



The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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Tuesday, July 27, 2021
By Dan Haight

Past-President Dan called the meeting to order with the ringing of the bell and the singing of Grand Old Flag.

Today's invocation was given by **Janet Long**. **Janet** reminded us to be Thankful for the gifts of summer and pray for the health of the world.

In Memory:

Greg Kruszka provided us a moment of silence for the passing of **Bill Thomasson**. Bill, 89, was a Rotarian for 42 years serving in several capacities. Family will receive friends from 11am until the service at 1pm Thursday, July 29th, 2021.

Past President Dan quadrupled his duty today to include Technology, Photography and Ramrod.

Upcoming Programs

- August 3 - John Keyse-Walker** - Hear John discuss his journey from lawyer to author.
- August 10 – Rotary 2021 Scholarship Winners** and their future plans

Visiting Guest:

Mark Mroz brought John Arch, Plant Manager of Duroline as a prospective member.

Song of the Day

Mark Mathes led us in singing "Sing out a Song of Rotary." **Joannie** and **Mark** did a great job!

Announcements

- **Help-Wanted!** On August 7th our club is organizing a volunteer opportunity to remove items from the old Golden Acres that MESA will use. Contact **Andrea Repko** or **Mark Mathes**.
- **Membership Dues reminder!** Contact if y **Dianne Brehm** if you have any questions.
- **District Car raffle.** Our District is selling tickets for a 2022 Mustang Mach-E to support the Rotary Foundation. Visit: rotarydistrict6600.org/raffle

The Jug:

Mike Gebhardt resurrected the Jug after a very long hiatus. **Don Boddy** even showed up to provide support! Birthdays of the Month were fined to kick things off. Happy Birthday to **Stephanie Forthofer, Dan Messaros, Mark Mathes, Carl Wagner, Jim Vandemark, Dave Janowicz, Mark Wagner and Pete Mealwitz**. Mark was the only one present to be fined. **Geoff Smith** was fined for speaker Tim Alcorn's birthday! The club sang Happy Birthday to Tim and **Mark**.



Welcome Back Jug and hope to see you more often.

Today's Speaker – Tim Alcorn – Voice of the CAVS

Chris Pyanowski introduced Tim Alcorn. Tim is no stranger to most of our club. Tim has worked for The Chronicle and WEOL for 27 years prior to becoming the Cavaliers play by play radio announcer. He credits his start in this field to **Gary Kneisley** who hired him and continued to support Tim with his passion of doing play by play. Tim has done play by play for various high school sports and will be doing many Friday night football games prior to the Cavs season.

Tim expressed that this was his dream job. He has always wanted to be an NBA play by play announcer. He credits this to his Mentor/Father figure Joe Tait. Joe was a great teacher, Tim said. Joe would remind Tim that "Score and Time, Score and Time" that's what people want to know from an announcer.

Tim explained that during his first 2 years it has been difficult with the pandemic. He was not allowed to travel and therefore called the

games from a studio at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse while getting video feeds from wherever the team was. When he did travel there was very little time to explore the city. The team would travel, play and travel back.

The NBA draft is this Thursday and the CAVS have the 3rd pick. They may build on the solid core of players or benefit from a trade for a solid veteran.



Today's book donated to Elyria Public in honor of Tim is "Out of Nowhere," by Chris Naylor-Balksteros.

Zoom Meeting Link:

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

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