



# The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

**President Amanda** called the meeting to order with the ringing of the bell and the singing of “Grand Old Flag” at Washington Ave Christian Church. **Note we will be back at Wesleyan Village on October 5<sup>th</sup>.**



*President Amanda and Joannie*

Today’s invocation was given by **Kristen Jones**. The invocation centered on the changing of the season, and to take the time to rest as the sun does a lot quicker in the fall. Enact an attitude of gratitude in all seasons.

**Past President Dan** was on duty today to run Technology and Ramrod. **Kristen Jones** did

## Oct 5th Program AT Wesleyan Village

### **COVID-19 – Rotarian business owner Panel**

Hear your fellow Rotarians discuss how the pandemic has affected them and their business.

triple duty with Invocation and Photography and Song.

### Song of the Day

**Kristen Jones** led us in singing “Smile.” Voices were loud today as Kristen asked us all to stand to sing out loud.

### Announcements

- October 5<sup>th</sup> – Return to Wesleyan Village
- October 12<sup>th</sup> – District Governor Visit (Please be sure to attend!)
- Peace Conference registration is open for October 30<sup>th</sup> @ LCCC
- Complete the Vaccination Survey ASAP. Our club will earn money in doing so.

### The Jug/Happy Dollars:

**Mark Mathis** added Happy Dollars to the Jug for the MESA Tour he was in last week. **Nathan Russell** added \$5 for hosting Rotary at Washington Ave Church and \$5 in honor of **Steve Hosler** for his work with the Fried Ice Cream.

**Today's Speaker – David Covell– Lorain County Health Department – COVID-19 Update**

President Amanda introduced Dave Covell, Executive Director at LCPH.

Mr. Covell started off by giving an overview of LCPH. They provide many services in the county such as Safe Sleep, Car Seat Program, Senior Programs, Immunizations, Restaurant inspections, Pool inspection etc.



*Dave Covell, Lorain County Health Commissioner*

One of the programs that corresponds to the COVID-19 pandemic is their Reportable Disease investigations. Diseases such as Salmonella are major diseases that they investigate quickly to protect our community. Epidemiology is the basis around all of this. Contact tracing is essential in all communicable diseases.

**Drift Vs. Shift**

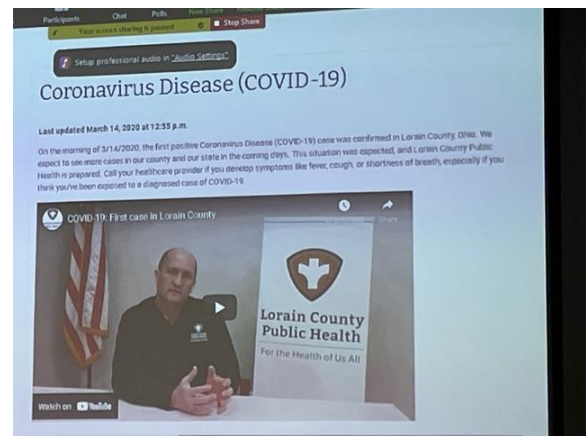
As a drift example Dave used the yearly Flu vaccines. 4-6 months prior to Ohio's Flu season they start watching the flu go from Europe to Asia etc. They (flu vaccination

companies) take an educated look at what this flu strain contains and create a vaccine.

The Shift or a Novel Virus is one that goes from Animal to Human and your body has no way to fight this. SARS/MERS is a previous example. There was not any prior viruses that they could compare this to in order to create a quick vaccine.

**LCPH and COVID-19**

Dave showed a time line from January 2020 until present to show how they adapted to this pandemic. At one point they were receiving 10,000 calls a day. Lorain County did well with prevention compared to many others. Dave credited this to the partnerships already formed. COVID cases were not seen developing inside businesses and schools but typically because of people not abiding by masks and distancing outside of these places. One of things that they battled throughout this was misinformation or Junk Science as Dave called it. Dave added it happened throughout history starting with "the earth is flat". The internet and social media has made this a daily issue that continues to hurt the vaccination process.

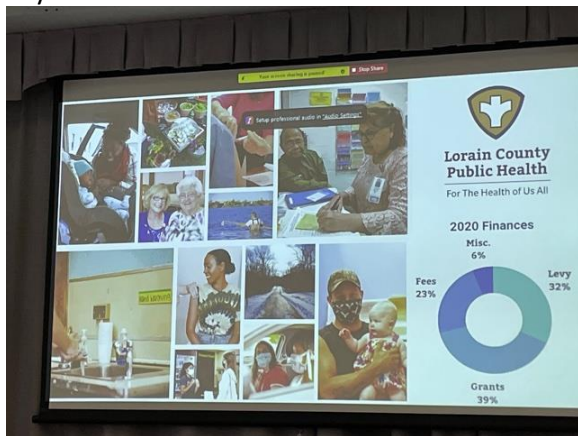


*Announcing the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Lorain County, March 14, 2020*

Dave added that vaccinations are working. Yes there are some breakthrough cases but those are not the typical one's going to the hospital.

What can we do as Rotarians? Get engaged. Refer people to their programs and services.

The Lorain County Public Health Levy is only 1/3 of their budget and costs on average \$16 per year. Grants and fees make up the rest. LCPH is a very good steward of public money.  
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*The levy is important to service provision!*

Did you know?

**Boosters:** Boosters are available. Contact the health department or visit their website for more information.

**Flu Vaccination:** Best time to get the flu vaccination is early November for it to be most effective.

**Today's book** donated to Elyria Public in honor of Dave is "Swing" by Michael Hall

**Zoom Meeting Link:**

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

Meeting ID: 864 6108 2213

Password: Rotary

**Happy Dollar Paypal donation link:**

[Happy Dollar](#)



*Many thanks to our host, Washington Avenue Christian Church, for their warm welcome during this time!*