



The Ramrod

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Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023

By Dan Haight

YWCA – Peace Community Room

President Rob called the meeting to order at 12:15pm with the ringing of the bell and introduced **Jeanine Donaldson** to welcome us to and back to the YWCA. We then sang our Patriotic song “Star Spangled Banner” a cappella style, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Today’s invocation was given by **Janet Long**. Janet’s invocation is based on the words of Abraham Lincoln. It is for us living... to be dedicated... to the unfinished work which they who fought... have thus far so nobly advanced. Bless, O God, our efforts through Rotary to bring to reality the proposition that all persons are created equal.

May 30th, 2023

5th Tuesday – No Meeting

[Come to Crushers Stadium for our Social Event](#)

Dan Haight was on Ramrod duty and **Gary McIntyre** was on tech duties today with an assist from Dan. Photos by **Tammy Bertrand**.

President Rob wanted to thank everyone for making the change to the YWCA and also specially thank **Mark Mathes** for moving everything over and to **Gary McIntyre** for the tech setup.

Guests:

Past President Greg Kruszka introduced his wife Susan, and **Past President Jeanine Donaldson** introduced Oberlin Rotarian Stephanie Walker.

Song of the Day:

Kristen Jones led us in an a cappella version of SMILE!

Jugster:

Mike Gebhardt was present today to deliver a couple fines. **Greg Kruszka** was fined for some soccer goals an Avon player made with his last name. **Kristen Jones** was

fined for spelling Mike's name wrong in the Ramrod. Someone from the committee probably owes her. **Mike Warden** was fined \$5 for his upcoming retirement. Congrats Mike.

Announcements

- **MESA** – MESA will hold its annual 5-day bike ride starting on June 24th. Registration is on DACdb.
- **Annual Steak Fry and Auction** – On Friday June 16th we will hold our event at The Hickories. See **Steve Hosler** for your tickets. Contact **Bob Yun** to purchase a sponsorship ad. Contact **Chris or Amanda Pyanowski** to volunteer to help that night. Check your email for signup.
- **5th Tuesday Social** – Crushers Night is coming back on May 30th. Contact **Mindy Nielsen** for tickets. More information to come.
- **New Rotary Mailing Address:** 800 Taylor St. Elyria OH 44035.

Program: Women's Air and Space Museum by Sara Fisher, Executive Director

Past President **Greg Kruszka** introduced Ms. Fisher. Sara is the Executive Director of the International Women's Air and Space Museum located at Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland since November 2020. She has more than eight years' experience in the museum, historical society, public history, and archives field. Sara also currently serves on Ohio's America 250 Showcasing Committee, which is charged with planning the United States' 250th commemoration in 2026.



Sara started off by explaining the Museum's Mission: The mission of the International Women's Air & Space Museum is to collect, preserve, and showcase the history and culture of women in all areas of aviation & aerospace; educate people of the world about their contributions; and inspire future generations by bringing the history to life.

The museum started in 1968, however was not incorporated until 1976. The first museum was physically started in 1986 in Dayton Ohio at the Wright home. In 1998 the museum moved to Cleveland inside of Burke Lakefront airport.

Sara explained that there were many women in the world that played a part in the history of aeronautics. The most notable Amelia Earhart however there were dozens of others who flew planes during WW1 and WW2 in the US while others trained men how to fly. Did you know they never received Veteran status until 1977?



Currently the museum has on display a number of women who have made an impact in air & space including Amelia

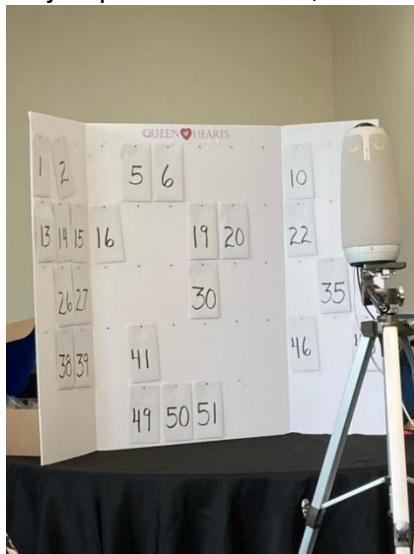
Earhart, Ruth Nichols, Bessie Coleman, Harriet Quimby, Katharine Wright, the WASP, Jackie Cochran, the Mercury 13 and more! There are over 20,000 other pieces in their collection they will display in the future.

Visit www.iwasm.org for more information and visit the museum yourself for more inspiring women in our worlds history of air and space.

The Book donated to Elyria Public Library in honor of our speaker is:
"The Universe in You," by Jason Chin.

Queen of Hearts:

Kathy Fiset saved the Queen today. June 6th jackpot will be over \$1300.



Chuckle for Today:

What is a cow's favorite holiday?
Moooomorial Day!



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