



The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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Tuesday August 25, 2020

By Kristen Jones

President Dan called the meeting to order, with 28 members present virtually, and led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Today's invocation was given by **Rob Ernst**, reminding us turn our attention to the spiritual side of our lives, remembering that the "Golden Rule" and "Service Above Self" continue to mark the trials of our existence.

Also helping today was **Mindy Nielsen**, managing our Zoom platform.

Steve Hosler introduced Jayne Barr, a former Rotarian who recently moved to the area from Circleville. We hope she will consider joining our Club.

Mindy Nielsen introduced Shane Croxton, fellow Elyrian, who expressed interest in our Club.

President Dan welcomed New/Returning Member **Don Schiffbauer**.

September 1, 2020

Ed Stewart, ERC Past President

Virtual Tour of his Bike Shop, and early years of the MESA bike ride.

Announcements

President Dan says they are working on incorporating Club songs moving forward.

Gary McIntyre's mother, Betty McIntyre, sadly passed away this past week. Our condolences are with Gary and family.

Polio Free Africa

Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) are proud to announce an historic public health achievement as the WHO's African region is now certified "wild poliovirus-free." Rotary and its members have contributed \$890 million to eliminate Polio in Africa.

Tri-District Membership Zoom Workshop

Jackie Boehnlein announced that this will occur on September 15 and/or 23, different workshops for different interests. Please see the District webpage.

5th Tuesday Social Event – September 29

Zoom at home or from a local establishment of your choice at 5 p.m. for conversation and fellowship. If you meet in person, please call in for audio via your cell phone.

ERC meetings replayed on YouTube

Mindy Nielsen has created a YouTube Channel for recordings of Club and Board Meetings for those who can't make the meeting.

Recent Video recordings of Elyria Rotary Club meetings:

August 25 (today):

<https://youtu.be/V3Y7jeSIVGk>

August 18:

<https://youtu.be/khCPh2amHs>

August 11:

<https://youtu.be/tD26CDKEqb8>

Second Harvest Foodbank project

The first session is tentatively Thursday, September 3, in the morning or afternoon. Need 10 volunteers to sign up; watch for more information.

Don Schiffbauer announced “Wear Purple Day” on August 31st in remembrance of overdose deaths.

Happy Dollars

Don Schiffbauer was happy when **Dan Haight** treated him to lunch last week!

Dan Haight is happy for his brand new great-niece, born this week.

Today's Speaker

Nicolle Bellmore Pierse introduced **Sara Tillie** of Lorain County Health Department

to review Elyria's Active Transportation Plan.

The five-year plan of this collaborative effort focuses on school-age children for improving access within Elyria via walking and biking. In the current Public Engagement phase, they are gathering information about the culture, and known barriers, as well as what is working. Policies and procedures as well as data collection will open up government funding opportunities.

The plan and updates will be available on: www.CityofElyria.org/transporation

Sara shared a map in progress and asked for roundtable discussion of additional known problem areas to which people may try to walk or bike. Some of the areas identified were the Chesnut Commons area, the 5-point intersection near Cascade Park, Post Office, the Bender Road area, Midway Mall area, Ford Road inland trail, Oberlin Rd shopping, and many others. If you have additional feedback, please visit the website. If you are interested in future meetings, Ambassadors are being welcomed onboard. A link for that will also be provided on the [city website](#).

Today's book donated to Elyria Public Library in honor of our speaker is “A Space for Me.”

Weekly Elyria Zoom Meeting Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 864 6108 2213

Password: Rotary