

February  
2019

# Steel Wheel



## Lorain Rotary Club

### President's Letter — Welcome to February, 2019

We held our first 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month on February 31<sup>st</sup> at Scorchers in Lorain. Despite the **freezing** temperatures, we had a turnout of 20 people. Everyone had a fantastic time socializing with fellow Rotarians, spouses, past Rotarians (including that school up north grad named Sanford) and 2 potential new members. Those of you who could not attend missed a great time and we hope to see you at the next one to be held on Thursday May 30, 2019 – place to be determined.

On February 28<sup>th</sup> our Rotary Club will again co-host Mayor Ritenauer's State of the City address at the Antler's Ballroom starting at noon. The cost of the event will be **\$15** (cost of meal and venue). We will have signup sheets at our February meetings - if you sign up you must pay as a meal will be ordered for you.

February 17, 2019 is "**Random Acts of Kindness Day**". To help celebrate this day, I would like our Rotary club to help our local Lorain **Blessing House** by **collecting and donating** some needed supplies to this organization. Blessing House is a children's crisis care center, caring for children birth through 12, whose parents or caregivers are facing a crisis or emergency or who are experiencing a high level of stress that might put their children at risk of abuse or neglect. Some of the items needed by Blessing House are:

Diapers – size 5-6 and pull ups – size 4-5

\$10 gas cards

Pre-school workbooks and flash cards – can be purchased at dollar stores or Wal-Mart

I would appreciate if you bring any items you can to the first 3 meeting this month where I will collect then and deliver to the Blessing House on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Since this is "**Random Acts of Kindness Month**", here are 5 fun activities you can practice at home or in our community.

Do a chore for another family member without being asked.

Pick up trash around your neighborhood.

Write a hand written letter to a relative or friend and MAIL it.

Send an anonymous care package to someone who could use encouragement.

Share your favorite book with a friend or leave in a public place for a stranger to find. Leave a note in the book explaining why it's your favorite.

To quote Frank Clark, "*Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out*" And lastly, February 14<sup>th</sup> is **Valentine's Day** – be sure to do something "*special*" for your spouse or your special valentine.

*Ron Mantini*, President



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## Rotarian Assignments



Date	Sergeant-At-Arms	Speaker	Greeter
February 7, 2019		Lori Maiorana	Carolyn Huston
February 14, 2019	Team Duane Denn & Dina Ferrer	Homer Virden	John Morrison
February 21, 2019		President Mantini	Lynn Rebman
February 28 2019		President Mantini	President Mantini

## Programs and Speakers

**February 7** Wildlife in Winter (interactive) presented by Aimee Potonic from Lorain County Metroparks

**February 14**- Farohs by Club Member Cheryl Weber

**February 21**- Club Assembly/Committee Chairs

**February 28**- State of the City of Lorain

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

No member birthdays in February

### Anniversaries

Greg Beier February '18

Minutes available to members on request





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Lorain County Treasurer Terri Soto



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