



The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Wesleyan Village
By Dan Haight

President Rob called the meeting to order at 12:15pm with the ringing of the bell, a huge O-H with a crowd response I-O! We then began with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" with **Nathan Russell** being our Pianist.



Today's invocation was given by **Kristen Jones**. Kristen delivered a Thanksgiving

5th Tuesday Social at Unplugged Brewery

November 29th @ 5:30pm

No registration necessary – please come!

December 6th Meeting at Wesleyan Village

Ryan Aroney – United Way of Greater Lorain County

prayer reminding us to give thanks for our family, friends, and our companionship in Rotary.

Dan Haight was on Ramrod duty and **Gary McIntyre** had tech duties today.

Guests:

President Rob welcomed our newest member **Matt Van Wormer**. **Pete Schilling** introduced potential member **Brad Armstrong**.

Announcements

- President Rob asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Bob Barnes who is the father of **Tammy Bertrand**.
- Thank you to **Jeanine Donaldson** for her leadership running the Peace Conference. Thank you to **Dr. LaTaunya Conley** for her help as well.

- **Janet Long** spoke for the Rotary Foundation. We ask that “Every Rotarian Every Year” make a donation. She suggested \$100 per member but any amount is appreciated. We are also raising money for Polio+ by selling tickets for a booze basket. Drawings for two raffles will be at the next Rotary meeting on December 6.
- **5th Tuesday Social – Andrea Repko** is organizing an event on November 29th at Unplugged Brewery @ 5:30pm. No registration is necessary; come for fellowship with the first drink compliments of our Club.
- **Childrens’ Holiday Party is December 13th** at Elyria Schools Admin building. An email was sent out by **Nicole Bellmore Pierse** [Register here](#) for your attendance for the meal count. Help is also needed for purchasing and wrapping gifts.
- **4 Way Test – Dr. Conley** requests all Rotarians to contact our schools to garner participants. The event will be held on Feb. 7th
- Shout out to **Stephanie Forthofer** for today’s Smitty burgers.

Today’s Song

Nathan Russell and **Mark Mathes** led us in “Let there be Peace on Earth”!

Annual Meeting of The Rotary Club of Elyria

President Rob called our annual meeting to order. **Tammy Bertrand, Annie Heidersbach, Kristen Jones, and Mark Mathes** are slated as new directors. **Chris Pyanowski** made the motion to accept the slate of directors as proposed, and **Nicolle**

Bellmore Pierse seconded. All were in favor.

Our Annual Meeting was then adjourned, and the remainder of the meeting was dedicated to discussing our future location to host Elyria Rotary Meetings, as well as how to boost attendance so that we have a more consistent turnout. There was lots of discussion on the pros and cons of meeting venues, which will be directed to the Board to make a final decision.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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November 17 STRIVE meeting at EHS with Mayor Frank Whitfield – photo provided by **Bob Yun**



Congratulations to **Joanie Van Wormer** on her retirement after 70 years as Music Director at St. Andrews Episcopal and newly bestowed title of Music Director Emerita