend! See info on page 2.

November 18th at 7 am
Regular Meeting
Presentation by Laurel Ridge Community College, Club Assembly, and Birthday/Anniversary Celebration!
Bring your items for The River 95.3's Camping for Hunger food drive supporting C-CAP.

November 25th
No Meeting! Happy Thanksgiving!





Member Birthdays	Birthday
Avery, Jennifer (JEN)	27 November
Grove, Deborah D. (DEBBIE)	12 November
Hardy, T. David (DAVE)	27 November
Mabry, Ronald L. (RON)	12 November

Partner Birthdays	Member Name	Birthday
Hardy, Dave	Hardy, Carol M.	27 November
Hupman, Rita	Hupman, Robert Byron	08 November

Member Club Anniversaries	Start Date	Years	Years(P)	Total
Cochran, Mari Jo(MARI JO)	11/19/14	12	0	12
Hardy, Carol M.(CAROL)	11/01/10	16	0	16
Magalis, Kerry Lane II(KAHLE)	11/19/14	12	0	12
Mikels, Stacie(STACIE)	11/19/25	1	0	1
Sholar, William Alan Jr.(BILL)	11/19/14	12	0	12

Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
Smeltzer, Michelle L.(MICHELLE)	Mark	11/28	14
Williams, Michael Sean(MICHAEL)	Sherry (SHERRY)	11/12	32

2026-27 Officers

Club President: Katie Tennant
President Elect: Sally Kilpatrick
President Nominee: Debbie Grove
Immediate Past President: Kahle Magalis
Club Secretary: Hope Petty
Club Treasurer: Katrina Meade
Director at Large: Jennifer Avery

2026-27 Chairs

Executive Secretary, Gold Club: Dave Hardy
Service Projects Committee: Vacant
The Rotary Foundation: Kathy Napier
Bulletin Editor: Celeste Brooks
Club Administration: Dave Hardy
Programs: Debbie Grove
Ways & Means Committee: Vacant
Youth Services: Michael Williams
Membership Committee: Sally Kilpatrick
Public Image: Jennifer Avery
Club Webmaster: Bill Sholar
District Conference Chair: Katie Tennant

Your Club Needs YOU

As you can see on the "Chair" list to the left, the Ways & Means Committee chair is vacant! As we approach the season of seeking our annual sponsors, it is critical that we have a chair who can take the lead on this. The annual donations we make to our community come from our fundraisers and our annual sponsorships. If you can take on this role, please talk with Katie.





Rotary Club of Warren County

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warrencountyrotary.org
dacdb.com/Login

Meetings:
Wednesdays at 7am
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
14 W 1st St., Front Royal
(Virtual option available)



Organizations that would like to request volunteer and/or financial support from the Club must complete the Project Request Form located on the Club website.

Need help navigating DACdb? Click here.

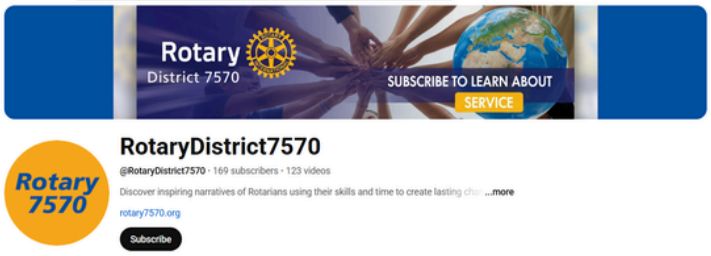
Click here to enroll in Rotary Direct and support any of the Rotary Foundation programs!

Sponsoring a guest speaker? Click here for guidelines.

Did you know the District has a YouTube page?

Be sure to Subscribe or browse the uploaded videos.

There are great past interviews and lots of club resources provided!



https://www.youtube.com/@RotaryDistrict7570

Our Club has a storage shed! If you need to pick up or drop off something, contact Kahle Magalis.

Need to Make a Donation, Put in Happy Dollars, or Pay Dues?



Find the donation links on our website!

https://www.warrencountyrotary.org/project-donations

2025 Sponsors

Platinum Sponsors

Jean's Jewelers, Inc.
(Jean Plauger)

George Karnes
Jonathan Berry
Financial Advisors
Wells Fargo Advisors
(George Karnes)

Bill Long's Auto Care Clinic
(Bill Long)

Warren County Veterinary Clinic
(Kristen Pence)

Warren Memorial Hospital

Gold Sponsors

State Farm
(Ellen Aders)

Ron & Cathy Napier

Silver Sponsors

City National Bank
(Katrina Meade)

Dave & Carol Hardy

Michael Williams

State Farm Insurance
(Bill Powers)

Bronze Sponsor

Debbie Grove

Melanie Hamel