

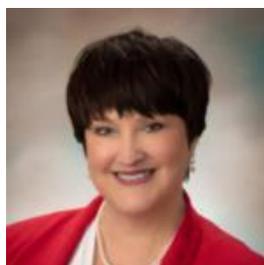


The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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Tuesday, September 6, 2022

By Kristen Jones

President Rob called the meeting to order at 12:15pm with the ringing of the bell and the singing of "My Country 'tis of Thee."

Today's invocation was given by **Chuck Hirsch** with a thankful blessing for our time and talents which allow us to serve our community.

Dan Haight on tech duties today. Photos by **Kristen Jones**. Accompanying Steak Fry photos by **Bob Yun**.

Song of the Day

Janet Long led us in "Is it the Truth?" which begins with the 4-way Test and also talks about the sweetness of meeting together.

New Members:

Sept 13th Program

The Oberlin-Wellington Rescue

Carol Lasser and Gary Conblith, Professors Emeritus, Oberlin College

President Rob welcomed and noted our newest members in attendance: **Roger**

Dorsey, Scott Behmer, Chase Farris and Mark Adams.

Club Sympathy

President Rob shared again the sad news of the passing of local attorney and community leader, **Jim Deery**, father of **Past President Amanda Deery** and father-in-law of **Chris Pyanowski**. Calling hours are 9/7 from 3-7 pm at Dicken Funeral Home and with a service Thursday at 11 a.m.

He also noted the passing of a past district governor from 2003-2004, and he led a moment of silence for both men.

Announcements

- The latest natural disaster has hit Jackson, MS. Rotary Clubs in that area are coordinating projects of assistance. There will be a fund collection at the nametag table and

a check will then be sent from our Club.

- New Picture Needed? **Dan Messaros** will be here taking your photo on September 13th starting at 11:15 am.
- Applefest Volunteers needed for the weekend of September 16-18! Saturday is especially in need of volunteers, with shifts all weekend in need of help.
- If you are a veteran, please send your photo and military history to **Mark King** for our upcoming Veteran's Day program.

Today's Speaker – Mark Sommer and Tom Bachelder – Maple Sugaring at Malabar Farm

Mark Mroz introduced today's program. Mark Sommer and Tom Bachelder are former art teachers who became involved as naturalists at Malabar Farm in their retirement. Tom is also president of the Malabar Farm Foundation.



Malabar Farm is a 931-acre state park, the only working park in Ohio. It was home to Pulitzer Prize-winning author Louis Bromfield.



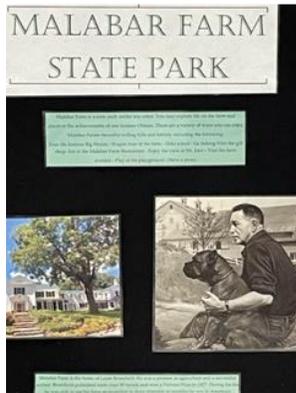
Maple Sugaring is indigenous to North America. Early settlers learned from the Native Americans how to tap the trees for sap and produce the sweet sugar. The pioneers then learned to trade the syrup as a commodity. Mark and Tom showed a variety of early taps, all the way through the plastic tubing used today.



The Malabar Maple Sugar Festival occurs each year in the first two weekends of March. Guests are taken by horse and wagon to the sugaring areas, where they learn about production, cooking the sap into syrup, and have the opportunity to sample. A group of Native American volunteers also show their early methods of cooking down the sap using hot rocks. Maple Sugar can be used just like refined white sugar, at the same ratio, and is a healthier alternative.

Along with their naturalist duties, the pair spent an entire summer recreating a full mural that had been original to the barn doors.

While at Malabar Farm you are also able to tour the 32-room “Big House” (as Bromfield called it) – a veritable time capsule. The famous celebrity wedding of Bogart and Bacall was held there in the 1940’s, and Bromfield was friend to many famous individuals of his day. You can also dine in an original stagecoach inn that was part of Bromfield’s estate, and is now a Farm to Table restaurant.



For more information, visit [Malabar Farm State Park | Ohio Department of Natural Resources \(ohiodnr.gov\)](https://www.ohiodnr.gov/malabar-farm)
or
[Home | Malabar Farm Foundation.](https://www.malabarfarm.org/)

Today's book, “The Book that Kibo Wrote,” will be donated to Elyria Public Library in honor of our speakers.

Prize drawing

Each member in attendance received a ticket for the prize drawing of a gift card, donated by **Stephanie Forthofer** of Smitty’s. The lucky winner was **Chris Pyanowski**.

Today’s Maple-Inspired Chuckle(s):

How do Maple leaves settle a disagreement? They sign a Tree-ty.

What did the Maple tree say to the Woodpecker? Leaf me alone.



Happy Dollar Paypal donation link:
[Happy Dollar](https://www.happydollar.com/)

Photos by Bob Yun of the June 2022 Elyria Rotary Steak Fry:



