



Daybreak Rotary Meeting - July 23, 2020

Call to Order - President Corey Hamilton

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Melissa Best read a note from Lorena thanking club members for all their wonderful donations and hard work in refurbishing her new home. Melissa will be sending a survey to members involved in this project in an effort to determine what worked well, along with suggestions for improving the process.

Caribeth Legats reported that the Miracle League is prepared, inside and out, for the Fall season.

**First Responder Project** - Francine Swiger reported that plans are coming together. A script will be ready so that the delivered message is the same at all locations. Martha Smith has received the scrolls from Allegra and is working on the wooden frames and posts. Dylan is out seeking donations. Lepi has donated 290 bags, which will be stuffed with goodies. Coke is donating Powerade. Ruthie suggested consideration of Kind Bars from Sam's Club as a good item to include.

President Corey reminded members there will be no meeting on July 30th due to the first responder event taking place that morning.

### HAPPY BUCKET:

Bruce Barclay urged members to donate to Polio Plus once again.

### SERGEANT (CHIEF)-AT-ARMS:

Tony Coury is partnering with George Hiotis of Noon Rotary in reporting news at meetings. Tony reported that as of 6:00 p.m. today, Governor DeWine is mandating the wearing of masks in public places. (Tony was reminded that George always begins with a joke.) Tony ordered each club member not wearing "the pin" to pay a dollar.

### PROGRAM:

Martha Smith introduced today's speaker.

Dr. Jan Ramer is Vice President at The Wilds, a conservation safari park in our backyard! Jan earned her B.S. in Biology from Purdue



University and used that education in a 12-year career as an animal keeper at the Indianapolis Zoo and the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago. While she loved her work as an animal keeper, Jan was drawn to veterinary medicine, so she made a mid-life career change, earning her DVM from the University of Wisconsin in 1995. Jan was a veterinarian at the Indianapolis Zoo for 14 years. She then found her passion in conservation medicine as Regional Manager for the Gorilla Doctors, where she led a team of African veterinarians in Rwanda, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo for 3 ½ years. Jan returned to the United States to start her work at The Wilds in January 2015 as the Director of Conservation Medicine. In June 2017 Jan accepted the position of Vice President for The Wilds and feels it an honor to serve the hard-working and dedicated Wilds team. Jan loves spending time with her family, especially her 3 grandsons!

Jan thanked the group for asking her to share her enthusiasm about what really happens at The Wilds. The Wilds inhabits some 10,000 acres of land in Muskingum County once used for strip mining. In 1991, The Wilds concept of conservation started as a public-private partnership of the Ohio Departments of Natural Resources & Development, Ohio Zoos, and the private sector. It is now a subsidiary of the Columbus Zoo.

As part of its conservation efforts, The Wilds works to revive endangered species of animals from many countries. A few examples:

a. The Wilds has successfully brought about the reproduction of 4th and 5th generations of the Southern White Rhino.

b. Its success in reintroducing the endangered Przewalski's Wild Horses has been enhanced with a tracking device being used to follow these beautiful horses as they return to their original environment.

c. Three Scimitar-Horned Oryx born here have been sent to the Republic of Chad for their reintroduction to the wilds.

d. In keeping with The Wilds' conservation efforts, the breeding of Cheetahs has been halted for now. They are full up and have been sharing cheetahs with other zoos.

e. The African Painted Dogs have thrived. Visitors are impressed with their strong social structure.

f. The program to breed, raise and reintroduce

the Eastern Hellbender (a giant salamander) to Ohio and surrounding states has been productive. Many of the returning Hellbenders sport tiny tracking devices to monitor their movement in streams and rivers.

In addition to promoting conservation and reintroduction of endangered species, The Wilds has an estimated \$15,000,000 impact on the local economy due to the number of visitors to the area and increased tax revenue.

A Power Grant is being submitted to bring water to The Wilds, since there is no potable water available on the premises.

Fun and education abounds at The Wilds, including camping opportunities, overnight accommodations at The Outpost, Lodge, Nomad Ridge, and cabins by Straker Lake, along with the famous Zipline, horseback riding, fishing, hiking and biking. Sunset Safaris and Bus Tours are up and running.

The Wilds is operating at about 50% right now and is complying with all local, state and federal regulations to help slow the spread of COVID-19, asking visitors to do their part when they visit. Information on all the opportunities available can be found on its website, the wilds.org.

President Corey thanked Dr. Ramer for sharing her time and enthusiasm with us and promised to put her gift of a cell phone sanitizer in the mail.

President Corey closed the meeting with this quote: "Never think that what you have to offer is insignificant; there is always someone out there who can use what you have to give."  
- Anonymous

## **PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Becky Clawson

*Executive Director - Alfred Carr Center*

Proposed by: Melissa Best

*Please direct any comments to the secretary*

## GREETERS

Please arrive by 7:00 a.m.

July 30..... Patrick Pugh & Dustin Redmond  
 August 6..... Maryjane Shackelford & Chad Shawger  
 August 13..... Martha Smith & Laine Snyder  
 August 20..... Shala Steinman & Janet Stewart  
 August 27..... Susan Stubbins & Francine Swiger

## INVOCATION

July 30..... Bill Porter  
 August 6..... Judy Ross  
 August 13..... Eva Sieber  
 August 20..... Chris Steele  
 August 27..... Grant Stubbins

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 30..... Service Project  
 August 6..... Lighter, stronger, better looking  
 ..... Mike Sensabaugh & Sherry Pattison--Ridge Corp.  
 August 13..... Back to School ??????  
 ..... Chad Shawger Superintendent West Muskingum Schools  
 ..... Doug Baker Superintendent Zanesville City Schools  
 August 20..... Rotary Service Project  
 August 27..... Not your father's auction  
 ..... Lance Miller – Ed & Ben Schafer Auctioneers

This year we will plan to offer a Zoom link for all of our meetings, even if we are able to meet in-person.

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## NEIGHBORING CLUBS FOR MAKE-UP

### Byesville

Stop Nine Senior Center  
Tuesday 7:30 a.m.

### Cambridge

Cambridge Country Club  
Wednesday 12 noon

### Coshocton

Coshocton Village Inn & Suites  
Tuesday 12 noon

### Granville

Granville Inn  
Monday 12 noon

### Lancaster

The Lodge in Lancaster  
Monday 12 noon

### Malta/McConnelsville

Chelos Pizzeria  
Tuesday 12 noon

### Marietta

Hotel Lafayette  
Thursday 12 noon

### Marietta-Morning

Marietta Country Club  
Friday 7:00 a.m.

### Newark

Double Tree by Hilton  
Tuesday 12:00 noon

### Newark-Heath

Mound Builder's Country Club  
Thursday 7:00 a.m.

### Reynoldsburg/Pickerington

Wesley Ridge Retirement Center  
Tuesday 12 noon

### Zanesville

Bryan's Place  
Tuesday 12 noon

## OFFICERS

President ..... Corey Hamilton  
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 ..... Shala Steinman  
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