



The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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Tuesday, April 20, 2021

By Kathleen Runser

President Dan called the meeting to order with our patriotic song, "God Bless America," and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. **Mindy Nielsen** helped with today's technology.

Today's invocation and reflection was given by **Stephanie Forthofer**: "Dear God, I know that every day may not be good, but there is good in every day. Make this one of the best days yet. Let my eyes be open to the natural beauty and the commonplace things. May my heart feel love to all I meet. Show me the way to living well. Thank you for the guidance and grace you have in store for me today. Amen."

Nathan Russell returned to lead us in our song of the day, "All Hail to Rotary."

April 27, 2021

Aric Bowens – Tee Ball Returns to the South Side

Hear about Aric's success in getting Tee Ball back to Elyria's South side, and his future ideas for more recreation opportunities.

Announcements

- There will be no Steak Fry this year, but we will be having a virtual Reverse Raffle in June. Look for more information soon.
- There is a virtual Racial Equity Institute Training from 9-12 on June 12, 2021. The cost is \$50.00 and if anyone is interested in attending, contact **Jeanine Donaldson** or **Dan Haight**.
- The virtual District Conference is this weekend.
- **Dan Haight** gave a shout out to the volunteers who helped at last Saturday's Repair a Bike Day. Thank you to the following:
 - **Mark Mathes**
 - **Mark Skellenger**
 - **Dan Haight**
 - **Drew Kaplan** and his father
 - **Don Schiffbauer**

Another thank you to all the volunteers who helped move the Blessing House to its new location. If you volunteered, please let **Dan Haight** know so that he can enter the information into DacDB. There will be another volunteer opportunity at the Blessing House on April 30, 2021.

- There will be an in-person District Installment event for the new District Governor on June 25, 2021 at the Emerald Event Center in Avon. Registration is open and you can find more information in DacDB.
- The Apple Festival is on - September 17-19, and at this point it looks like we'll be back home in our Fried Ice Cream booth!
- The Community Services committee is collecting clean jars (washed out spaghetti or salsa jars, for example) for the Southside Pride program. They will be using these jars for summer cooking projects tied to community gardening. Jars can be dropped off to Nicolle at 233 Bond St. or you can email her at nbellmorepierce@horizonohio.org and she will arrange pick up.

Jug/Happy Dollars

President Dan Haight put \$25.00 in the Happy Dollar coffers for his 25th Wedding Anniversary—Congratulations Dan and Julie!

Nicolle Belmore Pierse put \$14.00 in for her 14th Anniversary—Congratulations Nicolle and Jeff!

Program – The Cleveland Hiking Club—
speakers David Richards (father of our own Dave Richards) and Pat Hurley.

Thank you to **Ed Stewart** for the recommendation of this program. The The

Cleveland Hiking Club was established in 1919 by two women, one of whom was inspired by a hike in Maryland and wanted to bring the experience to Cleveland. At the time of its inception, the club had around 200 hikers show up and now boasts almost 1,300 members!

The purpose of the club is to encouragement and promotion of outdoor recreation primarily in the form of hikes and related outings. One of the key differences between hiking and walking is hiking is more defined and organized than walking and has a leader.

The Cleveland Hiking Club averages between 15 and 20 hikes a DAY! And they average an 18-20 mile pace. The hikes also vary anywhere from 3 to 40 miles with varying degrees of difficulty. The higher mile hikes are usually annual events. The only thing that stops a hike is lightning.

You do not have to be a member to hike with the club, but you can join once you have hiked with them six times in a twelve-month period. Membership costs \$36.00 a year or \$57.00 for a couple, and some of the benefits include tracking of miles hiked with incentives for reaching goals, a newsletter, access to the club campsite, social events and excursions which have included hiking trips all over the United States, Canada and Europe.

Some more subtle benefits include losing weight, preventing heart disease, decrease in blood pressure, improving and maintaining health, slowing the aging process and a variety of other health benefits. One that our speakers continually touted is the ability to eat more so I'll be signing up! 😊

If anyone else is interested in learning more, the web address is: www.clevelandhikingclub.org

The book donated to Elyria Public Library in honor of our speakers is "Snack, Snooze, Skedaddle: How Animals Prepare for Winter," by Laura Purdie Salas.

Weekly Elyria Zoom Meeting Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 864 6108 2213

Password: Rotary

“Happy Dollar/Jug Donation” link: [Happy Dollars](#)

ERC YouTube Recording:

<https://youtu.be/coQDjnJrSUQ>