



2020-21 Rotary Theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities"

Holger Knaack, President Rotary International • Steve Heiser, Rotary District Governor • District 6690  
Corey Hamilton, President Zanesville Daybreak

Daybreak Rotary - September 17, 2020

Peace Prayer: Dr. Herb Hicks

### CALL TO ORDER:

President Corey Hamilton called the meeting to order at 7:15 a.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Corey encouraged members to consider joining with the Noon Rotarians in their Good Neighbor Peace Project on October 3rd. RSVP kashby@zmchamber.com by September 30th.

### PROGRAM:

The meeting was then turned over to Jamie Trout, Chair of the Peace Committee, who started the program with a peace prayer offered by Anna Marie Katt.



Jamie Trout

Jamie then asked MJ to give a report on proposed activities of the Peace Committee.

MJ talked about the "Andy & Elmer" book usually read to second graders by Rotary members. Since it isn't possible to visit the schools in person, she is working with Sheryl Wise of the Zanesville Community Theatre to explore the possibility of producing a video enactment of the book. MJ received the necessary permission to ensure there would be no copyright issues. The Club will then provide the 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms with the recording and activity books.

MJ reported that Interact students sold donuts to raise funds and are designing two peace poles for the Maysville Campus. The committee is continuing work on the peace pole project for placement throughout the area.

The food drive for Eastside Community Ministry will be held Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. through October 6th. Donations can be dropped off at Eastside. Most needed: canned fruit, soup, peanut butter, and cereal. Presentation of food from the Rotarians will be held at Eastside on October 8th at 2:00 p.m.

### PEACE PRESENTATION:

Stephanie Freas introduced guest speaker Anita Jackson. Dr. J, as she is commonly called by students and colleagues, received her Ph.D. in Counselor Education from OSU, and is an Associate Professor at Kent State University where she served for 16 years in teaching and research. Her research interests include HIV/AIDS prevention, stress, multicultural counseling, women's issues, and African American History & Development. She is a co-founder and first president of the Nelson T. Gant Foundation. She has served and continues to serve on numerous community boards.



Dr. J started by quoting: "What God makes of you is your gift from God; what you make of yourself is your gift to God." - her philosophy of life. She referred to the many challenges being faced in 2020, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the political polarization so evident in everyday life. She noted that any conversation on race reveals assumptions that cause intentional and unintentional hurts. We could all seek healing by way of telling and listening to personal stories which reveal our joys, sorrows, experiences, etc. This is a way to understand perspectives on our world in order to make



Anita Jackson

changes in ourselves and our community.

Dr. J referred to an article she wrote for the Times Recorder in 2014 entitled "Porch Wisdom in a Digital World." The article told of how neighbors would gather together in a very informal setting, in a very natural way, and just tell stories. The groups would include all ages and genders, depending on who happened by and joined the group. People told stories about happenings in their lives. Neighbors listened with respect and all got to know each other as individuals - very different than in our digital world.



She then spoke of a student she had in her 6th grade class. He had the reputation of being in trouble from the 2nd grade on. As they began a unit on Africa, he was very surprised to learn that Africa actually had cities rather than being just a land of wild animals. His principal had told him: "You are not going to amount to much and will probably end up in prison." Some years ago, a young man made a delivery to her home and asked "Can you guess who I am?" It was that 6th grade student, with a good job and a family.

Another student Dr. J mentioned was a young female from Brazil. She had been encouraged to apply for a minority scholarship. Unfortunately, she could not speak Portuguese and was too light-skinned to qualify. She became confused about who she really was, and moved back to Brazil.

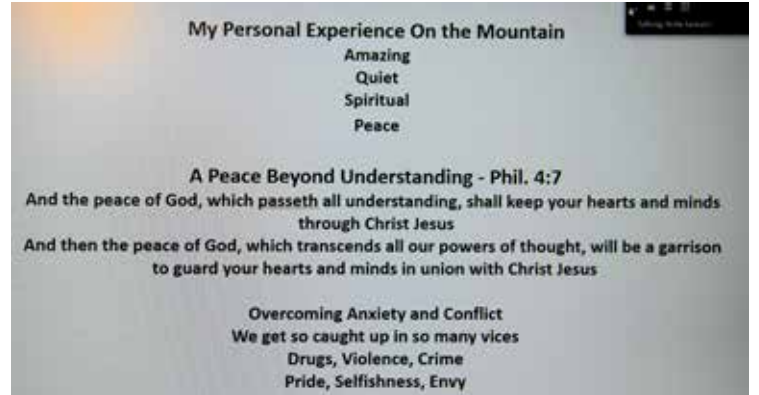
Dr. J talked about a senior in high school who said: "I never felt right identifying myself as 'mixed race' on forms. To me white, black, mixed equals one child of God."

Dr. J noted that young students are confused and influenced by their lack of knowledge of history of racism in America. It affects their self-esteem and perspective. It might help to provide some private settings where they can share concerns.

Dr. J. has co-authored a book called "Letters to Friends: Wisdom Through Storytelling," which features stories on how people deal with

daily struggles. Telling and listening to the stories promotes bonding, growth and sharing. What would these stories say to you and about you?

Dr. J. talked about hiking to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro in March, 2019. She showed a photo of the rocky place where she was sitting when she experienced a life-changing experience. She was looking around when she was suddenly transported to a different place. She stopped thinking about people destroying the world and felt an amazing sense of peace. Peace is strength. How can we help create harmony by making connections and sharing stories? How can we learn skills for confronting racism in daily circumstances?



Jamie thanked Dr. J, and asked for questions from the group:

MJ - As Rotarians, how can we make connections to set up storytelling opportunities?

Dr. J: Be aware of what is going on in the community, i.e., Gant Foundation, Civic League, schools. Establish a group that may meet once a month, etc. Reach out - connect with others.

MJ - perhaps try to involve Rotoract and Interact Students

Bruce - include positives and negatives together - not just negatives.

Anna Marie - Need for guidelines for storytelling meetings with a moderator to keep positive/negative as balanced as possible

Stephanie - The Race Action Group is holding its next zoom meeting on September 21st.

Peace Prayer - April Cohagen-Gibson



Mike Drake shared a Rotary Peace Video from the Rotarian Action Group for Peace.

Jamie thanked the Peace Committee for all their hard work and turned the meeting back to President Corey.

President Corey welcomed Laura Wagner and Allison Gunter, guests of Christine Croyle.

She announced that, due to the county being in the COVID-19 orange range, the next meeting will be held on zoom only. She then adjourned the meeting with recitation of the Four Way Test.

**Jesus came to bring peace into our lives and our world.**

**Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.  
John 14:27.**



*Hello  
Fall*

A graphic with the words "Hello Fall" in a cursive font. The word "Hello" is in a light brown color, and "Fall" is in a darker brown. There are several leaves in red, orange, and green scattered around the text, with some leaves appearing to be part of the lettering.

Welcome to Autumn  
September 22



“Autumn... the year’s  
last, loveliest smile.”

- WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT

Notice how the trees do  
not cling to their leaves.  
Fall is about releasing  
the old to make way  
for the new.

[theburnedhand.com](http://theburnedhand.com)

## GREETERS

Please arrive by 7:00 a.m.

September 24 ..... Leah Vensil & Brian Wagner  
 October 1 ..... Doug Waltman & Keely Warden  
 October 8 ..... Ruth Ware & Randy Wharton  
 October 15 ..... Rick White & Geraldine Zylinsky  
 October 22 ..... Doug Baker & Jamey Baker

## INVOCATION

September 24 ..... Alton Thompson  
 October 1 ..... Michael Thorne  
 October 8 ..... Laura Tompkins  
 October 15 ..... Jamie Trout  
 October 22 ..... Chad Tyson  
 October 29 ..... Leah Vensil

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 24 ..... Matt Abbott – Port Authority update  
 October 1 ..... Club Assembly  
 October 8 ..... Jorge Macias - Monterrey Restaurant  
 October 15 ..... Muskingum County Literacy Council  
 ..... - The Imagination Library  
 October 22 ..... New Member vocational talks  
 October 29 ..... Service Project

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89696956435?p896wd=ejQrZmw3V25mUVB5RFdUMzBWK1JuZz09>

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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

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