



The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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Tuesday, April 27, 2021

By Kimberly Wilhelm

President **Dan Haight** called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by **Nathan Russell** leading us in the song "America," ending with a beautiful solo by **Jeanine Donaldson**.

Invocation

Chuck Hirsch gave the Invocation: "Give us grateful hearts and eyes to see the needs of others. Grant us joy and peace as we trust in You always."

Guests

New Member **Tammy Bertrand** joined us today. Welcome to the club **Tammy**.

Song Leader

We started singing "The Smile Song" with **Nathan Russell** on piano, and due to Youtube issues, we enjoyed another solo by **Jeanine Donaldson**.

Upcoming Rotary Meetings

May 4 – Brandon Rutherford, ForgeFest at LCCC

May 11 – Debbie May-Johnson, Cleveland Eye Bank Foundation

Save the Date: July 6, Installation of Officers

Announcements

• Save the Date: July 6th, 2021- Installation of New Officers

Please join us as we congratulate **President Dan Haight** on a successful and challenging Rotary year and welcome our newest President, **Amanda Deery!**

- Fifth Tuesday Social Event for **June 29th** Crushers game. Sign up online if you can, first 60 seats are available. For questions reach out to **Mindy Nielsen**.
- We will have an online reverse raffle on June 17, 2021. Tickets will be \$25.00 each and we are being asked to sell 4 – 5 each. First prize will be \$1,000. Sponsorships are available. **Dan** will send out additional information next week.
- Blessing House has an open house this Sunday.
- **Dan** is attending a meeting with the Bicycle Center to discuss needing volunteers to participate in a deconstruction event that will result in additional spare parts to be used to fix other units. Date of event is TBD.

- **Tammy Bertrand** announced that Wesleyan Village is holding a Classic Car Show in the parking lot on Wednesday, May 12 from 4 – 8 so please come and check it out. Food trucks, live music, raffles, and lots of great cars. If you have a car you want to show, please call **Tammy** at 440-284-9755.

Happy Dollars

Sam Battle donated \$5.00 in honor of our speaker who is a former student athlete and all-around great guy. **Sam** donated another \$5.00 for hearing **Jeanine's** beautiful singing voice.

Jeanine Donaldson also donated \$5.00 in honor of the speaker and commented that the times she spent in Little League watching the kids were some of the best times ever.

Kimberly Wilhelm and **Nathan Russell** donated \$5.00 in celebration of Washington Avenue Christian Church going back to in person worship on Sunday May 23, 2021.

Laura Sherman donated \$5.00 and shared that her daughter recently received a scholarship to attend Georgetown Law. What a great accomplishment.

Today's Program – Aric Bowens – Tee Ball Returns to Elyria South Side!

Jeanine Donaldson introduced Aric Bowens from Southside Elyria Tee Ball. Aric told us about his background growing up in Elyria City Schools, playing for Little League South and West. Aric's own son played in Little League West; but for the past couple of decades, Little League has been missing from South Elyria.

Seeing the need, and with contributions from various organizations including Rotary, they were able to organize once again. A camp was held for the 8 teams and the mascot from the Lake Erie Crushers,

Stomper, made an appearance. The players were taught basic skills of playing tee ball. A community glove drive was held and there were gloves and t-shirts for all the children, and they get to play for free. This is the first year that Little League US has chartered Tee Ball. Sunday, May 2 was opening day at Stacey-Palmer field.

Coaches include Aric's son Diante, Ethan West who played semi pro baseball, and Brian Ruggles. Each coach has a volunteer that assists. In the future young people will look up to Aric as he looks up to those in his own life that have made a difference.

-Rotarians can come out to the games and support the kids. Money is great, but our presence is needed. Thank you, Aric for doing such an amazing job and for being a wonderful example of what it looks like to "pay it forward".

Please see some photos from Registration Day on the following page!

The Book donated to the Elyria Public Library: "I Don't Want to Be Quiet" by Laura Elden Anderson.

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/qU4ZFr-F-j0>

12 P.M.

SOUTH TEE BALL CLUB PRESENTS

2021 SUMMER SEASON

SOUTH TEEBALL REGISTRATION

SOUTH PARK RECREATIONAL CENTER
SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH
101 S Park Dr, Elyria, OH 44035

COME SEE STOMPER
Lake Erie Crushers' Mascot

\$20
REGISTRATION
EACH PLAYER

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FIRST 30 PLAYERS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 440-458-1538

Boys and girls ages 4-7 must reside in or attend school within the boundaries of South Recreational Center to participate. Tee Ball is a non competitive program focused on fun, fitness and fundamentals. This is an introduction to the basics of baseball and softball. Have fun. Try hard. Be a good sport! The coaching staff are volunteers with multiple years of experience with youth and youth sports.



*A fantastic turn-out for Registration Day!
"Play Ball!"*



A little one learning about Tee Ball for the first time!