

Elyria
Rotary
Club



The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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Tuesday, September 20, 2022

By Kathy Runser

President Rob called the meeting to order with the singing of "God Bless America," and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Today's invocation and reflection was given by **Fred Kerestury**: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 ESV
"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace."

Memorializing today's meeting

Kathy Runser on Ramrod, and **Mindy Nielsen** for Technology.

September 27, 2022 Program

Barb Piscopo

Barb's remarks will address the progress of this county-wide grassroots organization that is working to serve the 8+ families of Ukrainian refugees who have settled in Lorain County over the past 3 months.

Newest Rotarians

Welcome to our newest members of Elyria Rotary Club in attendance today, **Scott Behmer and Jeff Evans!**

Song of the Day

Nathan Russell was our Song Leader with "Vive Le Rotary."

Announcements

- Thank you to **Dan Messaros** for taking member photos last week.
- Welcome back **Jim Ziemnik!** Ironically, Jim won a 10.00 gift card given away by President Rob at the end of the meeting!
- Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Fried Ice Cream fund raiser at the Apple Festival a success. Thank you to everyone who worked a shift and especially those who picked up more than one shift. There isn't enough thanks to bestow on **Steve Hosler, Chris Fichtner and Mike Gebhardt**, the Day chairs for the entire event and the ones who work so hard for this fundraiser. Chris mentioned it was his "favorite" weekend of the year.
- There will be a Social Committee meeting on September 27 immediately following the Noon meeting.

Happy Dollars/Jug

- Happy September birthdays to **Kathy Runser, Bob Yun and Mark King.**

- **Jim Ziemnik, Greg Kruszka and Mindy Nielsen** were fined for not wearing their badges

Today’s Program – Jamie Simoneau and Missy Timko – Imagination Library

Today’s program was introduced by **Laura Malone** who gave a nice bio of herself and described the circuitous route she took to get to northeast Ohio, beginning in the Bahamas!

Today’s program was presented by Jamie Simoneau and Missy Timko from the Community Foundation and their presentation was the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Lorain County (DPIL).



Dolly Parton started the Imagination Library in 1995 to honor her father who was illiterate. The program provides a free book each month to any enrolled child from birth until their 5th birthday. This program is shown to improve kindergarten readiness, emotional development, and vocabulary.

Some statistics on the program in Lorain County:

- Imagination Library caregivers are known to read to their children on average 5 to 7 times per week
- 100% of low-income children enjoy the books they receive from the Imagination Library
- 10,000+ children in Lorain County are currently enrolled in the Imagination Library
- 10,000+ children have graduated from the Lorain County Imagination Library since 2017

This program encourages frequent engaged reading, growth in vocabulary, and encourages

child-led reading. The selection of books offered is also diverse and age appropriate. DPIL is free to all children under the age of 5 in Lorain County and enrolling a child is as easy as picking up a form at a variety of locations, like your local library or going to peoplewhocare.org/LCIL. In Lorain County, this program is provided by a coalition of The Community Foundation, The Stocker Foundation, The United Way, Dolly Parton Imagination Library Ohio (a pet project of First Lady, Fran DeWine), and a variety of other partners including Lorain County School Districts, Head Start, and local libraries. A 25.00 donation provides books to one child for an entire year and anyone interested in donating the Lorain County Imagination Library can use the link below:

https://lorain.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1021

Today’s Book donated to Elyria Public Library in honor of our speaker is, “Rewilding.”

Zoom Meeting Link:

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

Meeting ID: 864 6108 2213

Password: Rotary

Find your local number: US +1 301 715 8592 US

Happy Dollar Paypal donation link:

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Apple Festival photos from Bob Yun:



