

Elyria  
Rotary  
Club



# The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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Tuesday, January 17, 2023

By Kathy Runser

**President Rob** called the meeting to order with the singing of "God Bless America," and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.



### Invocation

Today's invocation and reflection was offered by **Past President Amanda Deery:**

Don't Hesitate by Mary Oliver

"If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, don't hesitate. Give in to it. There are plenty of lives and whole towns destroyed or about to be. We are not wise, and not very often kind. And much can never be redeemed. Still, life has some possibility left. Perhaps this is its way of fighting back, that sometimes something happens better than all the riches or power in the world. It could be anything, but very likely you notice it in the instant when love begins. Anyway, that's often the case. Anyway, whatever it is, don't be afraid of its plenty. Joy is not made to crumble."

### January 24 Program at Wesleyan Village

**Dave Gutheil - Port of Cleveland**

Business and growth developments of the Port of Cleveland

### Memorializing today's meeting

**Kathy Runser** on Ramrod, and **Mindy Nielsen** for Technology. Special Thank You ERTC for the new OWL Camera set-up. **Tammy Bertrand and Kristen Jones** took our photos.



*Whoooo are you??*

### Newest Rotarians

Welcome to our newest members of Elyria Rotary Club in attendance today, **Andrew Lipian, Jim Miller, Matt Frombach and John Arch.**

### Guests

We welcomed District Governor Elect, Jim Duke; Mark Buemi from Dex/Meritech and Rob's boss; and Mike Doran, who will soon be our newest member.

### Song of the Day

**Mark Mathes** was today's Songleader for "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

## Announcements

- Elyria Rotary Club's Four-Way Test Speech contest is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. The winner will be eligible to compete in the District 6600 contest in April 2023. We need applicants, so please spread the word!
- There will be a District Rotary Social event on January 21, 2023 from 1-3 in Findlay, OH. The title is the Bourbon Affair and is open to the first 75 interested. You can register through DACdb.
- District Governor Dianna Savage is inviting all District 6600 Rotary members to attend the District Conference May 12-14, 2023 at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. If you are interested in attending this fun event celebrating our Rotary year, please register in DACdb. The earlier you register, the lower the rates.
- There will be a 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday event at the Foundry on January 31, 2023. The event is titled Art From the Start with Whitney Brown. There is a fee of 25.00 per person and a limit of 25. Please RSVP on or before January 27, 2023 at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040449a9a72eabf58-paint>

Pizza and appetizers will be provided. We need at least 10 people to make the event worthwhile.

## Introduction of new officers for 2023-24

**President Rob introduced the new officers for Elyria Rotary Club for the coming year:**

- Sargent at Arms—Mark Mathes
- Treasurer—Robin Kaufman
- Secretary—Steve Hosler
- President—Kathy Runser
- President Elect—Kristen Jones



*2023-24 Officers*

## Today's Program – Ken Obly – Founder, Voudoux Vodka

Today's program was introduced by **Gary McIntyre**. Voudoux Vodka is an authentically handmade, batch distilled, ultra-premium vodka produced at BKO Distillery in Medina, OH. Their goal was to create the world's smoothest vodka and price it under \$20.00 per bottle. The difference between their vodka and other vodkas is that they use pure cane sugar as opposed to the cheaper grain ingredients like corn and wheat (not potatoes!)



*Vodka ≠ Potatoes*

The fermentation process they use is natural, not forced. The process is long but produces the smooth, great taste of Voudoux Vodka. They wanted to create a process that would yield the best product—quality over quantity.



*Ken Obly, Voudoux Vodka*

The product is now being carried in local bars and grocery stores and if you are interested in visiting BKO Distillery, it is located at 1486 Medina Rd. #215, Medina, OH. The tasting

hours are Monday-Thursday from 11:00-6:00 pm and Friday and Saturday from 11:00-8:00 pm. You can also call 330-451-6650 to set up a tour of the distillery.

[www.bkodistillery.com](http://www.bkodistillery.com)

[www.voudoux.com](http://www.voudoux.com)

Today's book donated to Elyria Public Library in honor of our speaker was "Song in the City."

**Zoom Meeting Link:**

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