



# The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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**Tuesday, September 13, 2022**  
**By Fred Kerestury**

**President Rob** called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m. as we sang “America the Beautiful” and then recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Prior to singing, **Joanie** gave us a little history on the song and entertained us with a funny story about a drawing she got illustrating the line ‘above the fruited plain’.

Today’s invocation was given by **Pastor Nathan** reflecting upon the nature of prayer and how it should at once invoke, evoke and provoke us toward our calling.

On tech today was **Gary McIntyre**, and **Kristen Jones** with the photos.

Welcome visitors **Dan Haight’s** colleague Ide from Marion, **Patty Fuller**, and **Terry Doane**!

Welcome to all the newest members of ERC!

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Melissa Timko and Jamie Simoneau

### New Rotarian

**Jeff Evans** was inducted by **Gary McIntyre** as *the* newest member of ERC. Jeff is a lifelong Elyrian as well as a lifetime member of Washington Ave Church (where his father was former pastor). He graduated in 1982 from EHS and then went on to Iowa State and Gonzaga. A career professional in organizational leadership, he has been with Designed Learning, a global professional training and coaching company, for 31 years and is Managing Partner. Welcome Jeff!





**Song of the Day**

Mark Mathes led us in singing “Smile.”

**Announcements**

- Please consider making a donation to help the water shortage in Jackson, MI.
- Amherst Rotary Club is hosting a Wing Walk on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> in downtown Amherst.
- You are able to get your photo taken for DACdb today by **Dan Messaros**. Thank you to Dan for volunteering his time!
- The ERC Fried Ice Cream Booth is coming!!

**The Jug**

**Jugster Mike** fined the following people:

**Ed Stewart** for his BBQ

**Greg White** for the Veterans Hall of Fame

**Chase Farris** for the LLC best class of 2023

**Jeanine Donaldson** because her guest went to prom with Mike a million years ago (not that it makes either of them old).

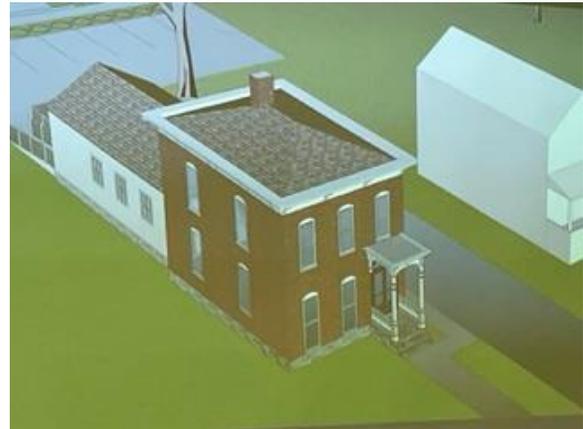


**Today’s Speaker – Carol Lasser and Gary Kornblith, Oberlin College professors emeriti – The Wilson Bruce Evans House**

**Jeanine Donaldson** introduced Gary Kornblith and Carol Lasser to talk about the history of the Wilson Bruce Evans Home in Oberlin.



The Evans family was a free Black family who moved from North Carolina to Oberlin Ohio. In Oberlin, they created a mixed culture of black and white that was unlike any other place in the United States at that time.



Several members of the family participated in what has come to be known as The Oberlin-Wellington Rescue of a slave that was being hunted by the person who claimed to own him. Other members of the family participated in John Brown’s Raid and they are said to be the family that started the American Civil War. The family home is currently being renovated as a National Historic Landmark.



**Today's book**, donated to the Elyria Public Library in honor of our speakers, is "Honeybee Rescue," by Loree Griffin Burns.

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