



# The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

**By Kristen Jones**

**President Dan** called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m., welcoming 34 members to a sunny but cold Tuesday. Over in PA, Punxsutawney Phil reportedly saw his shadow, and scurried back into his home for another six weeks. Back here in snowy Ohio, Dan led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Nathan Russell** assisted with the singing of our patriotic song, "God Bless America."

Today's invocation was a Winter Prayer given by **Stephanie Forthofer**, which read in part, "Let us huddle together this morning...our community, a place of warmth in our lives as we share the flame of hope and connection. Let us allow the frost of isolation and bitterness to melt away as we open ourselves to a sense of peace and spirit. We extend our thoughts to all those who are cold this morning, lacking shelter or love to keep them warm..."

Also helping today, as always, on technology was the fabulous **Mindy Nielsen**.

**February 9, 2021**

**Unplugged Brewing Company –**

Carlos Lopez & Tim O'Neill

Their history and future, and a Virtual Tour

### Song of the Day

**Nathan** returned via video to lead us in "All Hail to Rotary."

### Announcements

- Please invite others to join in our Zoom meeting, particularly prospective members. Our programs are valuable and allow us to be together even in this unusual time.
- Board meeting on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. Find the link on DACdb
- Rotary International is requesting that we do not meet in person until July. There will be further discussion with the District. Zoom meetings will continue for the foreseeable future.
- Please check our Facebook page for more information on how you can support our Board's decision to oppose the sale of Confederate flags at the County Fair.
- The RotaryOne District virtual conference is coming up and you can sign up on DACdb.
- Scholarship applications will open soon. Please spread the word. A committee meeting will be scheduled soon. **Annie Heidersbach** noted her appreciation that her son received this scholarship and is now working on his Doctorate!

- **President Dan** reminded us of the importance of self-care during this time, and encouraged reaching out to older adults in your life, particularly to help them with vaccine registration.

### **Happy Dollars/Jug**

**President Dan** fessed up to several media mentions for the LCADA Way!

### **Today's Speaker – Lindsey Kerr, Executive Director of LifeLine Pilots**

Founded in 1981, LifeLine Pilots' mission is to facilitate free air transport – through volunteer pilots – for financially distressed passengers with medical and humanitarian needs. There is no limit to the number of flights an individual can receive.

The have flown 8,700 flights and over 5 million medical miles covering 10 states, including Ohio, and through a network of other states as well. Throughout the pandemic, they have taken extra safety and hygiene measures; however, they've also seen a significant increase – 48% - in the need for flights.

Appropriate passengers must complete a form, showing a financial or compelling need, and obtain a medical release. The lead time for a flight is usually 5-7 days.

Volunteer pilots donate their time, aircraft, and talent to help people access healthcare and life-saving procedures. She related the stories of some of the grateful passengers.

Additional volunteer pilots, including corporate pilots, are welcome! Find them on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, or website at [lifelinepilots.org](http://lifelinepilots.org). Outreach opportunities are also available throughout their 10-state region.

### **Today's Book donated to Elyria Public Library**

"You Don't Want to be a Dragon!" by Ame Dyckman.

### **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](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=2922TCG6S5HTA)

### **YouTube ERC Recording 02-02-21**

<https://youtu.be/qdnRZhxwTel>