



The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Wesleyan Village

By Dan Haight

President Rob called the meeting to order at 12:18pm with the ringing of the bell and our Patriotic song “You’re a Grand Old Flag” followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Today’s invocation was given by **Deb Warden**. Deb delivered a heartfelt prayer to help us as Rotarians: Do good, Be honest, Serve others and Be good neighbors.

Dan Haight was on Ramrod duty and **Gary McIntyre** had tech duties today.

Guests:

President Rob welcomed District Assistant Governor Tony Cuevas.

Song:

Nathan Russell led us in “Serve in your Club!”

Announcements

5th Tuesday Social

ART from the Start@Foundry

January 31st @ 5:30pm

February 7 Meeting @Wesleyan Village
4-Way Test Student Speech Competition

- 4 Way Test is February 7th. Currently we have four participants. Please recruit more if you can.
- **5th Tuesday Social – Andrea Repko** is organizing an Art from the Start event on January 31st at The Foundry @ 5:30pm. Please register through signup genius or call Andrea, by Friday 1/27.
- **District Conference** will be May 12th-14th at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Register through DACDB for early discounts.
- **State of City Address** will be on March 7th at LCCC. More information to come.
- **STARS** – Special training for action in Rotary. This is for all new members. President Rob has asked each new member to be greeters so each of us can get to know them. Please introduce yourself.
- **Jim Hunt** will be visiting Guatemala along with 50 other Rotarians for the Literacy project. The Elyria Rotary club sponsors 2 individuals for the project.

Program: Port of Cleveland – David Gutheil

Andrea Repko introduced our speaker today, but first she told us a little about herself. Andrea has been a Rotarian for about 5 years. She currently resides in Amherst township with her 7 year old son. Andrea is a Realtor and Realty investor. She also enjoys traveling and helping out her community.

David Gutheil is the Chief Commercial Officer for the Port of Cleveland. He is in charge of all things related to Maritime. The Port is located next to Cleveland Browns Stadium on 125 acres of land. It was started in 1968 and has 9 member board leading its vision.



The Port of Cleveland is a “Landlord Port” that has a private sector in charge of handling cargo. It is the 3rd largest port on the US great Lakes.

Interesting facts:

1. The St. Lawrence seaway is the connection from the Atlantic Ocean into the Great Lakes.
2. A ship would cross international borders 27 times in a trip from Montreal to Cleveland.
3. The port is the only Great Lakes to Europe scheduled service regularly. Typically taking grain other items on its trips.
4. Over 20 million dollars will be invested in that port to make improvements which will be completed in 2023.



Visit www.portofcleveland.com for more information.

Today’s Book:
Donated in honor of our speaker, is, “Farmhouse.”

Chuckle for Today: What did the left eye say to the right eye? Between you and I, something smells!

No Meeting on January 31st – Fifth Tuesday

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Dr. Glenn Faircloth and Rich Frederickson and Bob Yun with STRIVE students at JVS on Jan. 19.



Photo by Bob Yun