



The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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Tuesday, January 12, 2021

By Kristen Jones

President Dan called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., welcoming 30 in attendance. We joined together in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nathan returned to lead us in singing our patriotic song, "God Bless America."

Today's invocation was given by **Amanda Deery**: May we enjoy the many reasons our Rotary participation is beneficial for ourselves and others.

Also helping today on technology was **Mindy Nielsen**.

Guests

Welcome to visiting Rotarian, and architect for the new library system, **Marc Bittinger**, as well as returning member **Louise Reuter**, who has recently returned to the area.

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Erik Andrews

Pedal Across America - his 3500 mile journey and the Appalachia Service Project

Song of the Day

Nathan returned via video for the rousing "All Hail to Rotary."

Announcements

- ERC Board meeting, January 19 at 8 a.m. You are welcome to attend. The link is on DACdb.
- The District's "One Rotary Summit" is Feb. 27 from 9-Noon via Zoom. Please visit DACdb for more information about this virtual event.
- **LaTaunya Conley** noted a 2021 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Musical Tribute on Sunday, January 17 at 5 p.m., Second Baptist Church (via Facebook Live on their site.). On January 18, there is a commemorative walk and in-car activities and caravan from City Hall to EHS. Program will be broadcast on City of Elyria Facebook Live site.

Happy Dollars

President Dan gave a Happy Dollar for the Browns win in the playoffs.

Today's Speaker – Lyn Crouse – Elyria Public Library System

Lyn Crouse, executive director of Elyria Public Library System, presented updates on the construction.

Several branches are deep in the construction phase, and renovations are in progress at the West River branch, which is set to reopen in March. The Genealogy section will move to West River.

The new ELPS in downtown Elyria will be a fusion of historically appropriate building materials and a modern “Green” interior. Many generous organizations and donors have made possible special areas within the library.

Among the named spaces, Elyria Rotary has underwritten the donation of a meeting room. This room will split into three separate spaces, as well as a pre-function staging area and large screen TVs and projection. It is intended to seat 100 people.

The construction will be substantially completed by mid-summer, with an anticipated Grand Opening in early October. Lyn looks forward to retiring at the end of October!

The book donated in her honor is, “You Matter,” by Christian Robinson.

Weekly Elyria Zoom Meeting Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86461082213?pwd=aVhiV1FBQ1o3cnlwVHZ3dXptODRndz09>

Meeting ID: 864 6108 2213

Passcode: Rotary

Happy Dollar Link:

https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=2922TCG6S5HTA

YouTube ERC Recording 01-12-21

<https://youtu.be/ITaVPdq-otw>