



# The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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**Tuesday, February 28, 2023**  
**Wesleyan Village**

**President Rob** called the meeting to order at 12:13pm with the ringing of the bell and our Patriotic song "America" followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Today's invocation was given by **Kristen Jones**. Kristen's invocation brought us thoughts of Spring and as we think about things to come let us remind ourselves of ways we can serve our community in new ways.

**Dan Haight** was on Ramrod duty and tech duties today. Photos were by **Tammy Bertrand**.

**Guests:**

**President Rob** welcomed several guests today and especially many members from the Elyria Sunrise Rotary.

**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**NO Regular Meeting**  
**State of City Address**  
**Mayor Frank Whitfield**  
**@ LCCC**

**Song:**

**Nathan Russell** led us in Take me out to the Ball Park in honor of spring training starting as well as Rotarian **John Aquilla**.

**Student of the Day: Elyria High School**  
**Abigail Clayton.**

Abigail is a National Honors Society student and is involved in National Council of Negro Women, Lorain County Urban League and Tri-M National Music Society. Abigail also is on the Track, Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis and Bowling team. She plans to study Biology attend either Howard University or Tennessee State University.



Abigail

### New Member:

**Tammy Bertrand** introduced **Trey Bell** as our newest member today. Trey and his family live in Avon Lake and own PuroClean.



*New Member Trey Bell*

### Announcements

- **District Conference** will be May 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Register through DACDB for early discounts.
- **State of City Address** will be on March 7<sup>th</sup> at LCCC. Cost is \$28.00 and registration is required through Lorain County Chamber of Commerce.
- **Elyria Bike Center** – Thank you to all who stepped up to volunteer this coming Thursday. We have 9 volunteers instituting Service above Self.
- **East Palestine support** – President Rob encouraged our club to consider donating to help the families there. District 6600 has setup a fund on their website <https://rotarydistrict6600.org/>

### Program: NOACA – Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

**Mayor Frank Whitfield** introduced our speaker today. Mayor Whitfield is on the NOACA board.

Ms. Gallucci presented a very informative powerpoint to a packed house. NOACA or Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency is the transportation and environmental planning agency that represents state, county, city, village, and township officials in Greater Cleveland. NOACA addresses the transportation, air quality, and water quality needs of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties. The agency and its partners cooperatively develop and implement plans to ensure that travel throughout the region is safe, cost-effective and environmentally sound.



NOACA is governed by a 48 member board in which Lorain County has 7 members representing our interests. Lorain County also has 16 other community members on committees.

NOACA guides our communities to come up with planning as it relates to transportation. Transportation is more than just cars and in fact their goals are to make all forms of transportation available to the public. Bike Lanes, Public transportation and railway are very important to the future of Northeast Ohio.

Their strategic plan is available on their website: <https://www.noaca.org/>  
Mayor Frank Whitfield encouraged our community to be a part of the vision by participating in upcoming discussions.

**Book:**

Sugar Pie Lullaby by Carole Boston

Chuckle for Today: What did the dirt pile say to the rain cloud? If this keeps up my name will be mud.

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