



The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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Tuesday, May 4, 2021

By Kristen Jones

President Dan called the meeting to order and led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thanks to **Mindy Nielsen** for her help with tech, and all those assisting today.

Our patriotic song of the day, led by **Nathan Russell**, was "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Invocation

Today's invocation was given by **Fred Kerestury**:

"Struggle, you will; Succeed, you can.
Imbalance, you'll see; Justice, you'll seek.
Chaos, there will be; Order, you can bring.
Pain, there is in the world; A Healer,
you can be to those.
Ignorance, you'll find; A difference, you
can make.
Hate, there will be; Love, you can show.
Darkness, there prevails; Light, you exude.
Evil, there is; Goodness, you become.

And, [in honor of Star Wars Day, may the Fourth be with you!](#)

Upcoming Programs

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

Save the Date: July 6, Installation of Officers

New Member

Welcome to **Tammy Bertrand**, new member from Wesleyan Village! She noted that we seem to be a quiet bunch on Zoom, but I assured her we are quite a lively bunch in person! 😊 Hopefully we'll be able to gather again sooner rather than later.

Song of the Day

Nathan Russell returned via YouTube for two rousing verses of "R-O-T-A-R-Y."

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!**

- Virtual Board meeting at 8 a.m. on May 18th. All are welcome.
- Fifth Tuesday for June 29th Crushers game. Sign up online if you can, first 60 seats are available. For questions reach out to **Mindy Nielsen, Andrea Repko, or Stephanie Forthofer.**
- Elyria Rotary's Reverse Raffle – we currently have three sponsors and are looking for additional. There will be more information

forthcoming. Tickets will be \$25/each – hoping everyone can purchase or sell at least 5. There will be multiple prizes drawn.

- 21 bikes will be delivered tonight to **Nicolle** at New Horizons. **President Dan, Don Schiffbauer and Herb de la Porte** will be delivering these just in time for summer fun!
- May 20th will be the event to “de-assemble” bikes for parts, and volunteers will be needed from our Club. More information to come.
- Wesleyan Village is holding a Classic Car Show in the parking lot on Wednesday, May 12 from 4 – 8 with food trucks, live music, raffles, and great cars. If you have a car you want to show, please call **Tammy** at 440-284-9755.
- **Dianne Brehm** that there is a District Assembly on May 15. For those who cannot access DACdb, [click on this link](#) that will send you an EZlink to the Registration - Our District # is 6600. More information available [here](#).

Happy Dollars

Happy Birthday today to **Steve Hosler**, and to **Maud de la Porte** - whose is turning 85 today! Happy Birthday to all May birthdays as well.

Dan Haight and Cheryl Steris – Celebrating May Rotary Anniversaries.

Dave Janowicz gave 10 Happy Dollars for the opening of the new Blessing House facility. All the Rotary clubs in Lorain County have contributed to name a conference room.

Mark Mathes' daughter will be fully vaccinated as of tomorrow, and she and his grandson will be coming for a visit this week for a long-awaited visit.

Nicolle Bellmore Pierse gave \$10 for her youngest daughter being accepted into North Ridgeville Rangers High Tech Academy.

Tammy Bertrand gave Happy Dollars for her son's graduation next week from college!

Today's Program

Nicolle Bellmore Pierse –South Side Pride and Ready Set Go... Horizon Education Center

At 11:30 a.m. this morning, **President Dan** asked **Nicolle Bellmore Pierse** to present today's program, after our planned speaker cancelled! And in the ensuing 25 minutes, she was able to come through in a big way!

Ready Set Go...to Kindergarten – ensures Elyria children are ready to learn. A very robust steering committee of organizations guide the program. Kids who attend early childhood education programs are proven to do better as they enter school, and about 1000 children are enrolled in early learning.

South Side Pride helps 5th-8th graders in South Elyria improve health knowledge, develop communication and life skills, and avoid specific risky behaviors. Many organizational partners support this initiative.

Accomplishments this year include:

- 4 weeks of summer camp 2020
- Expansion of grant funds
- Adaptive staff provided services in changing locations
- Southside Pride collaborative is functioning at all time high
- Added additional community partners
- Purchased a Charlie Cart for mobile programs (mobile kitchen)

Childcare has been hit hard during Covid, and virtual learning is not appropriate for pre-school children. This year they plan changes, including themed Kinder Kits distributed through the library, Kindergarten registration backpacks, smaller summer camps, and altered hours to support hybrid learning.

See the screen shot further below for ways Elyria Rotarians can be supportive. Contact Nicolle at nbellmorepierse@horizonohio.org or 440-503-9097 for more information on becoming a community partner. Thank you to

Nicolle for a great program about these outstanding initiatives, and for stepping in at very short notice!

*Don't forget their Glass Jar collection (of any size or shape) for a variety of summer gardening projects. Keep them coming! Contact **Nicolle** or drop off at Horizons.*

Book donated to Elyria Public Library, in honor of Today's Speaker

"A House for Every Bird," by Megan Maynor.

Weekly Elyria Zoom Meeting Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 864 6108 2213

Passcode: Rotary

Happy Dollar Link (please donate in increments of \$5):

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=2922TCG6S5HTA&Z3JncnB0=

YouTube ERC Recording

https://youtu.be/K_Fn70Xlx5w

