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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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Tuesday, September 21, 2021

By Kathleen Runser

President Amanda called the meeting to order with our patriotic song, "God Bless America," and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. **Dan Haight and Mindy Nielson** helped with today's technology. **Sam Battle and others** provided this week's photos!

Today's responsive invocation and reflection was given by **Chuck Hirsch**, with a prayer from I Corinthians: 13.

Guest

Welcome to our guest today, Steve Gallant, husband of **Jennifer Gallant**.

Song of the Day

Nathan Russell led us in today's song, "Is it the Truth?"

September 28, 2021

Dave Covell

Lorain County Public Health Commissioner

Announcements

- Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Fried Ice Cream booth during the Apple Festival. Everything was sold out as of 3:30 on Sunday. A special Thank You to **Steve Hosler** for all of his hard work!
- Reminder to fill out the Rotary Covid Survey. The deadline is the end of September, and we are almost at 50% of our Club completing the survey. See **Amanda** for the link if you have not filled it out yet.
- The Elyria Public Library is hosting a Donor Reception on Friday, October 1st from 4-7 and the entire club is invited, as the club donated \$60,000 to the project. Please RSVP today or tomorrow if interested. Call 440-322-0174 or email rondra.davis@elyrialibrary.org.

Jug/Happy Dollars

- **Mark Mroz** donated a Happy Dollar to his fellow friers at the Apple Festival and 5 Happy Dollars in honor of **Steve Hosler's** hard work.

- **Don Schiffbauer** donated a Happy Dollar for all the bees that didn't sting him at the Aple Festival and 2 Happy Dollars for **Steve Hosler**.

Program - Lorain County Prosecutor's Office – Richard Resendez

Rich started out the program by giving a little bit of background about Lorain County and the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office. Lorain County is now the 8th largest county (out of 88) in Ohio with over 311,000 residents which is a 3% increase over the previous census. The Prosecutor's Office acts as the voice of Lorain County and oversees foreclosures, Child Support, criminal prosecutions, they are the legal representatives of all county entities and they represent the townships in the county.



Chief Investigator Rich Resendez

The current staff was appointed in January under the new prosecutor J.D. Tomlinson. One of the main purposes of the investigators is to collect evidence for criminal cases. Rich was appointed by Tomlinson in January due to his extensive background of 40 years as a Lorain Policeman and Lieutenant.

During the last 9 months, they have spent time working on cold cases such as the 2017 death of an infant, and voter fraud. Because of their investigation, the babysitter of the baby has been indicted and is being tried in Juvenile Court. They have also been working with other departments to shut down illegal internet gambling cafes. The money re-couped from these busts goes back to the local departments for new electronic technology. During the last 9 months 30,000.00 has been donated to local Police Departments. These funds may also be available to local nonprofits.

Another area that the Investigative department handles is Human Trafficking. Ohio ranks 9th in new cases so our local office has teamed up with the Attorney General's Office and has been able to identify suspected victims and help find them assistance. In some cases, they have been able to arrest the perpetrators with the help of local Police Departments.

This office is also responsible for delivering and tracking paperwork between courts and issuing subpoenas. Since January, they have delivered over 725 pieces of paper through personal service statewide and have tracked over 28,000 miles!

Finally, the Prosecutor's Office offers the community the service Child Identification Program. This program travels to community events and will soon be available at City Hall. It is a free program that enables parents to get a card with their child's picture, thumbprint and description to keep in the event their child is missing. The card is also kept on file at the Prosecutor's Office and should be updated annually.

The Office has another "employee" who is probably the Community favorite and it is Drake. Drake is a therapy dog that acts as a comfort dog for child witnesses or those in need and he is available to visit other organizations!



Drake is on duty!

Today's Book

The book donated to the Elyria Public Library in honor of our speaker was "The Way Home for Wolf," by Rachel Bright.

Weekly Elyria Zoom Meeting Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 864 6108 2213

Password: Rotary

Happy Dollar/Jug Donation" link: [Happy Dollars](#)

Apple Festival 2021!!



*Looks like the ever-popular strawberries ran out early...isn't this the **Apple** Festival??!! 😊*



President Amanda, and her trusty assistant, spending her birthday weekend at the helm of the fryers!



It was a beautiful weekend!