



The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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Tuesday, November 23, 2021

By Kristen Jones

President Amanda called the meeting to order and led us in our patriotic song “Grand Old Flag” and in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Helping today on technology was **Gary McIntyre**, and photos were by **Kristen Jones**.

Invocation

Rob Ernst gave Today’s Invocation... We come together as a grateful people –for our lives, for this free land, and for the faith of our forefathers whose vision is both our heritage and hope...we are grateful for the challenge of work, worship, and this Rotary fellowship. Let us offer our sincere thanks for your grace and blessings as we gather with family and friends.

November 30

No Noon Meeting

Register for the 11/30 5:30 “5th Tuesday” Social at Unplugged Brewery!



New Rotarian

Welcome to our newest Rotarian **Bob Yun**.

Song of the Day

In honor of decking Stan Hywet Hall for the holidays, **Nathan Russell** led us in a kick-off to the season with “Deck the Hall” (or “Deck the Halls,” if you have more than one!)

Announcements

- 5th Tuesday Social – Trivia Night at Unplugged Brewery
- Holiday Luncheon is December 14 for Rotarian family and friends– information to come

Jug/Happy Dollars

Bob Yun gave Happy Dollars for being a (returning) new Rotarian and for achieving his fitness goals.

Today's Program– Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens – Curator Julie Frey

Chris Pyanowski introduced today's program, Julie Frey, Curator, from Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens. She oversees the collections, tours, and education program.



The Tudor Revival estate was built by the F.A. Seiberling family in 1915, and the name Stan Hywet is Old English for "Stone Hewn." Three lead designers helped to design the estate and gardens, taking 4 years to complete.



F.A. Seiberling started Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. in Akron at the turn of the century. By 1915 it was the largest producer of tires and rubber in the country. They also founded the Seiberling Rubber Co. some years later.



Of their six children, only their youngest son grew up in the home. The estate's size was intentionally large, so that subsequent generations would also gather there, and that it would be used by the community in years to come, in recognition of their family motto, *Non Nobis Solum*, translated "Not for Us Alone." The Seiberling family typically had Christmas dinner for 80-90 family members each year, with an elaborate "family performance." It was very much a family home.

Akron was the fastest growing city in America between 1910 and 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Seiberling were instrumental in helping create support structures for all those migrating and immigrating, and for their generosity in philanthropy.



After they had both passed away, the family signed over the home and contents to the community, creating a non-profit that opened the estate to the public in 1957. 95% of the family's original furnishings are still on display in their original locations.

They are today a robust and diversified organization, with strong mission attainment keeping the property accessible to the public. They have a very comprehensive education program, and the estate is open for self-guided tours, and guided tours should resume in the spring.



Deck the Hall

A million lights are strung, and the display is redesigned with a new theme every year. This year's focus is Christmas Movies, and that holiday design is evident throughout the manor and grounds. [Tickets are pre-sale only](#), and the event begins Friday, November 26 through December 30.



Of the 22 grandchildren, 8 are still living and are in their 80's, and two great-grandchildren are still involved. There are thousands of family letters in their collection, and they were a loving, warm, and generous family.



Elyria Public Library Book

The book donated to the Elyria Public Library in honor of our speaker is, "Survivor Tree" by Marcie Colleen.

Rotary Foundation Drawing

The Foundation Committee came to the podium to present Paul Harris Fellows to those who could not join us at the previous

Bill Hudnutt – new PHF

Jerry Schaefer – new PHF

Amber Fisher – PH +2

and daughter, Victoria Fisher – initial PH

Sam Battle PH+2

Bill Kaatz – Major Donor!

Bill joins **Maud de la Porte, Jim Hunt, and Jennifer Gallant** as distinguished donors of over \$10,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

Janet Long noted that the Seiberling family motto "Not for Us Alone" truly represents the Rotary Foundation. Our ambitious goal was \$13,000 and we exceeded that at \$13,684.

Our speaker of the day drew the winning ticket for \$500, which was **Jennifer Gallant**.

Rotary Board Recap – November 16, 2021

The Board of Directors met 11/16/21 with meeting called to order at 8:02am. Treasure's report noted cash stands at \$91,556. Fall quarter scholarships were paid out totally \$22,500. October

membership stands at 99 with attendance at 26.4%. Bob Yun was submitted and approved for membership. Drew Kaplan has resigned from the Board due to professional obligations. There will be no children's holiday party this year, but an alternate activity will take place. There are several volunteer opportunities for December, including Salvation Army bell ringing and Wreaths Across America--contact Andrea Repko for more information. Members' luncheon will be held December 14 with a performance by fiddlers. Annual meeting will take place December 21. Meeting adjourned at 8:50am.

-Nicolle Bellmore-Pierse, Club Executive Secretary

Happy Dollar Link:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=2922TCG6S5HTA&Z3JncnB0=

Zoom Meeting Link:

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

Meeting ID: 864 6108 2213

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