



# The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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**September 15**

Dale Jones

Elyria Salvation Army

**Tuesday September 8, 2020**

**By Fred Kerestury**

**President Dan** called the meeting to order, with 19 members present virtually, and led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Today's invocation was given by **Chuck Hirsch**, invoking the virtues of gratitude and responsibility. "Lord, bless this gathering of fellow Rotarians today. Please help us to see those in need and give us the strength and wisdom to serve our community as we should. Help us to lift the burdens of others while we maintain the dignity of humankind. Soften our hearts to be sensitive and loving as we serve together as Rotarians. Amen."

Songs will return! Stay tuned.

Also helping today was **Mindy Nielsen** on Zoom tech duty.

### **Announcements**

The "Fifth Tuesday" Rotary Social is scheduled for **September 29** at 5pm. This will be a hybrid

meeting. You are encouraged to meet other Rotarians at an establishment of your choice and participate virtually as a small group or participate virtually on your own. If you do go out, we ask that you be mindful of others in the establishment, and also to connect your audio by phoning in. There will be contests, games, and prizes! **Join 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82893138875?pwd=WnVHaG1hK3BLcWJXZEpIcTd6TnQxQT09>  
Meeting ID: 828 9313 8875

**Passcode: Social**

Call in: (929) 205-6099

We are working on the **We Are One** grant through the Rotary District. More details and plans for that grant money coming soon.

There will be a fried ice cream event at Smitty's on Sunday, October 18th. Details to follow.

### **Happy Dollars**

**Don Schiffbauer** called out **President Dan** since he was on the radio doing an advertisement.

**Nicolle Bellmore-Pierse** gave 11 Happy Dollars for her daughter's 11th birthday.

### **Today's Speaker**

**President Dan** Introduced Kristen Fox Berki, Executive Director of Lorain County Children Services. She has been with the agency for 23 years in various capacities; most recently, as the ED. In partnership with the community, the staff, foster parents and volunteers of Lorain County Children Services are committed to the safety and well-being of abused, neglected, and dependent children and will provide the highest quality protection, permanency, and prevention services for children and families. LCCS does a lot of different things in the community, but Kristen highlighted their Kinship Care program and their Foster Care Program. The Kinship Care program refers to the care of children by relatives or close family friends.

Today's book donated to Elyria Public Library in honor of Kristen, our speaker, is "Vote For Our Future."

#### **Zoom Meeting Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86461082213?pwd=aVhiV1FBQ1o3cnlwVHZ3dXptODRndz09>  
Meeting ID: 864 6108 2213  
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#### **YouTube link to this meeting recording:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZ3-he7wxqg>